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SANTA SURPRISES Hornet Park students



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

Santa Claus made an early visit at Hornet Park Elementary School in Beech Grove and is with, from left, Elijah Lyle, Aalaesia Crabtree, Mikayla Sachak, and Brucelee Oliver. Santa's early visit was arranged when it was announced that students would return to virtual learning and would not be in school before the traditional Christmas break.

CITIES LIGHT UP FOR CHRISTMAS

By Al Stilley Editor

Cities on the Southside light up at night during the Christmas season.

A peppermint entrance from the Greenwood Community Center parking lot off Surina Drive beckons residents, young and old, to take a short walk through the Christmas lights, any time dusk to dawn. A lighted "JOY" and Christmas trees adds to the festive walk.

The City of Southport has purchased and installed 17 new Christmas lights on Southport Road in the heart of downtown Southport. The lighted candle is on a pole in front of EM Company on Southport Road. Various shapes include a gift box, wreath, carousel horse, and nutcracker soldier. Southport Mayor Jim Cooney expressed his appreciation for Police



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Circle City Raceway expands racing at county fairgrounds

By Al Stilley Editor

Just about a year ago, a handful of notables gathered at the small dirt track at the Marion County Fairgrounds.

Among them, fair board president Cindy Lowery, a lifelong Franklin Township resident, and City-County Councilor Paul Annee, who serves as the fairgrounds' volunteer public information officer, pondered how to have more events and attract more people to the fairgrounds beyond the annual Marion County Fair. The popular demolition derby is a longtime county fair mainstay, and sanctioned flat-track motorcycle races have been held regularly.

The group that met at the fairgrounds thought



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

Indiana's own Tony Stewart is the owner of the All Star Circuit of Champions, a national series sponsored by Ollie's Bargain Centers, that is to be the first event at Circle City Raceway, May 20-21, 2021, according to track promoters.

about new events of wrestling, concerts, and outdoor religious revivals; but the answer was right in front of them – expand the dirt track and improve the facilities.

And that's where Indianapolis Speedrome owner Kevin Garrigus and track president Jonathan Byrd II stepped in.

The launch of the new Circle City Raceway, a quarter-mile dirt track, is official with the formal announcement of the signing of a long-term deal between Garrigus, who has resurrected quality stock-car racing at the Speedrome, and the Marion County Fairgrounds board of directors.

Circle City Raceway becomes the first permanent dirt track in the city in decades with the exception of three years in the mid-1990s when Bush Stadium was turned from a baseball facility into a dirt track for open-wheel cars, including sprints and midgets. A temporary dirt track inside the third turn at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway holds the annual Driven2SaveLives BC39 midget car race during Brickyard Week.

Improvements at the fairgrounds have begun that will transform the existing track into two race tracks in one. The main

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Planned improvements at the Marion County Fairgrounds show permanent quarter-mile dirt track and new buildings for the Circle City Raceway. The facility will feature two dirt tracks in one and will have improved participant and spectator facilities, including pit office, concessions and restrooms.



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Kelly's Korner

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BGHS ATHLETICS HONORS HART



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Beech Grove Athletics, with the help of the boys basketball team, surprised assistant coach John Hart with his framed Purdue jersey, which will be displayed in the athletic lobby of Beech Grove High School. Hart is a 2008 BGHS graduate who helped lead the basketball team to two conference championships and a sectional championship his senior year. He was voted Marion County basketball player of the year his senior year by Marion County coaches. He graduated from Purdue and used a fifth-year option to play at IUPUI while in grad school. He is in his second season as an assistant coach for the boys basketball team. He is also employed by Child Advocates.

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Chief Tom Vaughn, Deputy Chief John Schneider, Scott Swift, Major Nate Williams, and officer Keith Pease for their assistance in installing the new lights.

"Christmas spirit is what we all need right now," contended Cooney after admiring the new lights.

The entry way to Beech Grove at Emerson Avenue and Main Street features the traditional Christmas colors of red and green. Beech Grove businesses on Main Street have decorated their store fronts. Passersby can vote on their favorite display at the Elton H. Geshwiler Senior Citizens Center, 602 Main Street.



Perry Perspectives

Perry Township Schools

REMOTE LEARNING TIPS



Perry Township Schools' staff, students, and families are giving tremendous attention and energy to adapting to remote learning. The transition takes time, and we appreciate everyone's efforts to make the learning experience a positive one. Managing stress and following a routine are critical components to ensure that students and staff can perform their best.

Our educators suggest that parents help their students develop and maintain a schedule. They should get up at the usual time, get dressed, eat breakfast, and start school. Teachers also recommend designating a workspace. It doesn't have to be a fancy, picture-perfect area. Instead, it simply needs to be an area, with minimal distractions, big enough for a laptop, notebook, and a few school supplies.

Mental health should also be prioritized, and students and their parents should take an occasional break. A few minutes of deep breathing or calming music can help boost mental and emotional energy. Students and parents should also make time for exercise and physical activity. A jog or walk around the block or a few jumping jacks in the living room can help increase serotonin levels, the body's natural mood booster.

Parents and students have a lot on their plates, and it's important for everyone to show grace and communicate their feelings. Parents and caretakers should regularly ask their students how they are doing. Though students can see their classmates and teachers via computer screen, they miss interacting face-to-face with them. They may feel isolated. After your student completes their schoolwork, consider allowing them to have a social video call with friends or carefully supervise a socially distant outing with your child and one of their friends, if everyone agrees to wear a mask.

Likewise, parents who are feeling overwhelmed or isolated can contact their student's teacher who may be able to provide tips or guidance on navigating this new normal. They should also have vulnerable conversations with close friends or other parents who can allow them to get frustrations off their chest. Talking can help relieve stress, and maintaining connections is vital during this time when we often feel disconnected.

Be gentle with yourself and remember that no one wants parents or students to struggle. Anyone who needs academic, social, emotional, or even technical support should contact their schools. Teachers and principals are available to help. It as a community, we will get through this challenging time together.

RONCALLI RISING STARS



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

Four junior class students at Roncalli High School are Indiana "Rising Stars," as recently named by the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP). The students are Anne Ameis, left, Nicolette Balazs, Ashley Flick, and Katrina Gangstad. They were selected for their volunteerism, leadership qualities, and academic success. The IASP recognition includes being known to potential universities and colleges in Indiana. Roncalli principal Chuck Weisenbach praised each student as "very deserving" of the IASP recognition and representatives of "the excellence found in all aspects of a Roncalli education."

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track will be a 75-foot-wide, mildly-banked quarter-mile oval with a smaller racing surface to be installed inside. The fairgrounds is easily accessible from I-465 and I-74 on the city's southeast-side.

Circle City Raceway's historic inaugural event will be May 20-21 as the Tony Stewart-owned All Star Circuit of Champions competitors race in two nights of a four-night Indiana tour. The series features crowd-pleasing winged 410 sprint cars that have never raced inside Marion County.

"We had a vision of bringing dirt track racing to Indianapolis," stated track owner Kevin Garrigus in a press release. "The rebirth and pride that we have created at the Speedrome is something we look to repeat at Circle City. Attendance and car count at the 80-year-old Speedrome has grown substantially during our four-year tenure, while maintaining and growing an affordable fan experience."

Garrigus also owns Advance Auto Sales locations throughout Indianapolis. Byrd, a Greenwood native, is the son of Ginny and the late Indianapolis 500 car owner Jonathan Byrd and continues the family's passion for motorsports.

"A lot of money and time are being poured into the Circle City Raceway project to bring many years of motorsports success going forward for competitors and fans to enjoy," stated Byrd, who spearheaded the initial process. "We will be showcasing a wide array of classes. There will be many 'special events' to go along with our local offerings."

Rules are being developed for potential local divisions, but talks continue with national and regional racing series to compete at Circle City Raceway. Potential series and cars that could race at the new track include United States Auto Club National Midget and Sprint Cars, Dirt Late Models, UMP Modifieds, Legends Cars, 600cc Sprints, Outlaw Karts, front-wheel drive cars, and TQ (three quarter) Midgets, among others.

Additional event dates will be announced as they are set, Byrd remarked, including multiple nights during the 2021 Marion County Fair, June 25 through July 4.

In addition to the actual racing surface expansion and improvements, the track grounds are getting concession and restroom buildings as well as additional grandstands and infrastructure improvements. A spacious pit area is being formed for competitors as well as current fairgrounds parking for spectators.

According to Byrd, the feedback from the racing community has been "positive." Information about the new track is available on the track page on Facebook and an eventual website at: www.CircleCityRaceway.com.

Under Garrigus' ownership, the nearby Indianapolis Speedrome, a one-fifth mile paved oval and Figure-8, has undergone a resurrection. Improvements there have included chairback seats in the main grandstand, improved and more pleasing fencing around the track, improved pit area, a state-of-the-art video/scoreboard, a second spectator entrance on the westside of the track, and improved parking.

The Speedrome will continue with its Friday and Saturday night events in 2021 with Circle City Raceway holding numerous midweek racing events.



Personal Recollections

By Fred Shonk

DELIVERING THE NEWSPAPER

During my days of attending Edgewood Grade School, several of my neighborhood friends and I had newspaper routes. The Indianapolis Star was the morning paper; The Indianapolis News and The Indianapolis Times were afternoon papers.

My first experience delivering newspapers came when I helped an older friend with his News route. We picked up our newspapers at the corner of Madison and Lawrence avenues, the site of Pop's Place, a large miniature golf course and a driving range.

Our route took us south on Madison Avenue through the mobile home park and then both directions on Morgan Drive. I was the unofficial backup kid when my buddy was not able to do his route. For me, it was a great way to learn the ins and outs of newspaper delivery.

Later, I acquired my own News route, which required me to ride my bicycle to Edgewood School each day. After school, I would ride my bike about a block east on Epler Avenue to the official Star/News paper station. This metal building was where several newspaper carriers picked up their papers each day. It was heated by a wood burning stove and the gentleman in charge was Rev. Walter Barth. He always made sure that the building was warm in the winter and that each carrier had the proper number of daily newspapers.

It was nice to be able to fold my papers and place them in the saddlebags in that nice warm building before starting on my route. My route covered Matthews, State and Walcott streets between and including Epler Avenue and Thompson Road. It was a six-day a week job (no Sunday paper) and I was responsible for collecting the money from my 45 or so customers and then paying my newspaper district manager on a weekly basis. I can still drive up and down those streets and recite the names of many of my customers.

I recall my route taking a long time to complete on a Thanksgiving Day. I was invited into several of my customer's homes to have a snack or maybe a slice of pie.

The first year that I had the route at Christmastime, I was flabbergasted. It seemed that I was receiving gifts from every family: boxes of homemade cookies and chocolate-covered-cherries galore and Christmas cards with a dollar tucked inside.

I ended up during Christmas with between \$35 and \$40. I was able to purchase gifts with my own money that I had earned for my parents and my sister - very exciting and rewarding.

I later had a morning Star route, a much earlier version of my friend's afternoon route. All the routes helped me understand how to operate a small business and how rewarding it can be.

During those years, families had several products that could be delivered to their houses. The Omar Bakery delivered bread and pastries. Several milk companies delivered milk in glass bottles to homes. The returnable bottles were placed in metal boxes on the customer's porch. The delivery driver would pick up and return the empty bottles and replace them with full ones.

There seem to be more home deliveries of a variety of products this year with the COVID-19 pandemic. I suspect the trend will continue after the pandemic subsides.

Delivering the newspaper and making the collections was an example of a small business. Today there are many small businesses that deserve our presence as shoppers. So, let's do our best to support our local small businesses.

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Reminiscing

By B. Scott Mohr
A retrospective glance at the Southside
From *The Spotlight* and
The Southsider Voice archives

60 Years Ago This Week - 1960

Carolyn Clayton, a senior at Southport High, was chosen to represent the school for the Daughters of the American Revolution's Good Citizen Award.

Christmas cookies cost \$1 a pound at University Pastry Shop, just south of Hanna Avenue and Shelby Street.

Rainbow Coin Laundry was getting ready to celebrate its grand opening at 3537 S. U.S. 31.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1970

Eagerly awaiting the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's "Lollipop Concert" were Kristin Liebrich, Elizabeth Rumsey, Kris Ericson; Brent Ericson, Todd Rumsey, Fritz Liebrich and "The Lollipop Man".

Gasoline cost 34 cents a gallon.

Enrollment for full- and part-time students at Ivy Tech Community College was up 48 and 12 percent, respectively.

Delores M. Braun was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force after graduating from Officer Training School in Texas.

40 Years Ago This Week - 1980

A 1973 Monte Carlo in excellent condition was advertised for \$995.

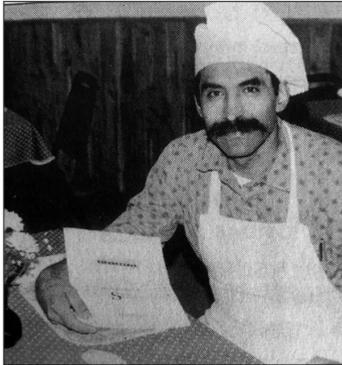
Southport United Methodist Church decorated its sanctuary with a "poinsettia tree," which stood 10 feet tall and featured more than 70 red poinsettias.

Mike Baxter retired from Ace Hardware after 34 years in the business.

30 Years Ago This Week - 1990



Leah Childs joined the staff at Melba Kenison's Sunny & Shears, 3826 Madison Ave.



Toribid Gamboa opened the Green Pepper Steakhouse at 1140 N. State Road 135, Greenwood. He also operated the Green Pepper Cafeteria, 1267 Shelby St.

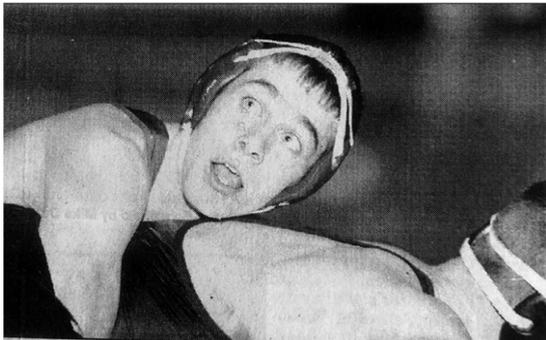
Residents of Carriage Estates, located behind Baxter YMCA, 7900 Shelby St., celebrated their annual tradition of luminaria by lighting more than 5,000 candles along their driveways.

Patrick Bowers, a sergeant in the Marines, was serving in Okinawa, Japan.

20 Years Ago This Week - 2000

The Perry Township Fire Department was looking for a new fire chief.

Susan E. Schott was preparing to present a Christmas concert at St. Roch Catholic Church.



Roncalli wrestler Keith Huser, a 125-pounder, checks the score enroute to pinning Avon's Tyler Keers.



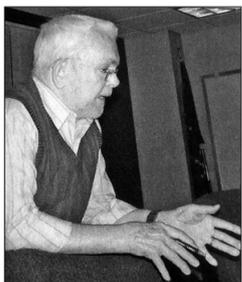
Perry Meridian's Emily Rolph, left, drives past Franklin Central's Jessica James for two points in a losing effort in quarterfinal action of the Marion County tournament.

Reminiscing is voted #1 column among readers!

10 Years Ago This Week - 2010



Manual Kids of the 1950s was a group of Manual graduates who supported the school's activities while striving to rebuild pride in their alma mater.



Retired Perry Township Schools Assistant Superintendent Keith Brown published "It Takes a Vision to Build a Village," a book about the Greenwood Village South retirement community. He discussed the publication while addressing the Perry Township/Southport Historical Society.



Southsider Voice Publisher Kelly Sawyers and Editor Denise Summers were presented the G. Edward Gerdt Business Award of the Year by the Greater Southport Business Alliance. Also honored were Mayor Rob Thoman and wife Carole, both dentists, for their community service.

SOUTHSIDE DEATHS

CAROL LUCILLE VAN DEMAN, 93, of Franklin went home to be with her Savior on Nov. 13, 2020 while holding hands with her loving husband of 69 years, William Raymond Van Deman. Born in Long Island, New York, she moved to Indiana at a young age and met Bill.



Carol was a graduate of Wittenberg University where she was a member of Kappa Delta. She was a charter member of Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, IN and served in many areas. Carol was an elementary teacher at IPS #20 from 1949-1952. She volunteered for several years for Meals on Wheels and 500 Festival where she drove Mario Andretti in the 500 parade. Her greatest accomplishment in life was her five children, 23 grandchildren, and 31 great-grandchildren. She was an only child and wanted lots of kids. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Harriet Holman.

A private graveside service will be held at Greenwood Cemetery. Carol is survived by her husband William "Bill" Van Deman of Franklin, IN; her sons, Mark (Susan) Van Deman of Florida, Keith (Linda) Van Deman of Indianapolis, IN, Brian (Terri) Van Deman of Indianapolis, IN, Todd (Vanessa) Van Deman of Franklin, IN and daughter, Julie (Glenn) Rice of Franklin, IN. Swartz Family Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 300 South U.S. 31 (Morton Street) in Franklin, IN is handling the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Otterbein Franklin Seniorlife Community, 1070 West Jefferson Street, Franklin, IN 46131. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.swartzmortuary.com. Information at 317-738-0202.

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DONALD G. LYNCH, 78, widower of Diane; wife, Vickie; son, Timothy Lynch; siblings, Tom and Mary Lynch, Marge Mercury; three stepchildren; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

SHIRLEY LORRAINE FOX ALDENDERFER, 85, husband, Charles "Pete" Aldenderfer; children, Phyllis Carter, Peter Aldenderfer; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Earl Fox, Jr.

JEAN MANSHIP, 89, sisters, Louella Guilkey and Juanita Miller.

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DORIS ANN MATTHEWS, 86, husband, Don G. Matthews; sons, David, Daniel, Dale and Darren Matthews.

MARGARET ROSS ANDERSON, 85.

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BEVERLY BASS, 74, widow of Jack R. Bass; daughters, Erin Moniea and Kelly Parker; sisters, Anna Blank and Maureen Smith; four grandchildren.

LOU EDNA MEADOWS, 81, widow of Albert Branham, Bill Milam and Rex Meadows; children, Theresa Hercamp, Elizabeth Neese, Elana Flanigan and Anthony "Tony" Branham; eight grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; brother, Willard Bishop.

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RAYMOND "BUTCH" A. MONDAY, SR., 75, wife, Wanda Monday; sons, Allen and Jason Monday; siblings, James Monday Jr., Doris Turner; two grandchildren.

DENNIS LEE BOUTWELL, 72, widower of Sharon; children, Jeremy Boutwell, Angela Spicer, Melissa Jaques; siblings, Paula Poe, Mark Boutwell; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

DORIS JEAN NORRIS, 94, widow of Wilbur "Dean" Norris, Jr.; children, Helen Flake, Larry and Daniel Norris; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; sister, Rosemary Hertweck.

BETTY LOIS WALLER BOYD, 87, widow of Douglas Boyd; children, Brenda Vanover, Sherry Mason, Michael Boyd; siblings, Sandra Cunningham, Bill Waller; four grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; two great-great-great-grandchildren.

CAROLINE FRANCES "CAROL" NOVAK, 98; widow of Victor Novak; one grandson; two great-grandchildren.

RONALD ALBERT BRITTON, 60, mother, Margaret Roland; sons, Andy and Scott Britton; siblings, Annie Wenzlaff, David Riordan, Doody VanArsdale and Rick Britton; two grandchildren.

JUDY ELLEN BELL PARKER, 74, husband, Edward Parker; sons, Don and Christopher Raley; stepdaughter, Luanna Fossmeier; siblings, Connie Page, Larry and Jeffrey Bell; three grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; 11 step-great-grandchildren.

DAVID LEE BURTON, 67, sister, Beth Hinton.

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LARRY L. COPENHAVER, 79, partner, Linda Groce; children, Teresa Bowman, David and Paul Copenhaver; stepchildren, Amy Hamilton, Shelley Walden and Kyle Groce; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary Ann Meier and Janie Forster.

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JUDITH ANN DILK, 82, daughter, Debra Girard; two granddaughters; five great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; siblings, Pat Lasley and William Hardesty.

JACK ROBERTS, 71, children, Nick and Marie Roberts; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; siblings, Joe Roberts, Joann, Carl and James Tinsley, Karla Worthington, Jo Howard and Judy Price.

BETTY RAY DOWNTON, 91, widow of Gilbert G. Downton; daughters, Kathy Caldwell, Becky Mogg; stepchildren, Judy Dodd, Ron Downton; seven grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; 18 great-step-grandchildren; six great-great-stepgrandchildren; three siblings.

DOROTHY MAE RUSSELLER, 99, widow of Raymond H. Russler; children, Steven and Janet Russler; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

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JUDITH C. SMALLSTEY, 81, husband, John Smallstey; children, Nick, Walter and Rich Brady, Jason Smallstey; seven grandchildren.

ROBERT GENE GERRISH, 84, wife, Cheryl; children, Anthony, Lee, Virginia and William Gerrish, Jr.; three grandchildren.

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CAROL SUE HILAND GRAHAM, 84, widow of William C. Graham; children, Michael Graham, Kathy Dean; brothers, Jerry, Jim and Richard Hiland; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

ROBERT G. WELMER, 89, widower of Cathy Welmer; son, W. Samuel Willard; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

JAMES HARMON, 53, wife, Melody; daughter, Madison.

DELLA ROSE CECIL WETZEL, 88, widow of Richard Wetzels; sons, Robin and Dayne Tennell; stepdaughter, Kathy Rollo; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren.

CHARLES "JACK" JACKSON, 86, wife, Mary Jackson; daughters, Teresa Moore and Kathleen Able; five grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

MILDRED "MILLY" JEAN QUILLEN WOESSNER, 84, widow of George W. Woessner; stepchildren, Vicki Beveridge, Becky Litke, Bonni Garrison, Doug, Bill and Rob Woessner; 20 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren.

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- 31 Day fractions (Abbr.)
- 33 Dutch river
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DOWN

- 1 "For — a Jolly Good Fellow"
- 2 Last (Abbr.)
- 3 Neither partner
- 4 Stabbed
- 5 Long story
- 6 Salt Lake athlete

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter use 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: A equals T

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Southsiders' Bulletin Board

FRANCISCAN SOCCER SIGN-UP

St. Francis Soccer Club team registration is now under way for an expanded season, scheduled to begin March 29, 2021. The club is supported by Franciscan Health and is expanding its locations for youth soccer, ages 3-19 years. New Southside locations are at the Falcon Academy, 8600 S. Meridian St., and Hornet Academy, 5520 Churchman Ave. Current locations include: St. Francis Fields, 7702 S. Arlington Ave.; Mary Bryan Elementary School, 4355 E. Stop 11 Road; and The Gathering Place, 1494 W. Main St., Greenwood. More information is available through Steve Campbell at: scampbell@stfrancis-soccer.com. Registration: stfrancisoccer.com.

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The exhibit hallway at the Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., is decorated with green-screen themed backdrops for selfies or scheduled photo time. Dates and times are: Monday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 16, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Friday, Dec. 18, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Patrons can select a backdrop for individual or family photos to be taken by library staff. The picture will be sent via email. Info: 317-881-1953.

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Comic strip about a young answer

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to change forms: "Little
girl gift with the ability
to change forms: "Little
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CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The

Moon Child's post-holiday letdown soon lifts as you begin to get back into your comfortable routine. Someone from your past extends a surprise bid to reconnect.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) You've been the ultimate social Lion over the holidays. Now it's time to relax and recharge your energy so you can be at your best when you pounce on that new project.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A relationship could be moving in a direction you might not want to follow. Step back for a better overview of the situation. You might be surprised at what you see.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Emotions rule at the start of the

week, affecting your perception about a decision. Best advice: Avoid commitments until that good Libran sense kicks back in.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A longtime friendship could take a romantic turn early in the new year. While this pleases your passionate side, your logical self might want to go slow.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone might make a surprising disclosure about a trusted friend or workplace colleague. Stay cool and reserve judgment until you get more facts.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might think you've found what you've been looking for.

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AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're no doubt anxious for that confusing situation to be cleared up. But don't press for a quick resolution or you might overlook some vital facts.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Now that your holiday distractions are easing, you need to apply yourself to getting those unfinished tasks done so you can begin a new project with a clean slate.
BORN THIS WEEK: People respect both your wisdom and your deep sense of loyalty and compassion.



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BOYS BASKETBALL SHOWCASE

Promising young talent adds spark to boys basketball outlook

By Al Stille
Editor

Southside high school basketball is full of questions this season. Sectional champions Beech Grove, Greenwood, and Greenwood Christian return with a few veteran players and high hopes of two-peats and a full round of playoffs. Darkhorses are abundant including fun-loving Center Grove, veteran Roncalli, tall Southport and dangerous Perry Meridian.

Players to watch are Beech Grove guard Jady Curry, Center Grove's Marcus Ankney, Franklin Central's Benny Ogayonne, Greenwood's Brock Kincaid and Rasheed Elemikan, Greenwood Christian's 1-2 punch of Styles McCorkle and Isaiah Davis, Lutheran's Joe Faubion and Montasi Clay, Perry Meridian/Purdue recruit Jayden Taylor, Roncalli's sharpshooting Anthony Donohue, and Southport's Anthony Dandler, Jr.

In early showdowns, Center Grove defeated host Franklin Central, 73-64, with four Trojans in double figures; Greenwood out-manned GCA, 54-35, as Elemikan went inside for 12 points but GCA's versatile 6-9 Davis put in 19 points; Beech Grove dumped New Palestine, 82-55, behind Curry's 19 points; and Manual lost by 52 points and won by 67 points. Franklin Central edged Lawrence Central on Sam Mettert's free throw with two seconds left. Beech Grove won its first three games before falling Saturday to visiting Noblesville. GCA's McCorkle popped in 32 points against University after missing an opener.

COVID-19 concerns already have changed some scheduled games with: Perry Meridian at Southport moved to Dec. 15, Perry Meridian at Mooresville to Jan. 26; Perry Meridian at Roncalli to Feb. 9.

Team-by-team outlook (last year's won-lost record and statistics):
CENTER GROVE (4A, 9-15) – Coming off a rare losing season under seventh-year coach Zach Hahn (89-55, six seasons), this group of Trojans is different in many ways. They are putting "fun" back into playing basketball.

For example, each Trojan wore an NBA jersey during their practice on the day before Thanksgiving Day. Even Hahn wore a Michael Jordan No. 23 jersey, although it was a North Carolina jersey.

"We're just trying to keep it loose," Hahn said. "In honor of basketball starting up, we decided to wear NBA jerseys at that practice."
The Trojans could be full of surprises with four seniors, more depth, and an up-tempo game.

"We have a bunch of gym rats, and we haven't had that for a while," said Hahn after the 13th day of practice. "They work on their own in the gym, and that makes a world of difference."

Hahn, who starred at New Castle and Butler University, added, "In my seven years, this is the most skilled basketball team that I've ever coached, and they have a high basketball I.Q. They care for each other, share the ball, and want to play at a fast pace."

CG's guards are bigger and stronger with junior Tyler Cerny, a D1 baseball prospect, and seniors, Landon Hacker (10.8 points, 2.1 assists), 6-5 Tayven Jackson (6.8 points), and 6-3 Marcus Ankney (5.8, 3.2 rebounds). Seniors Ethan Jones, a 6-7 center, and 6-4 forward Charlie Bemis (5.1 points, 4.2 rebounds), the team's leading rebounder, add some size to the Trojans lineup. Depth comes from senior Mason Long, 6-4 juniors Jordan Vaughns and backup center Shane Bennett, and sophomore Ethan McComb.

Finding a vocal leader and getting rebounds will be early challenges as the Trojans compete in the rugged MIC league. This month, the Trojans are at home Dec. 12 against Martinsville, Dec. 19 Avon, and Dec. 29 Greenwood in non-league games.

Look for this year's Trojans to set their own tempo instead of playing to the opponent's tempo. This promises to be fun.

FRANKLIN CENTRAL (14-9) – Second-year coach Criss Byers has a more experienced team this year with questionable depth. Flashes returned to double-digit wins after two losing seasons. Flashes hope to end short sectional title drought after four straight titles (2013-2016). Byers coached 2019 Indiana Boys All-Star team before first year at Flashes' helm.

Expected starting lineup to feature seniors, 6-3 Benny Ogayonne (8.7 points, 3.8 rebounds, 2.8 assists), Sam Mettert (7.4 points), and 6-3 Shawn Gooch plus juniors, 6-3 Bryan Marshall (4.3 points, 2.1 rebounds), and 5-11 Rynell Echols.

Flashes compete in rugged Hoosier Crossroads Conference. Face Ben Davis at home Friday, Dec. 11 before facing North Central in the Forum Tip-Off Classic at 2 p.m., Dec. 12 at Southport.

GREENWOOD (4A, 19-6) – Woodmen riding wave of first sectional championship in 18 years into with returnees – junior Brock Kincaid (7.3 points per game, 3.3 rebounds) and seniors 6-4 Rasheed Elemikan (7.0 points, 5.0 rebounds), Ty Moore, and David Young. Seven seniors graduated from last year's title team.

"We have two experienced veterans (Kincaid and Elemikan) to carry us early," coach Joe Bradburn said. "Last year we played to our strengths. Our success this year will be determined by how long it takes to jell and play together."

Bradburn is hopeful that six juniors, steady 6-4 senior Isaac Simpson, and promising sophomore guard Collin Campbell can fill holes left by last year's seniors. The juniors are Gavin Ruppert, Luke Fiesel, Noah Appgar, Lucas Sullivan, and transfers, 6-5 Adam Ellinghausen (Franklin) and Page Akpomudje (Maryland).

Kincaid is a "gym rat" who can score from any of four positions. Elemikan is a big force with strength and quickness. Moore has bulked up and has quickness. Campbell is expected to blend in well.

"We have plenty of question marks," Bradburn admitted. "The guys came in after doing a lot of conditioning on their own. We have some quickness, but we will have to determine roles."

The coaching staff is assisted this season by legendary Purdue University walk-on basketball player Tommy Luce, who graduated last year and is known as the "King of Mackey."

The Woodmen are home Friday, Dec. 11 against rival Franklin and Dec. 15 against Shelbyville.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLE)

Greenwood Woodmen, from left, Brock Kincaid, Rasheed Elemikan, David Young, and Ty Moore stand ready for another winning campaign. Kincaid, a junior, is the team's returning leading scorer.

PERRY MERIDIAN (7-15) – Coach Mark James is the dean of Southside coaches in his 39th year (575-311), but only his third year at PMHS. Drought of five straight losing seasons should end this season. Falcons looking for their first Mid-State league championship.

Falcons are led by 6-4 senior/Butler recruit Jayden Taylor (21.2 points 5.0 rebounds). Plenty of added experience with five more seniors – 5-9 guards, scrappy Reggie McDonald (11.5 points, 4.9 rebounds) and Mason Corsaro (4.2 points), and 6-2 classmates Chris McDonald and John Joyce, and 6-3 Noah Pendleton (5.0 points, 4.7 rebounds).

Look for Falcons to play James' patented in-your-face, man-to-man defense and show patience on offense with Taylor ready to explode any time with the ball.

Off to slow start after two-week quarantine that caused postponement of first two games. Falcons are off to a slow start with first three games cancelled due to health restrictions. Open at Southport, Tuesday, Dec. 15.



Jayden Taylor



Anthony Donahue, Thomas Fellmeth, Matthew Babb, Luke Oller, Carson Lyngh

RONCALLI (10-12) – Veteran coach Michael Wantz, the winningest basketball coach in Roncalli history, has won 10 or more games in 17 of his 18 seasons. With a seasoned group, expectations run high.

Roncalli returns with a veteran squad featuring seniors, 6-0 Anthony Donohue (12.0 points per game), 6-1 Thomas Fellmeth (7.1 points), 6-0 Carson Lyngh, and 6-2 Matthew Babb plus 6-7 sophomore Trevor Lauck, one of several football players from the IHSAA 4A state champions.

The Rebels also have quality depth with 5-10 senior Luke Oller and 6-4 sophomore Luke Kegerreis, plus juniors, Michael Hegwood (4.3 points), 6-3 Aiden Leffer, 6-3 Brayden Speziale, and 6-0 Caden Gore. "Our best teams have had veteran guards, and that's what we finally have again," Wantz observed. "Our guards will need to take care of the ball and shoot it well, but we certainly don't want to live or die by the 3-point shot."

Wantz considers that it's good to have some football players join with the basketball squad.

"We get kids who know how to win championships," Wantz said. "The guys coming in know what to do. Also, this has given us a look at some guys who wouldn't normally get as many practice reps."

Last year, the Rebels also said good-bye to the "woodshed" gymnasium where Roncalli had 272 wins and 172 losses. They were 5-3 in the new Ascension/St. Vincent Gymnasium. The Rebels are hosts to Decatur Central, Friday, Dec. 11, and Seccina, Dec. 19.

SOUTHPORT (9-15) – Cardinals aim to rebound from controversial season with five key returnees to fill void left by graduation of Brevin Jefferson, Matthew Munoz, and Ryan Lezon.

Third-year coach Eric Brand has a young team with depth. Lineup features sophomores, 6-2 Anthony Dandler Jr. (16.3 points per game), 6-6 Anthony Ball (8.3 points, 8.1 rebounds), and 6-1 Keyon Miller (5.8 points) and newcomers, 6-4 senior Ibrahim Kamara and 6-5 soph Lemba Nickens.

"We are young, but the nice thing is that the freshman that had a lot of experience last year as starters are now sophomores," Brand said. "I think that will pay off for us this year. I like this group's effort; the future is bright."

Brand anticipates that the Cardinals will have quality depth with seniors, 6-6 Griffin Thomas, 6-2 Avantae Robinson, 6-2 Nicholas Frank, 5-8 Marcus Jones, and 6-2 Antonio Fisher; juniors, 6-2 Latrell Williams and 6-1 Van Lian; and 5-9 Donte McDonald.

"We need to see where all these guys can fit," Brand grinned. "I'm curious, too."

Finding the right chemistry and leadership will be challenging, but Brand anticipates that this team will be solid as they go into the playoffs.

The Cardinals are at home Saturday, Dec. 12 when they face Gary West at 3:30 p.m. in the second game of the Forum Tip-Off Classic.



Keyon Miller



Anthony Ball

BEECH GROVE (3A, 16-7) – Hornets seek third straight winning season under coach Mike Renfro (34-15, two seasons), the very able successor to the late Matt English whose motto "We B4 Me" lives on. Players had a solid three-month run in the weight room but suffered setback in November with no practice for a week. BG must make up for 48 points per game that were lost due to graduation of seven seniors.

Seniors include floor general/third-year starter Jady Curry (10 points per game, 5.3 rebounds), a top 100 player in the state, and Edward Taylor (4.1 points) with football quarterback Gavin Mitchell, and transfer Jordan Murphy (7.9 points, 6.6 rebounds at Howe), a double-digit scorer, and Bryce Brown up from JV.

Junior Damon Thompkins and sophomores Jeremiah Alexander and Cam Brown return. Sophomore transfers Rylan Horen (Franklin Central) and Jalel Edwards (Christel House) will help.

"The three returning seniors know what I want, and they lead by example," Renfro said. "Our three transfers will help us find points. I think our offense will come from our defense."

The Hornets should be quicker with more athleticism and length than last year's team that won a second straight sectional championship.

"Beech Grove basketball has a winning culture now," Renfro said. "The wins come from practicing hard and playing hard. Our younger kids played in some big-time games and contributed in the sectional. To put on a Beech Grove uniform means more than just basketball. They give it their all, and that's all you can ask for."

Hornets at home Friday, Dec. 11 against Park Tudor.



Beech Grove's seniors, from left, Bryce Brown, Gavin Mitchell, Jordan Murphy, Edward Taylor, and Jady Curry provide valuable experience for Hornets.



Beech Grove has depth with talented sophomores, from left, Jalen Edwards, Jeremiah Alexander, Rylan Horen, and Cam Brown.

MANUAL (3A, 8-14) – Program lost coach Donnie Bowling after three seasons, 63-45, now at Anderson. Bowling coached two D1 players.

Majority of Redskins non-tourney schedule is against 1A and 2A teams. Most players from last year's team transferred to other high schools after state approved the high school for a different charter through Christel House and IPS.

The top returnee is soph JaSean Edwards. Redskins will compete in three different in-season tournaments. At home against Purdue Poly North, Monday, Dec 28. Manual faces rugged Sectional 27 with Brebeuf Jesuit and Bishop Chatard in post-season. Last sectional trophy was captured in 2012.

GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN (1A, 24-1) – Anticipated deep run in last season's playoffs ended with IHSAA cancellation of playoffs due to COVID-19 restrictions after sectional championship.

After graduating nine seniors from that squad, this season's Cougars surprisingly could be up to the task of a two-peat.

"That was a situation (COVID-19) that we never envisioned," coach Jonny Marlin said. "For these kids, we have to be grateful that we had such a good season. We know a foundation has been laid – it's time to build on that."
Marlin (93-22) has three returnees to reload with – Styles McCorkle, 12.0 points per game; point guard Evan Stinnett, and Zane Shewmaker. They represent Marlin's fourth-year Cougars and provide leadership. McCorkle is a solid 3-point shooter and ready to step up. Stinnett is a returning starter, and Shewmaker picked up playing time last year.

Two senior transfers Caden and Cam Thompson (Franklin) will impact the backcourt. Junior 6-7 Isiah Davis (3.2 points) is a major addition from Zionsville. Junior Matt Teike and sophomores Kage McCorkle, Ian Reed and Blake Shewmaker move up from JV.

"We plan to dictate offensively and defensively to set the tempo," Marlin said. "You'll see much of the same – ball movement, ball pressure, and hopefully good shooting."

It may take a while for the Cougars to jell, but their eyes are on a fourth sectional trophy. GCA travels to rival Lutheran, Saturday, Dec. 12.



First-year players who transferred to Greenwood Christian Academy are primed to make a difference. The Cougars are, from left, Caden Thompson, Isiah Davis, and Cam Thompson.



Greenwood Christian Academy seniors, from left, Zane Shewmaker, Evan Stinnett, and Styles McCorkle take a break on couch.

LUTHERAN (1A, 13-10) – Saints return with a lineup that is bigger and faster and with a solid nucleus for second-year coach Remus Woods. Lutheran may have only three seniors, but the Saints juniors are experienced after playing heavy minutes last year.

"We have a pretty nice roster," Woods said in an understatement. "We are tall up front and we're very athletic."

The seniors are 6-4 Joe Faubion, who can play multiple positions, 6-3 Luke Snow, 6-3 Mathias MacKay. Saints' talented juniors include 5-10 veteran point guard Montasi Clay, who can beat most defenders off the dribble, 6-2 running mate Mitchell Lee, 5-10 Tristen Smith, and 6-2 Ethan Cutshaw.

Clay, Faubion, Snow, and Lee were on the Saints' sectional runner-up football team and are making the transition to basketball sooner than expected.

"This is the first time in the last seven years, we've had the football guys this early for practice," Woods said. "Usually, I get the football guys for only a couple of weeks before our first game. It helps because we don't have to push back the schedule."

Saints followers will enjoy twin 6-5 sophomores, electrifying Kaiden Patterson, who adds length on defense, and center Kameron Patterson.

Woods wants the Saints to push the basketball on offense and play tough man-to-man defense. He expects the Saints to see lots of zone defenses again this season. And they face a schedule that includes eight opponents above 1A, including seven Indiana Crossroads foes.

"There are no other 1A teams in our conference," Woods said. "That gets us ready for our 1A sectional, so we embrace the fact that we play in a tough conference."

Look for Lutheran to be improved against zone defenses that slowed down the Saints last year. Defensively, the Saints will be aggressive with an extended man-to-man defense.

Saints have a challenging three-game homestand, facing Cascade in their league opener Friday, Dec. 11; rival Greenwood Christian Dec. 12; and Southwestern (Shelbyville) Dec. 18.



Lutheran junior Montasi Clay is back at point guard for the Saints.



Lutheran returns to the new basketball season with three seniors, from left, 6-3 Mathias MacKay, 6-4 Joe Faubion, and 6-3 Luke Snow.

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