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Back to School

The Southsider Voice would like to thank those who educate and mentor our youths. Best wishes for a great 2018-19 school year.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BEECH GROVE SCHOOLS

Alexis Lynn (left) and Baylee Longerich, pupils at Hornet Park Elementary in Beech Grove, have some fun on the first day of school.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Becky Schmidt, a librarian at Southport Elementary, hugs fourth-grader Helen Par as she arrives for her first day of school.



Southport Elementary Principal Jeff Spencer fist bumps students as they arrive for the opening day of school.



Perry Meridian High School attendance clerk Marilyn Morris helps a student find his way to class.



Cristina Millan, a seventh-grader at Perry Meridian Middle, is ready for the start of school.

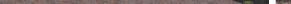


First-grader Esther Lyn and Christina Thluai on their first day of school at Southport Elementary.



Kindergartner Tyler Birdwell is the line leader in his class at MacArthur Kindergarten Academy.

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School**



Diversity becomes identity of Perry Township Schools

By Al Stilley
Senior staff writer

Diversity is turning into a positive in several ways for Perry Township Schools.

"The value of education for the diversity we have is probably the heart and soul of the whole school district," said Superintendent Pat Mapes, who is entering his third year with the district.

Last year for the first time in school district history, most students were non-Caucasian: Asian, Hispanic, Near East, African-American and Chin.

Mapes sees a unique student body that encourages one another within the district's four kindergarten academies, 11 elementary schools, two sixth-grade academies, two middle schools and two high schools. He said he's enthused because more and more minority students are engaged in extracurricular activities.

"Our students who have lived here for several years hear about the other students' strife and hardships, and, to be honest about it, that brings a different perspective for our students. They have career academic goals because of the opportunities they never had before."

For example, 2018 Perry Meridian valedictorian Raul Moreno, who gave his graduation speech in two languages and is majoring in biochemistry at Indiana University. Southport wrestler Cen Kung was a Max Preps/Semper Fidelis Athlete of the Month. He first attended Perry Schools in



Pat Mapes

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School safety steps outlined

By Al Stilley
Senior staff writer



Paul Kaiser

Beech Grove Schools Superintendent Paul Kaiser is among school administrators who have a dilemma they thought they would never face: How to keep today's students safe in the aftermath of school tragedies, including those in Indiana.

"When I started teaching 40 years ago you worried about kids getting into fist fights and who was smoking in the restrooms, but it's a much different path that we take to make decisions in schools today," Kaiser said. "We have to make sure the kids make good decisions. Resources up front with counseling services to identify students who are at-risk is a better way to spend those funds."

Kaiser, in his ninth year of leading the district, met several weeks ago with Beech

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Franklin Township one big neighborhood



Bruce Hibbard

By Al Stilley
Senior staff writer

Bruce Hibbard, in just his second year as superintendent of Franklin Township Schools, has already developed a quick understanding of the community.

"This is one big, giant neighborhood," he said. "There is a definite sense of community, and they rally around their schools, which is very important."

Extracurricular activities fuel community spirit as the public sees students perform in plays, musicals, orchestras, marching bands and athletic events.

"As kids progress, the voluntary aspects of becoming more involved in those activities increases," Hibbard said. "There is a real correlation among academic success and extracurricular participation; those students who are involved have to be more disciplined with their time management."

"It is really the model of learning because of specific instruction, direction and practice time for each student who prepares to perform."

Like all administrators, Hibbard contends that the lessons learned through those activities develop leadership and team-oriented characteristics with value in the workplace.

It has a great deal to do with the community spirit," Hibbard said. "If you are an elementary school student and go to a sports event, a play or musical, it gives that kid an impetus to do that in the future. It also drives people in the community to attend those events and that develops a great sense of pride."

Hibbard is in his 10th year as a superintendent after leading New Albany-Floyd County Schools for eight years.

He likes all of Franklin Township's facilities, including the multimillion dollar renovation of the former Wanamaker Elementary into a pre-K center to open next August.

"To be a community partner, this assures that we can be an important part of that community and make Wanamaker vibrant. There is no facility like that in Franklin Township."

The annex building at Edgewood Avenue and Franklin Road will be used for services for impaired students instead of transporting those students to Perry Township. New roofing and heating and cooling systems are being installed in addition to renovating the entrance. Youth sports programs and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department utilize the back of the building for training.

Hibbard said he would like to see the classrooms on the back side of the high school - built in the 1970s - renovated.

He is an alumnus of Frankfort High, where he was the assistant principal. He served as assistant superintendent of Washington Township Schools in Marion County.

Demographic studies by Indiana University Kelley School of Business indicate that Franklin Township Schools' enrollment will grow by 2,000 students over the next 10 years. Hibbard said he believes the elementary schools and the high school can handle student increases but that Middle School West, originally built as an intermediate school, needs an expanded academic wing.

"We can accomplish all that with proper long-term planning," Hibbard said.

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2018 Marching Flashes



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Drummer Austin Sparks (left) and the drum line (above) practice "The Pretender" at band camp.

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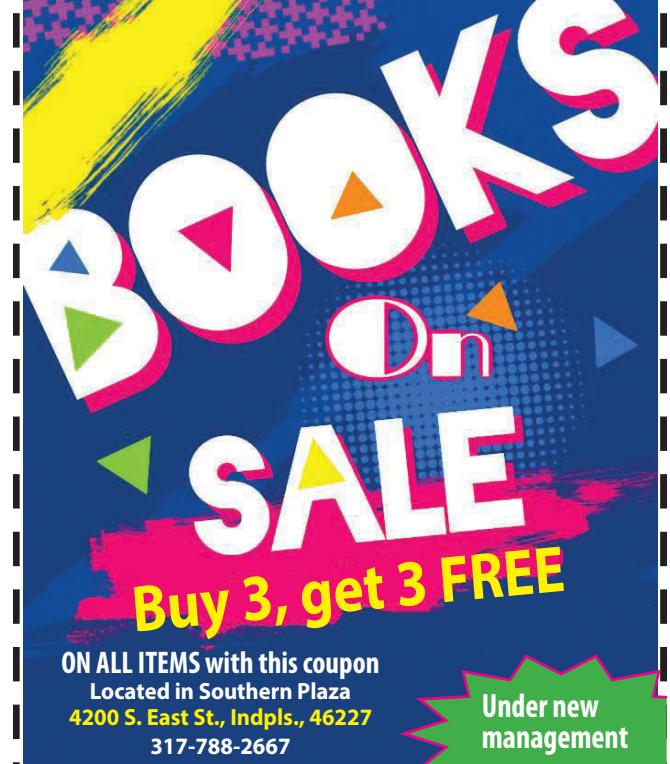


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THERESA MARIE BYRKETT, 59, husband, Scott Byrkett; daughter, Christina; brother, Brett W. Stevens; two granddaughters.

MIRANDA KAY BYRUM, 34, son, Jalen M. Byrum; father and stepmother, George S. and Susan C. Byrum; siblings, Joshua, Joseph, David, Thomas and Shannon Starr, Anna, Herbie, Chris, Christopher; grandparents, George and Teresa Byrum.

ROBERT CLIFTON COLE, 83, wife, Velma Ruth Cole; children, John D. and Mark A. Cole, Robert L., Timothy L. and Michael T. Cheek, Theresa J. Osborne, Mary Denning; siblings, William D. and Stephen W. Cole, Violet R. Bohart, Geneva M. Hardin, Mary E. Salmon; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

DARLENE C. DASCH, 80, children, Richard and Jenny Dasch, Stephanie Booze, Gretchen McCoy; brothers, Bill, George and John Spears; five grandsons; two great-grandchildren.

JAMES R. DAVENPORT, 66, children, Jennifer, Sara, Kenny, Matt, Mickie; sister, Joyce Knight; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; former wife, Paula Davenport.

SYBIL FAYE DESTEFANO, 72, children, Cathy Hopkins, Raymond and Richard DeStefano; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

JUANITA MERLENE ENGLISH, 73, sister, Del Monroe.

MARY LOUISE FISHER, 59, husband, Jeffry Fisher; sons, William Mullenix, Michael and Steven Fisher; five grandchildren.

THERESA "TEDDY" GIBSON, 99, widow of Johnny Gibson; children, Joyce Lahne, Joe, Tom and Jerry Gibson, Suzanne Shear, Rita Robertson; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren.

JANET E. WYATT GRAHAM, 80, widow of Charles Wyatt; children, Janet McDonald, Terry Wyatt; siblings, Lew Moore, Shelby Vinsant, Carolyn Abney, Cheryl Hooks, Darla Henderson; 14 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

EDITH PAULINE GROVES, 88, children, Danny L. and Carl D. Groves, Peggy J. Phelps; siblings, George T. Andrews, Marie Groves; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

ELSIE MAY HAMILTON, 93, sisters, Betty Lou Coffmann, Pauline Closs.

KATHERINE A. HANCOCK, 43, children, Jasmine Green, Devonta Hancock; father and stepmother, Darrell and Sandra Hancock; siblings, John and Robert Hancock, Jody Bottiglia, Tamitha Hatcher.

PATRIC ANDREW IRWIN, 52, wife, April Irwin; children, Addison, Lauren and Logan Irwin; mother, Betty Jean Fobes; stepmother, Lucy Irwin; siblings, Angela Youngs, Phil Irwin.

CHESTER RAYMOND JONES, 72, children, Chester "Bo" Jr. and Lorrie Jones; siblings, Steve and Donald Jones, Barbara McCawley, Helen Bridging-Jones, Betty Lewellyn; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

LAWRENCE EARL KIRKWOOD JR., 74, widower of Reba Kirkwood; children, Larry, Tracy and Sean Kirkwood, Marci Kelley, Kelli Doss; siblings, Charles and Bobby Kirkwood, Linda; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

BRENT CHARLES MANGUM, 50, wife, Angela Mangum; daughters, Erin and Ciara Mangum; parents, Doy Mangum and Ellen Mangum; brother, Stephen Mangum.

ALLEN D. MANUEL JR., 49, daughters, Jessica Martin-Frietsche, LeAnne Manuel-Long, Rachel and Nikki Manuel; parents, Allen and Barbara Manuel; siblings, David and Courtney Rice, Kytheria Rusk; 10 grandchildren; former wife, Kimberly Martin.

DR. MONTE E. O'CONNOR, a dentist, 87, passed away Friday, July 27, 2018.

He was born March 4, 1931, to William and Anna O'Connor and married Helen A. Schwomeyer on Aug. 23, 1951. He graduated from Emmerich Manual High School, earned his bachelor's of science degree from Butler University, served in the U.S. Air Force and graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1960. He retired from his Southside dental practice in 1996. As an avid golfer and fly fisherman, he found tranquility in nature.

Survivors include his wife, Helen O'Connor; children, Patricia O'Connor, Pamela O'Connor, Karen Davis (William) and Perry O'Connor (Natalie Peck); grandchildren, Katie Blackburn, Benjamin Davis, Brandon Davis, Breanna O'Connor; and six great-grandchildren.

The Rev. David Shadday will conduct a service Sunday, Aug. 5, at 3 p.m. with visitation from 1-3 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 5171 W. Smokey Row Road, Greenwood, IN.

Instead of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School, 1224 Laurel St., Indianapolis, IN 46203. Swartz Family Community Mortuary and Memorial Center in Franklin, Ind., is handling the arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.swartzmortuary.com.

JANE D. THORNBURG MCALHANEY, 76, husband, Jim McAlhane; children, Bobbi and John Amick; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

BARBARA ANN MILES, 80, daughters, Patricia "Patty" Fish, Vicki Fields, Lisa Arthur, Michelle Clay; siblings, Sharon Murphy, Ronnie Anderson; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

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CARMEN M. AGUAYO NAVARRO, 77, daughters, Carmen, Sara and Marta Reyes Aguayo; sisters, Marina Planas, Noemi Rivera, Marta Lopez; three grandchildren; one great-grandson.

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HERMAN ELMER OVERBEY, 80, widower of Ilene Overbey; children, Steve Overbey, Rory Todd and Chuck Harper, Gail Brown, Jeanne Taylor, Amy Graham, Eda Stewart; siblings, Lynn Overbey, Edna "Sis" Collins; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

KAREN PASWATER, 73, husband, Phillip; sons, Steve, Randy, Ben; siblings, Steve, Bill and Tom Linson, Joan Campbell, Margaret Means, Tammy Wallman; three grandchildren;

ANA LUISA QUINTERO, 92, children, Evelyn Santiago Cox, David Jr. and Robert Santiago, Diana Ripoll Kirkbride; siblings, Carmen Chavez, Augustin Quintero; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM DAVID RICHARDSON, 67, wife, Star; children, Ashley Rachel, Mackenzie Victoria, Piper Alexis, Bryce Hayes, Beau Bryant, Griffin Tyler; sister, Judy Richardson.

RUSTY J. SANDERS, 62, wife, Pamela Sanders; stepdaughter, Jessica Gammons; mother, Marna Sanders; siblings, Randy, Rik, Ronnie, Rodney and Roger Sanders, Tammy Hill; two grandchildren.

BRUCE JOSEPH SHATTUCK, 71, wife, Cheri; children, Todd and Jared Shattuck, Julie King; sister, Kathy Bulic; eight grandchildren.

GEORGIA ANN STILL, 66, husband, Gary Still; children, Laura Hartsock, Teresa Eads, Carlos Wayne Hartsock, Michael and Mark Still; three brothers; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

MARGARET E. "PEG" STULL, 94, widow of James W. Stull; children, James M. Stull, Mary Anne Lindblom, Rose Marie Walters; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren.

RICHARD D. THOMAS, 83, widower of Patricia Thomas; children, Leanna Hess, Chad Thomas; sister, Marilyn Zimmerman; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; companion, Lorine Ward.

JAMES ALAN TIBBS, 74, wife, Veronica L. Tibbs; children, James A. Tibbs Jr., Cheri L. Pond, Angela S. Ransdell, Mandy S. Ferrell; brother, Michael Tibbs; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

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LENA MARIE YOSHA, 96, widow of Morris Yosha; children, Sherly Ashby, Michael Yosha; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

ROBERT J. ZAEPFEL, 73, wife, Sharon; daughters, Julie Large, Leigh Ann Zaepf; siblings, William and Lisa Zaepf; two grandchildren.

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regular activities and was always interested in his employees. He left a legacy of good memories.

My wife and I now reside in Naples, Fla., and we try to keep abreast of Perry Township happenings.

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Personal Recollections By Fred Shonk

The Perry Township/Southport Historical Society discussed the origin of the names of local streets during its meeting last week.

Judy Elder operates and maintains The Historic Hannah House, which is on Madison Avenue a few blocks north of Hanna Avenue. Judy pointed out that Hanna was named after the Hannah family, but the second "h" was dropped from the street name.

Thompson Road was named after Edwin Thompson, who built and owned Longacre Pool and Park. The first road north of Thompson is Elbert Street. Elbert was Mr. Thompson's middle name. The second street north of Thompson is known as Morgan Drive, named after Mr. Thompson's best friend, Mr. Morgan.

Epler Avenue is named for the Epler family. The old family home was located at the corner of Epler and Shelby Street. It was later the Perry Township office building before becoming the first main office for Perry Township Schools.

Norwood and Al Epler drove school buses, and Al operated the Thrifty Corner service station at Epler and Meridian Street. Morris and Sandy Epler live just west of that location on Epler.

Derbyshire Road comes north out of Southport, and there are two large homes on the west side of the road. The smaller of them was the Derbyshire homeplace. Sindee Sutherland, who was at our meeting, and her family own the larger house. A few years ago I toured the Derbyshire house after some renovation had been completed.

Former Southport Mayor Nannette Tunget, a founding member of our society, also attended the meeting.

We talked about Southport Road in Southport being formally known as Union Street.

Another Southport resident who attended was Marilyn (Gray) Mayfield. She told about her family's connection to Gray Road. Her great-grandfather Jeremiah Gray also has a school named after him.

Several former classmates (Southport High) of mine and my sister, Kathy, have street names connected to their families. Bixler Road is connected to the Bixler family. Kathy went to school with Becky Bixler, the oldest daughter of George Bixler. The Bixlers owned a large farm along East Street from about Hanna to Thompson, the Southern Circle Drive-in Restaurant and Southern Plaza Shopping Center. Mary Meadows-Rollings was at our meeting, and she is part of the Bixler-Meadows family. I remember being in Boy Scouts with Carl Meadows.

Four of my classmates died in October, and two of them had ties to our program - Linda Preddy-Rosebrock: Preddy Drive is just north of County Line Road at Madison, and Rosebrock Lane is a little north of Epler west of Meridian. Linda was married to a relative of another classmate, Bob Rosebrock.

The best double connection from our class to street names has to be Anita (Hoss) Smith. There is Hoss Road, which connects to Meridian north of Thompson, and a couple of streets west of Meridian in the neighborhood is Anita Drive.

Helen Hardegan was a class ahead of me in school. I think she was probably the first person who I connected a street name with. She was my best friend when I was in the first grade. She and her husband operated his family's grocery store - Moeller's - on Union Street for many years.

We also talked about some of the interurban railroad stops along Madison: Thompson Road was Stop 6, and Epler Avenue was Stop 7.

Stuart, my therapy dog, and I saw several of the folks who attended the meeting at Saturday's unveiling of the memorial to Southport Police Lt. Aaron Allen.

Shon 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.



Southsiders' Bulletin Board

Beech Grove's Music Festival Is Saturday

Music on Main, a free festival that runs from 2-9 p.m. Saturday on Main Street in Beech Grove, will feature music from bands like 90 Proof, The Why Store, Vinnie and the Moochers and Tastes Like Chicken. There will also be several food trucks, a beer garden, a wine truck, a kids zone and 40 vendors.

Health Fair, Free Sports Physicals

Eskenazi Health will host a free health fair from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at 5515 W. 38th St. The event will feature a variety of screenings, sports physicals for 10- to 18-year-olds from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and booths with information on health topics. All guests will be eligible for door prizes and giveaways. Info: 317-880-0057.

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Letters to the editor

My memories of Dr. Frank Hunter

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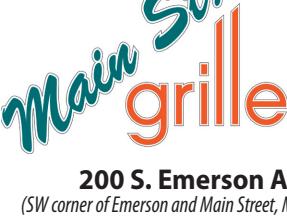
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Back to School

Tweeting to promote Greenwood Schools

By Al Stilley
Senior staff writer



Before Kent DeKoninck was named to lead Greenwood Schools, he did not use Twitter as a major communication tool.

Now the sixth-year superintendent tweets daily throughout the week, touting teacher and student achievements and acknowledging important community happenings.

The School Board wanted him to become the face of Greenwood Schools and to create more transparency with the public about school matters.

"I try to highlight those events in our schools that are positive," DeKoninck said. "I use Twitter to highlight something that is happening in the classroom, at athletic events or in Greenwood."

The superintendent also is a board member of the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce and co-chair of Aspire Johnson County and Rotary and Sertoma clubs.

DeKoninck tweeted during the summer, for example: easier online access of athletic team schedules, Greater Greenwood Chamber as a finalist for Indiana Chamber of the Year, grand opening of the new Vista Outpatient Recovery Center, backpack distribution at Westwood Elementary, date and time of senior football photos, students honored at the Indiana University journalism institute, nieces playing softball at Grand Park, renovation of the Greenwood Justice Center and Pam Gagan earning first place in the Indiana State School Bus Rodeo.

"I'm involved and outgoing anyway because that's part of my nature," said DeKoninck, who served as a principal at Meridian Middle School and a personnel director for Perry Township Schools. "I make sure I'm in the schools every week in the classrooms to see the good things that are going on. ... Obviously I get to know more students and parents – it's all about building relationships."

Each Friday morning, "Dr. D's District Dialogue" is emailed to over 500 district administrators, faculty and staff.

"It takes parents, kids, staff, community, businesses, the mayor, city government, everyone to make a good school system as well as a good community," DeKoninck said. "Greenwood is a really special place to live. I believe the community appreciates what we do."

His sense of Greenwood, 45,000 population, began when he talked with administrators, teachers, staff, and custodians during his first weeks as superintendent.

"People are really proud of the culture here," he observed. "You really feel like you are in a small town here (because) there is a sense of belonging and being respected. We have a lot of former students who graduated from Greenwood who make darn sure their kids go here."

DeKoninck said more than 550 students have transferred into Greenwood schools, primarily because many of those parents seek a welcoming school where their children can blend with the student body.

"Parents first and foremost want a school where their kids feel safe, where they belong and are cared for and are respected by their teachers – that's what I see here after five years," DeKoninck offered of his six schools, which serve more than 4,000 students.

DeKoninck and his wife, Amanda, have two grown daughters, Hillary, who lives in Fort Wayne, and Morgan, who is a counselor with Beech Grove Schools.



Kent DeKoninck

By Michael Brandt
Lutheran High head of school

The Saints are marching into a new academic year elevating the mission of Lutheran High.

The mission to prepare students for a Christian life while providing academic excellence has two components, one of which separates our school community from any public school district.

We are similar to many districts in seeking out academic excellence and providing for students the college ready opportunities they will need to be successful. Our college prep curriculum including Advanced Placement and dual credit course work has propelled graduating seniors forward with as many as 30 college credits and the possibility of college sophomore status.

But the mission of Lutheran High also reveals a drive to prepare our students to be Christians who are ready to walk into a life riddled with challenges, tough decisions and great opportunities. Through this part of our mission we challenge our students to project a servant leader persona that is ready to listen, seek out truth, be open to creativity, and move forward in a direction that ultimately cares for people in a workplace, community or family.

Teaching our students to become Christian leaders begins with practice and application. We intentionally guide our students through opportunities in worship, social interactions, service, classroom engagement and outward respect as key components in the growth of a servant leader. We wrap this intentional Christian walk into the classroom and all extracurricular activities as teaching moments to grow and prepare.

A new start is always a fresh start. The community of students, teachers, parents and sponsors of Lutheran High is ready to continue its 40-plus years of excellence. Getting new starts, continuing good traditions and aspiring to new levels of excellence will continue to be the character of Lutheran High.

God bless the Saints and all schools preparing for another year.



Michael Brandt

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By Al Stilley

Senior staff writer

The vision at Center Grove Schools is for all students to receive an "exceptional educational experience" with the mission among administrators and educators to "develop knowledgeable, confident and responsible citizens through inspirational and innovative learning opportunities."

The district consists of five elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school.

Three of the schools have new principals:

• Davin Harpe, who served at Sugar Grove Elementary for five years, moves to Center Grove Middle in the same role.

• Jessica Hyde, former assistant principal at Pleasant Grove Elementary, is the new leader at Sugar Grove.

• Ron Siner is the new principal at North Grove after serving as assistant principal at Sugar Grove.

Growth continues with the addition of Walnut Grove Elementary, which will open next fall on the district's far south side.

The corporation serves about 8,500 students in Grades K-12 with a staff of more than 900.

The district, led by Dr. Richard Arkenoff, is the largest in Johnson County and the 32nd largest in the state.

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SOUTHPORT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS **SUMMER BREAK FUN**

By interns Tabatha Fitzgerald and Haley Miller



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Junior Rebecca Wright went to Juneau, Alaska, over her summer break.



Sophomores Lauren Beatty and Nick Frank (top) and juniors Megan Frank and Kendall Henderson went to King's Island.



Junior Jordyn Baker went horseback riding.



Sophomore Hannah Cooper went to a German festival.



Sophomore Lauren Beatty went to France.



Junior Christopher Delacruz worked for a tile and terrazzo contractor over the summer.



Junior Gavin Hensley went to Gatlinburg, Tenn. He is pictured with his Mom, Krista.



Junior Russell Peterson-Womack went fishing with his cousin's son.



Emily Chambers, a 2018 graduate, and junior Kendall Henderson in Fountain Square.



Senior Samantha Switzer went to Summerville, Ala., over the summer, where she had the opportunity to hold a baby alligator.



Senior Maria Guia (peach jacket) went to Indiana Dunes State Park with her Advance Placement biology class for its annual end-of-the-school-year trip.



Junior Margaret Ennis (center) spent part of her summer leading worship services at Kidustrial Park at Indian Creek Christian Church.



Southport senior Jordan Cox (second from right) went to a week-long puppet camp at Peewinkle's Puppet Studio during her summer break.

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Youth program explores careers in law enforcement

Southport Police Department Explorer Post 183, a coeducational program of Boy Scouts of America, is recruiting 14- to 20-year-olds for its Law Enforcement Explorer Academy.

In addition to examining at careers in law enforcement, participants will learn about making ethical decisions, leadership development, basic patrol and investigation techniques while receiving hands-on experience.

Upon completion of the academy, those who become members will continue to experience the various aspects of law enforcement while providing service to Southport and its residents.

The post meets from 6-8 p.m. every other Thursday (Aug. 9 is the next meeting) at the department, 137 Worman St., 2 blocks south of Southport Road and 2 blocks east of Madison Avenue.

Parents are not required to attend but are welcome. Email dbender@southportpolice.org for more information.



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Wishing a great year for our educators and students!

Bees' dual duties: Making honey and pollinating

By B. Scott Mohr
Editor

"To bee, or not to bee?"

Well ... that's a pretty simple question to answer when considering that one out of every three bites of food that we eat is made possible by bees. Without the pollination that they provide, it would be nearly impossible to grow the many foods we depend on.

Bees are essential to the good health of about 80 percent of plant life because they pollinate it, helping to produce seeds, said Fred Kidwell, a beekeeper since 2005 and Garfield Park's resident beekeeper for about seven years. "Oh, we would still have apples without bees, but the quality and quantity wouldn't be there."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that bee pollination adds \$15 billion to the value of crops annually. Bee hives are driven to farms across the country to pollinate fruit, vegetables, nuts, seeds, fibers and hay. Nearly 60 percent of the country's hives are transported to California in February to pollinate almond trees. Most commercial beekeepers agree that they could not survive without the income from renting bees to the almond growers.

"Commercial beekeepers make most of their money off their pollination services; the honey is just a side thing," said Kidwell, who harvests between 55 and 60 pounds of honey each season from his hive at the park. "And I make sure I leave the bees that much so they have plenty of food to get them through the winter. I still can't believe I got 100 pounds in 2012, when we had a drought. I didn't think I would get any because all the flowers had dried up."

"Most people harvest twice a year; I just do it once. I use quite a bit of my honey, but I always save enough to give to family and friends at Christmas. There is a big demand for local honey. A pound can cost between \$8 and \$15."

He estimates that his hive numbers between 60,000 and 80,000 bees at this time of year, when they are busy from sunup to sundown, but that amount will drop to around 20,000 come winter.

"Bees aren't dormant in the winter, but they can't fly when it's below 40 degrees. They keep their hives warm by moving their muscles. Even when its 10 below zero, the center of the cluster of bees – about the size of a volleyball – is 85 degrees; it's 45 degrees on the edge of cluster."

The average lifespan of a worker bee is five weeks (a queen bee can live to be 4 and lays up to 2,000 eggs a day). Bees normally forage for nectar within a 2-mile radius of their hives, but they have been known to travel as far as 8 miles. Upon finding nectar they return to their hives and



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY B. SCOTT MOHR
Fred Kidwell's beehive at Garfield Park produces between 55 and 65 pounds of honey annually.



A steady stream of bees buzz in and out of the hive from sunup to sundown.

do what is known as "the bee dance," which alerts the other bees to the location of the food.

The initial expense to start a hive is around \$500, said Kidwell, who noted that most of that expense is a one-time deal. A box of 10,000 to 20,000 bees can cost \$135.

"Urban hives are some of the best because the bees have a variety of food; they have a great diet. Once you get a hive started, you'll need a nearby supply of water for the bees to drink, and they use water to cool their nests if they get too warm. Bees really don't have a preference for flowers; anything with a lot of nectar will do."

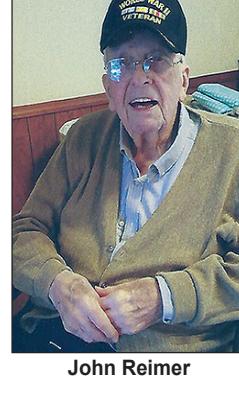
For people interested in starting hives, Kidwell will host a free workshop from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday at the Garfield Park Conservatory, 2450 Shelby St. "Everyone will get to taste raw honey," he said. Call 317-327-7275 to register.

Kidwell, 68, recalls having an interest in bees as a child. "My dad harvested honey from trees when we went hunting in North Vernon. I would hold a smoky oil rag to calm the bees while Dad got the honey. It was quite an experience. Raw honey right out of the hive is great. Dad put it in his coffee, and I put it on my toast."

A 1967 graduate of Manual High School, Kidwell has fond memories of the park. "I learned to swim there, and my great-uncle Joe Meo worked there. I spent a lot of time at the park as a kid."

Celebrating a milestone

By Scott Mohr
Editor



John Reimer

John Reimer will celebrate his 100th birthday during an open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Lauck & Veldhof Funeral Home, 1458 S. Meridian St.

Reimer was born Aug. 2, 1918, to Louis and Mary Reimer. He grew up on the Near Southside and is the oldest member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He belonged to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and is a former president.

He graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1936 and was president of his senior class. An Army veteran of World War II, Reimer retired as a pharmaceutical sales rep in 1977.

Reimer is known for his wit and interesting stories about the Southside. Until he quit driving two years ago, he attended daily Mass at either St. John, St. Mary, St. Roch, Holy Rosary or Sacred Heart. He still lives on his own in his home near Southern Plaza.

Denny Fitzpatrick, who is Reimer's godson and caregiver, jokingly says having the party at a funeral home is a "package deal for John."

"We are going to have good food and drinks, and people are coming in from across the country," said Fitzpatrick, whose wife, Joan, also assists with the caregiving. "John has always been a second father to me. He's our family historian," Denny said. "My children have always called him 'Grandpa John.'"

Reimer never married but was close to his sisters, Gertrude and Mary Jane, both of whom are deceased.

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Fallen officer honored with memorial wall

By Al Stilley
Senior staff writer

The first anniversary of the death of Southport Police Lt. Aaron Allan was a historic day for the city.

Speakers who honored Allan during the ceremony included Southport Police Chief Thomas Vaughn, Allan's widow, Stacy, and his father, James, Mayor Russell McClure and Sen. Joe Donnelly. The ceremony, which featured the Southport color guard and a bagpipe salute, was held before the unveiling of the Lt. Allan Memorial Wall.

Vaughn said Friday was "a somber day but also a beautiful day" to honor Allan and for the opening of the new Southport Municipal Building, which houses Southport police headquarters and other city offices.

Stacy Allan spoke of her faith to more than 200 persons in attendance. She also asked for prayers for former Indianapolis police Deputy Chief Jim Walters, who died on the same day as her husband, and for the Coleman family, who lost nine members in a tragic boat accident in Missouri.

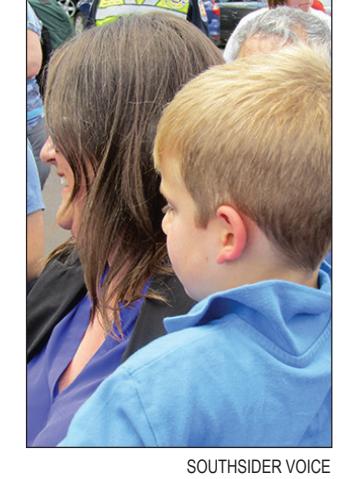
"I cling to hope," she said. "We cling to hope, knowing that the good in this world far outweighs any evil."

The 5-foot memorial wall was unveiled by members of the color guard along with the presentation of the American flag, the Indiana flag and the thin blue line American flag. The wall features plaques from various donors, including *The Southsider Voice*, for the police department's training and equipment fund.

McClure honored all law enforcement officers by stating, "They know that without their courage, there would be no security; and without their sacrifice, there would be no justice."

A clay bust of Allan was on display inside the building. The bust was sculptured by Southside artist Duane King, who has launched a fund drive to pay for casting the sculpture in bronze.

The ceremony was followed by the ribbon cutting by Clerk-Treasurer Diana Bossingham, Councilor James Cooney and McClure.



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLEY

Stacy Allan holds son Aaron Jr. while greeting friends outside the new Southport Municipal Building.



The memorial wall honoring Aaron Allan was unveiled by the color guard.



Those who spoke in honor of Southport Police Lt. Aaron Allan were (from left) Chief Thomas Vaughn; Allan's widow, Stacy; Allan's father, James; Mayor Russell McClure; and Sen. Joe Donnelly.

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Back to School

Wonderful things happening at Manual

By Al Stilley
Senior staff writer

Manual pride continues to grow.

Under an Indiana Department of Education mandate and pact with Charter Schools USA in 2012, the school shows progress: a grade of a C from the department in 2017; doubling of the graduation rate to 80 percent; higher scores in state tests; increased student participation in extracurricular activities; and more interaction among students with alumni and the community.

"We are witnessing a regeneration of the rich history of this high school," Principal Misty Ndiritu stated. "Today's students are bringing back the traditions of Manual."

Among those traditions, Ndiritu pointed out academic success, increased college and workplace readiness, highly competitive athletic teams, a viable music program that is enjoyed by the community and continuation of the highly valued Junior ROTC program that is in its second century.

"Over time, the culture of Emmerich Manual is changing," she observed. "Wonderful things are happening (because) there is great potential to keep growing and providing for our students."

Student academic proficiency is the goal of administrators, counselors and teachers.

Most students are on the Indiana Core40 track with additional courses leading to an academic honors diploma and technical honors diploma.

Manual offers students a variety of college readiness and college credit programs through IUPUI and work-related readiness through Ivy Tech course credit programs. Those pathways include agricultural sciences, business education, family and consumer sciences, nursing and

welding. Students can earn dual credit in English and U.S. history courses.

This is the second academic year for an eight-step process of remediation for students having difficulty in math and language arts.

Extracurricular activities are putting more and more students in a favorable spotlight throughout the community, according to Ndiritu.

She pointed out the JROTC color guard's participation at public events, the performances of choral students with the Manual-Aires and the competitiveness of the football, baseball and boys basketball teams. And she emphasized the willingness of students to participate in various sports for the first time.

"Anytime our students are in the community performing, we are showing the great faces of Manual," Ndiritu said. "They take pride in representing Manual."

She praised the school's Alumni Association for its support and encouragement of today's students.

Established in 1895, Manual has a great history. The school moved to its present site on Madison Avenue in 1953 from Meridian Street in downtown. The former site served as Harry E. Wood Vocational Training School through 1978.

For many decades Manual was the epitome of secondary education on the Southside. However, six consecutive years of an F grade from the Department of Education led to a state takeover with Charter Schools under the guidance of the Noble Education Initiative. The turnaround reached a milestone last year when Manual earned a C.

The pact between Charter Schools and the department extends through the 2019-20 academic year.

Diversity (Continued from Page 1)

elementary school.

"It's all about dedication and hard work; it makes me tough," Kung said.

The fearful Kung family fled Myanmar to Thailand before coming to America.

"There wasn't any freedom for us because the military controlled the country," Kung recalled. "It was very difficult."

Mapes emphasized that diversity - 24 countries and 72 different languages - is interwoven throughout the district. "Diversity is one of the positives for students. They are very well prepared about the real world and what they will see after high school. They already have a great understanding of how to work in a diverse workplace."

The language barrier is lessened by teacher aides in most classes to help students learn English. Mapes said the state standard is Level 5 for English but that students go beyond that level until they are proficient.

"In elementary schools, their needs are the same as each student in developing a foundation in skills of math, language arts and reading. The kids are mainstreamed but there is support. That diversity really shines in K through 2."

Perry Township is one of the five fastest-growing districts in the state with an enrollment that jumped from 14,463 in 2011-12 to 16,229 last year.

Mapes has been an educator/administrator for 31 years, having served as superintendent at Delaware Community Schools in Muncie, assistant superintendent of public instruction for the Indiana Department of Education and chair of the state's Education Employment Relations Board.

When Mapes arrived as superintendent, \$72 million in construction was underway.

A 2015 referendum approved four kindergarten academies and 28 elementary classrooms that opened last year. About \$22 million in construction is taking place at both middle schools. The School Board has approved 39 new classrooms for Grades 6-8.

Greenwood Christian Academy lays out plans for the future

By Al Stilley
Senior staff writer

Greenwood Christian Academy has launched a five-year plan to grow its academic and athletic programs to serve the needs of its students from Johnson and Marion counties.

Located at 835 W. Worthsville Road, the school serves 500 students in Grades K-12.

The first day of school is Aug. 8, preceded by middle school and high school orientation Friday and elementary school orientation Monday, each 6-8:30 p.m.

Angelique Randall, who served as principal of the middle and high school, now oversees the entire facility.

In a statement on the school's website, she stated, "I believe the aim of education is to enrich the lives of students while helping them become articulate, critical thinkers and lifelong learners who are socially responsible, spiritually equipped, active citizens of the world."

The school's aggressive five-year plan calls for increased fundraising capabilities, more grants, classroom expansion and more land to improve athletic facilities. The 10-year plan calls for a new high school.

The school's website offers the following information:

"Greenwood Christian Academy provides a solid college preparatory academic founda-

tion and strengthens the faith of your child and family. We are an independent Christian school fully accredited by Indiana. Approximately 28 percent of our students live in Marion County with 70 percent residing in Johnson County.

"For 17 years we have facilitated a faith-based education. We offer an excellent college preparatory education at an affordable price. Ninety-seven percent of our graduates have been accepted to a four-year university. The remaining 3 percent choose to enter the military or obtain an associate degree.

"It is our goal to produce well-rounded students who value and love Christ above all else. Our staff works hard to encourage, train and mentor students as they grow.

"We challenge our students to reach their highest academic potential while providing outlets for fine arts and creating an atmosphere of athletic distinction as part of our charge. We push our students to strive for excellence in all areas, but above all else, we encourage them to take on Christ's character. Your child will learn about servant leadership through community service, student-led worship and mentorship programs."

Administrators include K-12 pastoral Principal Jason Klinger, middle/high school dean Kevin Jackson and elementary school dean Christine Cross.

Safety (Continued from Page 1)

Grove Mayor Dennis Buckley to review safety steps that also involve police and fire departments and emergency medical response.

A portion of the \$8.8 million referendum in 2015 enabled the district to make front entrance improvements and secure doors that restrict entry and enhance student safety.

In June, more internal/external security cameras were installed at the high school, the first step in making sure visual monitors are in place at all schools.

Beech Grove police officers are at the high school and middle school daily with officers at elementary schools as needed with the goal of having a patrolman in each building. The cost is shared 50-50 by the school corporation and police department.

The value of having a police officer in the schools has many benefits beyond safety.

"If the kids overhear a potential threat, then they already know that officer in school or on the street," Kaiser said. "The officer at the high school knew those students at the middle school. The students can meet the officers in school; if they know them, they are more likely to go to them."

Kaiser and Buckley are planning more joint meetings with the public to discuss school safety steps. A building-by-building analysis will become part of the district's comprehensive plan for school safety.

Kaiser said the district will accept Gov. Eric Holcomb's offer for handheld metal-detecting wands but cautioned that funds are needed for additional counselors and officers.

"His offer is a one-time situation; we will take advantage of it. Human capital is more important than a device to do that."

"We have a great relationship with Beech Grove fire and police but getting where we want will take time. Safety really comes down to that personal relationship among student, teacher, officer and administrator."

In looking at building needs, Kaiser said Hornet Park Elementary would become an early childhood center, South Grove would have Grades 2-5, and Central Elementary would become a sixth-grade academy, hopefully by 2022.

The longtime educator has taught at Monrovia, Eastern (Greene County) and Decatur Central schools and has been an administrator at Noblesville and Monrovia school districts.

"The people - that's what stands out about Beech Grove," he said. "The support from the community as a whole for everything that takes place in Beech Grove Schools is fabulous."

Beauty found during trying times in classic American play

Buck Creek Players brings hope and beauty to the stage with "The Rainmaker," opening Friday for a two-weekend run.

Set in the hard years of the Depression-era Dust Bowl and directed by Tim Spradlin, the production tells the story of recognizing the beauty and potential locked away inside everyone.

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Curtain times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the playhouse, 11150 Southeastern Ave. Tickets, \$16 for children, students and seniors ages 62 and up, \$18 for adults, can be reserved by calling 317-862-2270. Group discounts are available for parties of 10 or more when tickets are purchased at www.buckcreekplayers.com.



PHOTO BY GARY NELSON
Steve Jerk and Jenni White in Buck Creek Players' production of "The Rainmaker."

The playhouse is holding auditions at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday for "The Unexpected Gift," a Christmas play to be staged weekends Nov. 30 through Dec. 16. The cast calls for a man in his 60s, a woman in her 40s, a 13-year-old boy and a 7-year-old girl.

The play tells the story of Jack, a 69-year-old writer who lost his wife to cancer and is devastated and bitter. He seeks refuge from the world by retreating to the old family cabin.

His only surviving family members are his daughter and her two children. When his daughter arrives at his cabin on the afternoon of Christmas eve and asks if her children can stay with him for a few days, Jack is reluctant but agrees. He and the children discover one another and realize that they have an unexpected Christmas gift....

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Jerry Lee Lewis (from left and played by Brian Michael Henry), Carl Perkins (Christopher Wren), David Perry (Brother Jay), Johnny Cash (Justin Figueroa) and Elvis Presley (Edward La Cardo) perform "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On" in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's production of "Million Dollar Quartet," on stage through Aug. 26.

The musical relives the night of Dec. 4, 1956, when Presley, Lewis, Perkins and Cash performed together at Sun Studios in Memphis for the first and only time.

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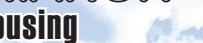
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Back to School

Roncalli students thrive on faith, education

By Al Stilley
Senior staff writer

Roncalli Principal Charles E. Weisenbach is in his 35th year as a teacher or administrator at the school, which formed when Kennedy and Chartrand high schools merged in 1969.

Weisenbach, a 1979 graduate of Roncalli, explained that the Catholic school thrives on the principles of a faith component, a prayerful life, giving back to others and religious education.

Faith component

He points out the importance of all students in public or private schools to develop a "moral compass." The most important element is developing a relationship with Christ.

"A moral compass can be established in our public schools, but it is more difficult when you cannot bring a faith component into it," he said. "The faith component makes it easier to establish that moral compass – being the best version of yourself that you can be, being all that God wants you to be, and treating others the way you want to be treated."

A prayerful life

Weisenbach emphasized that the pope wants everyone to have a personal relationship with Christ, and that's what prayer is all about. Nearly 90 percent of Roncalli's students are from Catholic grade schools, so the concept of being prayerful during the day is not new to them.

Prayer life at Roncalli consists of teachers, coaches and music and drama directors who include prayer in their activities.

"Prayer isn't just something we do every day at 9 o'clock (end of second period)," Weisenbach said. "We have good faith-filled Christian people in our classrooms who share their faith with students, and that is so powerful."

Service to others

Students are required to fulfill a number of service hours, ranging from 12-26 per semester throughout their high school careers, plus taking part in HOPE (Handicapped or Poverty and Elderly), a program in its fourth year.

"We found that HOPE is of great value because it establishes in our students' minds that there are people in need out there," Weisenbach said. "And when you do that, whether it is being at a soup kitchen or going to a nursing home and playing euchre with those residents, it is hard not to see the face of Christ. The HOPE hours have taken the concept of service to another level."

Religious education

Weisenbach pointed out that the religious classes are not leveled; the valedictorian may be sitting next to a special needs student, so they get to know each other.

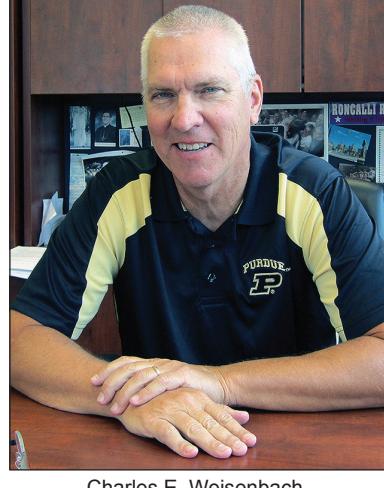
"Our religious study teachers have the hardest job in the whole building," he said. "There is an academic component (religion), but the students won't realize that component until they know the person of Jesus Christ and want to have a personal relationship with him."

He poses two questions daily to students: Are you trying to connect with Christ? Are you having a daily encounter with Christ?

Weisenbach said the school takes pride in its Four Star status as designated by the Indiana Department of Education for the fourth straight year.

The building program continues with plans for a new gymnasium during the 2019-20 academic year.

The first day of school for more than 1,200 students is Aug. 8.



Charles E. Weisenbach

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On behalf of American Legion Post 355, Cmdr. Ed McDuffee (left) donated \$5,000 to Roncalli Principal Chuck Weisenbach on July 19. The money will provide needs-based tuition assistance.

Congratulations! Schnell is Mr. Baseball

Former Roncalli center fielder Nick Schnell has been named the state's Mr. Baseball by the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association.

Schnell, who plays center field graduated in June, was selected by Tampa Bay in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft early last month and plays for the Rays' rookie league team, the Gulf Coast Rays.

He compiled career school records for batting average (.473), hits (155), home runs (25), RBIs (109), runs (151) and walks (101). He hit .535 with 15 homers and 37 RBIs from the leadoff spot as a senior.

Schnell established single-season school records for homers (15), runs (52) and walks (41) as a senior while leading the 2018 Rebels to a 25-6 record and sectional and Marion County tournament titles.

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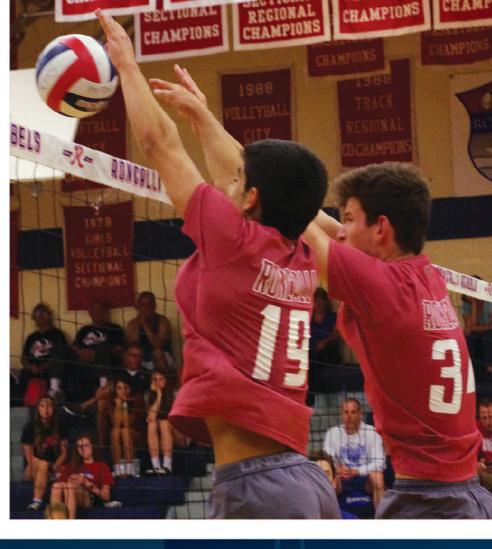
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