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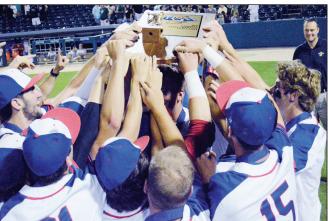
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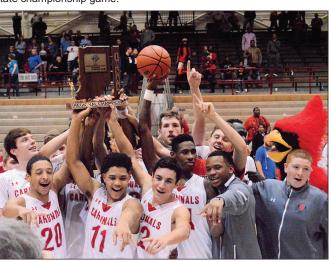
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Have a Happy New Year! TOP PHOTOS of 2016

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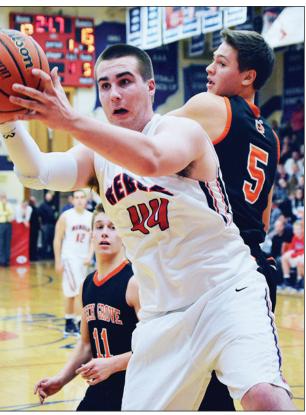
Roncalli's baseball team celebrates its victory over Zionsville in the



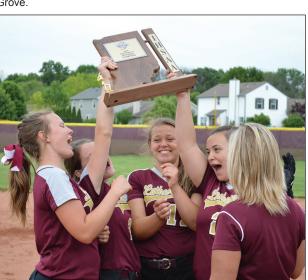
Southport basketball players celebrate a regional championship.



The Beech Grove Student Leadership Team performs at its inaugural dance marathon, which raised more than \$9,000 for Riley Hospital



Collin Sonderman grabs a rebound for Roncalli against Beech



Lutheran softball players (from left) Bailey Snow, Flise Somke, Blakelee Steeb and Kimmie Kuehr raise their sectional trophy after routing Bethesda Christian 15-1 in the title game.



Southport Mayor Russell McClure dons a blindfold to play beep baseball on May 21



Eric Holcomb celebrates with supporters after winning the gubernatorial

Light at the end of the tunnel



SUBMITTED PHOTOS Each Dec. 20, the family of the late Michael Coffman honors him at his gravesite at a Franklin cemetery.

Southsider Voice correspondent On Dec. 20, 2008, Etheleen Coffman's husband, Mi-

chael, was taken to surgery. While waiting for her spouse of 35 years to go to recovery, the usual five-days-before-Christmas concerns floated around in her head. Things like whether the gifts were all wrapped and the grocery list was finished.

When she expected to hear that her husband would soon be moved to a room, doctors gently broke the news that Mike developed a blood clot and died in the operating

In shock, Coffman went home to the gifts, the tree and the grocery list she no longer found necessary. How could she ever again face a holiday dinner without looking up to smile at her husband, seated at the head of the table?

Quickly, this soft-spoken woman began to learn that sometimes, loneliness can be exhausting. Without her husband and the life she loved so much, Coffman had no idea how to look ahead to the future.

"I would try to go out alone to eat," she said. "But I would just sit there and bawl my eyes out. I just couldn't Though she struggled, Coffman mustered as much

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Though Etheleen Coffman of Greenwood believed she would likely spend the rest of her life alone, in 2015 she married Bill

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Kelly's Korner

By Kelly Sawyers, publisher kelly.sawyers@southsidervoice.com

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT NATIVITY



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Nativity Grade School's choirs and bands recently presented their annual Christmas concert, which featured performances from fifthgraders (from left) Eli Aldrich, Kiefer Lawry and Jackson Maples, who sang "Peace on Éarth."

The concert also featured fifth-graders re-enacting the Christmas Story (below). Biblical characters were represented by Rosie Duncan, Noah Pitcher, Emmerson Oskay, Addison Humphrey, Nathan Miller, Vincent Shives, Ella Mayer, Gabe Tankersley, Levi Wisler and Conner Fitzgerald.

The show's finale (bottom) featured all the choirs singing and signing "Silent Night."





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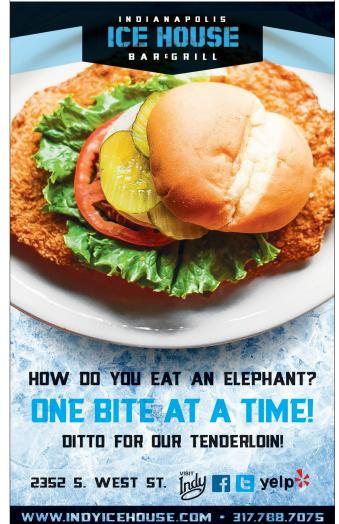
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JACOB DANIEL CAMPBELL, 20, son, Hunter Ryan Campbell; parents, Anthony J. Campbell and Amy M. Davis; grandparents, Edie Davis, Tim Campbell and Pat Keglovits; great-grandparents, Margaret and Norman Dale.

KEVIN P. CARTER, 55, children, Paul Carter, Michelle Kueffer; siblings, Steve, John, Brian and Mark Carter, Debbie Perkins, Barb Axum and Lisa Garber; two grandchildren.

Ernest Robert "Ernie" Clair, 71, children, Darlene Beers, Rob and Eric Clair; stepsons, Danny and Chris Hawkins; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; special friend, Dee Terry.

FAWN COLLINS, 93, widow of Robert L. Collins; daughter, Marilyn Sutton; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM "RALPH" DUKE, 90, widower of Dorothy Duke; children, Kenneth and David Duke; daughter, Brenda Fidler; brother, Wilford Duke; seven grandchildren: 19 great-grandchildren: eight-great-great grandchildren

WILLIAM CHARLES FLETCH-ER, 77, wife, Nancy Fletcher; children. William Jeff Fletcher. Carla Kizzee, Jane Whitecotten; sister, Verna Blakley; eight grandchildren; seven greatgrandchildren

CLARA MAASS GAINES. 98, widow of Delmar H. Gaines; sister. Lora.

MARGARET M. GRIGGS, 84, widow of Edgar Griggs Sr.; children, Jeffrey Griggs, Donna Keiser; siblings, Tylene Clark, Pete McMahan; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

CHRIS A. HAMILTON, 51, wife, Jennifer Murray; children, Tyler and Heavenly Workman; mother, Suella Hamilton; brothers, Terry, Jerry and Gary Austin; four grandchildren.

YANCE "DAVE" HALCOMB, 86, wife, Shirley Mae Adams; children. Clint A. Halcomb, Rebecca L. Stone. David Y. Halcomb. Kathy R. Whitney; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

RALPH MICHAEL HALTOM, 68, sons, Ray M. and Michael Haltom; three grandchildren.

DONALD A. HOLLCROFT, 93, widower of Joy Fugett; daughter, Anne Logston.

DARRELL LEE LAKES, 59.

HOWARD R. "BOB" LYONS, 86, wife, Marie Lyons; children, Bo, Mitzi and Mitchell Lyons, Kelly Schoettle; brother, George Lyons; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

LENORA N. MCCULLOUGH, 95, widow of William McCullough; daughter, Judi Kord; two grandchildren: three great-grandchil-

WILLIAM "BILL" ROBERT MC-MILLAN, 84, wife, Mary Louise; sisters, Kathryn Smith, Margaret Olson, Dorothy Vaughn; special caregiver, Shonda Walker.

TERESA A. PLEASANTS, 67, son Anton Reed; brothers, Larry and Michael Pleasants; one grandson.

ROSEMARY "KIT" KENNEDY PYRITZ, 93, widow of Stan Pyritz; children, Dennis, Mark, Garry and Barbarann; six granchildren; six great-grandchildren.

WAYNE E. RADER, 88, widower of Betty Rader; children, Rick, Steve, Tony and Karin Gorski; nine grandchildren; greatand great-great-granchildren.

JOSEPHINE "JOIE" IRENE SHOWECKER, 70.

JAMES EDWIN "THE SHER-MANATOR" SHERMAN, 80, daughter, Felicia S. Sherman; one granddaughter.

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MARY ETHEL LIOSI STAHL, 76, husband, James M. Stahl Jr.; children, Suzanne Hunter, James M. III, Anthony L. and Samuel J. Stahl; sisters, Bonnie Stevens, Patsy Lee; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

NICOLE STEWART, 46. children, Noelle, Toby and Tyler Pickler, Olivia; mother, Nadine Culver; father, James Stewart; siblings, Bre Brown, Jefferson Stewart, Jamie Hopper, Mallory

MICHAEL W. TEX, 80, wife, Shirley Beyl; siblings, Mary, Ronald and Thomas Tex.

EVELYN LOUISE THOMAS, 83, children, Sherry Cantrell, Garry, Barry and Jerry Fleck; four grandchildren; seven greatgrandchildren.

VIRGINIA L. YOUNG, 92.

THE REV. JEREMY "JERRY" DUANE SHUMAKER

The Rev. Jeremy "Jerry" Duane Shumaker, 55, was born April 4, 1961, in Beech Grove, Ind., to Evangelist Nellie Coy Schumaker and Bishop Basil Lee Shumaker Sr., who preceded

Jerry graduated from Beech Grove High School and answered Jesus' call to heaven on Nov. 13, 2016, at the University of Tennessee Hospital in Knoxville, Tenn.

Moriah Apostolic Church held a going home celebration Nov. 19 with burial at Round Hill Cemetery following. Jerry was a veteran of the Indiana National Guard.

He is survived by his children, Pamela Jean of Iowa, Katrina Ruth (Derick) Pickrell and Colleen (Shad) Smith of Indianapolis, Janine Wilcox of Florida and Robert Harlow of Indianapolis; siblings, Penny (Allen) Shumaker Crisp of Indianapolis, Lisa (Tim) Keough of Bloomington, Regina Shumaker of Brazil, Ind., Evangelist Mark (Carol) Osborne and Lee (Kim) Shumaker (Kim) of Indianapolis and David Shumaker of

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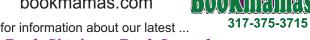
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> Mom, Jim, Bradley, Dakota, Hunter, Margaret and Dad

Former state Sen. Borst dies

Retired Southside legislator and veterinarian Larry W. Borst, 89, died

Borst represented southern Marion County and northern Johnson County in the General Assembly. He was elected to the House in 1966, served one term, and was elected to serve in the Senate from 1968 to 2004, where he was chairman of the Finance Com-

mittee, through which all budget and

tax legislation had to pass. "He was a voice of the Southside of Indianapolis, Greenwood and the entire state of Indiana in the Senate, Indiana Republican Party Chairman

Jeff Cardwell said in a statement. Longtime House Speaker Brian



Larry W. Borst

Bosma praised Borst for his "passion for fiscal integrity." Borst steered a revolutionary property tax relief program under Gov.

Otis Bowen through the legislature in 1973 and led further revisions in 2002. He had a knack of explaining complicated state tax and budget issues in layman's terms to reporters and the public

He played a major role in developing Unigov, the merger that combined city and county governments in Indianapolis. He also found ways to bring in new revenue to Indiana through horse racing, and pari-mutuel betting and the Hoosier Lottery.

He guided the A+ education plan of Orr, distributed tobacco settle-

ment funds for state health programs and renamed Indiana Central College to the University of Indianapolis.

Borst, who earned a doctorate of veterinary medicine from Ohio State University, was a veterinarian and owned the Shelby Street Animal Clinic. He was an avid fan of high school and professional sports and motor racing. He and his wife, Eldoris, have three children, veterinarian Phil Borst, who served on the City-County Council, Elizabeth Murphy and Dave Borst.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today with a memorial service Thursday at 11 a.m., each at Singleton Community and Memorial Center, 7602

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mary W. and Larry W. Borst Sr. Classroom Teacher Restricted Fund, c/o Perry Twp. Education Foundation, 6548 Orinoco Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that \dot{X} equals O, it will equal O throughout

the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error

Clue: Z equals P

DBIJHWB KFB KTU UGQ ZMBIBW UE

DSBJQ TBSB ESMBVQW, ZBUZGB FJQ

DBNHV IJGGMVN KFBY WKJGBYJKBW.

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My dreams dive-bomb in the ditch because I am so unrealistic. For example, I once made a resolution to stop biting my fingernails. For heaven's sake, I was chewing off my thumbnail while

writing that dumb goal on a sticky note.

weight

Another year I insisted that I wanted to run a marathon. Um, I

Excuse me but I don't even power walk.

My resolution frenzy also centered on trying to be someone other than who I am

For years I envied the tall string-bean type of woman. You know that female, right? She wears yoga pants to actually go jogging instead of grocery shopping. Her stark-white tennis shoes are cute. Her shiny hair is pulled back in a bouncy pony tail. She says things like, "I forgot to buy more hummus!"

decor and fashion. She smells like orchids, calls everyone darling and

I hate shoes, especially tennis shoes. I hate pants too, any kind. Ponytails give me a headache. And as long as Twinkies are in the world, you won't see this chick choosing hummus and crackers.

I fail just as miserably with my attempts to be more like that sec-

I am far more like a bird perching for awhile than a tree taking root. So I don't need to decorate. I like to move too much. Also, I loathe shopping and trendy stuff makes me gag. Fashion isn't worthy of my time, especially since I just admitted that I hate shoes and

For some reason I give my close friends nicknames, so if I call everybody darling, get me to a brain surgeon as fast as you can. That is your clue that I have suffered a stroke.

And the goal about cleaning up my vocabulary? Well I can't even

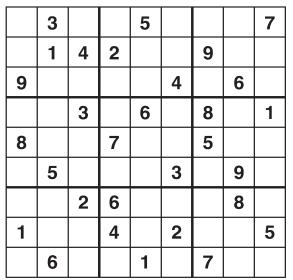
If I had to stop cussing, my head would pop off.

No resolutions for me this year except to continue every day to be inappropriate and unpredictable while trying not to pee my pants

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.

Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



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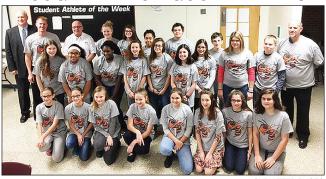
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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RECOGNIZED FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR



Beech Grove Middle School held its semiannual Smart Start Breakfast Dec. 7 to honor students who best exemplify the school's core values. Each student received a certificate, a place mat adorned with adjectives describing the students and a T-shirt emblazoned with "I am



Arts & Entertainment



Since New Year's Eve is just a few days away, I confess that I have never stuck by one single resolution. Sometimes I break the dumb things within the first 15 minutes of the new year.

Yes I still have nubs. I have devoured my fingernails since I was a

For nearly 25 years I told myself that I would drop my baby

My kid is taller than me and much smarter than me too. He even has a beard! I have finally taken that resolution off the table.

don't even run when I have to pee really bad. My lazy attitude is, "Well if you don't make it in time, that's why

you have a washer and a mop.'

Why in the world did I believe that I could do anything at a marathon except maybe wave at people as they ran past where I stood in the shade, watching them sweat?

The second type of woman I always admired is crazy about home

Now that I am older and smarter, I let go of being different than

ond type of woman.

say that resolution with a straight face.

But then again, that's why I have a washer and a mop.

HOROSCOPI

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A hectic period begins to wind down. Take time to draw some deep breaths and relax before getting into your next project. A long-absent family member

makes contact. You're eager to move forward with a new challenge that suddenly dropped in your lap. But you'd be wise to take this one step at a time to allow new developments

to come through.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You're almost ready to make a commitment. A lingering doubt or two, however, should be resolved before you move ahead. An associate could provide important

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still the watchword as you move closer toward a decision about a new situation. If you act too fast, you might miss some vital warning signs. Go slowly and

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your new goal looks promising, and your golden touch does much to enhance its prospects for success. In your private life, Cupid does his best to make your new

relationship special. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That impatient side of yours is looking to goad you into moving before you're ready to take that big step. Stay calm and cool. Let things fall into place

before you act. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A legal matter you hoped could finally be settled could be a pesky problem for a while, until all the parties agree to stop disagreeing with each other.

Be patient. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Partnerships personal or professional -- which began before the new year take on new importance. They also reveal some previously hidden

risks. So be warned. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your associates are firmly on your side, and that persistent problem that has caused you to delay some activities should soon be resolved to your satisfaction.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Favorable changes continue to dominate, and you should be responding positively as they emerge. Someone wants to become more involved in what

CryptoQuip answer

Because the two old pieces of bread were friends, people had

begun calling them stalemates.

Thought for the Day: "My advice to you is to get married. If you find a good wife, you'll be happy; if not, you'll

become a philosopher. Socrates

you're doing.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A friend wants to share a secret that could answer some questions you've wondered about for a long time. Meanwhile travel aspects continue to be

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Stay on your new course despite so-called well-meaning efforts to discourage you. Rely on your deep sense of self-awareness to guide you to do what's

right for you.
BORN THIS WEEK: You have the capacity to meet challenges that others might find overwhelming, and turn them into successful

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– **King** Crossword *-***Answers**

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Simply Reminiscing By B. Scott Mohr A retrospective glance at the Southside From The Spotlight archives urtesy of Perry Township/Southport Historical Society

NO PAPERS PUBLISHED THIS WEEK.

Work of award-winning artist goes on display in January

The drawings and oil paintings of awarding-winning artist Charlene Brown will be displayed Jan. 4-31 at the Southside Art League. Brown, who teaches drawing

and painting to youths and adults out of her home studio in Carmel says her love of visual arts was nurtured by her grandmother, who was an artist and a teacher. "Drawing is my anchor. It's

my meditation and prayer. It's a calm sea in the turbulent storm of creative process," said Brown, who added that her sensitive portrayals of people and nature combine elements of realism. impressionism and abstraction.



This portrait by Charlene Brown in charcoal and graphite is titled "Windblown.

She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Earlham College and launched her career as an artist in May 2012. Her work can be seen at the Hoosier Salon Gallery, the Brown County Art Gallery and at www.charlenembrown.com.

An open house in Brown's honor will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, at the league, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood, which is open from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and by appointment (call 317-882-5562).

New Year's Eve celebrations abound

Downtown Indianapolis will be among the hot places to be New Year's Eve, and the gala on Georgia Street is free.

The celebration gets underway at 8 p.m. with 87 Southbound performing. Taking the stage at 9:15 p.m. will be Standout Story, with the headlining band, the electronic dance group the Jump Smokers, performing at 10:30.

The event also features a countdown to midnight inside Bankers Life Fieldhouse. At 11:59 a.m. an IndyCar hoisted above the outside crowd will descend, with fireworks at midnight.

For the younger crowd, The Children's Museum of Indianapolis will host a countdown to noon. The cost ranges from \$18.50 to \$22.50 and includes activities, party favors and music from Grammy-New Year's Eve will be celebrated from 6-9 p.m. at the Indiana

State Museum, where the entertainment includes jugglers, face painting, rides on a miniature train and a balloon drop. Reservations are recommended and can be arranged by calling 317-232-1637. Other celebrations will be held at The Athenaeum Theatre, The

Rathskeller, the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis, Union Station, Regions Bank Tower, The Pavilion at Pan Am, Howl at the Moon and the Hard Rock Cafe. More information on all of these events can be found at www.downtownindy.org/event-collection/52/new-years-eve/.

PROMISING ARTIST

Jackson Hawk a kindergartner in Lyndsey Osborne's class at Hornet Park Elementary, displays how he colored Rudolph the Red-

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Roncalli seniors Katie Scott and Parker Williams (below, second from right) have been awarded Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships, which provide full tuition and up to \$900 per year for books for four years of undergraduate study at any Indiana college

Scott, undecided on where he will attend, is seen with her parents, Kenneth and Nicole Scott, and her grandparents, Nancy and Bobby

Williams, who plans to study biology at Marian, is seen with (from left) Central Indiana Community Foundation representatives Garrett Odden, Pamela Ross and Ben Snyder and his mother, Roncalli religious studies teacher Laura Williams



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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Member of Beech Grove's FFA, an organization that promotes farm education and leadership, participated in the Area 6 forestry and entomology contest Nov. 30 at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. Competing individually and in teams of four, students identified insects and leaves and completed written exams. The group also competed in the state meet.

The competitors included (from left) Allison Merritt, Daniel Newton, Isabella Foster and Ashlynn Morelock; (below) Lillian Ferguson, Megan Brown, Shelby Hill and Julia Reel. Not pictured: Bella Foster, Karina Almazan, Faith Wolfe, Joe Petree, Collin Eckstein, Andy Galvez, Alexa Peak, Randi Rider, Jade Pender, Tobias Kinder and Zack Nichols

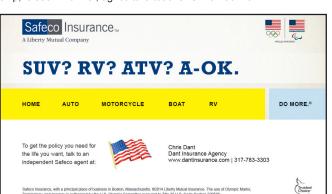


SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Beech Grove senior Abby Strahla has received a Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, which will pay for four years of tuition and books at Purdue, where she plans to study agriculture.

Strahla, one of nine Marion County students to receive the scholarship, is seen with her, agriculture teacher Chris Kaufman.

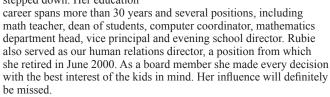


Little Observations

By Dr. Thomas Little Superintendent of Perry Township Schools

As we usher in the new year we also usher in transition. This month the Perry Township Board of Education said goodbye to two beloved board members who have fiercely advocated for our students. In January we will welcome two new additions.

After 16 years of serving on the board, Rubie Alexander has stepped down. Her education



Gwen Freeman has called Perry Township home for 50 years and served on our board for eight. She is a proud graduate of Southport High School and has volunteered on her class reunion committees for more than 20 years. Gwen attended Butler and is retired from Rolls-Royce. She has several years of community service in Perry Township, including secretary of the South Madison Neighborhood Association and president of the Country Estates Condo Owners Association. We value each of Gwen's contributions to our community.

Next month we will excitedly welcome Emily Hartman and Steven Johnson to the board. Emily is a product of Perry Township Schools, having attended Burkhart Elementary, Perry Meridian Middle School and Perry Meridian High, where she graduated in 1996. After earning a bachelor's degree in consumer affairs from Purdue in 1999, she and her husband, Joe – also a Perry grad – returned to the Southside to raise their family.

Emily is involved in our schools. Two of her children attend Burkhart; the other two attend Perry Meridian Middle. Over the years she's served as president, treasurer and vice president of Burkhart's Parent-Teacher Association. Emily is the administrative coordinator for Community Hospital South's surgical services.

Steven has been a fixture in our community for several decades. For 30 years he taught social studies at Perry Meridian High. He has coached football and track and field. Before his career in education, Steven served in the U.S. Coast Guard and attended Eastern Kentucky, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history and education. Steven's two children are graduates of Perry Meridian High, and his wife, Lynne, is a teacher at Glenns Valley Elementary.

Though Rubie and Gwen will be missed, we wish them limitless joy and happiness in the next chapter of their lives. As we welcome Emily and Steven as our newest board members, we enthusiastically look forward to collaborating to help our students and staff succeed.







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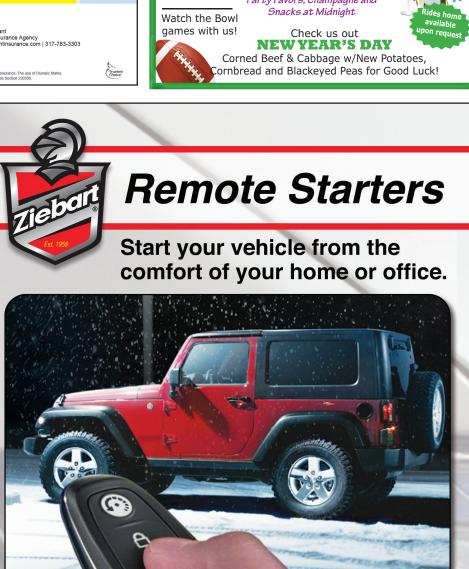


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Aniya Burhannon, a fourth-grader at South Grove Intermediate, gives Findley, the school's therapy dog, a little loving

AWARD RECIPIENT



Indiana Republican State Chairman Jeff Cardwell has presented the State Chairman's Award to Cindy Mowery in recognition of three decades of outstanding service to the GOP and to citizens of central

Mowery, who has served as a board member of the Marion County Board of Voters Registration since 1987, received the award Dec. 16 at the Indiana Republican Headquarters. She has worked on various campaigns and Republican initiatives over the past 30 years.

"Cindy Mowery represents the best of those who serve our party and our community," Cardwell said. "She has been a true servant for the people, providing exceptional leadership to the party and an unwavering commitment to championing Republican principles and

Supporting innovative learning projects

To the editor:

As president of the Perry Township Education Foundation, I want to thank everyone who has supported our organization. Providing your time, talent and treasures in various capacities has made the foundation stronger and more effective, and we deeply appreciate that.

Since 1994 the foundation has supported Perry Township Schools through the solicitation of donations. That support includes providing more than \$1.2 million in teacher grants to fund innovative and creative educational ideas in the classroom.

As with any agency, there have been peaks and valleys in our ongoing success. However, over the past two years the foundation has made major strides in setting the stage for expanding future successes that will benefit our students.

We feel positive about what we can accomplish in 2017 for the benefit our students.

As you finalize your financial plans for 2016, we hope that you keep the foundation in mind. We provide a wonderful way of impacting the education of our students, and as you know, there is no better investment we can make than supporting the development of our country's future leaders.

We thank you for all you have done for the foundation in the past, and we hope we can work together in the future to make Perry Township education the best that it can be

Chuck Stumpf

Do vou have a letter to the editor? Email it to Scott.Mohr@ southsidervoice.com or drop it off at 6025 Madison Ave., Suite B. **Deadline for** submission is Monday, 5 p.m.

Moving forward (Continued from Page 1)

strength as she could, forced herself to drive from her Greenwood home to the florist she owned in Franklin and get busy with trying to create a new routine.

Daily she tried to find a new sense of normalcy in her empty home.

On the first anniversary of Mike's death, family members gathered at his grave site with Chinese lanterns and balloons. This was a healing way to honor the man loved by so many.

In 2011, while Coffman innocently stood at the counter designing arrangements, a friend stopped in and asked the exact same question that Coffman heard more than a year earlier.

Would she be willing to meet a great guy who lost his spouse to breast cancer? The first time, Coffman quickly refused. Her heart still wasn't willing to do anything more than grieve.

However, the second time she was asked the same question, it caught her attention. I thought, 'Well this might be a God thing 'Coffman said. "I said yes, I would go out with him. After losing his first bride to breast cancer, Bill Harbert understood the love Coffman still felt for

Mike. He understood all the other painful parts of being alone after the grandchildren are old enough not

to visit much anymore They spoke openly about the loneliness attached to being alone in retirement.

After a five-year courtship, Coffman and Harbert began a new life chapter together. "Bill is a good Christian man, and that means so much to me," Coffman said happily. "He is just a

jewel, just like Mike was. For the last three years Harbert has accompanied his new wife to the cemetery on Dec. 20.

Then they go home to their new life. A couple of months ago the couple visited New York City. Coffman posted photos of herself with her husband resting on a park bench in Central Park and posing for a selfie with "Today Show" host Hoda

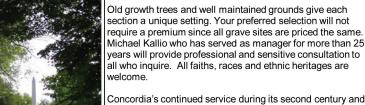
They also escape the Hoosier cold by enjoying the Florida sunshine. "I'm not lonely anymore," Coffman said. "I have someone to take care of me. And I do my best to be a

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FC boys edge Falcons; lady Cardinals win

By Al Stilley Senior staff writer

Franklin Central senior Grant Pedigo powered the Flashes to a 66-65 home win Dec. 16 against Southside rival Perry Meridian.

Pedigo, a seasoned 6-6 scoring and rebounding threat, overcame the Falcons' collapsing defenses with precision. He scored 23 points, hitting 10-of-15 shots, while manning the high post. The Flashes are 2-1 heading into the Bob Wetttig Tournament in Richmond, which runs through Friday.

Pedigo put up 10 points and grabbed three rebounds to help the Flashes grab an 18-13 first-quarter lead. The Falcons came back and grabbed a 54-53 lead on a Nate Mills jam. Pedigo's follow-up on Jake Cerbone's missed shot was the game winner with 14.5 seconds left.

"Most of my points came from the inside," said Pedigo, who drew four defenders at times. "We got away from what we started in the first half when we were up by three. We went back to that in the fourth quarter. I tried to man the ball more in the middle and get to the rim. ... A win is a win, but I think we should have played better

Trailing by one point, the Falcons (3-3) missed two free throws with five seconds left with FC's Wilson Huber grabbing the rebound

Jaylon Howard, a 5-9 senior, came off the bench and scored 17 for the Flashes, who also rely upon Mason Hardiman and Cerbone for

"We have three or four players who can fill it up with 3s, but that didn't happen against Perry Meridian," said FC coach John Rockey. That was a good win for us; we're 2-0 in the conference.

Mills led Perry Meridian with 17 points and six rebounds; Semaj Danley II and David Jackson chipped in 12 and 11 points, respectively

We gave their shooters too much comfort, and they got into a rhythm," Perry Meridian coach Brent Keck said. "We have all the pieces to have a good basketball team. You get in a game like this and it's never decided on just one possession. We have a lot to look at.'

Cardinals hang for win

FC's girls team surged in the fourth quarter but could not overcome a 16-point Southport lead Dec. 17 as the Cardinals hung on for a 56-53 Conference Indiana win.

The Flashes trimmed Southport's lead to 55-53 on a 3-point shot by freshman Katy Larson with 26 seconds left in the game. Andrea Viddaurre added a free throw for the final margin. FC missed a 3-point shot at the buzzer.

'We had to play four quarters," FC coach Brian Hacker said. "We're not playing other counties; we're playing Marion County basketball. And if you don't show up for one quarter, you'll get beat. We have players who help us on one side of the ball but not the other side. They have to buy into the consistency that we need." Southport senior Emma DeHart scored 13 of her game-high 24

points in the second quarter as the Cardinals rang up a 32-20 halftime lead. Vidaurre scored 12 points and 6-3 center Jaelencia Williams 10 points and six rebounds

"Conference road win ... and they don't give those out for free," Southport first-year coach Bert Collins said. "We came back from two tough losses. We came out and were mentally tough except for the last two minutes. I like the direction we're headed

Collins pointed out that junior Savannah Edington has blossomed into a starter and classmate Grace Branson has improved her defense and hit a 3-point shot in the second quarter.

Upcoming boys games: Thursday, 9 a.m., Greenwood Christian vs Indian Creek at Monrovia Tourney through Friday; Franklin Central in Richmond Tourney through Friday; Friday, 7;30 p.m., Greenwood at Center Grove; Chatard at Roncalli; New Palestine at Beech Grove Tourney; 10:30 a.m., Perry Meridian at Shelbyville Tourney.

Girls games: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Franklin Central at Lawrence North, Manual at Decatur Central, Ritter at Lutheran, Roncalli at Covenant Christian Tourney. Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Southport vs. Wapihani at East Central Tourney though Friday, 7 p.m., Tri-County (Mich.) at Greenwood Christian.



Franklin Central coach Brian Hacker urges the Flashes to pick up the pace after a slow start Dec. 17 against visiting Southport. The Flashes fell 56-53 in the Southside duel.



First-year Southport coach Bart Collins guided the Cardinals to Flashes comeback for their sixth win in 10 games.

Flashes, Trojans second in county swim meets

By **Al Stilley** Senior staff writer

Franklin Central's girls and boys swimming and diving teams took second place in the Marion County tournament Dec. 17 at the Indiana University Natatorium at IUPUI

The Flashes trailed champion North Central 502-339 in the

girls meet and 390-251.5 in the boys meet. Sophomore Rachel Schiffli led the Flashes by winning the 50-yard freestyle (24.36 seconds) and 100 butterfly (57.72) Teammate Jamie Leming won the 100 backstroke (59.82) by

one-hundredth of a second and was second in the 100 freestyle The Flashes were second in the 400 freestyle relay and third in the 200 freestyle and 200 medley relays with Schiffli, Leming, Regan Schiffli, Elise Miller, Kathryne Matthies, Grace Lawrence and Abbe Hershberger. Matthies was third in the 200 individual medley. Diver Carley Divish was third.

Perry Meridian freshman diver April Adams was second and junior Natalie Monroe third in the 100 butterfly.

Roncalli's Ashley Harter was runner-up in the 500 freestyle, and the Rebels' 400 freestyle relay team was third.

Perry Meridian was fourth, Roncalli seventh, Southport 12th and Beech Grove 14th.

In the boys meet the Flashes were second in the 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays with Matthew Monday, Adam and Joseph Brabender, Nathan Boomershine and Samuel Handy Monday was second in the 100 backstroke.

Southport's Andrew Shellenberger dominated the 500 free-style, winning by 46.35 seconds. Teammate Drew Reinke was second in the 200 freestyle. The 200 medley relay was third.

Perry Meridian's Noah Coomler won the 50 freestyle by one-hundredth of a second and the 100 freestyle. He was on the winning 200 freestyle relay with teammates Luke Smith, Kameron Overley and Nick Webber.

Beech Grove was second in the 200 freestyle relay with Brenton Strahla, Janis Vuskalns, Jack Ulery and Logan Boyce. Vuskalns and Strahla were third in the 100 butterfly and 100

Southport was fourth, Perry Meridian fifth, Beech Grove sixth and Roncalli seventh.

CG runners-up

Center Grove placed second in the Johnson County girls and boys swimming and diving championships Dec. 17 at Indian

Trojans diver Sarah Kempf spoiled champion Franklin's sweep of individual events by scoring 385.85 points en route to winning the

Greenwood was fourth in the boys meet and fifth in girls

Justice complete in Richmond Hill blast

Monserrate Shirley was among five criminals who were involved in the plot

By Al Stilley

Justice has been served in the aftermath of the tragic November 2012 explosion in the Richmond Hill subdivision that killed one

couple and destroyed or damaged nearly 100 homes. Marion County Superior Court Judge Sheila Carlisle sentenced homeowner Monserrate Shirley, 51, to 50 years in prison for her role in a planned insurance fraud home explosion that killed neighbors Dion and Jennifer Longworth.

Don Longworth, Dion's father, and Don Buxton, Jennifer's father, were among several Richmond Hill residents in the courtroom when sentencing was announced Dec. 20. Buxton's daughter was a teacher

at Southwest Elementary School in Greenwood, where the media center was renamed in her memory.

Shirley was among five criminals who were involved in the plot. Shortly after charges were filed, the former nurse pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy to commit arson and having 50 charges dropped in exchange for her testimony.

Co-conspirators, then-boyfriend Mark Leonard and his halfbrother, John Leonard, have been sentenced to life in prison without parole for master minding the plot. Accomplice Gary Thompson was sentenced earlier to 20 years. Sentencing was expected earlier this week for accomplice Glenn Hults, who pleaded guilty to a felony in the case, and would conclude legal action against those who took part in the explosion.

