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Christmas miracle would ensure better care of seniors

By Sherri Coner
 Southsider Voice correspondent

A few weeks ago an 80-year-old Johnson County man with bare kitchen cupboards finally asked a neighbor for help.

Another senior was soaking dog food in water, softening it enough to eat.

These are only a couple of the many reasons why Kimberly Smith, executive director of Johnson County Senior Services, is praying for a Christmas miracle.

That miracle involves the purchase of a \$360,000 building, where she and her staff can finally have the space they so desperately need.

As Smith offers a tour of the facility operated by the 38-year-old nonprofit, she squeezes past donations stacked to the ceiling and enters the cramped area where volunteers barely have enough floor space to move from one shelf to another as they pack up donated food items for delivery.

"This is the list of seniors with immediate need for food," Smith said as she rifled through several pages of names.

The amount of senior citizens needing food assistance has increased by 60 percent in recent years. The need for transportation to chemotherapy, dialysis and other appointments has increased by 60 percent. Add the fact that the parking lot is not large enough for the transportation vans and vehicles belonging to staff and volunteers, and Smith's hope just grows even stronger for that miracle to be granted.

"There's enough room in the new building for all of the supplies and donations. There's also space for drivers to warm up the vehicles for a few minutes before picking up the little sweeties," Smith said.

The need for a larger space to store medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers and shower chairs also has Smith hoping that Santa's elves come out in droves this season, with their checkbooks in hand.

Yes, that huge price tag on a perfect building may sound like a long shot.

But no dream is too big when she thinks about all the needs caring for "this precious generation," Smith said.

Hoping to give more than 600 seniors a little something from Santa, donations from community elves have overrun the already-crowded office.

A large wrapped gift on one of the desks is filled with towels in a clothes hamper. That gift is for a senior female who was homeless for seven years and recently was provided with Section 8 housing.



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY SHERRI CONER
 Kimberly Smith, executive director of Johnson County Senior Services, stands with donations from more than 600 seniors who will be surprised this year by gifts from Santa.



Johnson County Senior Services employee Kathy Bolin (left) and volunteer Vicki Sichtung gather food items for delivery.

STEWART TALKS ABOUT HIS RETIREMENT



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLEY

Two-time NASCAR Cup champion Tony Stewart (right) returned to his home state Friday to unveil the 2017 Camaro and its track performance package with Chevrolet Racing Manager Terry Dolan at the PRI (Performance Racing Industry) Trade Show at the Indiana Convention Center. Stewart retired from NASCAR racing at the end of this season but plans to race in several sprint car events.



IndyCar models Karen and Kim were part of the IndyCar Verizon Series display at the show, which included a racing simulator for laps around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval.



Santa Claus greeted PRI attendees in front of a commemorative 5,000th late model chassis built by Larry Shaw of Michigan that honored the career of retired NASCAR driver Mark Martin and his foundation. Shaw built several stock cars that Martin drove on short tracks before advancing to NASCAR.

For story, see Page 12



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
 Sean Seager, dancing with AnnaLee Traeger, credits his success to training under the guidance of Diane Gudat at The Dance Company.

Dance studio impacted his career

By Patricia Rettig
 Beef & Boards

Dancing onto the Beef & Boards stage for the first time is Sean Seager, who credits Britney Spears for inspiring him to perform and a Southside dance studio for teaching him how to use his talent wisely.

"I really have to admit that I became interested in performing because of Britney Spears," he said. "I was very young when she entered mainstream media. Here was a person that I admired for her performing abilities. I didn't realize how much I loved to sing and dance until I started seeing her career take off."

Seager's performing career began at the age of 13 when he walked into The Dance Company and started training under Diane Gudat.

"I was a fireball on the stage but lacked the necessary technique to prove a formidable force," he recalled. "In the first few classes I took under her guidance she told me that she doesn't turn out competition dancers, saying, 'I turn out performers who know how to adapt to choreographers and can pay their rent.'"

Seager was struck by her blunt questions: "Did I want to learn? Do I want to make this a career? What do I want out of this," he said. "No one had asked me this before. I was always told you're a male, and you can dance ... come do this project. I was of course awestruck by her words and vast knowledge of the craft."

And the timing was perfect. "I always believe in right time, right place," Seager said. "Thankfully enough, I joined the summer before my sophomore year. In three short years she mentored me into becoming the type of performer I am today."

"She was also the first person to look at me and say, 'Where are you going to college?'" he added. After graduating from Perry Meridian High School in 2006, Seager moved to Pittsburgh and studied dance at Point Park University. His career began quickly – one year later – and he's been performing professionally for 10 years.

"To this day I look at my career and always send a small thank you to (Diane Gudat). I never have personally told her the impact she made on my life, hopefully one day I can," he said.



Seager can be seen in "A Beef & Boards Christmas" through Dec. 23.

"Right now, it's just a privilege to give everything I can on the stage and for those who come to watch the shows."

"I'm very happy to be making a living doing what I love," he added, noting that his favorite productions to date have included "Chicago," "West Side Story" and "Xanadu."

Seager can be found performing daily in "A Beef & Boards Christmas" through Dec. 23. Tickets range from \$41 to \$66 and include a buffet dinner. A show schedule is listed at www.beefandboards.com, and tickets can be reserved by calling 317-872-9664.

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VISITING SANTA



Submitted Photo
Children visited with Santa Claus during the Beech Grove Police Department's Shop With a Cop program Saturday at Great Times. Serving as Santa's elf is Cathy Mae Hogan Beaman.

Letter to the editor

Demolition continues on old St. Francis buildings

To the editor:
Work continues on schedule for the demolition of the old St. Francis Hospital buildings.
Buffalo Street is closed from 15th to 17th streets, and a temporary drive has been installed in the north parking lot to accommodate the folks who live on 16th Street. Walkway barriers will soon be installed on Buffalo Street to protect citizens.
You've probably noticed how dark it is at night around the property. All of the utilities have been disconnected as interior demolition work begins. Indianapolis Power & Light will soon install additional street lights in the alley north of the property. Fencing is being installed

around the property to keep people out of the area. This will really be important when the buildings are dismantled a floor at a time in the spring.
I have been pleased with the work being done by DLZ, Tonn and Blank and Brandenburg Co. I think Franciscan Health got it right by hiring these companies.
Many folks have asked if there is any possibility of getting bricks from the buildings for a keepsake. We have not made any arrangements for that type of activity, and we do not encourage anyone to approach demolitions workers with such a request. Should the opportunity become available to get souvenir bricks, we will pass that information on to the public.

Dennis B. Buckley
Mayor of Beech Grove

SOUTHSIDE DEATHS

GAIL L. ADKINS, 85, children, David Adkins, Linda Prezel, Beverly Cobb; brother, William Crady; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

ROBERT "BOB" BONHAM, 94, widower of Rosemary Hacker Bonham; daughters, Peggy Bishop, Jean Milharic; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

THOMAS D. "TOM" BOYLE, 41, wife, Andrea Speziale; daughter, Kira Lynn Boyle; parents, David and Rose Mary Boyle; siblings, Kevin Boyle Lisa; grandfather, Paul Colosimo;

BETTIE J. BRUMLEY, 71, widower of Lloyd Brumley and Albert Mathes; mother, Ozella Cantrel; children, Billy J. and Steven R. Brumley, Joyce F. Mathes; brothers, Douglas, Ricky, David and Jerry Cantrell; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

DONALD PAUL CAMERON, 76, wife, Charlotte Cameron; siblings, Jack and David Cameron, Mary L. Higham, Nancy Hanley, Shirley Cameron, Sallie Farr, Delores Sraflia.

ELIZABETH "BETTY" CHANEY, 93, widow of Lester Earl Chaney; sons, Gregory, Dennis and Robert Chaney; sister, Mary Ann Amore; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

DAVID W. CULVER, 61, siblings, Sharon, Geary Sr. and Steven Culver.

ALBERT THOMAS DAEGER, 56, wife, Connie Daeger; son, Aaron Daeger; stepchildren; Dylan Burns, Alicia Waggoner; mother, Esther May Daeger; brother, Michael Daeger.

JIMMIE COREY FESLER, 37, son, Eric Michael Fesler; brothers, Michael Klein, Joseph Klein, Christopher Price; second mom, Aunt Lisa L. Klein; fiancée, Angela Meadors.

TAMMY JO FIELDS, 48, children, Sierra Frazee, Josh Bandy; parents, Robert E. and Donna J. Fields; siblings, Wes, Kathy and Christian Fields; three grandchildren; companion, Clint Frazee.

GERALD A. GRIFFIN, 64, wife, Molly Griffin; son, Colton Griffin.

ANTHONY R. BUSONE-GREENE, 19, mother, Genie Busone; siblings, Austin Busone-Greene, Justice Ramsey, Tesla Ramsey.

ANTHONY "TONY" GULLIFORD, 46, children, Mersaydees, Anthony Jr., Tyler and Gavin Gulliford; siblings, Ron and Steve Barlow, Tina Kennedy; girlfriend, Tina Sullivan.

WILLARD WAYNE HILLENBURG, 91, wife, Mary Ann Hillenburg; widow of Juanita Hillenburg; sons, Jerry, Larry, Gary and Michael Hillenburg; siblings, Carrie Laverne Martindale, Galis Hillenburg; five grandchildren; several stepgrandchildren and great-grandchildren.

MARGARET EVELYN MAHURON CRAWFORD HOLLINGSWORTH, 93, widow of Robert M. Crawford and Loyd Hollingsworth; siblings, Gwendolyn Nelson, Lloyd E. and Wayne E. Mahuron; stepchildren, Karen Armstrong, Mike Hollingsworth; six stepgrandchildren, six step-great-grandchildren.

ROBERT ANDREW JESTER, 31, wife, Heather Jester; daughter, Evelyn R. Jester; parents, Bill and Diane Jester.

DAVID L. KRAMP, 69, David L. Kramp, 69, wife, Sandra K. Kramp; children, Kathy McCormick, Sharon Powers, Brenda Sewell; siblings, Mag Woodard, Bernice Morris, Joann Flora; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter

CATHERINE "KATIE" R. MANNING, 86, sister, Theresa Pritchard.

CAROLINE M. MCCORMICK, 71, husband, Paul M. McCormick; children, Paul A., Michael and John McCormick, Tina Wiley; siblings, Barbara Doyle, Karen Passmore, Sandra Parish; 14 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

MICHAEL "LEE" MCINTOSH, 65, children, Vired Lee McIntosh and Jayna Morris; siblings, Charlotte Evans, Vickie Ross, Andrea McIntosh, Leonard and Vince McIntosh; four grandchildren; several great-grandchildren.

MICHAEL DAVID MCKINLEY, 41, wife, Michelle McKinley; children, James and Hayden McKinley, Madyson Salisbury; mother, Joan McKinley; brothers, Glen, Guy and Calvin McKinley; grandmother, Irene Rode.

ROYA A. MCLANE, 98, widow of Lauretta McLane; daughters, Bonnie Roberts and Carol King; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

PATRICIA ANN NOLAN, 73, widow of Charles E. Nolan Sr.; children, Charles E. Nolan Jr., Janelle L. Patton; six grandchildren.

ROBERT ELLIS PAGE, 87, wife, Marcia Janke Page; children, Deborah Rademacher, Jeffrey, Brian, Scott and Michael Page; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

ROY FRANK PETERSON JR., 87, wife, Betty June Peterson; stepchildren, Larry, Brad, Michael, Dale and Kelly Moore, Julie Sanderson; sister, Karen Haley.

ALMA E. POWELL, 95, widow of Carroll E. Powell; children, Stephen E., Phyllis J. and Lewis R. Powell; three grandchildren; five great-grandsons; close friend, Ray Miller.

JANE ANN RHINEHART, 77, widow of Donald Leon Rhinehart; children, Lisa Samuelson, Darin Rhinehart, Lori Gehring and Scott Rhinehart; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

GILBERT RIVERA JR., 81, wife, Darlene Rivera; children, Debra, Lisa, Gilbert and Diane Rivera; siblings, Albert, John and Arnold Rivera, Amy Howard, Mary Linne, Alicia Rivera; one grandchild.

RICHARD L. RODGERS, 52, daughter, Taylor Rodgers; mother, Ella Sue Burchyett.

JOSEPH R. SABOL, 89, widower of Helen Sabol; daughter, Sandra Borders.

H. TERRY SANDERS, 76, wife, Mary Sanders; son, Frederic H. Sanders; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

LORRAINE V. STRACK, 91, husband, Francis A. Strack; widow of Joseph A. Rogers and Mark V. Mayhew; son, the Rev. David L. Rogers; stepchildren, Linda Baker, Thomas M., Matthew, Mark, Robert and Carl Strack; one granddaughter; several stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

KENNETH R. SUMMERS, 71, wife, Nova Summers; children, Norman and Michael Summers; brothers, Virgil L. and Carl E. Summers; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

BRUCE E. THOMPSON, 62, wife, Deborah Thompson; children, Heather and Gary Thompson; mother, Shirley Thompson; sisters, Dana Riggan, Kyle Pattison.

LISA ANN VAUGHT, 59.

JAMES RANDALL "RANDY" WILLOUGHBY, 63, sons, Michael Douglas and James Randall Willoughby II; sisters, Sandra James, Lisa Swearingin.

SONYA L. WRIGHT, 66, mother; three children; four siblings; five grandchildren.



Personal Recollections

By Fred Shonk

Editor's note. This column was written for our Dec. 7 issue, but due to space constraints it was not published.

This is a wonderful time of the year because there are great shows on television. I record some, but the chances of watching them are not so good because I am always busy.

Last week Stuart, my therapy dog, and I had our normal (and always fun) nursing home visit, and we enjoyed students from elementary schools in Beech Grove reading to us.

We had several errands to run on Friday, one of which was to purchase a warm coat for Stuart to wear the next day. We were going to help out The Salvation Army by ringing the bell at the Kroger at Madison and Edgewood avenues. I picked out a nice coat but was advised to purchase a size larger. As we attempted to try it on when we got home, Stuart informed me that it was way too tight around his chest. We exchanged it for an extra-large one, which seemed to fit nicely.

We started ringing the bell at 10 a.m. Saturday. I showed Stuart several times that he could hold the handle of the bell in his teeth and gently shake his head, but he gave me that "Are you crazy?" look. We were on duty for an hour. The next two hours were assigned to Stuart's good friend Charlie O'Donkey, who had the 11 a.m.-1 p.m. shift.

We hung around for a little while. All of a sudden Stuart noticed that Charlie had the bell in his mouth and was ringing it. Stuart once again dispatched one of his looks my way. This one was "No way!" and he began looking toward the car. He was ready to go on break.

We came back in a couple of hours. Charlie and his human family from The Southport Equestrian Center had a wonderful time ringing the bell. Folks were allowed to give Charlie small carrots.

We were back on duty for a couple of hours, and many friends and former classmates stopped by to donate to the copper kettle.

Saturday evening I attended the Southport-Ben Davis boys basketball game. At halftime the late Tom Hathaway, Southport's legendary cross-country coach who lead the boys and girls teams to a combined seven state championships, was honored.

I enjoyed visiting with folks who I hadn't seen for a long time. It was special to chat with coach Hathaway's wife, Jane. There were stories being told and retold all night.

This week is going to be busy also. Stuart and I have our regular visits on our calendar. These are special, and we look forward to them.

Wednesday morning I'm having breakfast with some of the folks who I worked with at Beech Grove Schools. My good friend Bill Bane coordinates these monthly breakfasts. Also on Wednesday I will have a lunch at Harry & Izzy's with several members of my Southport High School graduating class. The Southsider Voice Christmas party is that night.

And that's just Wednesday. ... I am a lucky guy.

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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Arts & Entertainment



Simply Sherri

Reminiscing

By B. Scott Mohr

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

'Tis the season for unrealistic expectations to dance around in our heads, taking up the space where common sense should be. But we can't seem to help it. We get intoxicated by all the sugar plum stuff. We tend to forget that the people who gagged us before Christmas will likely gag us after Christmas too. In most families everyone has a key role whether you like it or not. There's always a caregiver just like there's always a blowhard. Someone is always allowed to be the boss of everybody else. And there's a golden child who is actually a weasel underneath all the you know what.

There's a brainy brat, a drama diva, a wild one and a freakishly misunderstood weirdo. Of course, a family isn't complete without the infamous black sheep, either. The one who takes the heat for everybody else's issues plus their own.

We know the big guy in red doesn't miss much. But we still do dumb stuff, right? We pretend to like each other. If Santa sprinkled truth serum on every single sugar cookie in America, the holiday season would be drastically different.

Instead of greeting a not-so-favorite person with a fake, "How nice to see you!" the truth would hit the air like a bullet, ... "Oh man, I was hoping you had the flu," or "Dang, Who gave you the correct address? It sure wasn't me!"

When your neighbor asks how you liked the fruit cake that she left in your mailbox, the facts would blast, "Lady, here's a little FYI. Everybody hates fruit cake, and your concrete cake dented our mailbox."

A snooty relative could not tell a whopper about her husband missing the family dinner because of an important meeting.

The truth would roll off her tongue. "My old man can't travel farther than our porch steps. He's on house arrest."

Wouldn't it be so deliciously refreshing to simply hear the truth? You say to a long-lost cousin, "Your eyes are so red. Have you been crying?"

Confession is in the air. "I wasn't crying. Actually, I'm stoned. And if you get on my nerves while I'm here, I will smoke pot in your upstairs bathroom while I look through your medicine cabinet."

When you nicely say to a family member, "How's your son and daughter-in-law?"

You won't hear, "We hardly ever see them. They are so busy!" The truth will ping pong all over the place. "We don't know how they are getting along. We disowned them a long time ago."

Your sister introduces her new boyfriend then privately says, "Isn't he so handsome?"

You no longer have a forked tongue, so let it rip with, "Maybe in the dark he could be nice looking. But honey, in the daylight, that man looks like a mole with horse teeth."

No more dread about how to escape the tension anymore, either. Someone says, "Oh no! Can't you stay longer?"

That's your cue to just be honest, "I only like the baby and the dog. They are sleeping so I'm leaving."

That person pretending to want you to stay can also be free. "Whew, I thought you would never ask for your coat! Bye!"

"See you next year?"

"I hope not!"

"Me too!"

Sherri Coner is an award-winning journalist and humor writer who speaks to women's groups. To learn about her books for women and to join her on Facebook, visit www.sherriconer.com.

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With the new year's opportunities almost within reach, the Arian's courageous aspects are raring to go. And don't be surprised if a lot of people follow the zodiac's most trusted leader.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Change lies ahead for the brave Bovine who is ready to shuck off the tried and true to try something new. But appearances can be deceptive. Check it all out before you charge into anything.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This week promises a peek into what the new year holds for the Gemini Twins, both in love and careers. Family matters continue to be a factor in decisions you're going to be facing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) As you move into the new year, your travel aspects grow stronger, and you might find yourself making decisions about a destination and a traveling companion sooner than you'd expected.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The new year holds both glitter and gold. This means Leos and Leonas should begin getting the facts they'll need to separate the real thing from the sham in order to make important decisions next year.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A good way to start the new year might be to arrange for a visit to someone you haven't seen in a long time. You also might

want to pick up that project you put off a while back.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) As you contemplate the new year's potential, you might want to talk things over with people who are or have been where you want to go. Their experience and advice can be helpful.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone close to you might feel like you have no more room for him or her in your life. This calls for immediate reassurance of your love so you can start the new year on a high note.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The coming year will bring more people into your life. Some situations might not work out as well as others. But overall, everyone earns something, and that's always a good thing.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The new year could find you indulging in one or more of the hobbies you've always wanted to take up. And don't be surprised if they ultimately direct you toward a new career.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The artistic Aquarian should find more opportunities in the new year. You might even make some potentially helpful contacts as you gather to ring in the year 2017.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The new year offers challenges for Pisceans who want to make better use of the skills they now have and learn new ones. Personal relationships show stronger positive aspects.

BORN THIS WEEK: Although at times you tend to be a bit judgmental, you are generous and caring and very much beloved.

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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: N equals R

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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RAISING FUNDS FOR CHARITIES



Jack Knarr (left) of the Kiwanis Club of Perry Township assists Randy House of Christy's of Indiana during the club's recent Christmas dinner, party, 50-50 raffle and auction, which raised funds for scholarships, Hunger Inc. Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health and other philanthropic agencies. "Our 14th annual holiday gathering was a most enjoyable way to promote camaraderie among club members while helping support programs in the community," said President Les Branham. "We are most grateful to sponsors who once again donated to the event, including City Barbeque and Catering."

King Crossword

Answers
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Sixty Years Ago This Week – 1956
 The following Manual students made straight A's for the second six-week grading period: Miriam Scharfe, Sharon Basey, Phyllis Brehob, Judy Neale, David Brink, Charlotte Carter, Mary Iannuzzi, Ann Norcross, Janalene Powel, Trudie Sheridan, Mike Steedham, Janet Wurz, Judy Ziegler, Vivian Gill, Evalyn Lowe, Doris Shock, Carolyn Taylor and Bob Napper.

Nancy L. Kortepeter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Kortepeter and a student at Earlham College, was studying abroad at the University of Paris.

Bob Wilkins opened a Sunoco gas station at 2201 S. Sherman Drive and boasted, "I'll service all of my patrons' cars just like I would my own."

Fifty Years Ago This Week – 1966
 The Indiana Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution named Manual senior Linda Ellis as its Good Citizen of the Year. Ellis was the editor of the school's newspaper, president of Quill and Scroll and a choir member.

The going price for 8-foot Christmas trees was \$4.90.

ABC News President Elmer Lower and anchor Peter Jennings were the guest speakers during a luncheon at Eli Lilly and Co.

Forty Years Ago This Week – 1976
 A new tri-level home with three bedrooms in Hill Valley Estates was listed for \$43,500.

Susan M. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, was married to Charles Bledsoe Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bledsoe Sr..

The choir from Southport Heights Christian church was presenting its Christmas program: "The Night of Miracles."

Gregory's Discount Shop, 1044 Virginia Ave., had marked down its ladies sweaters, knit slacks and blouses to \$3.99. The store's ad read: "You really must see our display of unusual jewelry ... low-priced too."

Harrell's Car Wash, 4130 Madison Ave., offered a free hot wax with the purchase of any exterior wash for \$2.

Thirty Years Ago This Week – 1986
 University of Indianapolis senior and Roncalli graduate Susie Kuntz was named to the Great Lakes Valley All-Conference volleyball team for the second consecutive year. Dan Jester, a tight end for UIndy's football squad, was named to Kodak's All-American team.

Plans for a new IPS elementary school to replace Schools 31 and 35 were unveiled. The facility would face Lincoln and Minnesota streets at Kennington Street, just west of East Street. Construction on the \$8 million building was expected to begin in early 1987.

Doug DeJong, Jennifer Hall, Debbie Snider, Kevin Stender, Angie Dill and Robert Hillard, all members of the Perry Township Swimming Association, turned in fine performances during a meet in West Lafayette.

Bill Kuntz was retiring as Roncalli's football coach so he could enter private business. He compiled a record of 64-18 over seven years and led the Rebels to the Class 3A title in 1985.

Lisa Dillman, who led Perry Meridian's volleyball team to a 34-2 record and a semistate championship, was named to a variety of All-State teams and was presented with the Indiana High School Athletic Association's Mental Attitude Award.

Twenty Years Ago This Week – 1996
 Perry Senior Citizens hosted a luncheon to recognize its volunteers. The honorees included D. Hyndman, A. Padgett, C. and B. Nordhoff, D. Haynes, C. Jordan, R. Kammerling, E. Reich, R. Tuhmann, B. Bennett and P. Morris.

Willy Hibner, son of Marie and John Hibner and a first-grader at St. Mark Catholic School, took third-place honors in the haunted house coloring contest sponsored by The Indianapolis Children's Museum.

Maria Pepin placed first in Roncalli's science fair. Other top achievers included Katie Bell, David Ernst, Chris Shannon, Jason Schackelford, Michael Boldt, Alex Menze, Michael Meehan and John Hollowell.

Dinner Bell Markets, 2824 Shelby St., led the state in lottery sales. The store's motto was, "Anybody can sell you a lottery ticket, but at Dinner Bell ... we sell winners."

Roncalli's J'nai LeFevre, Julie Groves and Nicholle Duncan were named to the Indiana All-State volleyball team.

Ten Years Ago This Week – 2006
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BEECH GROVE'S ASPIRING TEACHERS



Beech Grove High School student cadet teachers attended a Teacher Day Nov. 18 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. They were welcomed by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz and attended workshops on financial aid, community colleges and the path to teacher education. The students are (from left) Kasey Arthur, Emily Holder, Caitlyn Bowser, Allyson Nielsen, Jissel Gomez-Trejo, Madison Patrick, Shelbi Ledgerwood, Paige Voltz and Meghan Sohn.
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DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS



Beech Grove Middle School student ambassadors (from left) Makayia Wood, Cheyenne Boone and Paige LaMar spent part of their Thanksgiving break decorating the school for Christmas.
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TIME FOR CHRISTMAS SWEATERS



South Grove Elementary School staff members (from left) Melissa Keeley, home school advisor; Melody Hamilton, treasurer; Heather Brown (holding facility dog Finley), secretary; and Jina Hackman, assistant principal don their favorite Christmas sweaters in anticipation of Santa's arrival.
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BOOKS AND TOYS FOR THE NEEDY



After collecting hundreds of Christmas toys and books for the needy this Christmas, Roncalli students packed the gifts on a truck destined for Anna's House, which serves underprivileged children. Julie Molloy, director of the house, arrived at the school with an empty truck and left with a full one. Helping to load the presents are (on ground, from left) Max Lundy, Ally Lewis, Maggie Lakin, Grace Lakin, Kara Linder; (inside truck) Eli Mann, Max Linton and Sophie Louthain.
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HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS



Beech Grove High School's chapter of the National Honor Society has been working to complete its community service projects, which include updating the school's halls by adding black and orange stripes to the walls. In addition, a drive for Toys for Tots runs through Friday. Chapter members are (front, from left) Zach Ringham, Sam Elliott, Olivia Malone, Shelby Wright, Claire Adamson, Tia Ramsey, Michele Jennings; Jamin Storey, Conner Carter, Tyler Ramsey, Brent Strahla, Shelbi Ledgerwood and Paige Voltz
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CALL FOR HOLIDAY HOURS

Conservatory's holiday display is a must-see

By B. Scott Mohr
Editor

While Old Man Winter has arrived in a frightful fashion, all things are toasty and cheery at the Garfield Park Conservatory, where the tropical paradise has been transformed into a holiday wonderland with hundreds of brilliant poinsettias and model trains that run through villages and exotic plants.

Known as Conservatory Crossing, the annual show runs through Jan. 1 and is a Christmas tradition not to be missed, agree the park's staff.

As darkness falls, the conservatory is illuminated with thousands of twinkling lights, which create an enchanting holiday atmosphere.

The exhibit may be viewed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays, with extended hours until 8 p.m. Dec. 16, 17, 21, 22 and 23. Admission is \$4 per person or \$10 for families (maximum of two adults). Call 317-327-7184 for more information.



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Christmas comes to life through the colorful Conservatory Crossing exhibit at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

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Little Observations

By Dr. Thomas Little
Superintendent of
Perry Township Schools

As we approach the end of this year, we look forward to the improvements that await our students and staff in 2017.

We are committed to being good stewards of the money that has been entrusted to us by our taxpayers. We vow to make responsible, cost-efficient decisions to create the best possible environment for 21st century learning.

As our enrollment increases we are keenly focused on meeting the needs of our growing student population and planning for the future of the community. It's also important that we keep our stakeholders informed of the improvements along the way and express our appreciation to the contractors who are making it happen.

We are pleased with the progress construction crews are making around the district. They've worked long hours in the heat, rain and cold to keep our projects moving forward. We have tremendous gratitude for their expertise and commitment.

At Winchester Village Elementary a significant portion of renovations will be complete this month. When students return to school after Christmas break, their learning environment will be transformed. They will be met by their teachers in renovated classrooms instead of the portable ones that have been in place for months. At the start of the year seven of those trailers will be removed.

Weather permitting, crews hope to complete renovations at Winchester Village around spring break.

Construction of our kindergarten academies at Burkhart, MacArthur, Rosa Parks and Jeremiah Gray elementary schools is also moving forward at an encouraging pace. Just as the cold weather has started to creep into our area, crews are finishing exterior work.

Once they enclose the roofs and windows and ensure the building is weather-tight, they will begin work on the interior. The academies are well on track for completion to welcome our kindergartners for the 2017-18 school year.

It's been such an honor to see the projects, which were once merely dreams and blueprints, take shape thanks to the support of our devoted community and the hard work of talented contractors. We look forward to seeing our visions come to fruition as we meet the evolving needs of our students and staff and cultivate a positive learning environment that encourages student achievement now and into the future.



Miracle

(Continued from Page 1)

A Christmas delivery last December was made to a 92-year-old woman who sobbed as she unwrapped her present, Smith said. "All she wanted was a pair of house slippers. Hers were so old they were slick on the soles. She had not had a gift in 30 years, since her husband died. She thought no one ever remembered her."

While dedicated staff and volunteers continue to stretch every possible resource to help seniors, Smith continues to hope for that much larger building.

"We take care of thousands of seniors. And I dearly love them all."



SCHOLARLY ATHLETE



Beech Grove senior Chase Andries, son of William and Debra Andries, has been honored as the school's Edward Jones Investments Scholar-Athlete of the Month.

Seen with Edward Jones financial adviser Joy Wallace, Andries completed his third year as the starting quarterback with a career mark of 20-12 and was named to the All-Indiana Crossroad Conference and All-Marion County teams. He is undecided on his college choice as several schools are recruiting him. His 3.5 GPA ranks 27th in a class of 168.

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Saluting Special Education

Rockin' the night away for special needs kids



Anna Molloy, the foundation's namesake.

By B. Scott Mohr
Editor

Anna's Celebration of Life Foundation, a nonprofit agency that provides life-enhancing gifts to children in Indiana with special needs, hosted its annual Rock the Night Celebration! Dec. 3 at The Atrium, and man did disc jockey Brian Morris have the place rockin'.

The evening started with a social and a silent auction before guests treated themselves to a delicious buffet dinner.

The fun really got started with a "horse race." Six contestants, each of whom was paired with a number on a dice, advanced down the "track" when their number showed up on two rolled dice.

Santa Claus was the fan favorite, but Nancy Lorenzano won by a nose.

Foundation Director Brad Haberman said the event would raise nearly \$50,000. "These people are generous. They really care about special needs children."

The foundation's namesake, Anna Molloy, daughter of Pete and Julie Molloy, died July 31, 2008. She was born with the genetic disorder geleophysic dysplasia, but Anna lived her life with a giant and courageous spirit.

She had an amazing sense of humor and kept everyone on their toes. Anna had an impact on everyone

she came in contact with and had a great desire to make sure other kids with special needs were taken care of. Her spirit and her smile continue to be missed.

Disc jockey Brad Morris had The Atrium rockin'.



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY B. SCOTT MOHR

There was a lot of whooping and hollering during the "horse race," which Nancy Lorenzano (third from left) won. The other contestants are (from left) Diane Himes, Santa Claus, Peter Henson, Don Hughett and Peter Molloy, Anna's brother.



Myla Fogle, the 3-year-old daughter of Jessica Goodman and Brian Fogle, burned up the dance floor.



During the awards part of the evening, the youth board of directors for Anna's Celebration of Life Foundation was honored for displaying excellence in advocacy, awareness and fundraising for children with special needs.

The honorees are (from left) Abby Gervasio, Maddie Faust, Margaret McCloskey, Annie Davey, Alex Martinez, Elijah Dougherty and Chad Ransburg.



Tom Bland was recognized for his fundraising efforts. A member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, he annually coordinates a benefit motorcycle ride for the foundation.



Anna's Celebration of Life Foundation Director Brad Haberman, Diane Himes, state auxiliary president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Pete Molloy, foundation board president, were among the nearly 500 people at the benefit.

Roncalli Salutes Our Unified Track & Field Team



Roncalli High School competed in the first ever unified sports event in April of 2016. This unified track meet was more about bringing students together than about who wins. The unified sports event included the Roncalli Life Academy students. The Life Academy is a program for students with cognitive disabilities who are earning a certificate of completion.

Great job Rebels!

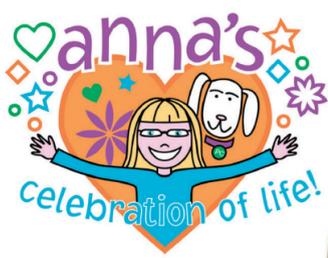


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Saluting Special Education

Special Olympics changes lives

By Sherri Coner
Southsider Voice correspondent

During her high school years at Center Grove, Chelsea Davis never shared with anyone that she wanted to be on the gym floor with the other girls, playing volleyball.

Instead, Davis pretended that she was content with being the team manager.

Her fear of rejection was just too strong.

"I didn't know if people would accept me," she said. "When some people see that you have a disability, they don't understand you. They might say, 'We don't want you on our team.'"

Soon after graduating, Davis, now 28, discovered Special Olympics.

Her time on the sidelines abruptly ended.

"I always wanted to do sports," she said. "But I didn't know how other people would be."

Because Special Olympics provides year-round training and competitive opportunities in more than 20 sports, Davis has spent some of the last nine years dabbling in several athletic possibilities. Then she made decisions about which sports she enjoyed most.

For example, she tried basketball. "But that wasn't my sport."

Davis has gained some great friendships and made some wonderful memories while participating in swimming, volleyball, bowling and softball.

In addition to the sports, she is also involved with another segment of Special Olympics, the Athletic Leadership Program, in which athletes learn more about leadership and develop coaching skills.

"For the last four years I've been playing sports but I'm also teaching and tutoring other people," Davis said proudly.

Focusing on the positive has helped her to secure employment in a restaurant, and she volunteers at Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health.

Available to more than 5 million children and adults with mental disabilities, chapters of Special Olympics can be found in more than 165 other countries.

Such a busy calendar says a lot about how Davis now views herself. She more readily identifies her many skills and abilities.

Much like Davis, Travis Coy sadly sat on the sidelines of life for many years.

When his family encour-



Davis was chosen as the 2016 Special Olympics Johnson County Athlete of the Year.

aged him to get involved in Special Olympics, he immediately began to bloom.

"Travis just loves to play sports," said his mom, Linda Coy of Franklin. "I am really proud of my son."

Because he can participate year-round in lots of different activities, Travis happily practices and competes in basketball, baseball, bowling and even cornhole tournaments.

"His dad and I are always on the sidelines, cheering him on," Coy said with a laugh. "And Travis has won a lot of medals too. He has at least 10 in all kinds of different sports."

Learning about the basics and rules involved with different sports has been good for Travis, Coy said. But he has also learned about good sportsmanship, how to get along with teammates and how to listen and follow instructions.

"He has grown up so much," Coy said. "It has all been so good for him."

Four years ago, Travis, 27, made a mature decision. He announced



Travis Coy enjoys playing cornhole.

to his parents that he was ready to move out of the family home.

"He decided all on his own that that was what he wanted," Coy said. "So now Travis lives in a group home in Greenfield. Since he moved there, that boy is never home. He is involved with all kinds of different things."

Like Davis, Travis Coy is employed. Also like Davis, his social calendar is busy.

Participating in Special Olympics at any age helps to erase those negative feelings of being excluded, fearful or awkward, Coy said.

When the environment is filled with celebration and joy, accomplishment and acceptance, great things tend to happen for all the athletes, just like they happened for her son, who has Down Syndrome.

"Special Olympics changes lives," Davis said. "It makes me feel good about myself."



Coy shows off his ribbon after finishing fourth in the state bowling tournament.



Chelsea Davis loves to play softball.

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The scoop on Marian and UIndy hoops



By Fred Shonk
Southsider Voice correspondent

The men's basketball team from Marian University snapped its five-game losing streak Dec. 7 when defeating Anderson 83-81.

The Knights (8-6, 0-4 Crossroads Conference) were led by Andrew Jordan with 22 points and Perry Meridian graduate Curtis Green, who scored 16 points.

Marian will play in the Keiser Classic in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Dec. 20 and 21 before visiting Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Dec. 28.

The lady Knights (11-2, 3-1) split a pair of games last week, losing to Indiana Wesleyan 56-39 at home Dec. 7 and defeating IU Northwest 65-60 on the road Saturday. The team's Roncalli grads, Kellie Kirkhoff and Rachel Titzer, scored eight and three points, respectively, in the second game.

The women will also compete in the Keiser Classic (Dec. 16 and 17) before returning home to meet Georgetown (Kentucky) at 6 p.m. Dec. 22.

UIndy's men's team defeated Olivet Nazarene (Illinois) 85-62 at home Saturday behind five players scoring in double figures, including Roncalli graduate Jimmy King, who chipped in 11 points.

The Greyhounds will travel to Florida to play Nova Southeastern Dec. 16 in Fort Lauderdale and Barry Dec. 19 in Miami Shores.

The lady 'Hounds (6-3, 1-1) defeated Cedarville (Ohio) 58-39 on the road Saturday behind 14 points from Sydney Brackemyer and 12 from Devin Ferguson.

Upcoming home games: IU Kokomo, 7 p.m. Dec. 15; Hillsdale (Michigan), 6 p.m. Dec. 29; and Northwood (Michigan), 2 p.m. Dec. 31.

By Al Stilley
Senior staff writer

Manual discovered again that defense wins basketball games.

The Redskins switched their defense in the second half and forced 12 Beech Grove turnovers for a come-from-behind 73-67 win Saturday at The Hive.

Beech Grove built a 32-20 lead in the second quarter with crisp passing and sharp shooting but Manual went on a 11-2 run to cut the lead to three points by halftime.

"We were scouted so we went with a different (zone) defense than they expected in the first half," Manual coach Don Bowling said. "We went with our 1-3-1 zone in the second half and it worked for us. That's what teams expect us to use, so it was not a real surprise. I thought it was something we needed."

Manual forced eight turnovers and took a 43-41 lead on T.J. Waldon's layup, but it was tied at 45 at the end of the third quarter. Courvoisier McCauley's 3-pointer gave the Redskins a 48-47 lead that they never relinquished.

Ironically, Manual (3-1) missed its first seven three throws in the first half but hit 5-of-6 in the final 35 seconds after Beech Grove (2-2) had closed to 68-67 on Kenny Washington's 5-foot shot.

McCauley, a 6-5 senior, led Manual with a game-high 25 points and seven rebounds and got plenty of help from 6-7 sophomore Jalen Johnson, 17 points and 13 rebounds; 6-6 senior Cameron Sembly, 16 points, and 6-5 senior Waldon, 10.

McCauley scored the final five points of the second quarter and added 11 points in the fourth quarter.

"The team feeds off McCauley," Bowling said. "When he gets going on offense, the defense seems to pick up more."

McCauley came into the game with a 34-point average after pumping in 40 points Friday in defeating Indianapolis Home School 89-73.

The Hornets were led by 6-2 junior Jalyn Curry's 18 points off the bench. Junior Dylan Allen added 16 points, 6-1 Kenny Washington 14 and Montrez Hearon 10.

"We knew this would be a hard game because they are so good of-



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY BRETT HICKMAN
Lutheran's Brandon Perry goes up for a layup while Greenwood Christian Academy's Camden Peters views the action from the floor. Perry scored 17 points in the Saints' 60-49 victory.

fensively and so explosively athletically," Beech Grove coach Matt English said. "We had that one stretch late in the first half when we got loose with the ball. We had our chances in the second half but their length and athleticism caused us to turn the ball over too many times."

The Hornets committed 20 turnovers while Manual had 12 miscues. Manual outrebounded Beech Grove 32-24. Both teams hit close to .500 from the field - Beech Grove 25-of-52 and Manual 27-of-55.

In other action, Lutheran downed Greenwood Christian Academy 60-49 after outscoring the visiting Cougars 37-20 in the second half. Tyler Johnson, 22 points, and Brandon Perry, 17, led the Saints.

Lafayette Central Catholic handed visiting Roncalli its first loss in four games 58-56 Friday, and winless Southport fell to South Bend Riley 61-51 in the Forum Tipoff Classic.

Upcoming games, 7:30 p.m., unless noted: Friday: Center Grove at Whiteland, Brebeuf at Roncalli, Perry Meridian at Franklin Central, Southwestern at Lutheran at 8 p.m., Northwest at Manual at 8 p.m.; Saturday: Avon at Center Grove, Speedway at Greenwood, Tuesday: Beech Grove at Greenwood.



GCA's Payton Modlin (right), who scored 11 points, looks for an open player. Lutheran's Tyler Johnson scored a game-high 22 points.

Lady Rebels reach Marion County finals

Roncalli reached the finals of the Marion County girls basketball tournament for the third straight season, but the defending champion Rebels fell to No. 2 North Central 70-50 Saturday at Pike.

The Rebels, without injured starters Katelyn McClary and Paige Saylor, fell behind 20-5 in the first quarter. Roncalli's Ellie Bischoff scored a game-high 24 points.

Roncalli reached the title game by defeating Southport 46-36, Decatur Central 56-28 and No. 8 Ben Davis 49-44. The Rebels led Ben Davis 47-30 on their way to a third straight win. Saylor scored 18 points but left the game with an injured ankle.

Alana Vinson, a 5-10 freshman, scored 20 points against Southport and 22 points at Decatur Central.

Beech Grove, Franklin Central, Southport and Lutheran dropped first-round games; Perry Meridian was defeated by Warren Central 48-43 in the second round.

Upcoming games, 7:30 p.m., unless noted: Thursday: Ben Davis at Southport; Friday: Greenwood at Franklin, Brebeuf at Roncalli, 6 p.m.; Saturday: Beech Grove at Park Tudor at 12:30 p.m., Southport at Franklin Central, Southwestern at Lutheran at 6 p.m., Northwest at Manual, 6 p.m.; Monday: Manual vs. Providence Cristo Rey at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, 1 p.m.; Tuesday-Danville at Beech Grove, Tech at Southport.

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Bryan Gezan (from left), Ken Johnson and Punam Hills are staff members at Body One Physical Therapy.

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Free Admission to Franklin Basketball Games

The Franklin College men's and women's basketball teams are offering free admission to their home games during Christmas break. Times and dates for the men's games are: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19, Wabash; 7 p.m. Dec. 29, Cornell; and 3 p.m. Dec. 31, Thomas More. The women's only home contest during the break is at 3 p.m. Dec. 28 against Trine.

Youth Basketball League

Registration is underway for Baxter YMCAs youth basketball leagues, which begin Jan. 14 and run through March 11. Practices will take place one evening each week, with games on Saturdays. Prices vary because the Y offers a sliding fee scale based on household income. There are no tryouts, and no one gets cut. Everyone is assigned to a team, and all players have the opportunity for equal playing time in games and practice. Info: email achitwood@indymca.org.

Christmas Service for the Despondent

St. John's United Church of Christ, corner of U.S. 31 and Southport Road, will hold its annual "blue" Christmas service at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. The worship is designed for those who find it difficult to be in the Yuletide spirit because of an illness, unemployment, grief or loneliness. The service provides a spiritual vehicle to recognize one's sadness, which is a rare opportunity in a season when joy seems almost socially mandated.

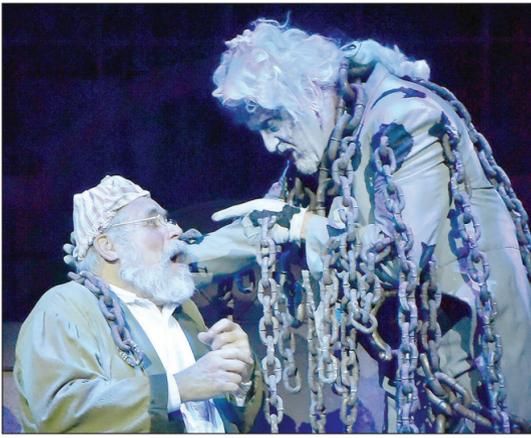
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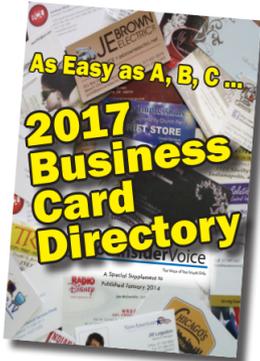


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Several Penske Racing cars were on display at the PRI Trade Show to commemorate the organization's 50th anniversary: (from foreground) Indianapolis 500 winning cars from 1981 driven by Bobby Unser, 1994 driven by Al Unser Jr. and 2001 driven by Helio Castroneves, plus the 2012 Brickyard winning No. 22 Dodge driven by Brad Keselowski and the 2015 Daytona 500 winning Ford driven by Joey Logano.



The stylish IMSA Prototype Challenge sports car of JDC Motorsports with V-8 power was on display with an array of NASCAR-sanctioned series race cars.

Stewart misses winning the Indy 500 the most

By Al Stille
Senior staff writer

The Indianapolis 500 tops Tony Stewart's short list of races that he never won.

Retired from major league stock car and open wheel racing, Stewart was asked recently if there were any races missing from his winning resume.

"I would be lying if I said I wasn't disappointed that I didn't win a Daytona 500, a Southern 500 and most of all an Indy 500," Stewart said before his final Sprint Cup race last month in Florida.

"In a perfect world I would have loved to be able to cross those three off the list. But at the same time I look at the big picture and it was pretty cool to just have the opportunity to go to those races."

He emphasized that winning his first Brickyard 400 in 2005 is at the top of his list of all races that he won. No. 2 is his duel against Carl Edwards in 2011 at Homestead-Miami Speedway for the NASCAR crown.

"I've enjoyed everything I've done and the road that I've taken," said Stewart of his path from midget cars and sprint cars to IndyCar and NASCAR competition.

It was a historic path that resulted in 49 Sprint Cup, 11 Xfinity, two NASCAR truck and three IndyCar wins. He raced in five Indianapolis 500s, starting on the pole as a rookie in 1996 and posting his best finish, fifth, in 1997.

In his retirement from Sprint Cup racing, the Hoosier native figures he will have even more of a motor sports industry impact than ever before.

He was on hand at the recent PRI (Performance Racing Industry) Motorsports Trade Show at the Indiana Convention Center with representatives of Chevrolet Performance as he talked about the high performance of the 2017 Camaro LT V6-1LE with a first-time track package. He later took part with a panel of drivers and discussed safety in sprint and midget car racing.

Stewart will have plenty to do in his retirement. He is co-team owner of Stewart-Haas Racing in NASCAR, owner of Eldora Speedway and a championship World of Outlaws winged sprint car team and founder of the Tony Stewart Foundation.

Notables
• NASCAR driver Kyle Larson talked about hopefully racing in the Indianapolis 500 and attempting The Double (the 500 and NASCAR Coca-Cola 600 on the same day) during a question-and-answer session with new IndyCar public relations guru Curt Cavin. Larson said those hopes are all in the hands of his NASCAR owner, Chip Ganassi, who owns a multiple-car IndyCar team.

• Greenwood native Jonathan Byrd II was an interested visitor. Byrd, son of the late Jonathan Byrd, is the president of the Indianapolis Speedrome, which is under the new ownership of Advance Auto Sales owner Kevin Garrigus. The Byrd and Garrigus families have a longtime history at the one-fifth mile oval, known nationally for its high-horsepower figure-8 competition. Garrigus announced a three-year agreement with Hoosier Tire as the track's competition tire.

• Many legendary and active racing champions met with attendees, including Indy 500 winners Rick Mears and Bobby Unser, Jeff Gordon, Graham Rahal and NHRA's Erica Enders-Stevens and Jeg Coughlin Jr.
• The World of Outlaws sprint car and late model series will conduct random drug tests on its drivers and suspend those using.



Two-time NHRA Pro Stock champion Erica Enders-Stevens signed autographs. She and teammate Jeg Coughlin Jr. are switching to Chevrolets for the 2017 season.



NASCAR veteran Kyle Larson was among several drivers on hand to chat with attendees at the show.

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Monday's 6 pm - ?
FRIED GREEN TOMATOES

SUNDAY NIGHT 6 pm - ?
Open Mic / Jam Session with **Ralph Mullins & Eric Ferris**

Watch Colts here.
Buckets 5/\$10
Domestic beer

KARAOKE with Krazy Kriss
Tuesday's 7 pm - ?
50¢ or 75¢ deluxe

Wednesday Hump Day
"CABD" Cheap Ass Beer Day
Domestic Longnecks \$1.50
Chicken Wings 3/\$1 after 5 pm
U-call the flavor - YUMMY!

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'15 Ford F-150 Platinum
4-door, loaded & lifted beautiful beast! Great T14931A - \$46,988

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'15 Chrysler 200 Limited
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