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**Southwestway Park** 

receives \$1.25 million

for improvements from

**Lilly Endowment** 

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"Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me." Psalm 51:10 (NLT)



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By **Al Stilley** *Editor* 

Southwestway Park, the city's second largest park, is the recipient of \$1.25 million from Lilly Endowment as part of its record-setting \$71.9 million grant for improvements throughout the Indy Parks system.

The city park in Decatur Township will be able to construct a comfort station (restrooms), a shelter, an expanded parking lot and a playground with adult fitness equipment.

The park at 8400 Mann Road features an extensive network of hiking and mountain biking trails, baseball and soccer fields, and a playground.

Announcement of the multi-million dollar grant, covering 42 parks in the nine townships of Marion County, was made last week at Washington Park with representatives of Lilly Endowment, Indy Parks, and the City-County Council.

News of a portion of the grant from Lilly Endowment resulted in a statement from City Councillor Josh Bain of Decatur Township:

"Thanks to the generosity of the Lilly Endowment, and our continued advocacy for the park, we will soon see \$1.23M worth of investments," Bain stated in a letter to constituents. "Southwestway Park was already a destination point for many residents from not only the City of Indianapolis but central Indiana as a whole. One of the most needed of these investments, the comfort station, has been advocated by the Hoosier Mountain Bike Association for years, and I am so grateful for this gift that will have a positive impact on many future generations." Southwestway Park was one of six parks on the Southside of Marion County to receive funds from the Lilly Endowment grant. Historic Garfield Park, founded in 1876, gains a total of \$5.5 million. A \$3 million grant from Lilly Endowment will enable improvements to the Pagoda, playgrounds, Sunken Gardens fountains, and grounds. The park also features a conservatory, arts center and the outdoor MacAllister Center for the Performing Arts. A \$2.5 million grant goes directly to the Friends of Garfield Park for its Fountain Campaign.



(SUBMITTED PHOTO) Southwestway Park on Mann Road is the second largest park in Indy with great hiking and biking trails.



# Decatur Township school board holds first meeting of 2023

The Metropolitan School District of Decatur Township conducted its first meeting of 2023 with a newly elected board member, Chase Lyday and re-elected board members Judith Collins and Dale Henson. Voters in the 2022 General Election choose them for four-year terms on the school board. They also re-organized with various position: Collins as president; Larry Taylor, vice president; Estella Vandeventer, secretary; Kirk Farmer, treasurer; Dawn Lee, deputy treasurer; Lyday, legislative liaison; Collins, SSSMC advisory board member; and Dale Henson, foundation advisory member.



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS) Newly-elected school board member Chase Lyday, left, and reelected board members Dale Henson and Judith Collins, right, take the oath of office, administered by Dawn Lee during the Decatur Township school board's first meeting of the new year.



Members of the Metropolitan School District of Decatur Township

By Lucie Winborne

\* Research has shown that girls and women who watched the TV series "The X-Files" were more likely to believe in the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and to encourage their own daughters and granddaughters to pursue careers in those fields -- something called "The Scully Effect" after the series' female main character, Dana Scully.

\* Pentheraphobia is the fear of your mother-in-law. There, folks, you now have an official name for it.

\* In 2006, actor William Shatner, beloved by "Star Trek" fans as Captain James Tiberius Kirk, sold his kidney stone, complete with stent and string, to a casino for \$25,000. While Shatner retained "visitation rights," the complete proceeds were donated to Habitat for Humanity.

\* Whack, zoom, out of the way! A table tennis ball can travel off the paddle at a speed of 105.6 mph.

\* All of the world's pandas are technically owned by China. The country leases them to zoos in an act called panda diplomacy.

\* Ever dreamed of being a swashbuckling buccaneer? Try attending MIT, where after completing courses in pistol shooting, fencing, archery and sailing, undergraduates can earn a bona fide Pirate Certificate. (Note: For entertainment purposes only!)

\* Bananas get their curves by turning skyward as they grow, to absorb sunlight.

**Thought for the Day:** "Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul."

- Samuel Uliman (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc. Southside parks receiving funds from Lilly Endowment include:

• Perry Park: Located on the city's south side and established in 1961, Perry Park offers outdoor recreational opportunities and includes Indy Parks' only permanent ice rink. The City has secured \$1.1 million in local funds for aquatic and park improvements and has allotted \$1.3 million in Lilly Endowment funding for a new playground and shelter.

• Southside Park: Located in the University Heights and Rosedale Hills neighborhoods, this park is a short walk from the University of Indianapolis and serves students and community residents. \$2 million in Lilly Endowment funding will help install new playground, adult fitness equipment, a sports field, hardcourts, and a shelter.

• Tolin Akeman Park: This five-acre park is located at 4459 Shelbyville Rd. \$1.27 million in Lilly Endowment funding will go towards upgrading a playground, and adding a shelter, basketball court, pickleball courts, and a walking trail.

• Franklin Township Community Park: This 99-acre park is located next

(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

The Garfield Park entrance is a familiar site to visitors at the Southside park, the oldest park in the IndyParks system.

to Franklin Central High School. \$2.85 million in Lilly Endowment funding will support construction of a new playground, shelter, hardcourts, and the paving of the existing nature trail.

Lilly Endowment president Jennett Hill emphasized that "parks and greenspaces are essential elements of healthy and appealing communities."

Project design and construction schedule will run through 2025. The total grant awards represent 14 times the annual Parks capital budget.

According to the announcement, the projects align with Indy Parks' five-year master plan launched in 2017.

Phyllis Boyd, director of Indy Parks, stated, "With this historic award from the Lilly Endowment, we can dream big and deliver on reshaping parks in ways that impact communities, programs, and activities throughout the city."

Playgrounds in 18 small parks across the city will be upgraded with \$8.38 million in Lilly Endowment funds. Updates will feature rubberized or synthetic turf play surfaces, accessible walkways and shade structures.

A portion of Lilly Endowment support, \$1.5 million, will be reserved for a contingency fund to offset cost increases and unpredictable supply chain delays.

school board for this year are, from left, Judith Collins, Larry Taylor, Estella Vandeventer, Dale Henson, and Chase Lyday.

## School board honors DCHS advanced jazz ensemble members



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Three members of the Decatur Central High School advanced jazz ensemble were honored with Decatur Proud Recognition during the school board meeting on Jan. 10. MSD Decatur Township Supt. Matt Prusiecki is with DCHS advanced jazz ensemble members, from left, Evan Miller and Ari Porter, DCHS band director Tim Cox and school board member Judith Collins.

Decatur Township school district assistant superintendent Stephanie Hofer featured the Decatur Central High School band program and band director Tim Cox for Decatur Proud recognition at this month's school board meeting. The DCHS advanced jazz ensemble attended the first Butler University "Benny Golson" Jazz Festival in December 2022. This was an "invitation only" event. DCHS musicians performed three pieces for a clinician and received professional level feedback as they played. The clinician worked with the students immediately after they performed to perfect a few skills. The students then attended a jazz improvisation clinic given by guest artist, Kirsten Edkins. The students later attended a concert featuring the Butler University Jazz band. Three DCHS students received Outstanding Performance certificates (from the judge/clinician) for their performance that day. They are: Grayson Devening, trumpet; Ari Porter, alto sax; and Evan Miller, drums. Miller also received one of two \$450 scholarships to attend the Butler University summer jazz camp.







Kelly's Korner

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

### LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL'S RISING STARS



Michael Brandt, head of school at Lutheran High School, presents Rising Stars of Indiana awards to Saints' juniors Malin Bullock, Dani Taylor, and Micah Werner (Piper Countryman, not pictured). The Rising Stars program is sponsored by the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP). The students are honored for their academic success, volunteerism and leadership and involvement within the school community. The students fit the Lutheran theme of "Champion the Positive."



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# Local organization sets its priorities for new General Assembly

Aspire Johnson County, the local economic development organization and chamber of commerce for Johnson County, has set its priorities for the 2023 General Assembly of funding for quality early childhood education, policies and incentives for attainable housing, and limited government interference in the free market.

Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance's mission is to drive economic development and business success in Johnson County and the Southside.

"Workforce development is job number one," noted Aspire President and CEO Christian Maslowski, "Indiana is presented with a number of opportunities to help the state attract and keep more Hoosiers participating in the labor force."

Maslowski continued, "Moreover, Aspire's priorities for this coming session includes an emphasis on the very tenant upon which chambers of commerce have long been founded: advocating for the free market. Inflationary pressures, supply chain clogs, and labor availability make for a tough national business climate; Indiana can retain its sterling reputation for business by avoiding additional regulatory burdens and free market interference."

The priorities:

Early Childhood Education / Childcare – Aspire supports publicfunding for quality early childhood education – from daycare to PreK – for Hoosier children, especially those who are from income-limited families. Studies show children who are ready for kindergarten are more likely to be reading at the third-grade level by the end of third grade, and more likely to graduate high-school. A strong educational foundation is critical, and the state should focus on quality and affordability, collect data, and provide a multitude of types of providers. Importantly, access to affordable quality childcare is an important recruitment tool and assists with the labor participation rate. A child placed in a stable educational environment provides more certainty and stability for their parents in the workforce.

Attainable Housing – Aspire supports policies and local government incentives that promote attainable housing for all income earners in a growing workforce. We support a comprehensive planning and development strategy, connecting attainable housing to placemaking and quality of life. Robust economies like Johnson County and the Central Indiana area must continue to attract talented workers to sustain new business and GDP growth. Increasing the inventory of housing to support all income earners means more residents can join and stay in our community. Moreover, providing local governments a wide variety of tools in their economic development toolkit to foster support for attainable housing alongside quality of place efforts such as transit, parks, and mixed-use development, will support residents' upward mobility.

Business Autonomy/Free Enterprise – Aspire supports loosening of red tape, limiting unnecessary or duplicative regulation, and reduction of government interference to ensure that businesses across the state can operate freely and efficiently. Over-reaching administrative rulemaking and legislative regulations unduly burden businesses of all sizes, thereby hampering innovation, expansion, and job growth. Streamlining government processes and making them easy to navigate will help our community save taxpayer dollars, and to be a good place to do business. Hoosier businesses value their ability to operate autonomously when it comes to making decisions that are right for their business.

Info: AspireJohnsonCounty.com.



### **Letter to the Editor**

# From a devoted advertiser

To The Editor: As a Southside/Beech Grove business since 1977, I have the memories of actually taking my first auction ads to George Cafourus at the original *Spotlight* office on South Meridian (1980s) just north of Sacred Heart.

Oh, how time has changed through the years! The Jerry and Carol Cosby years continued to increase advertisers and readers through many years. Then some years ago, things changed when The BIG CITY newspaper bought *the Spotlight* when Jerry and Carol retired. After their run of publishing the paper, the buyers closed down the paper.

Then a couple of former Spotlight employees revived the very important heartbeat of the Southside and The Southsider Voice was born! I just wanted to take a moment to congratulate Kelly Sawyers and her staff for all they do each week for their readers and advertisers.

Part of our success is due to being a devoted advertiser each week.

THANK YOU !! You all are an amazing group and I will always be a supporter of your paper.

Mike Heimel, Beech Grove





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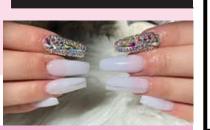
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A retrospective glance at the Southside From The Spotlight and The Southsider Voice archives

#### 60 Years Ago This Week - 1963

The Marion County Tuberculosis Association offered free chest X-rays

Evening classes at Indiana Central College cost \$17.50 per credit hour

Two heads of lettuce cost 29 cents; a gallon of of milk was 49 cents; and T-bone steak cost 89 cents a pound.

#### 50 Years Ago This Week - 1973

Olive Branch Christian Church, 101 E. Raymond St., inaugurated its junior deacons, who served the church in various capacities. The honorees were Tim Birtchman, David Brown, Mark Carson, Steve Durham, Terry Ennis, Gary Farley, Phil Herbig, Joe Krause, David and Gary Liggett, John and Steve Link, Mike Mascoe, Bill Mathews, Charles and Tim Miller, John Needler, Doug Polen, Ken Roe, Randy Slaten, Don Stevens, Joe Tomamichel, Jerry Walden and Ron White.

The Rev. Harry Trodahl was installed as pastor of Bethany Morovian Church.

Homeowners were opposed to the proposed construction of lowincome apartments at 2702 S. Pennsylvania St.

Preferred TV Sales and Service opened its new store at 7105 Madison Ave.

#### 40 Years Ago This Week – 1983

Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church celebrated its 25th anniversary. The congregation's first service, held Sept. 21, 1958, at Clinton Young Elementary School, attracted 105 people.

The Kiwanis Club of South Indianapolis named Clyde Fields as its Member of the Month.

Southside Dodge opened at 3400 S. U.S. 31. The sales staff of Vic Tratner, Lou Grinstead, Ken Payne, Tom Booher, Larry Foster, Phil Jones, Dan Deaton, Mike Bonham and Bob Shelton boasted such specials as a 1962 Catalina for \$688: a '72 Dart for \$788: a '78 Mustang for \$3,680; and a '79 Cutlass Supreme for \$5,583.

#### 30 Years Ago This Week - 1993

Linda Brown, who served as the citizen liaison for Indianapolis Pow-er & Light Co., received the company's Keystone Award for balancing her personal, professional and civic lives. Brown and her husband, James, had two children, Melissa and Jamie.

Kentucky Fried Chicken's lunch buffet cost \$3.99.

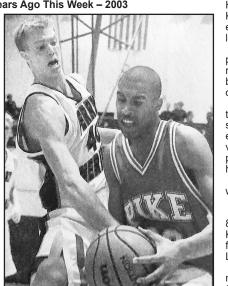
Kathryn Briddle, born Jan. 12 and the daughter of Mary Angel and William Briddle, was the first baby delivered in the new year at Community Hospital South.

The marriage announcement of Lisa LaGrotto and Jeff Meyers, who exchanged vows Dec. 4 at St. John's Catholic Church, was published. Their parents were Mr. and Mrs. Marion LaGrotto and James Meyers and the late Mary Meyers.

#### 20 Years Ago This Week - 2003

Pike High School's basketball team ranked No. 1 in the state and fifth nationally, defeated Perry Meridian 75-56 before a packed house of 3.000 fans at Perry's gym. Brandon Ray led the Falcons with 18 points; Austin Montgomery and Justin Petty added 15 and 11, respectively.

Green Acres Restaurant, a storied Greenwood eatery, suffered heavy fire damage. Records indicated that a diner/pub had occupied the site since 1900



## **OBITUARIES**

LINDA M. BELL, 75, children, Tammy Robbins and Billy Bell; six grandchildren; several greatgrandchildren; siblings, Carolyn Cox, Debbie Staples and Chuck Parsley. Linda loved her family, Elvis,

playing Yahtzee, crocheting and working in the garden. She was an amazing Mom, sister, grandma and aunt. Everyone loved to be around her.

G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home handled arrangements.

DEBBIE COMPTON, 57, husband, David Compton; mother, Carol Szymanski; children, Michael Waldo, Michelle Richardson; siblings, Brian and James Szymanski; four grandchildren. Debbie was a mortgage under-

writer No services will be held at this

time. Lauck and Veldhof handled arrangements.

LINCOLN RAY DOLLAHAN, infant, Lincoln was the best son in the world, born May 23, 2022. He was such a happy soul filled with so much joy. He never left his brother's side. He always had a smile on his face and always flirted with the girls. He enjoyed watching Bluey with his baby brother and that will forever be his favorite show. When his daddy went to work he would want to call him at work every shift. Since day one he and his brother fought so hard and pulled through due to being very premature.

Indiana Funeral Care was entrusted with arrangements.

NANCY JO JOHNSON, 73, son, Randall Stansbury (Stacey); three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Bill Losh (Carol).

Nancy worked at Kennedy Tank but later became a business-woman, specializing in antiques and jewelry. She loved the hunt for treasures at garage sales, estate sales. She loved to spend time with her grandson Dominic, and Mariah and Adyson on her girly days. She loved spending time working in her yard and flower beds. Her grandchildren loved her

dearly. Indiana Funeral Care handled arrangements.

SCARLETT ANN KLAIBER-HISCHEMILLER, infant; parents, Klancy Klaiber and Jacob Hischemiller; brother, Jacob Hischemiller.

Born January 12, 2023 at 3.5 pounds, Scarlett will be forever remembered, loved and cherished by her parents, brother and a host of family and friends.

Two little doves flying in the sky taking you to heaven after we have said goodbye. We love you dear-est Scarlett and we have from the very start. So goodnight our little princess that is sent from all our hearts. We will always love you. G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home

was entrusted with arrangements. ROBERT FRANCIS LESLIE, 83, widower of Phyllis Leslie; sons, Kevin (Laura) and, Kyle Leslie; four grandchildren: siblings. Mike Leslie and Judy Lindner

Robert was a woodworker for many years and was a part of Circle City Wood Carvers and the Southside Art League. He once carved a life-size bald eagle and donated it to the City of Indianapolis. It now resides at the visitor center at Eagle Creek Park. Robert was a Johnson County Sheriff's Deputy in the corrections division for several years. One of the most important things to his sons was he never missed a sporting event they had while growing up. He was always there for them. Visitation will be Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 6-8 p.m. at Indiana Funeral Care, Greenwood Chapel. Memorial service begins at 8 p.m.

children, Debra Cutter (Michael), Dana Heid (Gerry), Dan Pierson (Rena) and Dawn Bartolovich (John); 12 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren. She graduated from South-

port High School and Methodist Hospital Nursing School. Jacqueline worked as a Registered Nurse. She was a member of The Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church, as well as the Red Hat Society.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory.

REBECCA ANNE ROACH, 68, children, Tracie (Michael) McCurry and Eric (Karie) Roach; siblings, Roberta (Rick) Byrington, Ramona Davis, Roanna (Wayne) Moore, Leonard Smith, Rachelle "Chelle" (Adam) Ziegler and Esther (Jay)

Barton; one grandson. Rebecca grew up in the Sacred Heart neighborhood and graduated from Sacred Heart Grade School. She retired from General Motors after 32 years of service and loved retirement. Rebecca enjoyed traveling, photography, watching NASCAR, going to races and making memories with family and friends.

Lauck and Veldhof handled arrangements.

STEVEN ROGER ROARK, 73, wife, Charlotte M. Roark; sons, Steven and Jaycen (Jamie) Roark; sister, Deanna (Mick) Rooney; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

Steve served in the U.S. Marine Corps and also attended Ivy Tech. He worked as a welder until retirement. He loved sports, hunting and fishing. He was a member

of Beech Grove Loyal Order of Moose #1883 and the American Legion Post #276. He loved music which was his happy place and never missed a Friday night poker game with friends.

A visitation will be Friday, January 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Lauck & Veldhof Funeral Home, 1458 S. Meridian St., with a service celebrating his life at 1 p.m.

ERNEST EUGENE ROB-ERTS, 81, passed away January 12. Survivors, daughter, Gina Rob-erts; sister, Mary Lou Lacy; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial visitation Saturday, January 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 pm at Thompson Road Baptist Church. Memorial service immediately following at 12:30 p.m. Services entrusted to Little & Sons.

PHILOMENA "PHYLLIS" RO-DIER, 84, children, Keith Rodier, and Karen (Rick) Tracy; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; siblings, Vincent and Frank (Nancy) Durso.

After graduating she modeled and competed in local beauty pageants. She married Richard Rodier and the family settled in Greenwood.

Phyllis worked at BAGI from 1996 to her retirement in 2008. She was a strong leader in sales and marketing, with many event memories from Home-a-Rama and golf outings. She enjoyed many world travels. In 2004 she set sail on the Queen Mary 2 for her maiden voyage, a dream come true for her. She was unwavering in her faith and modeled what it looked like to serve and be Christ's



I really enjoy checking my Facebook account and seeing posts from long time friends. Recently I have noticed posts from family members

to friends of mine that are not with us any longer. About 25 years ago, I shared an office with my good friends, Walter and Peggy Hart. I had a small industrial supply business and they had a company that made and sold advertising specialties.

One day, Peggy was describing Walter's vegetable garden. She explained how proud he was of it and how he would explain to her how the plants were maturing and bearing fruit.

She told me that he had pointed out a particular tomato plant that was a volunteer, it had started from a seed the pervious year but would never produce fruit. We laughed and wondered why he would spend time dealing with a sterile

plant. Several days later, I was visiting my wonderful "fruit and vegetable garden" that is located just inside the Kroger Store at Madison and Edgewood avenues. While I was strolling through the cool garden, I spotted some tomatoes that were still attached to the end of their vines. There were three or four tomatoes on each vine. I quickly purchased a

couple of those vines and drove directly to Walter and

Peggy's house. I was certain that they would still be at the office. I walked to his garden and found the plant that he had been describing to Peggy. I carefully slipped one of the clusters between the plant's leaves. It looked very realistic to me, so later I called Peggy and told her what I had done

As I walked into our office the next morning, Peggy welcomes me by shouting, "You son of a B#\*%h". I recovered from that salutation and k her to explain how that particular greeting was chosen.

She told me that when she arrived home the evening before, Walter was sitting at an outside table with a plate before him. The plate had a partially eaten tomato on it. He told her that the volunteer plant was indeed producing tomatoes, and he was "eating one of the best damned tomatoes he had ever tasted".

We laughed as she was explaining how difficult it had been to keep a straight face, especially when he was expounding on the quality of his "home-grown" tomatoes.

For a few days after that, I was on an out-of-town business trip Upon returning, I decided to purchase another tomato cluster and try again. With my purchase in hand, I returned to the scene of the crime As I got closer, I noticed the plant seemed to be sporting some colorful colors in and around it's leaves.

It seemed that Walter had discovered that he had been fooled and had taken action on his own. His plant had been decorated with several small plastic fruits and vegetables; a corn on the cob, a banana,

an apple, an orange and several other colorful objects. I sat on the ground and started laughing. I knew that he got me. All of a sudden, I thought I heard someone clear his throat. I looked all around and saw no one. I then heard it again. I finally looked up at the top of a utility pole that was very close to Walter's garden, I spotted a telephone repair man.

I'm sure he had been watching my approach to the garden and my almost uncontrollable laughter that followed.

After we made eye contact he climbed down and I told him the entire story. I suspect he still remembers that day.

Shonk is a 1960 graduate of Southport High School, a '63 grad of Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis) and a retired bus driver from Beech Grove Schools. He can be reached through email at fdshonk@aol.com.



#### LUFEST 2023 TICKET DEADLINE

The deadline to purchase tickets for LuFest 2023, the major fundraising event for Lutheran High School, is Friday, Jan. 20. The LuFest dinner is Friday, Feb. 10 at the Biltwell Event Center, 950 S. White River Parkway, West Drive with free onsite parking. Patrons can bid on silent and live auction items plus heads or tails, wine pull, bourbon pull, and alumni reception plus new events. Donations and items for auction can be brought to the high school office, 5555 S. Arlington Ave. until Jan. 27. Tickets can be purchased at: www.lufest.org.

#### **GARDENING AT WEST PERRY**

Adults are invited to take part n a session with a local master





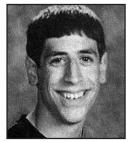
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St. Mark Grade School's speech team took fourth-place honors in the state meet for parochial schools. The squad featured (front, from left) Andy Risch, Marvin Vernon, Shaun Koesters: (back) Lauren Lucas, Rachel Nicksin, Sara Feldhake, Nick Kern, Samantha Deak, Paige Weber, Vanessa Scott and Kyle McCoy.



The girls basketball team from Southport High School won Corydon Central's holiday tournament.

#### 10 Years Ago This Week – 2013



Roncalli's Joseph Below scored a perfect 800 on the math portion of the SAT. \* \* \*

Kyle Massengale, son of Tom and Bev Massengale and a 2010 graduate of Perry Meridian, joined The Southsider Voice as a sales rep.

Roncalli sophomore Lauren Hartlieb took first-place honors in the Fleet Reserve Association's National Americanism essay contest.

Big Dan Pfeiffer, who penned the "Car Nutz" column, wrote about John O'Gara restoring a 1958 Cadillac Series 62 that once belonged to Hank Williams Jr.

SALLY AGNES CRAWFORD MCCARTHY, 81, widow of Robert; children, Timothy (Melinda), Michael (Kathy), Christopher (Jane), Kathleen (Michael) Haberthy; seven grandchildren.

After 10 years of raising children as a stay-at-home mom, Sally went to work for the Indianapolis Industrial Clinic, where she was employed (under several ownership name changes) for 39 years She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church, and mentored those entering the Catholic Church for over 25 years. She also stayed active watching her children and grandchildren play many sports. Sally loved traveling with Bob and traveled to all 50 states by land, water, air and rail.

O'Riley Branson Funeral Service handled arrangements.

KAREN SUE MILLER, 56, mother, Wanda Jean Rhoades; sister, Shelley (Bill) Martin.

She was a 1984 graduate of Perry Meridian High School and received her Associate's degree from Indiana University of Indianapolis. She was also pursuing continued college classes to further her education. Karen had been the Senior Lead of Jewelry Operations for Sak's 5th Avenue, Lavergne, Tennessee.

Karen Sue's faith was always first and foremost in her life.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory. Greenwood Chapel.

JACQUELINE M PIERSON 92. widow of H. Gene Pierson:

#### **Historical Society Meets**

Jay Danner will speak at the January 24 meeting of the Perry Township / Southport Historical Society. Jay's family owned the Danners' 5&10 cent stores and 3D discount department stores around Indiana for many years. You may remember the Danner store in Greenwood or the one in Fountain Square. Jay was the 2020 Southport High School Alumnus of the Year. Come join us for an interesting evening of stories and conversation.

Light refreshments will be served. The meeting is at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24

**Perry Schools Academic Center** n the former Gerdt Furniture building

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hands and feet. A visitation will be Wednesday, January 18, 2023 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. with the memorial service at p.m. at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens

JUDITH ANN WILLIAMSON, 78, husband, Michael Williamson; children, Sherri (Robbie) Lefevers, Kimberly (Derek) Williamsor Hightower and Larry (Michael) Williamson Foster; nine grandchil-dren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Judy worked as a manufacturing engineer for Navistar International. She obtained her associate's degree from Indiana University and then obtained her bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University in 1991. Judy was a member of Little Flower Parish in Indianapolis. She had a passion for learning new things. Judy will be greatly missed by all who knew her

Little and Sons Funeral Home handled arrangements.

SHIRLEY J. WOOD, 87, widow of Donald Wood; daughters, Lisa Hammond and Amy Stoll (Kent); three granddaughters; two greatgrandchildren.

She was a graduate of Manual High School and worked at Adult & Child Mental Health for 15 years. She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and formerly Sacred Heart Catholic Church An avid history buff, she enjoyed reading and trivia. She enjoyed playing cards, bingo, cooking and going to the casino. She adored her friendships she formed with those in Forest Creek Village

G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home handled arrangements.

#### In memoriam

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gardener Friday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the West Perry branch library, 6650 S. Harding St. Participants may be new and experienced gardeners and share ideas with other gardeners. No registration required. Info: www.Indypl.org/locations/west-perry.

#### ADULT COLORING AT BG LIBRARY

Adults can experience coloring – the latest trend in relaxation and fun – at the Beech Grove branch library, 1102 Main St., Saturday, Jan. 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants can socialize with others. Coloring supplies provided or bring your own. Info: www.indypl.org/locations/ beech-grove.

#### **BUILDING DIGITAL LITERACY**

Adults can register for a NorthStar digital literacy computer/technology workshop Saturday, Jan. 21, 11 a.m. to noon, at the Garfield Park branch library, This is a self-guided learning path that also identifies what needs to be learned next. Registration required. Info: www.indypl. org/locations/garfield-park.

#### WINTER MATINEE MOVIE

The popular family movie, A Dog's Purpose, will be shown at the Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove, Sunday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. Admission is only \$1 per person, pay at the door. Snacks available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Hornet Pantry. Future matinee movies will be shown Feb. 19 and March 19. Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com.

#### FRANKLIN ROAD LIBRARY STORYTIMES

Storytimes next week at the Franklin Road branch library, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., are scheduled: Tuesday, Jan. 24 and Wednesday, Jan. 25 for babies and toddlers, 18 months to 3 years; and Thursday, Jan. 26, preschoolers, ages 3-6 years. Each session includes stories and songs with babies, toddlers and preschoolers and their caregivers The library is at 5555 S. Franklin Road. Info: www.indypl.org/locations/ franklin-road.

#### STORYTIME AT DECATUR LIBRARY

Storytime for children up to five years and their caregivers is Wednesday, Jan. 25, 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Decatur branch library, 5301 Kentucky Ave. Participants take part in stories and songs and may stay afterward for some literacy activities and play time. Info: 317-275-4330.

#### MAKING MOSAIC COASTERS

Intermediate crafters can make a set of mosaic coasters in The Studio at the Greenwood Public Library, Thursday, Jan. 26, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will be able to create multi-colored glass mosaics on wooden coasters, complete with grout and a cork base. Cost is \$10, due at registration. The library is at 310 S. Meridian St. Info and registration: greenwoodlibrary.us.

#### INDY SOUTH QUILTERS GUILD

The Quilters Guild of Indianapolis South meets Thursday, Jan. 26, 10:15 a.m. at Friedens United Church of Christ, 8300 S. Meridian St. Dallas Green is the presenter with a variety of games, trivia, and prizes. Info: www.quiltguildindy.net.

#### SOUTHPORT LIBRARY SEED PACKING

Volunteers are needed at the Southport branch library to place seeds in small packets from bulk seeds as part of a city-wide Indianapolis Public Library project Thursday, Jan. 26, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the library, 2630 Stop 11 Road. Info: indypl.org.

#### **ONU GOSPEL CHOIR**

The Olivet Nazarene University Proclamation Gospel Choir will perform Sunday, Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. at Indy Southwest Church of the Nazarene, 4797 Tincher Road. The 90-voice ensemble will perform traditional and contemporary gospel music accompanied by a rhythm ensemble. Info:317-856-3713.

#### CONSERVATORY VISITOR APPRECIATION DAY

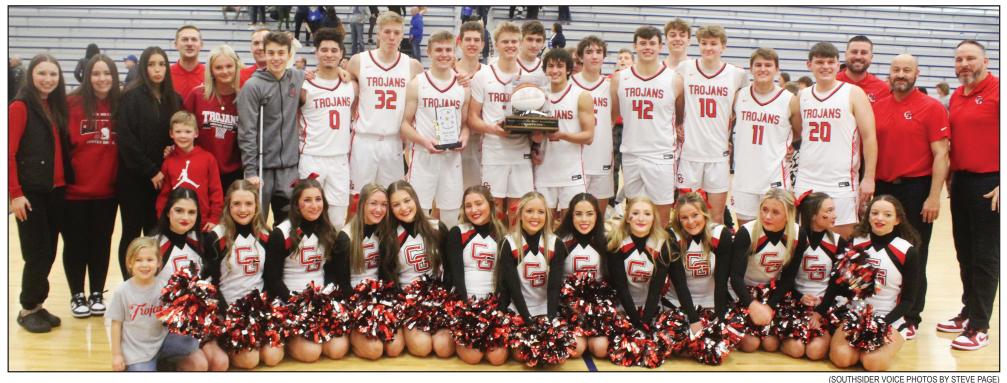
The Garfield Park Conservatory is having a visitor appreciation day with free admission Sunday, Jan. 29, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can enjoy the Conservatory and its waterfalls, orchids, plants and flowers. The Conservatory is at 2505 Conservatory Drive on the Garfield Park grounds. Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org.





2003 - Southport Elementary School students Taylor Styers (center) and Natalie Ullrich (right), seen with art teacher Tina White, were district winners in the art contest sponsored by Riley Hospital for Children.

# **No. 5 Center Grove escapes Franklin** rally for Johnson County championship



Players, coaches, cheerleaders, family and friends gather for pictures after Center Grove wins the Johnson County Tournament in Whiteland's Glenn Ray Gymnasium.

By Al Stilley Editor

Center Grove survived a late-game rally by Franklin that cut a 20-point lead to a narrow five-point margin.

but the Trojans hung on to capture the program's 23rd Johnson County boys basketball tourney championship Saturday at Whiteland High School. The No. 5 Trojans (14-1)



Jalen Bundy, a Center Grove junior, takes the attack to Franklin defenders Micah Davis (24) and Nate Corley while Trojan teammate Marcus Ankney pursues the Saturday night play



went up 47-27 on two free throws by 6-5 junior Will Spellman before the Grizzly Cubs trimmed it to 61-56 with 70 seconds left. **Revenge-minded Center** 

Grove closed on Marcus Anknev's drive to the basket and two free throws and a Spellman field goal for a harrowing 65-56 triumph.

Ankney explained the Trojans' revenge factor of their county title march that included a 73-50 semifinal win Friday against the host Warriors.

"We had a fire in us, and we were pumped up to win these games," Ankney said. "Whiteland beat us in the county (tourney) last year (46-43) and Franklin beat us for the sectional (54-45). They (Franklin) amped up the pressure, but we're a tough group. I knew we would come through."

Center Grove coach Zach Hahn also had memories of last year's CG-Franklin duel for the sectional title.

"Franklin had a player who stopped on a dime in a threepoint game with a minute to go and makes a 3; we kind of reversed that a little bit this time," Hahn said. "We shot three 3s in the final three and one-half minutes, but we buried two of them, two big ones

"That's the guts and the will to win that these guys have. They are willing to take the big shot," Hahn added admiringly. Those 3s came from iunior Joev Schmitz and floor general Jalen Bundy that helped the Trojans win their fifth straight game after losing to Kokomo by two points in a holiday tourney. Franklin (6-7) never led although junior Micah Davis led the Grizzly Cubs with a game-high 32 points. Their rally was a combination of pressure defense and several unforced turnovers by the Trojans. Franklin put together a 10-0 run capped by Ryder Street's follow-up shot that opened the fourth guarter. Spellman led the Trojans with 24 points and seven rebounds with help from Ankney (19 points) and Bundy (eight points). Hahn praised Bundy for his floor leadership and 4:1 ratio assists to turnover ratio. With seven seniors and four juniors, the Trojans have transformed from last year's 11-13 team to the No. 5 team in Class 4A with only one loss in 15 outings. "Our seven seniors, we hang out together, have breakfast together, and we have fun together," Ankney explained. "We push each other: we're always in the gym with the younger guys. It's a bond we have and no one can

"We had a fire in us, and we were pumped up to win these games."

— Marcus Ankney

break it.'

Hahn attributes this season's success to the team's overall maturity. 'Last year, we were up eight to 10 points at least eight times and ended up in the loss column," Hahn said 'This year, these guys are a bit different; they have a different mentality.

"Look, we weren't at our best tonight (Saturday), but we played really, really hard for 32 minutes and that's all you can ask," Hahn concluded.

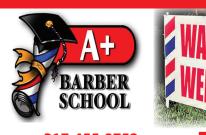
Friday, Ankney also led CG with 25 points with Ethan McComb picking up 14 points and Schmitz 10 points. Franklin hung on and defeated Greenwood, 30-29 with Jalen Beverly scoring 13 points.

The tourney opened at three different sites on Jan. 10 with Franklin defeating Greenwood Christian. 65-47; Greenwood downing Edinburgh, 43-40; and Whiteland outlasting Indian Creek, 69-54



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#### MARION COUNTY TOURNEY

Southport (9-5) was the only Southside team to reach the semifinals of the Marion County tourney last week. The Cardinals fell Friday to eventual county champion Ben Davis, 63-52. Southport was hampered by a sevenminute scoring drought against the No. 1 Giants. Four Cardinals were in double figures: AJ Dancler, 15 points; Keyon Miller 13; Nickens Lemba 12; and Jayden Pinkston 10.

The Cardinals defeated rival Perry Meridian (3-9) and Lawrence North (10-3) to reach the semis. Roncalli (5-6) reached the quarterfinals after edging North Central, 56-54 on opening night. Upsetminded 1A Lutheran (8-3) fell to 4A Lawrence North, 65-63 on a last second shot.

Key upcoming games find Beech Grove at Southport tonight (Wednesday); Decatur Central at Greenwood and Franklin at Whiteland, Friday: Roncalli at Center Grove, Triton Central at Lutheran,

Marcus Ankney, a Center Grove senior, fires a successful 3-point shot over Franklin defender Nate Corley during Saturday's Johnson County finale.



Center Grove players hoist the Johnson County Tournament trophy after defeating Franklin 65-56 Saturday night.



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\_\_\_\_Eli Dicken saves many lives in food court at Greenwood Park Mall by killing active shooter who had murdered three victims and injured two more.

\_\_\_\_\_Greenwood High School senior Ty Moore dies after being fatally shot on Indy's eastside.

\_\_\_\_\_Greenwood Indy South airport named 2022 Aviation Indiana's Airport of the Year.

\_\_\_\_\_Groundbreaking ceremony launches construction of new Beech Grove police headquarters at Main Street and Emerson Ave.

\_\_\_\_\_I-69 construction on Ind. 37 footprint reaches into Perry Township with new interchanges and frontal roads for new interstate.

\_\_\_\_Kelly Sawyers, The Southsider Voice owner-publisher, named Southport High School alumnus of the year by high schools.

\_\_\_\_Pat Mapes, Perry Schools superintendent, announces resignation, effective at end of 2022-2023 school year.

\_\_\_\_\_Perry Schools' voters approve renewal of operating funds referendum while Franklin Twp. Schools' voters turn down a capital (construction) referendum.

\_\_\_\_Powerful state GOP leader, attorney, and diplomat Gordon K. Durnil, 86, a Manual High School alumnus, passes.

\_\_\_\_Southport High School senior Shelby Ann Wagner Cooper dies of injuries from motorcycle accident.

\_\_\_\_Southsiders donate and fill semitrailer in Greenwood with essentials for tornado-stricken residents of Mayfield, Ky.

\_\_\_\_\_Stuart, The Southsider Voice columnist Fred Shonk's therapy dog, passes away after many years of visiting nursing homes and being read to by young students in Beech Grove schools.

\_St. Roch Parish celebrates 100th anniversary of its founding on Southside.

\_\_\_\_\_Beech Grove adds to public trails system by opening the Franciscan Trail at Sarah T. Bolton Park.

Central Nine Career Center celebrates 50th anniversary celebration and automotive instructor Andrice Tucker honored with \$50,000 Harbor Freight Tools award for excellence in teaching.

\_\_\_\_City of Greenwood expands recreational opportunities with opening of Greenwood Fieldhouse on Madison Ave.

\_\_\_\_Clark-Pleasant branch library holds grand opening of \$8.8 million library off U.S. 31 in Whiteland.

\_\_\_\_\_The Journal, Southport High School's student newspaper, celebrates its 100th anniversary of publishing.

\_\_\_\_\_Ukrainian native Anton Bezborodov enrolls as a student at Southport High School after long and harrowing escape of Russian invasion.

\_\_\_\_\_Whiteland Marching Band featured in nationally televised Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade.

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by Linda Thistle

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