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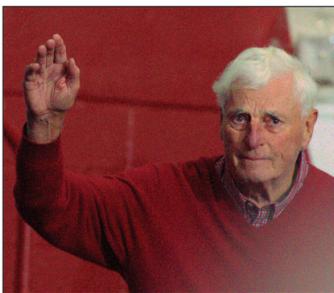
SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY NATHAN PACE
 President Donald J. Trump shared his accomplishments with the enthusiastic crowd.



Friday: More than 10,500 people were packed in Southport's Fieldhouse and auxiliary gym to see the president



Vice President Mike Pence spoke highly of the president's agenda.



Legend Bobby Knight, former Indiana University head coach and Trump supporter, waving to the crowd after his speech.

This was a special event for the Greater Southside despite political views. A great time was had by more than 10,500 people. *The Southsider Voice* will remain positive and will not be a platform for any negative feedback.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
 Southport grads Bob White (from left) and Duane Lytle were excited to see the president.



Patently waiting in line were Brett Sawyers (from left), Kelly Sawyers, *Southsider Voice* publisher, Bev Masengale and son Kyle.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Perry Meridian grads Garrett and Logan Milner



Garrett (left) and Logan Milner, sons of Darcy and Jeff Milner and graduates of Perry Meridian High School, are proudly serving their country in the U.S. Navy.

Logan, a 2013 graduate, is a CTT petty officer second class based out of Norfolk, Va. Logan, a former training command recipient of the Navy League Award, recently received the meritorious citation as Sailor of the Quarter and Year while serving under his current deployment status.

He is serving on a guided missile cruiser assigned to the 5th Fleet. The CTT rating is one of the few in the Navy able to serve on ships, submarines, aircraft, ashore and with Navy special warfare units.

Garrett, a member of Perry Meridian's Class of 2015, graduated from the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command with distinction in February. The nuclear program is widely acknowledged as having the most demanding academic program in the military.

He was recently awarded a meritorious citation as Junior Sailor of the Quarter. Garrett, also a petty officer second class based out of Norfolk, volunteered for the Navy's Silent Service and has been assigned to a Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine.

The Milners are hopeful that a family reunion during the holiday season will include their daughter, Hannah, a 2001 graduate of Perry Meridian, and Logan's wife, Ashley.

More Veterans, Pages 5-7

Thank you to our veterans who have served and are serving!



Girls High School Basketball Showcase

SEE PAGES 11-12

Greenwood Christian Academy junior Izzy Reed scored 31 points in her first game of the season for Cougars last week.

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FAMILY CHRISTMAS COMEDY



Sassy and outspoken Grandma (Richelle Lutz) shows off her twerking skills to the dismay of her grandchildren, Michael (Daniel McCarthy) and Carl (Jason McDonald), but much to the delight of weird Uncle Bob in Epilogue Players' production of "A Nice Family."

Opening Nov. 29 and running through Dec. 9, the play is set on Christmas Eve as a young newspaper reporter's widowed mother, his crazy uncle, his eccentric grandmother and his battling siblings and their neurotic spouses gather to celebrate and to provide inspiration for a story he hopes that may save his career.

The show contains some adult themes and is more suitable for older teens and adults. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$13-\$15 and can be reserved by calling 317-926-3139 or visiting www.epilogueplayers.com.

BUSINESS In Brief

Re/Max Results agents David Neu and Edwina Withers have been presented the Re/Max Hall of Fame Award, which honors real estate professionals who have completed more than \$35 million in sales with the company.

Neu has been in the industry for more than 16 years and is the managing broker of the Greenwood office. He has extensive experience in residential real estate, particularly on the Southside.

Withers has more than eight years of experience and specializes in residential and commercial properties.

Both agents previously earned the Re/Max 100% Club award. Neu, who can be reached at 317-333-6683, and Withers, 317-441-8337, deserved the Re/Max Hall of Fame Award, said Larry Phillips, company co-owner. "Earning this award is a tremendous accomplishment. Our agents continue to raise the bar in real estate, making us proud."



David Neu



Edwina Withers

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But on occasion we strip away the technology and get out of the classroom to provide our scholars unique experiences to learn about things they've only read about. This year, thanks to generous grants from the Perry Township Education Foundation, every elementary school was able to take its fourth-grade students on a field trip to Conner Prairie.

Conner Prairie is one of the country's most visited outdoor museums that allows visitors a hands-on opportunity to learn about science, history, art and nature. The museum prides itself on appealing to people of all ages with interactive exhibits. Many of our students have never been to Conner Prairie because, in many cases, their families can't afford to take them. This field trip allowed students to not only leave their neighborhoods but also travel back in time.

One of the prominent exhibits is called Prairietown. Students were invited to the 19th-century village to interact with the people, animals, objects and routines of Hoosier life in 1836. Visitors experienced the world of a student in a one-room schoolhouse. They also helped with chores and watched a tradesperson at work.

Next, students retraced the 1863 Civil War journey of Confederate Gen. John Hunt Morgan and his troops. On July 8 they crossed a covered bridge across the Ohio River and stepped into the southern Indiana town of Dupont. During the simulation students met residents, gathered supplies for the Soldier's Aid Society and participated in military drills.

This unique experience benefits our students for a number of reasons. It allows them to learn about geography and history in an interesting way. It also appeals to varied learning styles, helping children to succeed whether they are visual, auditory or kinetic learners. It can also spark new interests and encourage our students to try new things they may have never previously considered. Introducing our students to more of life's possibilities is an important part of our teaching process.

For more information on Conner Prairie, visit www.connerprairie.org. To support grants that provide exciting new opportunities for our students, visit www.ptef.org.



Burkhardt Elementary Students (from left) Siang Mawi, Van Mawi, Alex Lane, Dawi Khun and Dorika Dushime enjoy their visit to Conner Prairie.

THE VOICE OF YOUTHS



Perry Meridian senior Nathan Mertz has been appointed to the Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council. The council is overseen by the Indiana Bar Foundation and provides the General Assembly with information concerning issues important to youths.

He is a member of the National Honor Society and has served as a Senate page for five legislative sessions.

Mertz is seen with Perry Township Schools Superintendent Pat Mapes (left) and his parents, Jennifer and Ken Mertz, secretary of the school board.

ACADEMY'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Perry Meridian Sixth Grade Academy has named its Students of the Month for October. The children were recognized for following the school's R.O.A.D. to success program. R.O.A.D. stands for respecting your peers, owning your education, addressing adults appropriately and demonstrating good behavior.

The children were treated to a catered lunch by Pizza Junkiez and received freebies from Wheels of Wonder, Turkey Hill gas stations and Barnes & Noble.

The honorees are (front, from left) David Waldrop (from last month), Solomon Thang, Kai Beasley, Jui Mawii, Rm Cia; (middle row) Jaquelyn Yaris, Alysa Baird, Raea Clark, Timara McCree; Perry Township Police officer Klein, Ehtan Nefle, Isaac Williams, Kerrysyn Thang and Mary Hnem.

60th wedding anniversary

Williams

Bob and Kay Williams of Beech Grove celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 30 with a family dinner, and they visited Gatlinburg, Tenn., over the weekend. The couple were married in 1958 at the home of their minister.

Mr. William is retired from Eli Lilly and Co., and Mrs. Williams is a housewife.

They have two daughters, Kim (Mike) Vogel and Marcia Ferguson, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to let that intrepid Aries temperament take charge. Your strong leadership will help settle those still-unresolved situations. Support comes from a surprising source.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your problem-solving talents shine as you move to cool down heated emotions. You also inspire trust in all parties when you act with careful consideration of their feelings.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) That long-delayed commitment begins to look better to you. But there's still a crucial fact or two you need to know about it. A health problem needs to be taken care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't waste time trying to learn why someone you relied on is wavering in his or her support of your stand on a workplace issue. Move on with the help of more steadfast allies.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Relationships enter a brighter period, both at home and in the workplace. Prospects also look good for single Leos and Leonas, who can expect a welcome visit from Cupid.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Those mixed signals that were complicating your life are giving way now to clear, definitive guidelines. This makes it easier for you to weigh your options and make decisions.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Ask your partner for an explanation of what seems to be a sign of strain in your relationship. The sooner you understand the problem, the sooner you can both act to resolve it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new challenge in the workplace holds an exciting promise for the future. But be aware of the fact that you haven't been told about all the demands you might have to meet.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your financial picture brightens as you get into sorting out realistic goals and those that are not reachable at this time. "Caution" remains your fiscal watchword.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're deep into your new project, and that's just fine. But don't neglect your family and friends. Spending time with

people you care for is always a wise investment.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Past feelings are suddenly reawakened. This could make you emotionally vulnerable. Be careful about decisions you might be asked to make at this time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You've come to a place where you'll be facing important decisions that can affect your future. Rely on your strong moral compass to guide you toward making the right choices.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're gifted with both natural wisdom and wit -- a good combination for success as a writer or teacher and, most importantly, a parent.

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Solution time: 21 mins.

King Crossword

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

Weekly SUDOKU

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answer

Cryptoquip

the stag, which had recently

Southsiders' Bulletin Board

Holiday Bazaar
Calvary Lutheran Church & School, 6111 Shelby St., will hold its 51st annual holiday bazaar from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. The event, which includes a special tribute to veterans, will feature breakfast, lunch, a silent auction, crafts, baked goods and attic treasures.

Craft Fair
The annual Crafts & More Fair will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Perry Meridian Middle School, 202 W. Meridian School Road, where more than 70 vendors will sell their wares, including handmade items, party lines, jewelry and Christmas gifts. Admission is \$3, and food will be available. Info or vendor inquiries: 317-789-4131 or email kmcnabb@perryschools.org.

Toy Drive for Christmas Event
Cardwell Do-it Best Home Center and the People Helping People Network are collecting toys for their annual Christmas Event With Santa, which ensures that less fortunate children receive free gifts while having their picture taken with Santa Claus. Toys and monetary donations can be dropped off at the center, 3205 Madison Ave. Info: 317-788-0008.

Open House at Roncalli
Roncalli is hosting an open house from 6-8 p.m. Thursday for all prospective students in Grades 5-8 and their parents and siblings. Guests will be able to tour the school and visit information booths on all academic, extracurricular and service organizations and have an opportunity to speak with students, teachers, coaches, club moderators and school administrators. Info: www.roncalli.org.

Art Show
Featuring more than 30 artists, live music, food and specially priced craft beers, the Indianapolis Art Mart will be staged from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 24 (Small Business Saturday) at Indiana City Brewing Co., 24 Shelby St. Mallory Hodgkin, who plans to display her work, said, "I've participated in Small Business Saturday events before and they helped me find new fans of my artwork. I've also experienced a domino effect that led to future commissions and visits to my online store." Info: www.indyartmart.com.

Free Vision Screenings
The Southport Lions Club will offer free vision screenings to children ages 1-6 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Nov. 13-15, at Southport Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road. Appointments are not required. Info: AJ Johnson at 317-250-3556.

Mass for Guild's Deceased Members
A memorial Mass for deceased members of the Ave Maria Guild will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the chapel in St. Paul Hermitage. The guild will hold its monthly meeting afterward, during which time it will plan its Christmas luncheon.

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- Branch
- Hide
- Rowing need
- Heap
- Great Lake
- Boxer's ploy
- Cheap
- Glove material
- Halves of 38-Across
- Coffee, slangily
- Mixed metal
- Barber's task
- Fish eggs
- Intent
- Bobby of hockey fame
- Pirate's sword
- Nuts
- Type squares
- Started
- Sports venue
- Relief print of a sort
- Curtail
- Troubles
- Chills and fever
- Collection
- Albacore, e.g.
- Egyptian fertility goddess
- With 55-Across, 365 days

DOWN

- Detail, briefly
- Lima's land
- Settled down
- Not mono
- Sulks
- Recording
- Dadaist artist
- More agile
- Twitches
- Hebrew month
- Apportion (out)
- The Time
- Whatever number
- Bread spread
- Brock or Gehrig
- Allow
- That man's
- Bill's partner
- Grecian vessel
- Have a go at
- Fool
- Contacts, e.g.
- Asian nursemaid
- Zodiac sign
- Fodder for Ripley's column
- Singer Lenya
- Antioxidant berry
- Carpets
- Needle case
- Small songbird
- Hind
- Arm bone
- Despot
- Bear, in Barcelona

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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!

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: Q equals E

YAQ OYRC, ZAJBA ARE FQBQSY PX
UQQS UREPX ADFY, ZRO MLDSE
JS YAQ ZLLEO ARSCJSC LS MLF
EQQF PJMQ.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Sign is shorter. 2. Lunchbox is moved. 3. Jacket is opened. 4. Hat bow is smaller. 5. Purse is missing. 6. Arm is lower.

Reminiscing

By B. Scott Mohr

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

1958 - 60 Years Ago This Week
Old-fashioned revival services were offered nightly at Harmony Baptist Church, 2861 S. Randolph St. ***

The Band Boosters of Sacred Heart Central High School were hosting a spaghetti dinner/dance/family festival. ***

The Westinghouse Laundromat, 1639 S. Meridian St., was celebrating its first anniversary by allowing customers to wash 9 pounds of laundry for a dime instead of the usual 20 cents.

1968 - 50 Years Ago This Week
More than 1,000 people attended the Halloween Parade sponsored by the city of Southport. The event featured Southport High School's 143-piece marching band and a costume contest, whose winners were Larry Ott, John McCoy and Bob Pittman. ***



Joan Daily (front, from left), Rita Schreffler; (back) Trudy Pletcher, Suzanne Riney, Emily Bullers and Joyce Spangler were rehearsing for the annual Charisse Dance Review at Manual High School. ***

The Indiana Traffic Safety Council announced that its Vehicle Inspection Program would be launched Jan. 1.

1978 - 40 Years Ago This Week
The PTA of Meridian Middle School was hosting its annual chicken and noodles dinner and open house. ***

Dr. Randall C. Christie opened a general dentistry practice at 8202 Madison Ave. ***

The Indianapolis Saenger Chor was holding its fall concert and dance.

1988 - 30 Years Ago This Week
Participants in the annual Mathematics Day at Franklin College included Mark Raymond, Brent Sneed and Seong W. Park from Southport High School, Greg Wiley, Gary Hillard and Steven Reid from Manual and Robert Wessel, Tina Yen and Asit Parikh from Perry Meridian. ***

Steve and Glenda Swartz were going to open Encore Video, 4939 S. Emerson Ave., during the week of Thanksgiving. ***

A set of sculptured nails cost \$18.95 at Solartan, corner of Madison Avenue and Stop 11 Road. ***



The Chase Band, featuring (from left) Eddie Pilotte, Dean Kennedy, "Hot Rod," Bobby Regan and Tom Kennedy, were appearing at Southway Tavern, 1847 S. State St.



Roncalli (33-5) won its first state volleyball championship in 17 years by defeating No. 1 Class 3A Delta 15-4, 17-15 at Market Square Arena. The victory set off a celebration long overdue for coach Kathy Nalley-Schembra, whose 1981 team won it all. ***

Jean Deeds received St. Francis Hospital & Health Center's Stay Strong Award at the America Walks for Strong Women event, which raised funds and awareness for osteoporosis. ***

Page & Co. Jewelers in Southern Plaza reduced the price of a 2 carat round diamond from \$6,875 to \$4,995. ***

Art and Ann Berkemeier donated the towering spruce tree in their front yard to serve as the Salvation Army's Tree of Lights. The couple provided the tree because they wanted to help out the charity. Also, the tree was outgrowing the space it was planted in.

1998 - 10 Years Ago This Week
The archives from 2008 are missing.



1998 - Steve McClure, a 15-year veteran of the automotive industry, was appointed senior commercial sales manager of Sharp Ford.

We hope you're enjoying the pictures as much as we are.



Personal Recollections

By Fred Shonk

Walter Williamson, with whom I became good friends several years ago when we drove charter buses, contacted me last week. I didn't know until recently that he attended Southport High School.

Walt wanted to know if I had or the Perry/Southport Historical Society had any photographs of the old SouthWind Drive-In Restaurant. He told me that his mother and his grandmother worked there in the 1950s.

The restaurant was located at the corner of Shelby Street and Carson Avenue. Walt even remembered that the owner's last name was Halcomb. I remember that restaurant well. From our home on Madison Avenue, that was a direct route to my grandparents' house just north of Raymond on Shelby Street.

One of my memories of the SouthWind Drive-In was that Mr. Halcomb came up with an idea to erect a small "pole box" on his property and then have someone sit in it for a long time to try to break a world record. I recall driving past it. Lots of guys honked and waved to the gal sitting in it.

Walt informed me that Mauri Rose Kirby, 17 at the time (so was I), spent 211 days living in that box, which was 3 feet by 3 feet by 6 feet.

It was equipped with an electric heater, a sleeping bag and a telephone. She stayed up there from August 1958 until March 13, 1959.

Mauri Rose Kirby was quoted as saying, "I'm glad it's over. I'd never do it again or advise anybody else to do it."

In October 1986, Dick Turner, former owner of the Tee Pee Restaurant, wanted to have a pole sitter take a shot at the world record. He had just opened a restaurant - The South Pole - near the corner of Southport Road and Madison Avenue.

Mr. Turner attached a 6-by-7-by-9-foot "pole house" to a couple of 43-foot-tall poles next to the restaurant. The "building" was equipped with heat, air conditioning, carpeting, a telephone, a television and a stereo.

The real intriguing thing about this pole-sitting adventure was that the young lady who was going to attempt to break the record had not taken the advice of Mauri Rose Kirby, although I'm sure she ample opportunity to discuss it with her.

The lady who spent 516 days atop the pole was 18-year-old Melissa Sanders, daughter of Mauri Rose Kirby-Sanders. Melissa entered the box Oct. 26, 1986, breaking her mother's record May 23, 1987. On March 24, 1988, after 516 days in the air, she finally had her feet back on the ground.

Melissa did have some company for at least part of her stay on the pole: her cat - Pole Cat.

I don't remember much about Melissa's time on the pole. I was just returning from about 12 years in Michigan and was in the process of starting a small business. I hope her record is still intact and that she is still listed in the "Guinness Book of World Records."

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.

Compelling art and interactive experiences featured at gallery



"Castle Geyser, Yellowstone," an 1891 oil painting by Grafton Tyler Brown, is on display at the Eiteljorg Museum.

Visitors to the Eiteljorg Museum will discover an enhanced experience of beautiful and thought-provoking artworks starting Sunday when the museum's renovated Western art galleries open to the public.

The redesigned galleries will showcase the exhibition "Attitudes: The West in American Art," which feature iconic paintings and sculptures from the museum's renowned collection as well as newly acquired artworks, including a dramatic Western landscape, a historical scene of mountains and pottery.

The exhibition explores the diversity of people who shaped the West through a high-tech interactive display that interprets the 20th century mural painting "Americanization of California."

A series of special events will launch the exhibit, and the opening will kick off a holiday season of activities and programming that will appeal to families. The Christmas model train display, "Jingle Rails: The Great Western Adventure," returns Nov. 17.

More information about the museum, 500 West Washington St., is available by visiting www.eiteljorg.org or calling 317-636-9378.

GREENWOOD BAND WINS STATE



The Marching Woodmen and Irish Guard of Greenwood High School earned first place in Class B Saturday in the Indiana State School Music Association's marching band finals at Lucas Oil Stadium.

The 170-member ensemble performed "Charlie," a salute to legendary silent film actor Charlie Chaplin, en route to winning its 14th state championship. The Woodmen won the state championship in 2012 and posted two runner-up finishes before reclaiming the title.

The entourage of school buses, semitrailers and support vehicles received a police and fire escort from the I-65 exit to the school for a celebration.

SOUTHSIDE DEATHS

BETTE L. FITTS ETHERIDGE BEEMER, 82, widow of John Emerson Beemer; children, Glenya L. Evans, Steven A., Thomas M. and Donna J. Etheridge, Elizabeth C. Carver, Richard C. Beemer; 23 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren.

LORA ELLEN BOWHAY, 99, widow of Charles Frederick Bowhay; children, Deborah and Eugene Bowhay; one grandson; two great-grandchildren.

JACOB LEE BURNS, 23, parents, Michelle Jeffries and Lee Burns Jr.; siblings, Caitlyn and Stephanie Trinkle, Joshua Burns.

DR. MARION WOODROW CHURCH, 75, wife, Nancy; daughters, Marianne Cox, Luann Luck; siblings, Garnet Gordon, Mary Robinson, Betty Widener, Jack Church; four grandchildren.

LONNIE EDWARD "BUG" DECKER, 55, wife, Mary J. Decker; stepchildren, Tonya S. Murphy, Heather K. Powers; siblings, James, Jeannie, Morris, Debbie, Ronnie, Sandy, Rosie, Terry, Sharon, Mary, Edith; seven grandchildren.

L. JEFFREY FAIRFIELD, 53, son, Chandler Fairfield; sister, Lise J. Pace; significant other, Karen Morgan.

PATRICIA MAE FUGATE, 65, children, Autumn Fugate-Sarmiento, Ronald Jr. and Randall Fugate; siblings, Cindy, Virginia, Richard; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; significant other, Tracey Bowman.

JOHN E. "BOOMER" "J.G." GANNON JR., 63, siblings, Diana Bell, Annie Luellen, Pat Gannon; partner, Deb Short.

ROBERT D. GRAHAM, 57, mother, Carol Kinikin; siblings, James, Kimberly and Ken Graham, Elisabeth Himes, Diane Closser, Danny Gower.

HENRITTA GREEN, 2 months.

VICKI JO HANKLA, 60, mother and stepfather, Naomi and Robert Gibbs; father and stepmother, James D. and Stella Harrell; brother, Ronald L. Harrell; half sister, Karen Mackey; and stepsister, Janet Ward Wilson.

JACQUELINE M. HARGRAVES, 68, children, Russell A. "Rusty" Hargraves, Ann White, Cyndi Weaver; sister, Kelley L. Hogue; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

LILLIAN MAY HUBER, 89, son, David Mahan; brother, Glenn Bickett; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

THE REV. KENNETH THADDEUS JEWELL, 91, wife, Marjorie Jewell; sons, David, Kenneth, Paul and John Jewell; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren.

RICHARD A. JOHNSON, 81, daughters, Janet Shock, Julie Molloy; brother, Jim Johnson; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

ROBERT L. JORDAN, 87, wife, Judy Jordan; siblings, Vicki L. Martin, Timothy B. Jordan; siblings, Jack L. Jordan, Betty L. Dunkel; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

SHIRLEY F. PEMBERTON KAMMERER, 79, son, Michael J. Pemberton; siblings, Kenneth L. Kinnett, Lorraine Kinnett Miller Kinnett; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

KANDICE BRITTANY LEGGINS, 30, daughter, Harmony Leggins; parents, Susie and Danny Strong; brothers, Brandon LaTour, D.J. Strong.

SHARON KAY MESSENGER, 68, husband, Kenneth Messenger; sons, Tom and Tim Messenger; siblings, Robert, Steve and Jeffery Garwood, Sandy Callahan; two granddaughters.

RUBIN MILLER, wife, Deborah Miller; children, Wanda L. Roberts, Dorthea J. Wilcher, Teresa L. Balutis, Lisa M., Robert L. and Rubin J. Miller, Deborah K. Wooden; sisters, Linda S. Evans, Arlene Dubeck; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

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FRANCES WANDA MULLINS, 77, daughters, Tonda Capps-Trent, Tresa Basey; brother, Reece Carter; four grandchildren; partner, Michael Harakas.

LAURA RAY, 53, husband, Mark Ray; children, Jeremy, Lindsey; parents, Larry Doss and Mae Wilkerson; brother, Jim Doss; seven grandchildren.

DENSEL ROBERT SCOTT, 68, wife, Debbie Scott; children, Kimberly Rensing, Robert Scott, Samantha Jones; stepchildren, Steve, Dave and Andy Kemp, Abby Gross; mother, Sybla Scott; sister, Hellis Borst; 10 grandchildren.

R.C. SHORT, 83, wife, Elise Short; children, Sharon, Edie, Tom and Deb Short, Pat Mathias, Diane Chance; 10 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren.

LISA NOELLE SISSOM, 44, son, Noel Sissom; mother and stepfather, Toni Berglund and Tim; sister, Jackie Blair.

BETTY L. SKAGGS, 90, husband, Ivan L. Skaggs; children, Carolyn S. Richards, Daniel L. and John A. Skaggs; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

SHARON RUTH SMITH, 65, daughter, Wendi McCullough; father, William Smith; siblings, William Jr., Herbert, Jim and Helen Smith; two grandchildren; one great-grandson.

ETHEL S. SPACKE, 89, widow of Herman F. Spacke; children, Tom and Jay Spacke, Sheila Mathes; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

PAUL B. STAFFORD, 89, wife, Mary Francis Stafford; children, Paula K. Ward, David N. Stafford; brother, Don Stafford; five grandchildren.

RENDA KAY STATON, 80, widow of Donald Staton; children, Deanne Sevier, Debra McDaniel, Donald Jr., David, Dennis and Dusty Staton; 18 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

BONNIE H. STUCKER, 92, children, Linda Hepner, Raymond M. Stucker; sister, Geri Lester; one grandson; one great-grandson.

JESSIE ALICE SUSEMICHEL, widow of Robert M. Susemichel; sons, Robert C. and Ronald J. Susemichel; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

PEGGY SUE TRENT, 80, husband, R.W. "Wendell" Trent; sons, Steve, Don and Danny Trent; three grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson.

REMIGIO RAY VILLARREAL, 91, children, Mary E. Haines, Gloria N. Moore, Lucy Younce, Joseph J. Villarreal; brothers, Salvador and Ubaldo Villarreal; 15 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren.

GARY DUANE WATKINS, 68, widower of Christine Watkins; children, Cory, Tracy, Shawn, Alaina and Cheyanne Watkins; siblings, Sandy Bryant, Susie Russell.

MARY ELLEN WESNER, 98, widow of Marshal Wesner; sisters, Betty J. Wright, Stubbie Kimbley; three granddaughters; two great-granddaughters.

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Melinda Griesemer (from left), Carolyn Ferraro, JoAn Nichols and Vicki Kurtz of the Mary Bryan chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution attended the 90th anniversary rededication of the Madonna of the Trail Oct. 28 at Glenn Miller Park in Richmond, Ind.

In commemoration of pioneer mothers of the covered wagon days, the statue is the ninth link in the Great National Shrine erected by the society along the National Road. There are 12 states with statues linked along U.S. 40 from Cumberland, Md., to Upland, Calif.

Letters to the editor

Grateful for the return of her leader dog

To the editor:
On Oct. 25 my deeply loved yellow Labrador retriever, Satch, decided to go exploring when a visitor left the gate open.

Satch is more than just a loving pet; he is my guide dog and was trained at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hill, Mich.

Since I am blind, Satch is my independence, self-confidence and my eyes and safety when interacting with the world around us.

I would like to express my most sincere appreciation and thanks to Alissa, Taylor and officer Rick McKim of the Southport Police Department, who went above and beyond to return Satch to me.

It was a long and terrifying three hours for me, and I could not be more grateful.

Thank you so very much.
Pauline and leader dog Satch

Paving project and Veterans Day service

To the editor:
We are anxiously awaiting news from the Indiana Department of Transportation concerning funding of another infrastructure improvement project for our beautiful city.

I thought we would get some news last Friday, but it didn't pan out. Our goal is to repave parts of South Fourth Avenue from Churchman Avenue to Ash Street and add more sidewalks in that area.

Please join us on the steps of City Hall, 806 Main St., at 1 p.m. Sunday to celebrate and remember local veterans who have served, are serving and have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Dennis B. Buckley
Mayor of Beech Grove

Electric bills going up

Indianapolis Power & Light Co. customers can expect to see their bills increase by approximately \$5 a month for each 1,000 kilowatt hours they use.

The hike, approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and expected to be implemented before the end of the year, primarily covers the cost of replacing an older, outdated coal plant with an efficient natural gas plant.

"We take great pride in having the lowest residential rates among investor-owned utilities in Indiana," said IPL President and CEO Craig Jackson. "We will continue to make smart investments that provide our 490,000 customers a safer, greener, and more sustainable energy future."

IPL encourages customers to manage their costs by utilizing energy efficiency programs at www.IPLpower.com/WaysToSave. Financial assistance is available by calling the Connect2Help line at 211.



Falling leaves: Source for water pollution

By Jill Hoffmann
Executive director of the White River Alliance

Autumn leaves – a beautiful symbol of changing seasons or a notable source of water pollution? Both.

As the weather turns colder and leaves begin to fall, many people fail to consider where those leaves end up. Unfortunately, leaves and trash along our sidewalks are headed to only one destination: local waterways.

The White River Alliance, a voice for water resource protection, is working to instill a sense of stewardship and responsibility among communities by offering programs that help citizens and groups take steps toward keeping central Indiana streams and reservoirs healthy.

People may not consider leaves as a pollution source, but as they start to accumulate in and around storm drains, they change from something natural and beautiful into a real problem. In fact, organic matter buildup (like fall leaves) contributes to widespread pollution issues across the country, since it eventually breaks down into harmful nutrients.

Too much of these nutrients can create

algal blooms, low levels of oxygen and harm the aquatic life. This pollution can also threaten business and economic sectors that rely on high-quality water.

In Indiana nutrient overload is having a negative economic impact. It increases the cost of public water treatment and reduces the recreational use of lakes for swimming and boating, according to the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.

Additionally, recent estimates by the Environmental Protection Agency suggest that nitrogen and phosphorus buildup in the water costs the United States at least \$2.2 billion annually.

Tons of other pollutants, like dangerous bacteria, fertilizer and sediment reach storm drains, which empty into the White River and its tributaries, affecting wildlife and public health.

So how can a community help to maintain the well-being of local waterways? The alliance (www.thewhiteriveralliance.org) helps facilitate involvement through a few resources:

- StormWater Action Teams clean drains and promote water quality awareness.
- Adopt a storm drain – Residents pledge to keep the drains clean and free from leaves and debris – and river cleanups.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Robin L. Nicoloff



The thought of a free education and adventure prompted Robin L. Nicoloff to join the military right after the Vietnam War.

"When I joined I was among the last classes of the Women's Army Corps before it transitioned into the regular Army," Nicoloff said. "I loved basic training at Fort McClelland, Ala. Being just out of high and an athlete, the physical part was fun and challenging."

"There were a lot of pranks pulled between the platoons. On one occasion I awoke as I was being tossed from my bunk into the lockers and landing on the floor with my bunk on top of me. I wasn't hurt but someone got the drill sergeant on duty. Once the prankster was determined, I was asked if I wanted to press charges. Of course I didn't; it was a prank. We all laughed and went back to bed."

Nicoloff wanted to go into photography, but the class was full. Although she had a high aptitude score, computer repair didn't sound appealing, so she chose wheeled vehicle mechanic.

After her first tour in Germany she landed back stateside at Fort Reilly, Kansas, and was told she was going to be the battalion security noncommissioned officer. The battalion worked on the Abrams tank and many of the parts were classified secret.

"Before long I was on my way to training at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and on to my next tour in Germany as a counterintelligence special agent. As I learned and matured I moved up the ranks to sergeant first class and then to chief warrant officer 2."

Nicoloff said she is most proud of her Army Commendation Medal, which she received for service in Germany.

"All the people I met in the military were special because they were my comrades. No matter where I went, I was never afraid because I knew someone would be there to meet and assist me."

Nicoloff remembers an overnight maneuver when the platoon leader sensed that the soldiers were getting bored and complacent. The leader grabbed a few men and headed into the dark. "We heard the strike of a match, a fizzle and then a thud, followed rather quickly by, 'Oh crap' and the sound of scampering feet. When one of them threw an M-80 it hit a tree and came right back at them."

"I am so proud to have served my country and to continue to honor her through my volunteer service in the American Legion and other organizations like the Lions Club," she said.

"While in the service I was blessed with my daughter, Shannon, and then my grandson, Lucas. I still have both of my parents, Roy and Marilyn Nicoloff, sisters Michel and Andrea, brothers Mike and Brandon and their spouses and children. When we get together there is more laughter and fun than anyone can image."

Chili cook-off for veterans

Christ Our Shepherd Church of the Brethren, 857 N. State Road 135, Greenwood, welcomes all veterans, reservists, active-duty military personnel and their families to participate in a chili cook-off at 5 p.m. Sunday.

After everyone has had their full of chili and other soups, a Veterans Day program will be presented. Info: 317-882-0902.



The charming Glenn E. Collins likes to ham it up on the Fourth of July. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Glenn E. Collins

When Glenn E. Collins graduated from high school and couldn't find a good job, he joined the Army since his brother, Cicero, had joined the Air Force.

His basic training was at Breckenridge, Ky. "It was hard is all I can say," Collins said. "I was a member of the artillery and went to Japan after boot camp. I also served in Japan and was proud to earn the rank of sergeant."

"I proudly served four years and was so happy to see my family when I returned home."

Collins, who lives in Franklin Township with his wife, Nancy, and his dog, Dukie, was highly decorated, having been awarded the Silver Star while serving in Korea. It's still hard for him to talk about it because it brings back sad memories. "There was nothing funny about Korea; it was hell," he said.

Other honors include the Korean Medal of Honor, National Defense Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Occupation of Japan and Korean Service Medal.

"I met Gen. Douglas MacArthur and all of my fellow military buddies are special people," he said.

"My son, Steven, retired from the Marines. I am so proud of him."

His son, Roger, who is deceased, served in the Marines for a short time. His other son, Jeff, resides in Beech Grove.



Restaurants will treat veterans, military members to free meals

The following eateries will serve free meals to veterans, reservists and active-duty personnel, all of whom will be required to show proof of service, on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, unless otherwise noted.

- Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, Greenwood Park Mall site and 874 S. State Road 135, Greenwood, eight entrees.

- Area Little Caesars, free pizza or lunch combo.
- IHOP, 7521 S. U.S. 31, free pancakes with blueberries, strawberries and whipped cream.

- Olive Garden, 1274 N. U.S. 31, Greenwood, choose from six entrees.

- Golden Corral, 160 S. Marlin Drive, Greenwood, free meals from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13.
- Texas Roadhouse, 4335 Southport Crossings Drive, choose from 10 lunch offerings, including a complimentary lunch.

- Bob Evans, 4441 Southport Crossings Drive and 159 S. Marlin Drive, Greenwood, six free breakfast items will be available all day and select lunch and dinner options.

- CiCi's Pizza, 3652 S. East St., free buffet.
- O'Charley's Bar & Grill, 6930 S. Emerson Ave., free \$9.99er meals all day.

- City Barbeque, 7863 S. U.S. 31, free sandwich, two sides and a regular beverage; dine-in or carryout.

- Main St. Grille, 200 S. Emerson Ave., Greenwood, free tenderloin sandwich or spaghetti and meatballs or a small pizza. Dine-in only.

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Service officers will work with veterans who need assistance

Indianapolis has introduced Bryan Schmidt and Greg Stevens as its new veteran services officers. They will help veterans gain access to health care and wraparound services by giving them a direct line to the mayor's office.

They will also work to help resolve various issues facing veterans, including finding a permanent solution to homelessness, facilitating access to transportation and mobility and compensation and pension benefits from the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Schmidt and Stevens, who can be reached at 317-327-8387, will spend most of their office hours out in the community, bringing services and information directly to veterans within Marion County.

Schmidt enlisted in the Marine Corps while in high school, then served as a member of the security forces in Southwest Asia and as an infantry squad leader with 1st Battalion 7th Marines. Upon returning to Indiana, he attended Ball State and started getting involved in the community.

Over the past decade he has been involved in numerous special events throughout the city while working in hospitality and tourism. Bryan said he is passionate about his new role and looks forward to his continued community service as a veteran services officer.

Stevens is a Marine Corps veteran who served with the 3rd Battalion 7th Marines Weapons Company. He was trained as an infantry rifleman and served three combat tours in Iraq from 2003-06.

Stevens later joined the Marion County Sheriff's Department and spent two years there before moving to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, medically retiring in 2015 after being shot in the line of duty in 2013. He most recently served as director of operations at Trinity Security.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
 Greg Stevens and Bryan Schmidt (below) are Indianapolis' new veteran services officers.

Author writes second book about World War II

Linda E. Minton, a retired Franklin Township educator, has published her second book about World War II: "Remembering WWII Women." Her first release was "WWII Heroes: We Were Just Doing Our Jobs."

Both books are firsthand accounts of military and homefront men and women who lived during the war. It took the whole country to win the war, and the stories tell of these people's struggles and victories during the war, Minton said.

Books are available for \$15 at www.Amazon.com.



"America's veterans embody the ideals upon which America was founded more than 229 years ago."

- Steve Buyer



Organ transplant agency gifted \$66,000 from Sons of Indiana American Legion

The Children's Organ Transplant Association has received \$66,000 from the Indiana Sons of the American Legion.

The funds were raised through golf outings, cars shows, spaghetti dinners and other benefits hosted by posts from across Indiana with the guidance of past Sons Cmdr. DeWayne "Dewey" Long.

Part of Dewey's fundraising success was a challenge he initiated with his fellow SAL members that he would shave his head if the state was able to raise more than \$64,000.

The American Legion has been one of COTA's national supporters for nearly three decades, Long said. Nationwide, Legionnaires are a powerful network of COTA Miracle Makers who are helping to remove many of the financial barriers facing transplant families.

"As one of COTA's longest and most ardent supporters, the American Legion continues to give hope to transplant families across the country, said COTA President Rick Lofgren "Since launching its commitment to giving kids and teens a second chance at life, this large and influential group has contributed more than \$1 million to COTA and to community campaigns."

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James T. "J.T." Cox joined the military because of his sense of duty to his country and to fight against communism.

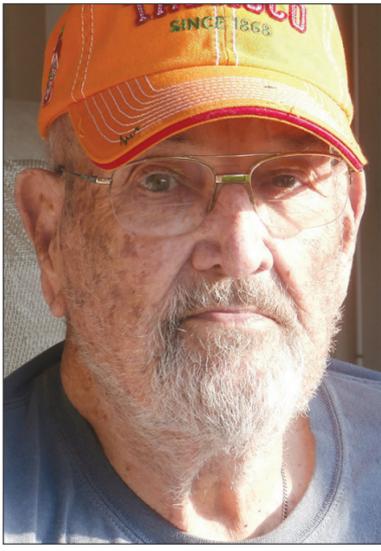
He recalls boot camp as stressful yet a time he'll never forget. "I met so many new people and reached goals I didn't think were possible," he said.

Cox served mainly in Korea and at sea. His rank of petty officer second class allowed him to work with technical and communications equipment and teach younger seaman all about technology.

He earned the Korean Service and Good Conduct medals. Cox said everyone he met in the military was special. He recalls the times when mess tables collapsed because of heavy seas. "The tables, food and men were all in one pile. It was an ugly situation."

"Being in the military made me a better person, and it taught me discipline. I became a more responsible citizen."

"My wife, Joyce, has supported me in my endeavors in veterans organizations."



Karen McAndrews

Karen McAndrews was inspired to join the Coast Guard after seeing a recruiting ad. Alex Haley, the author of "Roots," told the story of how he was the first chief photojournalist and that seeing small boats racing to rescue people was exciting.

"I thought saving lives for a living sounded pretty cool," said McAndrews, who spent nine years in the Seattle area.

"The military was very demanding both physically and mentally for me. It did instill a huge sense of pride in me. I was in an all-female company, and I appreciated the diversity of our company. Boot camp made me realize that I could do so much more than I ever thought I could."

"I had plans of becoming a photojournalist but got tired of waiting on school. I became a storekeeper, which dealt in pay, property, accounting, budgeting and supply."

It took McAndrews quite a while to obtain the rank of chief (E-7) and almost gave up before giving it one last try. "It had been my goal to retire as a chief, and I was so proud to finally reach that goal," she said.

McAndrews recalls receiving her first achievement medal. "It was not usually awarded to a seaman (E-3), but I had been doing the job of an E-5. I was fortunate that my boss put me in for that award."

"I met so many special people in the Coast Guard. My first XO helped me early in my career. I truly admired every instructor at the Chief Petty Officer's Academy in Petaluma, Calif."

"The military helped me to become a take-charge kind of person. It also taught me about giving back to the community and how every job there truly matters. I am so honored to be a part of the Coast Guard and proud of those who served," she said.

McAndrews' dad, John Butler, served in the Navy during World War II, and her brother served in the Army.



World War II training films will be screened

Film historian and preservationist Eric Grayson will screen a series of World War II training films at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive.

"Seen today," he said, "many of them are funny because they were always accompanied by a flat narration reminding everyone of the obvious. This is a selection of rare original training films, things seldom seen since the end of the war."

There will be some laughs, some education, and I hope a lot of awe for what we did during the war."

Admission is \$5, concessions \$1. Info: www.gpacarts.org or 317-327-7135.



Veterans Day Parade Is Saturday

More than 80 units will march in Saturday's Veterans Day Parade, which steps off at noon at Michigan and Pennsylvania streets, moves south on Pennsylvania to New York Street, west to Meridian Street and finishes at North Street.

The organizers' goal is to rekindle a great tradition where veterans are enthusiastically cheered as they walk down Meridian Street. "We encourage the participation of all veterans, including those who are not members of a formal organization," the planners said.

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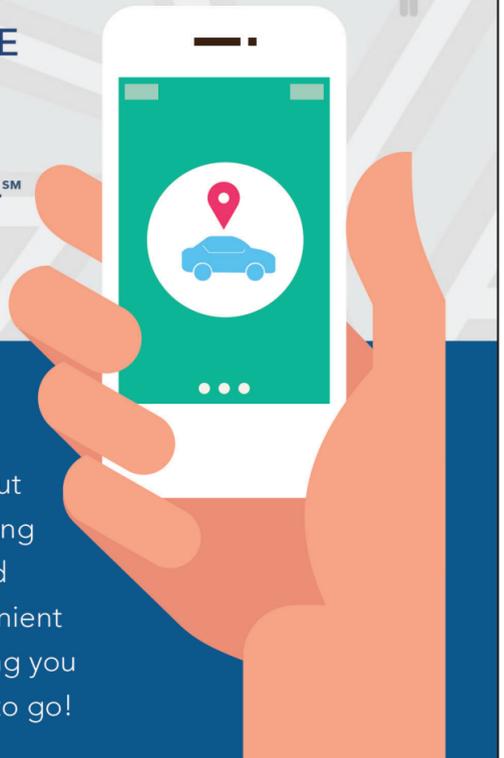
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Trojans, Saints seek regional titles

By Al Stille
Senior staff writer

Underdog Franklin Central frustrated 6A No. 9 Center Grove somewhat Friday, but not enough as the visiting Trojans walked from Ray Skillman Stadium with their eighth consecutive sectional trophy.

Lutheran won its fifth straight sectional title with a 32-13 win over visiting Hagerstown and faces South Putnam in a regional championship game Friday.

Center Grove (8-3) goes for its 12th regional title Friday at home against No. 7 Avon (9-2), while Lutheran goes for its third straight regional crown at South Putnam (6-6). The 1A No. 7 Saints (9-3) are riding a six-game winning streak.

At Franklin Central, the Flashes cut CG's lead to 16-6 with seven minutes left on a 32-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Dylan Bishop to wide receiver Bryce Durm.

FC, winners of only two regular season games, then kicked onides but for only 5 yards (a penalty), and CG's Carson Steele scored two plays later on a 6-yard run. After a holding penalty, the Flashes connected on passes of 9 and 13 yards, but Trojans' D-back Lucas Roehling intercepted the next pass on the 40.

The final count was 23-6, which left CG coach Eric Moore relieved. "Franklin Central played great; they are going in the right direction," Moore said. "This was a physical game."

FC's leap from Conference Indiana to the Hoosier Crossroads Conference resulted in only one win in seven league games and a nonconference win against Roncalli.

Trailing CG 13-0, FC opened the third quarter by marching 58 yards in 13 plays to the 22 before the drive stalled on a fourth-down incomplete pass.

Steele gained 219 yards on 31 carries and scored all three of the Trojans' TDs. Luke Eckert put CG up 16-0 on a 44-yard field goal late in the third quarter.

The Flashes produced 254 yards of offense with Malieki Parks running for 57 yards on 17 carries.

FC coach Grant Lewis emphasized the improvement in one season. "The record (3-8) didn't look great, but this team and this conference make us a better football program overall. We're proud of the growth. We'll go back and work harder and harder, and before you know it we will have one of the best programs in the state."

At Lutheran, the Saints spotted Hagerstown an early touchdown but then scored two TDs and two safeties in the second quarter for a dominating 32-13 win.

Saints quarterback Blake White connected on TD passes of 4 and 11 yards to Ben Settlemire and Luke Snow, respectively. Meanwhile, junior running back Marcus McFadden scored the Saints' first TD on a 53-yard run and wound up with 160 yards on 25 carries.

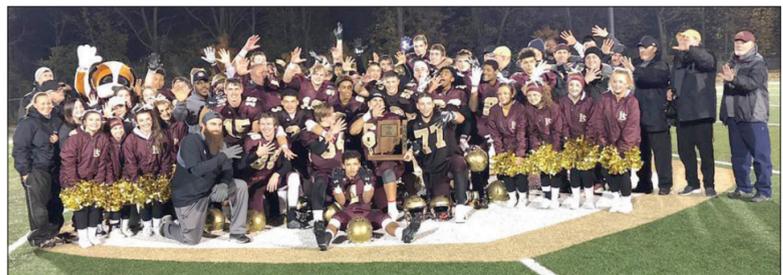
Lutheran's defense rose up and held Hagerstown to 81 yards on the ground. The safeties came on a tackle by linebacker Payton Knight and when the Tigers recovered their fumble in the end zone.

At Mooresville, Greenwood fell victim to the Pioneers revenge motive. The senior-laden Woodmen thumped Mooresville 59-32 for the sectional title last year, but the 4A No. 8 Pioneers reversed it this time, 49-14.

Mooresville (11-1) scored five unanswered touchdowns before Greenwood (4-8) scored in the third quarter on Nick Willham's 5-yard run. Willham led Greenwood's ground game with 109 yards in 31 carries. The Pioneers rolled up 400-plus yards of offense.



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Lutheran celebrated its fifth consecutive sectional championship after downing Hagerstown 32-13.



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New coaches, new stars greet basketball season

By Al Stille
Senior staff writer

Girls high school basketball on the Southside has a new look this season.

Three new coaches and several new standouts are ready to take over for graduated players.

On the sidelines, former Martinsville coach Vince Cerbone takes over at Franklin Central, former Marshall and Cascade coach Justin Bennett becomes Greenwood's third coach in four years, and Marques Gibson is at Manual after coaching in Tennessee.

Franklin Central moves from Conference Indiana to the rugged Hoosier Crossroads, and Perry Meridian leaves Conference Indiana for the competitive Mid-State.

Graduation losses included Indiana all-star Cassidy Hardin from Center Grove now at Purdue, Beech Grove's one-two punch of Cam Cardenas and Katie Giller playing for Beech Grove legend Katie Gearlds at Marian University, Perry Meridian's Sadie Hill (Murray State), Manual's Brianna Debolt, Greenwood's Leah Moore and Lutheran's Erin Pasch and Darianne Snyder.

Emerging stars are seniors Emma Utterback and Ella Thompson at Center Grove, Roncalli's Maddie Bischoff and Alana Vinson, Lutheran's Rylee Morris, Perry Meridian's Caitie Baird and Manual's Latonay Shropshire plus Franklin Central junior Rachel Lobbie and Greenwood Christian Academy sophomore Izzy Reed.

Some teams have already hit the hardwood.

Center Grove handled Plainfield 49-24 on Utterback's career-high 23 points and Thompson's 15 points (77.5 percent of the offense); Greenwood split by winning its opener against Bloomington North 55-29 as the hosts made 29 turnover but lost its home debut against Greenfield 67-50; and Manual went 0-3 in four nights against southern Indiana teams.

Reed opened with 31 points and 17 rebounds and Alexis Mead added 20 points as Greenwood Christian thumped Shortridge 79-29.

In an entertaining Southside duel Saturday, Roncalli edged host Perry Meridian 54-47 behind sophomore Bischoff's 31 points. The Falcons never led but closed to two points twice in the fourth quarter in rallies led by Arianna Booker, 14 points, and Savannah Pipes, 10 points.

Team-by-team outlook (with last season's won-lost records and statistics):

SOUTHPORT (4A, 5-17) – Shaky get-acquainted season with new coach Adam Morelock ... opened with six straight losses ... 10 losing seasons in past 11 years with five coaches ... graduated Tiana Wright, Andrea Viduarre and Savannah Edington ... they produced 50 percent of points and 58 percent of rebounds ... dependable guard/ lone senior Ashley Raisor (5.3 points per game) and 5-8 junior forward Lexi Green (9.1 points, 9.2 rebounds) return ... rounded out by juniors in 5-7 Kyra Duncan (8.6 points), 5-4 Bryanna Reynolds and 5-8 forward Kayden Casey ... 5-5 junior Bella Green returns after injury ... 5-10 sophs Ashanti Quick and Maddy Newhouse add needed height ... where will points come from? ... three straight road games before returning home to face township rival Perry Meridian Nov. 20.

Coach's comments: "Our returning players are dedicated and capable of making the right game decisions ... Ashley is the first one on the court and last one off the court. Lexi is our primary ball handler and runs the show. We have a young team that will have to produce more because of the three seniors we lost. We will have to find depth. We look for our two bigs to develop and help as the season goes on. We have a top-20 schedule, and our sectional is always a juggernaut. The quality of our opponents is topnotch."



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Southport point guard Ashley Raisor (left) and manager Lily Darland are the only seniors on the team.

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GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (1A, 19-7) – Cougars graduated four players who combined for 26.9 points and 18.9 rebounds ... had strong post with 5-10 center Sarah Mangan ... Cougars have no seniors but coach Alan Weems has four returnees ... young but well-seasoned team ... leaders are junior point guard Alexis Mead (10.8 points, 2.9 assists), multitasking soph Izzy Reed (12.4 points, 8.4 rebounds) and 5-10 juniors Cameron Northern and Morgan Haynes ... sophs playing above their years ... Reed mature on court ... Mead will go over 1,000 career points this season ... guard Savannah Frye adds savvy ... 5-10 junior Morgan Haynes and Katie Potter vastly improved ... Cougars rangy, tall, mobile, deep and play multi-positions ... Cougars can score



Greenwood Christian features young but savvy sophomores in Sarah Kate Wells, Izzy Reed, Savannah Frye and Katie Potter. Third-generation player Reed opened the season last week with 31 points and 17 rebounds against Shortridge.



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Roncalli returns with seniors Amanda Prather, Maggie Schoenning, Anna Bauer, Natalie Hahn and Jada Moran.

RONCALLI (4A, 12-12) – 16 different lineups last year due to injury and illness ... provided Indiana Hall of Fame coach Stan Bengue with his 600th career win ... graduated Lauren Fey, Ellie Bischoff, Katelyn McClary and Sophie Daniel; the quartet combined for 20.2 points and 10.8 rebounds ... leading scorer and All-Marion County junior Alana Vinson, 15.7 points, 5.0 rebounds, returns with All-Circle City Conference soph Maddie Bischoff, 8.8 points, 2.2 rebounds ... 5-8 senior Ellie Hamerschmidt has mobility ... senior Amanda Prather, after two ACL surgeries, returns ... inside game features seniors, 5-10 Anna Bauer and twin sophomores Sofie and Abby Carr with 5-9 Maggie Schoenning and 5-8 Natalie Hahn in corners ... Circle City opener against Guerin Catholic at home Saturday night.

Coach's comments: "This season could go either way. We can be a very good basketball team if everyone comes together, stays healthy and supports one another. We have a lot of question marks. I think all the pieces are there to be very competitive. A lot of girls are back who had some playing experience last year. We have some girls who play multisports, so it will take us awhile to catch up. We're not big or small. I would like to put defensive pressure on the basketball and make good decisions on offense."

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MANUAL (3A, 12-11) – Coach Jaques Gibson succeeds Jim Sturgeon (three years, 41-34) ... defending Greater Indianapolis Conference champs ... graduated standouts Brianna Debolt, 12.8 points, 6.0 rebounds, and Azure Shotwell, 8.3 points, 5.1 rebounds ... high player commitment ... eight returnees, led by seniors, 5-6 wing Latonay Shropshire (12.7 points, 4.5 rebounds), 5-8 Z'lisia Hankston (7.8 points, 8.2 rebounds), and 5-4 floor general Alexis Westerfield (6.8 points, 3.7 assists) ... 5-10 senior Makyla Livers (4.9 rebounds) force in middle ... juniors Asia Douglas, defensive ace Jada Taylor, Cassie Warren and promising soph Kalessa Livers got minutes last

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New coaches, new stars greet basketball season

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GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN (continued)

Coach's comments: "This is the most talented team we've had. They are very intelligent players who work very hard. To be frank, I don't see any drop off from last year. Haynes and Katie Potter have had outstanding preseason practices. I feel good about where we're at. I like our talent level, our enthusiasm, our strength - we will be able to play a different type of game than we did last year. We have seven kids who can really play. We will run. We will use our quickness and our length. I call it position-less basketball because they can handle the ball outside and take it inside. Reed can become our all-time scoring leader and our first all-stater; she has that ability. We should be able to score in different ways. We can compete for a conference crown."



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLEY
With no seniors, Greenwood Christian Academy returns to the hardwood with experienced juniors in 5-10 Morgan Hayes, 5-9 Alexis Mead and 5-10 Cameron Northern.

GREENWOOD (4A, 11-13) - Justin Bennett becomes third coach in four years ... only two winning seasons since 2012 ... wants up-tempo play ... graduation losses included All-Johnson County Leah Moore (14.9 points, 6.3 rebounds) ... savvy backcourt returnees are underrated senior Bailee Taft (9.1 points), tenacious defender/sophomore Brooklyn Stubblefield (8.2 points, 2.1 rebounds) and junior shooter Ashley Buster ... senior wing Kristen Whobrey and 5-10 sophomore forward Jenna Snyder add spark ... newcomers 5-6 Kyra Adkins and 6-0 Kiley Hankenhoff must develop early ... 5-5 senior Sarah DeCastro back after year's absence ... fast-paced offense and changing defenses ... rebounding a big question ... home games Friday against Herron and Saturday against Seymour.



Greenwood's new coach, Justin Bennett, formerly coached at Marshall and Tri-West.

Coach's comments: "This is a great fit. We have a lot of girls who understand the game and can play. We have a good mix of young and veteran girls. We have defensive tenacity. We will have to play up-tempo, and we have a lot of players who can play multiple positions. We want each player to be a threat to score. They seem to enjoy playing that style. We want to get after people. These kids like being the underdog, and I think they can play with anyone in the conference (Mid-State). I think this year will really be fun."

Greenwood seniors Bailee Taft, Kristen Whobrey and Sarah DeCastro provide new coach Justin Bennett with savvy and speed. Taft is the leading scorer among this season's returnees.



Greenwood sophomores Brooklyn Stubblefield and Jenna Snyder and junior Ashley Buster are returning to the hardwood this season.

FRANKLIN CENTRAL (4A, 7-17) - Flashes adapting quickly to new coach Vince Cerbone (17 years, 223-148) ... seek to reverse three straight losing seasons ... graduated four seniors who combined for 18.3 points and 16.5 rebounds ... two expected returnees transferred elsewhere ... Cerbone seeks mental, emotional and physical toughness ... Flashes have star in junior Rachel Loobie, 15.2 points, 10.2 rebounds, 2.6 assists ... can build around returning trio: 6-1 seniors Amelia Magyar and Erica Crawford and 5-10 junior Madison Weaver ... 5-9 junior Mya Perry returns to the program ... savvy 5-8 freshman Rayah Kincer playmaker ... consistent shooting a must ... depth must come from inexperienced players ... look for rude introduction to Hoosier Crossroads Conference ... open season Friday at Whiteland.

Coach's comments: "I feel revived with a new group and a new challenge. It will take time to complete the overhaul. I'm trying to do some different things because we have some size and some athletic kids. We have a lot of good basketball players who have accepted the change. Assistant coaches Nikki Cerbone and Evan Arnold, who were here, have made that possible. Rachel is a very refined basketball player, a core junior all-star; she has pressure to lead us. We have a core of kids who want to improve. We're going to experience a tough conference with the hope that we'll be better for it; our goal is to grow and win the sectional."

The Flashes' top returnees are Rachel Loobie (middle), 5-9 junior Mya Perry (left), who played as a freshman, and 6-1 senior Amelia Magyar.



Franklin Central has a young team that includes freshman Rayah Kincer, senior Erica Crawford and sophomore Madison Weaver.

CENTER GROVE (4A, 21-7) - Gone are three seniors, including Indiana All-Star Cassidy Hardin (17.5 points, 5.5 rebounds) ... second-year coach Kevin Stuckmeyer returns with eight players ... boasts one-two scoring punch with senior guards in tenacious defender Emma Utterback (8.9 points, 3.1 rebounds) and Ella Thompson (8.4 points, 4.6 rebounds) ... opening-day starters include forwards in 5-11 senior Kylie Storm and 5-10 sophomore Mary Wilson and 5-7 junior guard Ashley Eck ... look for 6-0 freshman Katie Egenolf to play big ... nine deep with juniors Claire and Emily Rake and Alaina Frankel ... senior Amanda Hoffman adds quickness ... in-your-face defense ... need more scorers than Utterback and Thompson ... Johnson County tourney next and then a visit to Roncalli Nov. 24.

Coach's comments: "We know Emma and Ella are focal points offensively. They trust the process more than last year. They are more than willing to get their teammates involved. I like our defense. We have depth. I think we will be efficient (offense), but it will take time to set our rotations. We will have to find our No. 3 and No. 4 scorers or we will become limited. We will need to knock down shots. We must be ready to play every night."

BEECH GROVE (3A, 18-5) - Cameron Cardenas-Katie Giller era over ... they combined for 38.8 points, 13.5 rebounds, 5.1 assists per game last season ... Giller set school career record for rebounds ... also graduated Mallory Storms, 6.2 points, 6.5 rebounds ... back to the basics with fourth-year coach Kristin Raker (46-22) ... defending Indiana Crossroads Conference champions ... 18 wins, most since 2003 state championship team ... returning junior guards Mya Crawford (3.7 points), Romea Echols and Lexi Ham ... vocal leader Emily Johnson back from knee injury ... returnees Hannah Chandler and Tia O'Connor at wings ... 6-1 senior Alexiana Blakely true post player, up from junior varsity ... look for slow improvement ... hosting Lutheran on Matt English Court Tuesday.

Coach's comments: "We will miss last year's seniors who took us a long way. This season will be a big new look for us: new girls and new roles. These girls know the foundation of our program, its values, its core. I'm not naive; it's going to take time. My goal is to develop their confidence, make sure they are on the same page, and build upon what we have accomplished. I am pleased with how hard they have worked and without complaining. We have a true post player (Blakely). We are making adjustments to our offense and our sets will be basic. We have returning players who were part of a fun season last year and that has helped our team chemistry."



Beech Grove juniors Hannah Chandler, Romea Echols, Mya Crawford and Lexi Ham are the leaders for a young Hornets squad.



Beech Grove's two seniors, 6-1 Alexiana Blakely, up from the junior varsity team, and Emily Johnson, recovered from a knee injury, are new to varsity competition this season.

Perry Meridian Middle School awarded grant of nearly \$2,000

Perry Meridian Middle School is among the 31 nonprofits that have received grants from Indiana Humanities.

Eighth-graders in the school's Project FAR: Falcon Artists and Readers will use a grant of \$1,994 to create art portfolios after reading the best-selling novel "Between Shades of Gray" and discussing it with the author, Ruta Spetys, whose book is about the genocide of Lithuanians in the 1940s.

Through a series of guided arts experiences based on the main character's artistic talent and interest in Norwegian painter Edvard Munch, the students will create artwork inspired by the novel.

Also receiving grants were libraries, museums, historical societies, nature centers and cultural organizations.

"With this final round of grants for 2018 we've awarded more than \$150,000 to nonprofits across the state this year," said Keira Amstutz, president and CEO of Indiana Humanities. "Our grants have helped bring valuable humanities programming to dozens of communities - inspiring residents, enhancing quality of life and spurring economic development. We're honored to support our grant recipients and are excited about the work they're doing to make our cities, towns and rural areas better places to live, work and play."

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