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Southport resident becomes TOPS Queen for weight loss

By Al Stilley
Editor

During many of Virginia Haley's trips to a health care facility to visit her ailing husband Eldridge, she was consistently out of breath just walking from her car to his room.

Her husband had been suffering from dementia that became more critical and eventually resulted in his death in May 2020. Because of her weight and desire to be healthy, Virginia already was on her way then of enhancing her life through a TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) chapter at Southwood Baptist Church in Beech Grove.

She lost an amazing 103 pounds from Jan. 8, 2020 through Sept. 20, 2021. Her weight loss in 2020 earned her the title of Indiana TOPS Queen. She was presented her crown during a state meeting earlier this year at Santa Claus, Indiana. Since then she has maintained her new weight of 178 pounds.

"I couldn't even bend over to tie my shoes; I just wanted to be healthy again," she recalled of her plight of weighing nearly 280 pounds. "You have to set goals and have the mindset that it's not a diet program but a lifestyle change."

She emphasized, "I feel better now than I have for 50 years."

The near-lifelong Southsider attributes her weight loss to the support she received from her fellow TOPS chapter members, along with portion control and regular exercise. TOPS is a non-commercial weight loss, education, and support organization.

At the outset, she wanted to lose 10 pounds over consecutive periods. With TOPS, she was able to select her own way to adapt a new lifestyle by losing weight. At first, she limited herself to no more than 1,200 calories for five days and 500 calories for two days during any week. She later took up "intentional fasting" by eating at 6 a.m. and not again until 10 a.m. the next day. She also utilized the Keto diet. Her foods still consist of low calorie and high-protein foods and drinks.



She praised the TOPS support program and how her fellow TOPS members encouraged and supported her efforts.

Her visits to the gymnasium ended because of health protocols due to the Covid-19 pandemic. She continues to walk at least one mile per day and took up a senior yoga program (tier two) in which she uses a chair. She is able to walk four miles, a big changeover from a couple of years ago when she was winded just walking short distances from her parked car to visit her husband or to get groceries or pick up prescriptions.

"TOPS has a great support system that was by phone or zoom for most of last year because of Covid when we could not meet with our group," Haley recalled. "The gym I went to was

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CELEBRATING HER 100TH BIRTHDAY



Southsider Helen Lucas celebrated her birthday with a balloon bouquet and several cards from members of the Mary Bryan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) who surprised her with a party.

She is a chapter member and celebrated her special day on her 100th birthday on Sept. 21. A reception was held earlier in her honor at Christ United Methodist Church on Sept. 19.

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ROYALS WERE IN THE ZONE AT HOMECOMING FRIDAY



(PHOTO BY JOHN SMITH)
Roncalli High School's student section, led by Eli Crouch, holding the microphone, helps their football team stay in The Zone and remain unbeaten Friday during homecoming as the 4A No. 1-ranked team defeated 3A No. 1- Brebeuf Jesuit, 28-10. The homecoming crowd enjoyed the Royals sixth win of the season and their 18th straight win. Roncalli, the reigning 4A state champions, travel to 5A No. 11 Bloomington North on Friday.

Greenwood Public Library renew to be complete by spring 2022

By Al Stilley
Editor

Taking an historic cue from Benjamin Franklin, Greenwood's Public Library is a "library of things," according to director Cheryl Dobbs.

The facilities in the two-story building includes books, periodicals, newspapers, computers, a "try-it" section, a 3D printer, and even a sewing machine.

Dobbs also pointed out that Franklin's first public lending library had scientific instruments and geological specimens.

Today's library between Madison Avenue and Meridian Street in downtown Greenwood is undergoing a \$3.9 million renovation that will give the second floor a new look and expand many special areas that are used extensively. The library is well-positioned for the future between a re-imagined city park to the north and a multi-million dollar multi-purpose development to the south.

"Folks see this (library) as an extension of their home," Dobbs said. "Those who haven't been inside this building will see many things and they get their library card so they can come back and enjoy it."

The comfort level will increase for all patrons who enter in spring 2022, the new target date for completion.

"They see a model children's department and teen room that have been reimaged," Dobbs said. "Now we are redoing the upstairs for the student, the business person, those who want to craft together or find something they can enjoy at home. Even grandmother can bring her grandchildren and teach them to sew."

Upstairs, Dobbs pointed out that several areas are being remodeled and expanded.

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(GREENWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY PHOTO)
Taking an early look at renovations underway at Greenwood Public Library are, from left, library head of operations Lynn Johnson, assistant director Emily Ellis and director Cheryl Dobbs.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLEY)
GPL has board games to borrow. These are among amenities that will continue to be available to patrons.

STAR WARS JOINS GREATER GREENWOOD COMMUNITY BAND



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)
Popular characters from Star Wars movies joined the Greater Greenwood Community Band at its outdoor concert Sept. 19 at the Greenwood Amphitheater. The all-volunteer band performed selections by the iconic movie music composers to the delight of its largest outdoor crowd of the season. Selections included music from Batman, Superman, the Magnificent Seven and more movie favorites. The 90-member band now prepares for the upcoming indoor season.

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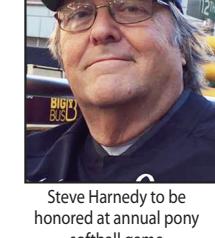
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Kelly's Korner

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BGCS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

Beech Grove City Schools students of the month for September are, from left, front, Bayleigh Small, Hornet Park Elementary; Maiori Short, Central Elementary; Addison Corn, South Grove Intermediate; back row, Gabby Boggs, Beech Grove Middle School; and Rylan Horen - Beech Grove High School. Beech Grove High School students at Central Nine Career Center who are students of the month are, from left, Abigail Gray, culinary arts; Lexi Byrd, dental careers; and Shyanne Hobbs, veterinary careers.



Abigail Gray Lexi Byrd Shyanne Hobbs

WALSH CONSTRUCTION DONATES HEADPHONES



(PHOTO COURTESY OF PERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS)
The Walsh Construction group has donated more than 1,900 headphones to students at Henry Burkhardt Elementary School to enable them to fully take part in computer assignments when working independently in the classroom. Walsh Construction is one of several companies involved in the I-69 project in Perry Township.

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A NEW LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Perry Township Schools has welcomed its third Leadership Academy Community in support of our educators, especially during these challenging times. This year, administrators are thrilled to invite participants back for in-person classes with Covid-19 safety protocols. Virtual sessions are also available for those who prefer to participate remotely.

The academy is an engaging, year-long learning experience for parents and community leaders to gain a deeper understanding of our district. This year's cohort consists of 19 residents who are invested in the success of our district: Rachel Campbell, Whitney Hall, Dustin Hanes, Jenni Johnson, Heather Laux, Denny Lawrence, Rev. Amy Lee, Jennifer Means, Manda Newlin, Adam Palmer, Angela Paul, Heather Pease, Naw Phaw, Jennifer Pinson, Samuel Snideman, Kelsey Taylor, Don Thie, Amber Traub, and Sarah Underwood.

Participants will learn about our unique, diverse population, proven academic growth, award-winning culture, and the massive undertakings of departments like IT (information technology) and child nutrition. Each session will have two-way conversation, with thoughtful and insightful questions and concerns.

The academy was designed with three goals in mind for participants: gain a deeper understanding of how Perry Township Schools functions; experience the engaging learning style that our educators use to teach students; and develop an understanding of how Perry Township Schools has created an award-winning culture of educational excellence that is recognized by national education experts.

Academy participants were either nominated by principals or applied to join. They will attend eight classes that will meet monthly through May, visiting multiple buildings and engaging with various leaders at the district and school levels.

Upon completion of the program, participants will receive a certificate. We invite academy graduates to become passionate ambassadors who share our district's vision with our community and dialogue with district leaders about future projects. We are thankful to everyone making time in their busy schedules to be a part of this initiative.

Perry Township Schools is thankful to have a strong group of parents and community leaders who are invested in the education of our students. To hear past participants describe their Leadership Academy experience in their own words, visit <http://www.perryschools.org/leadership-academy>.

2021 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



(PHOTOS COURTESY OF PERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS)
Superintendent Pat Mapes addresses the first Leadership Academy for the 2021-22 school year.

LUAU AT GLENN'S VALLEY



Max and Stacy Krider took part in the inaugural Glenn's Valley Elementary School PTA-hosted mother-son luau with a night of dancing and games with a tropical island theme. School leaders hope to make this a new tradition.

FALCONS SEVENTH IN REGIONAL



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)
Perry Meridian's girls' golf team finished seventh Friday in the Roncalli Regional at Smock Golf Course. The Falcons, from left, and their 18-hole scores are Anna Kavanagh (86), Marissa Travis (99), Tanisha Downer (82), Audrey Stroud (114), and Olivia Lusch (85). Third-place Center Grove (325), led by Lanie DeHaven's 5-over 79, qualified for the IHSAA State Finals Friday and Saturday at Prairie View Golf Course in Carmel.

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Personal Recollections By Fred Shonk

TWO TEST RESULTS

It has been a crazy couple of weeks. I enjoyed our Southport High School three-day class reunion earlier this month and connecting with former classmates again.

My wife, Lyn, also has had several things going on the same weekend. She was singing in the church choir on Sunday morning. My group had a breakfast scheduled during that time. I attended our class breakfast and after choir, Lyn and some of the choir members went out to brunch.

Lyn received a call on Tuesday from one of her choir members to inform her that she was feeling bad on Monday and had a Covid-19 test that came back positive. Lyn was sitting next to her both during choir and their brunch. We have both had our Covid 19 shots, with the second shot in February, but both decided that we were under house quarantine until we could be tested. Lyn made some calls and we got an appointment to be tested on Thursday. Our tests were at different times so we didn't travel together. We were both told that we should get our results within 48 hours.

Those results arrived by e-mail on Saturday afternoon. Lyn's was negative and mine was positive. That didn't make any sense. As far as we knew, she was the only one that had been exposed to someone with Covid. We were totally confused. Neither of us was feeling bad.

Lyn had informed the folks at Anna's House (where she volunteers a couple of times a week) that we were under quarantine as well as the church choir. I had also made some calls to let friends know what was going on at our house.

Because we were not feeling sick, we did get some house projects completed. It was also a surprising time for Stuart, the therapy dog; Harry, the crazy cat; and the 10 chicken girls because Lyn and I were home all the time.

After a few days, we decided that a second test would be interesting. We figured that Lyn would test positive this time and depending on when I came down with Covid, I might be negative at that point.

We again were scheduled for our tests at different times. I went for my test and turned in my paperwork; the lady turned and asked me my name. I told her and she questioned me and referred to me using a totally different guy's name. I once again gave her my name and she took the paperwork and returned to her desk.

She was gone quite a while and when she returned, she explained to me that my results might not be available for several days. I totally understand that locations doing Covid 19 testing are sometimes overwhelmed. I was not mad or upset, I was a little confused, but figured things would turn out just fine in a few days.

The very next day, we received our results. This time we were both shown as negative. I have a feeling that there might have been some confusion concerning my first test and that fact that I was referred to by a different name on my second visit.

We both have our paperwork for a negative test. We are still feeling very healthy and ready to get back to our regular day to day activities. We admire hard-working nurses and staff who test people for Covid and provide treatment for those with Covid.

We hope everyone has a wonderful week.

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A retrospective glance at the Southside
From *The Spotlight* and
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60 Years Ago This Week - 1961

The width of a standard newspaper page was 18 inches, rather beefy when compared to today's 11 1/2 inches.

Sacred Heart Parish's Fiesta Sunday featured a grand raffle, Texas poker, turkey and roast beef dinners for \$1.25 and children's games.

More than 10,000 people were expected to attend the rodeo at South Meridian Street and County Line Road. The event matched 220-plus cowboys with 170 wild bulls and horses.

Andy Anderson and the Jets performed at the Madison Lounge, 2718 Madison Ave.

Catfish, steak, oyster and chicken dinners cost \$1.25 at the Nine Star Tavern, 2101 S. East St.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1971

Becky Johnson, Gary Martin and Chris DeLong were cast in Southport High School's production of "Don't Drink the Water."

Citizens Against Busing held a meeting to rally support in an effort to stop busing children for racial balance in Indianapolis.

Stacy Shuck, a sixth-grader at Keystone Middle School, won a sewing machine for being the regional winner in the homemaking contest sponsored by the Singer Sewing Co.

G. Thomas Blankenship, a graduate of Southport High and Indiana University School of Law, joined the law firm of Coombs, Lively and Bogard at 5330 Madison Ave.

40 Years Ago This Week - 1981



Perry Meridian's Beth Wuensch (left) and Contessa King displayed "Falcon buffalo" to be awarded during the school's homecoming festivities.

Friedens United Church of Christ was preparing for its 70th anniversary, which would be celebrated Oct. 4.

Bernie Green was named branch manager of Indiana National Bank at Madison and Terrace avenues.

St. Francis Hospital employees Eileen Mesling, Letha Smiley, Agatha Weimer, Judith Charnley, Verna Moore, Jo Ann Murello, Rosemary Roach and Rita Tripi were honored for their many years of service to the medical center.

30 Years Ago This Week - 1991

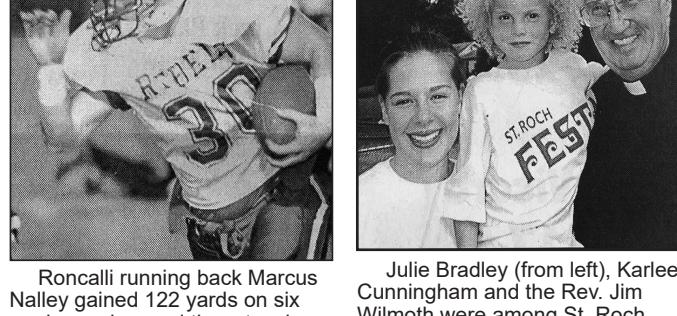
The 20-by-30 foot American flag that flew over the Bob Evans at Southport Road and I-65 was stolen ... again. Manager Brian Borer offered a \$100 reward for its return.

Bruno K. Hetwer, who owned American Business Machines, relocated his company to 5144 Madison Ave. His staff included Mark Squilace, Crysta K. Lorentz, Russel Cole, Sherry Higdon and Earl Pantzlaff.

Dr. Joseph A. LaRosa opened an obstetrics and gynecology practice at 8878 Madison Ave.

Perry Meridian's football team upped its record to 4-0 by defeating Terre Haute South 18-16 on Kevin Sitzman's game-winning field goal.

20 Years Ago This Week - 2001



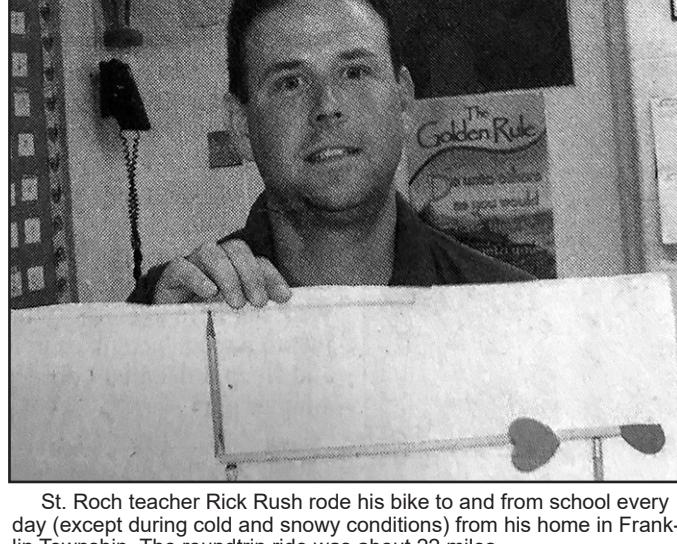
Roncalli running back Marcus Nalley gained 122 yards on six carries and scored three touchdowns in the Rebels' 55-6 victory over Ritter.

Jean Krisits was named Clinton Young Elementary School's Teacher of the year for 2000-01.

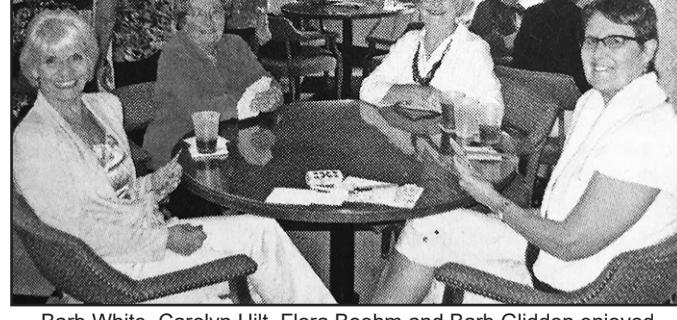
Lilly Endowment gave Indianapolis Public Schools \$16.4 million to boost its efforts in implementing innovative learning strategies.

Franklin Central High School teacher Duane Nickell was recognized as one of the country's most outstanding instructors in Education's Unsung Heroes Award program.

10 Years Ago This Week - 2011



St. Roch teacher Rick Rush rode his bike to and from school every day (except during cold and snowy conditions) from his home in Franklin Township. The roundtrip ride was about 22 miles.



Barb White, Carolyn Hilt, Flora Boehm and Barb Glidden enjoyed the Ave Maria Guild's card party at St. Paul Hermitage in Beech Grove.

SOUTHSIDE DEATHS

VERONICA "VICKY" ASHCRAFT, 66, siblings, Kathy Whittaker, Mark, Steve and Rick Ashcraft.

WILLIAM "BILL" WARREN BOLTZ, 86, wife, Shirley; children, Mark, David, Brian and Brent Boltz, Terry Whitesel, Sherry Hilderbrand, Kathy Bond; 19 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Claramae and Jeanne.

NORMA JEAN BROOKS BERNARDT, 88, children, Jeanna, Bruce and Alan Driver; sister, Judy Daugherty; four grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren.

VIRGINIA "JENNY" LEE BROOKS, 86, widow of James Brooks; son, Allen Brooks; brother, Bill Lemons; six grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren.

DONNA KAY BROWN, 80, widow of Arthur Brown; daughters, Cheryl Brunson, Karen Rowland and Terri Crick; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

MARGARET ELLEN MILLER, 85, daughters, Sherry Nixon and Patricia Latham.

RONALD ARVIL MCCLURE, 79, wife, Regina McClure; children, Tina Cook, Debra Matatt and Ronald McClure; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Ruth White and Rebecca Smith.

DEMETRIUS WILLIAM WALTER MCCLEARY, 35, parents, Anderson and Patricia Mays; siblings, Andrea Mays, Natesha Sheridan, Anderson, Latonya and Dwight McCleary, Latasha Brown.

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HOROSCOPE: It's in the stars!

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A colleague might offer to open a door for you professionally. But before you walk through it, be sure this "favor" isn't attached to an obligation you might find difficult to discharge.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your creativity, your persistence and your reliability could lead to a major career shift. Be sure to use that other Taurian trait, your practicality, when discussing what the job offers.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A changing situation might require some adjustments you might not have been prepared

to make; however, flexibility

Synd., Inc. **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Be careful not to be confrontational when raising a work-related issue. Better to make a request than a demand. And, of course, be prepared to back up your case with facts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're in a period of fluctuating moods, which is not unusual for the Moon Child.

Your emotions stabilize by the 26th. Meanwhile, try to hold off making major decisions until then.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That keen sense of perception helps you hunt down those minute details that others overlook. And, of course, your Leonine ego will accept the expected praise with good grace.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your ego might be hurt when a colleague turns down your offer to help. But accept it as a rejection of your offer, not of you. A friend from the past could re-emerge by week's end.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A flow of positive energy turns a work project you didn't want to do into something

you actually love doing. Now, take that attitude into your social, intimate life -- and enjoy what follows.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Working hard to meet your professional goals is fine. But don't neglect your private life, especially where it concerns your more cherished relationships.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) "Patience" remains the key word in dealing with an emotionally sensitive situation involving a close friend or family member. Help comes your way by week's end.

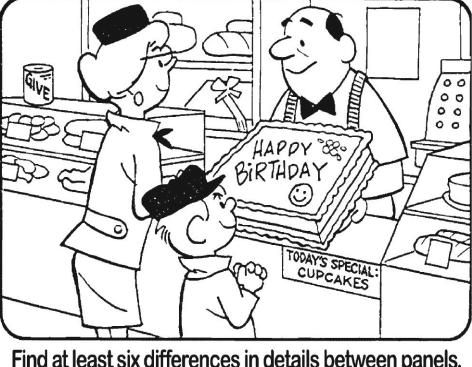
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With new information coming in, it's a good time to rethink some of your goals without taking suggestions from others, no matter how well-meaning they might be.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Making progress on your project is relatively easy in the early part of the week. A problem could arise midweek. But all goes swimmingly once it's resolved.

BORN THIS WEEK: Holding fast to your principles, no matter what, inspires others to follow your example.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



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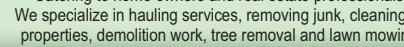
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Lutheran makes key adjustments on offense to defeat Crusaders



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLEY)

Lutheran coach Dave Pasch goes over offensive adjustments during first half with 1-2 backfield punch of running back Joe Davis, foreground, and quarterback Montasi Clay during home game Friday against league rival Sceicina. The 1A No. 1-ranked undefeated Saints

By Al Stilley
Editor

It would be easy to say that Lutheran's football success this season is based on a foundation of Clay - senior Montasi Clay, that is.

All he has done is make the transition from wide receiver/defensive back to quarterback since the 2020 season ended with 46-38 sectional loss to eventual IHSAA 1A state champion Covenant Christian.

Faced with the prospect of moving players with absolutely no varsity experience into the challenging signal-calling slot, Clay was asked by coach Dave Pasch to make the transition.

"It was rough over the summer," Clay recalled. "My feet were antsy from always running; being a quarterback, you have to really slow things down, set your feet and make plays."

In his quarterback debut with junior running back Joe Davis in the backfield, Clay ran for three touchdowns, threw a TD pass, racked up 125 yards rushing and was a near-perfect 13 of 15 in passes to five different receivers for 120 yards in a 52-29 romp against neighboring Beech Grove.

The 1A No. 1 Saints remain unbeaten because of a total team effort on offense and defense.

"The one thing I love about this group is that we never have to coach effort," coach Pasch said. "Our goals are the same: get better each week, win one game each week, and play through the end of November."

In their latest outing Friday, the Saints hit a few snags early against league foe Sceicina (2A No. 13) and held a 10-7 advantage that was hampered by three holding penalties (one that wiped out a 29-yard TD pass in the second quarter).

The Crusaders defense forced the Saints to punt three times and recovered a fumble that led to Sceicina's first TD.

The host Saints eventually prevailed, 31-20, but had to adjust to Sceicina's defensive ways that enabled them to dominate the third quarter and pull away, 24-7.

"Coach Pasch walked in (halftime), told us to keep our heads up, we're 0-0, to fire out and put it away," Clay said. "And that's what we did."

On the third play of the third quarter, Lutheran's defensive lineman Jack Beard recovered a Crusader fumble on the 5. The Saints Jake Pasch scored on the next play. The Saints scored later on a 56-yard pass play from Clay to junior Micah Mackay.

"We played well enough to win; we're excited we won," coach Pasch said. "They (Sceicina) presented us with a lot of issues. We made a lot of our adjustments in the middle of the first quarter. At halftime, we were able to settle down and clean up some things."

Coach Pasch proudly pointed out that several key seniors on this year's team are the first Saints who have come through the entire junior Saints program.

Week 6 results

Bloomington South 35, Southport 13
Christel House Manual 37, Bowman Academy 14
Center Grove 48, Lawrence Central 0
Franklin Central 28, Noblesville 22
Greenwood 47, Perry Meridian 21
Lutheran 31, Sceicina 20
Monrovia 42, Beech Grove 26
Roncalli 28, Brebeuf 10

Friday games

(7 p.m., unless indicated)
Beech Grove (2-4) at Ritter (0-6)
Decatur Central (5-1) at Greenwood (2-4)
Franklin Central (4-2) at Fishers (4-2)
Lutheran (6-0) at Monrovia (5-1)
Martinsville (4-2) at Perry Meridian (2-4)
Oldenburg Academy (0-3) at Christel House Manual (1-4)
Pike (0-6) at Center Grove (6-0)
Roncalli (6-0) at Bloomington North (5-1)
Terre Haute North (2-4) at Southport (0-6)

A ROYAL HOMECOMING

(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Roncalli High School's Homecoming weekend crowned senior Cate Lehner as queen and classmate Sam Sering as king during two-day festivities. Lehner was announced as queen at the football homecoming game Friday won by the Royals, 28-10 against Brebeuf. She was crowned by Student Council moderator Brittany Ratcliff (Class of 2007). Sering was named king at the annual homecoming dance Saturday and crowned by former RHS star running back Baron Huebler, last year's homecoming king, now at Marian University.



SIDELINE NOTES

Slow starting 4A No. 1 Roncalli (two punts, a lost fumble and an interception) recovered and defeated 3A No. 1 Brebeuf Jesuit, 28-10, at homecoming on two TD runs and a 42-yard TD by Michael Gallagher to remain undefeated and clinch Circle City league title ... 6A No. 1 Center Grove plastered Lawrence Central, 48-0, as defensive ace Caden Curry scored on a 5-yard run ... Franklin Central downed Noblesville, 28-22, for its first three-game winning streak since 2017 ... Greenwood celebrated homecoming with a 47-21 triumph against neighbor Perry Meridian for the vastly improved Woodmen since starting Brock Riddle at quarterback and 1-2 running back punch of Noah Apgar and Gavin Ruppert (a duo that scored seven TDs Friday) ... Christel House Manual scored its first win Saturday under the new moniker against Bowman Academy in Gary, 37-14.

TOPS Queen

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closed; so I had to exercise at home which made it more difficult. Their support was great."

She admitted that losing more weight than any TOPS women at chapters throughout the state was an unexpected plateau that earned her status as Indiana's TOPS Queen. Her crown that she received is in her memory box at home.

Her Southside roots are strong. She lived in the Fountain Square area for 30 years and has resided in Southport for 18 years. She is from a family of 12 children.

She and her late husband have two sons, Justin and Duane, each lives on the Southside with their families, and a daughter, Rachel who teaches at Southport High School. Virginia has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, including one great-granddaughter who is a junior at Southport High School.

She retired after 30 years of employment in a warehouse. Her late husband was an inspector for AM General and loved taking their grandchildren fishing. Her hobbies include quilting (when she has the urge to eat), volunteering at Southport Baptist Church, working puzzles with friends, and playing cards.

"You have to keep your mind active," said Virginia who is 76 years old. "I plan to enjoy some vacations, too."

TOPS was founded in 1948 and relies on members at various small clubs to encourage other members to adopt a healthy lifestyle that includes a change in diet. Some persons rely on an exchange system with amounts of carbohydrates, proteins, and fats. TOPS provides recommendations for a variety of food plans. Members pay a small annual fee and also a weekly fee at their chapter meetings where there is strong support among members.

Virginia is sticking with her new lifestyle but admits to one vice: she uses whipping cream in her coffee.

Info: tops.org

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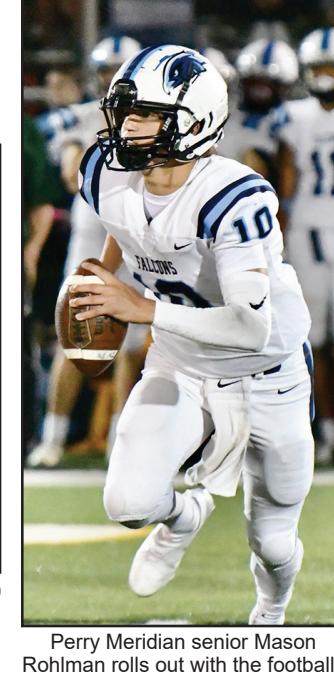
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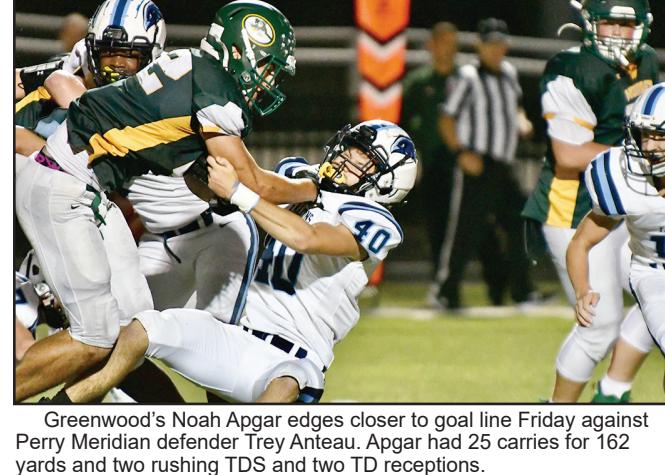


(PHOTOS BY GENTRY APPLEGET)

Greenwood High School observed its annual football homecoming game Friday with students Hunter Gelfo and Jenna Armstrong selected as king and queen. The Woodmen added to the celebration by defeating Perry Meridian, 47-21 in a Mid-State Conference game.



Perry Meridian senior Mason Rohlman rolls out with the football and looks for a receiver against Greenwood. Rohlman completed 12 of 20 passes for 168 yards and two touchdowns. The Falcons return home Friday against league opponent Martinsville.



Greenwood's Noah Apgar edges closer to goal line Friday against Perry Meridian defender Trey Anteau. Apgar had 25 carries for 162 yards and two rushing TDs and two TD receptions.

Favorites Roncalli and CG seek county volleyball titles

By Al Stilley
Editor

The Marion County girls volleyball tourney opens tonight (Wednesday) at four different sites but eventually moves to historic Southport Fieldhouse on Saturday morning for semifinals and the championship match.

In Johnson County, rivals Center Grove (14-7) and Franklin (9-10) could be on a collision course toward the championship match Thursday at Franklin at 7 p.m. following semis at 5:30 p.m. Greenwood (14-11) is in the same bracket as the Grizzly Cubs. Center Grove edged Franklin 3-2, winning the fifth set 15-12 last month.

First-round matches in the Marion County tourney find Southport (6-10) at No. 5-state ranked and tourney favorite No. 3 Roncalli (19-3); Perry Meridian (15-7) versus North Central (15-9) and Pike (16-8) versus double-header host Lutheran (2-21); and Franklin Central (9-13) against Ben Davis (5-15) and Beech Grove (5-14) facing host No. 6 Brebeuf (20-3). Winners advance to quarter-finals Thursday at the

same sites.

Semifinals are Saturday at 10 a.m. on separate courts at Southport with the championship match 45 minutes after semis end.

Roncalli is chasing its fifth consecutive county trophy.

The Royals and Brebeuf are in separate brackets which could lead to a tense rematch. The Braves upended Roncalli recently (26-24, 25-23, 25-22) in Ascension St. Vincent Gymnasium a few days after the Royals scored an impressive road win at Mount Vernon.

Perry Meridian, a darkhorse, also is in the same bracket as Roncalli, but the Falcons must get past North Central in the first round. The Panthers upended PM 2-1 in the opening round of the Columbus North Invite.

The Falcons swept rival Southport in the Battle of Perry Township with the Cardinals winning only 23 points in three sets. PM's Sara Gomperts led with 27 assists and 11 digs.

Lower bracket favorite Brebeuf could collide against Franklin Central in a quarterfinal match Thursday at 7 p.m. on the Braves homecourt.

CHEERS FOR SOUTHPORT GOLFER



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Southport golfer Hanna Matthews is cheered on by dad Jody Matthews in the Roncalli Regional at Smock Golf Course. Matthews, who qualified as an individual golfer for the regional, fired a 91 Friday. Perry Meridian was seventh, Center Grove was third and advanced as a team to the State Finals at Carmel Friday and Saturday.

Library renew

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Wired for virtual meetings, a new board room has all the amenities for a business meeting. The old board room that was unseeen by the public will become the assistant library director's office.

A new workzone features community rooms, expanding the small study rooms from seven to 11 rooms with rooms that can be used by two to eight patrons.

All periodicals and newspapers will go against the wall in the same area now with storage area behind for back issues. Patrons will find multimedia items in the south area of the second floor. New book shelves, utilizing the Subject Savvy System, will be lower so that patrons will have better visibility to find books.

Some computer stations on the south end will be moved to the opposite end of the second floor with additional stations. A small business area will be available with new furniture and equipment for a quiet place for networking. Patrons will find more space where they can bring their own laptops to use. Computer stations for patrons will still be available.

The Studio, opened in 2018, will expand to more than double its current size. Dobbs pointed out it will become a flexible place and still have it 3D printer, a video and slide transfer unit, white format printer, and sewing machine. A GlowForge, an engraver for any surface will be added.

"When we opened The Studio, we had no concept of how popular it would be," Dobbs said. "Once we opened, we began to realize we needed more space right away."

The computer classroom, no longer used, will be transformed into a living room space for supervised visits and privacy for life-skills with a supervisor. Children in foster care can be in there. And the area can be used for smaller meetings, too.

Scheduled to be completed by the end of this year, Dobbs said that GPL is another victim of supply chain delays and the improvements are to be completed in spring 2022.

Exterior improvements include roofing, improved insulation, new gutters and drainpipes, and landscaping. The butterfly garden will be enhanced and improved with seating for visitors.

Downstairs improvements include a new hospitality area and new flooring and seating in the community room as well as temporary dividers.

New taxes are being used for the renovation. An existing bond issue was paid off in 2020 and a new bond issue was approved by the city council. The library has a rainy day fund to handle any cost overruns.

Info: greenwoodlibrary.us

ESKENAZI HEALTH PROVIDES FALL BURNING SEASON SAFETY TIPS



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Safety is always the chief concern this time of year and we suggest that you never leave any fire unattended because a slight gust of wind may blow sparks onto surrounding leaves, dry grass or brush, and the result could be a disaster causing personal injuries and damage to valuable property. To prevent that from happening it's always wise to have a garden hose and buckets of water nearby whenever you're dealing with fire.

While outside enjoying fall activities, remember that the COVID-19 virus is still a danger and we recommend everyone observe social distancing and remain six feet apart from other people. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the risk of serious illness and possibly death increases for people in their 50s and even more so for those in their 60s, 70s and 80s. People 85 and older are the most likely to get very sick if they contract COVID-19. The coronavirus Delta variant that attacks children as well as adults, is more than twice as contagious as previous variants, so Eskenazi Health encourages everyone to get vaccinated.

The Richard M. Fairbanks Burn Center wants to decrease the number of burn injuries this fall by educating the community and encouraging everyone to be extra careful this time of year. The burn center has already treated patients burned while involved in multiple activities, such as improperly lighting fireworks, this past summer. For more information on the Richard M. Fairbanks Burn Center at Eskenazi Health visit: <https://www.eskenazihealth.edu/health-services/burn-center>



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