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Quote of the Week:

"I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them."
— Phyllis Diller

History on January 26

1925: Paul Newman was born in Shaker Heights, Ohio. The American actor won so many awards during his career that we can not list them all but do include Academy Award, 3 Golden Globe Awards, a BAFTA Award, a Screen Actors Guild Award and many many more. His best known movies included The Hustler, The Sting, The Color of Money, Cool Hand Luke, The Towering Inferno, The Verdict and Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. He was successful in most things he turned his hand to including Newman's Own salad dressing company, and his own race team who won several championships in open wheel IndyCar racing. Newman passed away Sept. 26, 2008 in Westport, Connecticut at the age of 83.

1988: Andrew Lloyd Webber's Musical The Phantom of the Opera (Based on the French novel Le Fantome de L'opera 1909 by Gaston Leroux) has its first performance on Broadway at the Majestic Theatre in New York and is now the longest running Broadway show in history.

1998: President Bill Clinton appears on American Television and denies having "sexual relations" with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

2005: President George W. Bush appoints Condoleezza Rice to the post of secretary of state, making her the highest ranking African-American woman ever to serve in a presidential cabinet.

If you would like to know more history on this day or any other day, go to: thepeoplehistory.com

Young Southport CyberCards continue to engage in upcoming competitions, community events



Sophomores Kevin Rogers, left, and Sarah Cook, and senior Aiden Burr, right, check out the chassis for a robot during after-school CyberCards session.



Southport student Jay Johnson, a CAD sub-team leader, gives CyberCards team members advice on robotics designs.



CyberCards robotics CAD team members at Southport High School busily work on designs for projects, including upcoming league and state competitions.

By Al Stillew Editor

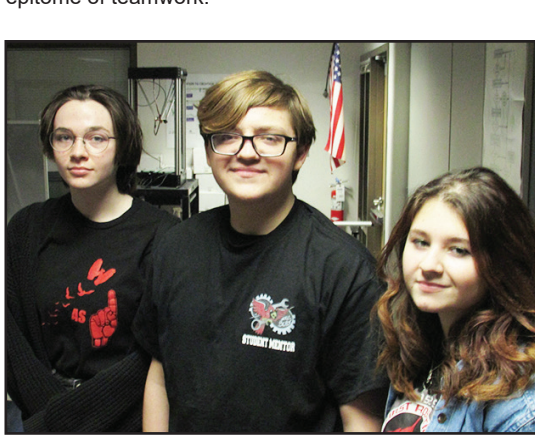
The buzz of activity in classrooms on the southside of the Southport High School building is unmistakable.

High school students in a large room work on various CAD designs while they consult with other students, their coaches, and mentors for ideas. They are among all robotics teams in the state who are designing and building robots for FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) competitions.

The CyberCards get tips on design and builds from an adjacent room, students are busily looking over design printouts, cutting and fashioning pieces and wiring, and building a robot.

The rooms are the home of the CyberCards, the FIRST robotics team, at the high school and one of three teams on the Southside, including CyberBlue at Perry Meridian and Red Alert at Center Grove. Each of the teams has had successes in FIRST competitions.

On this particular evening, Southport assistant robotics coach Jason Germann reviews the design protocol with CAD sub-team leader Jay Johnson. Students in the adjacent build room are active under SHS teacher Anthony Stanich.



This trio of Southport students is among key CyberCards who have specific but different roles. They are, from right, team captain Katie Eggers, programming team member Adam Bartley, and Rose Haflett, operations captain.



Sophomore Dick Sledge operates cutter for a major part in robot being built by CyberCards for competitions.

Overall, they design, build and program a robot for competition, apply real math and science concepts, develop problem-solving and organizational skills, and not only compete against other teams but form alliances with other teams in FIRST competitions.

Their enthusiasm is undeniable. "Robotics has fueled my passion to be around like-minded people," said sophomore Katie Essex. "Also to experience what I've never experienced before, seeing all the different robots and people working through problems for a common goal is something that is super-interesting."

Essex was on the student council when programming teacher and robotics program director Mike Snodgrass presented a Mini-Movers program to provide a modified ride-on car for a physically disabled Perry pre-school student to move around independently.

She wound up supervising the project, one of many that is part of the CyberCards community outreach program, that has been expanded to children at a physical therapy center in downtown Indianapolis.

Essex also has earned her student pilot license and will receive her private pilot's license in January at age 17. She wants to major in aeronautical engineering and aviation at Purdue University.

See "CyberCards" Page 3



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Roncalli's four champions from the Marion County championships are taking aim at the wrestling sectional Saturday at Southport Fieldhouse. The Royals and their weight-class individual championships are, from left, Sam Peebles (195 pounds), Kody Glithero (152), Bryce Lowery (138), and Luke Hansen (182). Roncalli won the program's first team championship in the county meet.

Conference champion wrestlers prepare for sectionals Saturday

By Al Stillew Editor

Many conference champions from Southside high schools are in their final practices this week before the IHSAA sectionals get underway Saturday.

Southport, Mooresville and Shelbyville high schools are sites for the opening round of competition that eventually leads to the state finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Feb. 18-19.

Teams from four-time Mid-State champion Perry Meridian, first-time Marion County champion No. 12 Roncalli, Beech Grove, and Southport wrestle at Southport Fieldhouse. Franklin Central and Lutheran are among high schools in the Shelbyville sectional. Those two sites feed into the Perry Meridian regional.

MIC champion No. 6 Center Grove and Greenwood wrestlers in the Mooresville sectional Saturday; the site feeds to the Mooresville regional.

The top four from each sectional advance to regional action Saturday, Feb. 5.

Center Grove senior Drake Buchanan, 182 pounds, and teammate Hayden Watson, 145 pounds, are expected to advance to the state finals, but the path is loaded with challengers. Buchanan is a three-time MIC champion and seeks his third return to the state finals. He was runnerup last year and sixth in 2020. He is ranked No. 1 in his weight class and has match wins this season against No. 3 Orlando Cruz of Crown Point and No. 4 DeAlcapon Veazy of Ft. Wayne Snider.

No. 2-ranked Watson also is looking for a third return to the state finals after losing his state finals match in 2021 and earning third place in 2020.

An all-Southside championship match (145 pounds) could be looming. Perry Meridian senior Matthew Koontz is ranked No. 1, just ahead of Watson. The two wrestlers met earlier this season with Koontz coming away with a 5-4 win. Koontz was a state runner-up in 2020 and third last year.

Roncalli's Bryce Lowery, ranked third at 138 pounds, is a bona fide state title contender. The Royals junior was fourth at 106 pounds in 2020 and seventh at 126 pounds in 2021 in the state finals.

Southport senior Nathan Smith, ranked No. 3, is the Conference Indiana champion at 106 pounds and has a great opportunity to close out his career with a gold medal.

There are many more wrestlers to watch Saturday at Southport Fieldhouse.

Hoosier Heritage champions Ethan Thompson (132), Diondre Henderson (152), and Jacob Skinner (195) lead the Hornets. Thompson also wears a Marion County crown.

Perry Meridian junior Toby Billerman (120) is a two-time Mid-State champion who was third in the state finals last year. The Mid-State champions from Perry Meridian include Hruai Lian (106), Ryan Taylor

See "Wrestling" Page 6

Madison Avenue bridge over I-465 to close soon

By Al Stillew Editor

Motorists on the Southside will find traffic more difficult in February with the closing of two bridges across I-465.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced that the Madison Avenue and Mooresville Road Bypass bridges would close for replacement in mid- to late-February.

The Madison Avenue bridge is expected to be closed for more than six months; the Mooresville Bypass bridge for about three months. Both bridges will be demolished and fully reconstructed during the closures.

Southside motorists familiar with the area of the Madison Avenue bridge can plan their

detour route to go north or south. INDOT recommends a Madison Avenue detour that would follow Thompson Road, Keystone Avenue and Hanna Avenue.

The Mooresville Road Bypass detour would follow Mann Road, Thompson Road and High School Road.

Signage will be posted to alert drivers of the extended closures. No specific date has been set for the closures.

When work begins on I-465, motorists should expect nighttime closures and 20-minute traffic stoppages between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. INDOT officials emphasize that no demolition work will happen over live traffic.

Meanwhile, work continues on Ind. 37, the footprint of I-69 as it moves into Johnson county. Info: indot.in.gov.

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Kelly's Korner

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Katie's BOILER Connection

By Fred Shonk



KATIE'S TEAM HAVING FUN

The Purdue women's basketball team as of last Saturday had 12 wins and only six losses. I remember several friends and sports people on TV commenting that with Katie Gearlds taking over as head coach, things would be better in a few years.

I'm thinking that things are going great for her team already. Katie took over from the very same coach that coached her during her time at Purdue. Sharon Versyp was head coach for 14 years. When Katie was hired, the plan was that she would be with Versyp for a year and then take the full helm. That's the way men's coach Gene Keady did with Matt Painter. Katie's success at Marian University with two national championships would add up to a good first season.

It looks to me like the players, none of which Katie recruited, have really connected with her. Katie has made it fun for her players, again. It's wonderful to see a coach and a player laughing and complementing each other during a game.

Last Thursday night, the team had an away game against the University of Illinois in Champaign. The ladies had an amazing game. Purdue won the game 89-67.

During this game, Purdue tied the school record for completed 3-point shots. Abbey Ellis, a transfer student from Cal Poly, scored six 3-point shots in this game. Abbey is from Australia. Her mother and sister are visiting and have been to a couple of the games.

Madison Layden contributed five 3-point scores in this game. She is a sophomore from Kokomo. I believe Cassidy Hardin, a product of Center Grove High School, also scored a couple of 3-pointers. She has scored from behind the 3-point line at least once in almost 20 straight games.

The team scored 89 points in this contest and more than half of them (45) were behind the 3-point line. I believe the gals are having fun.



Southsiders' Bulletin Board

FREE APPLIANCE DROP OFF FEB. 26

Southsiders can utilize a free appliance drop off, document shredding, and medicine disposal in Beech Grove, Saturday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to noon. The location is behind City Hall, 806 Main St., Beech Grove. The event is compliments of Ray's Trash Service and Hanna's Wrecker Service. *The date was erroneously published earlier as Jan. 16. We apologize for any inconvenience.* Info: beechgrove.com.

PERRY SENIORS WEDNESDAY BINGO

Bingo is the featured activity Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1 p.m., at the Perry Senior Citizens building, 6901 Derbyshire Road. Bingo is each Wednesday in February with lunch at 11 a.m. on Feb. 16, cost \$10. The center also is in need of volunteers for a variety of programs and to help with transportation. Registration and info: 317-783-9231.

FRANCISCAN FREE ART THERAPY

Franciscan Care Management and Beacon of Hope Crisis Center have a free class, "Take it out in Art," for any victim of violence. The next class is Friday, Feb. 4, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Retired certified sexual assault nurse examiner and former Center of Hope coordinator Caroline Fisher, RN, and artist Patty Coulter lead the classes. The site is at classroom No. 5 in the Franciscan Education and Support Services Center, 421 N. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. Each class is limited to 10 people and is free. Masks are required. Future classes are 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Feb. 19, 24, and March 3; and 10 a.m. to noon, March 25, April 1, 8, 15. Registration required: call Caroline Fisher at 317-528-5440 or email her at Rosiecaro@aol.com.

FRA BRANCH 130

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Branch 130 meets Monday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Greenwood VFW, 1942 Veterans Way, Greenwood. Info: www.fra130indy.org.

COVID-19 Creates Significant Complications for Health Care Systems and Patients

By Dr. Sarah Stelzner



Dr. Sarah Stelzner
Pediatrician at
Eskenazi Health

The development of the highly contagious COVID-19 omicron variant combined with the onset of winter and millions of individuals getting together inside during the holidays, has caused coronavirus positive tests to rise to unprecedented numbers especially in pediatric patients. This has left health care teams exhausted and stressed out like never before.

Due to the dramatic rise locally in COVID-19 hospitalizations in children, youth and adults, Eskenazi Health wants to make it clear that due to increased patient volume and the constantly evolving situation with COVID-19, in many cases there will be a longer wait time to be scheduled for an appointment. Eskenazi Health and all health systems across the nation face increased needs for patient care due to shortages in team members to address health issues in the usual timely fashion.

It's also become much more of a challenge these days to get tested for COVID-19. Unless you are ill, we advise you to explore

the many testing options that are available to you at other locations. To find a testing location near you, please visit [Coronavirus.IN.gov](https://www.coronavirus.IN.gov). Despite the overwhelming challenges health care systems are currently faced with, it's important to not delay seeking care for conditions including but not limited to asthma, high blood pressure and diabetes, and for mental health care needs as well as routine childhood vaccinations.

Options exist to connect with your provider, including using applications like Eskenazi Health MyChart, where online you can request medication refills, schedule appointments, view all other patient medical data, and medication instructions and summaries from previous appointments.

To set up an Eskenazi Health MyChart account, please visit [MyChart.EskenaziHealth.edu](https://mychart.eskenazihealth.edu) on a computer, tablet or smartphone, and click "Sign Up Now" in the "New User?" section.

For assistance with MyChart, please call 317.880.2273.

Patients with active Eskenazi Health MyChart accounts can securely send messages with their care teams, upload pictures and get support for medical questions and other health care needs that do not require an appointment.

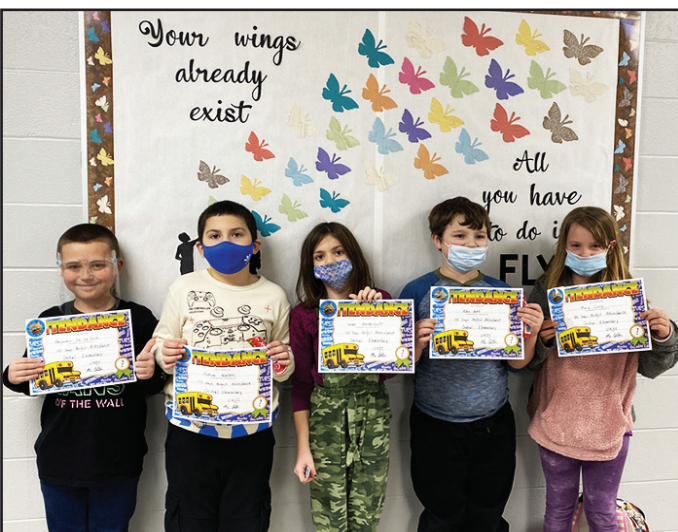
The COVID-19 vaccine (or booster when appropriate) along with practicing other safety measures, remain of utmost importance and the most effective way to combat this terrible virus because people who are vaccinated have milder symptoms, much lower risk of hospitalization and death.

It is also critically important to receive the booster vaccine for the best protection and to reduce your risk of sickness and hospitalization. The booster can be received if your last Pfizer or Moderna shot was more than five months ago, or your Johnson & Johnson shot was more than two months ago. Receiving the booster shot is recommended even if you have had the COVID-19 infection.

For patients with upcoming appointments, please be advised that visitation restrictions are in place and you should plan to arrive to your appointment independently (by yourself). Please make arrangements for childcare if needed.

Pediatric patients and those requiring assistance will be permitted to have someone attend their appointment with them. This includes some vulnerable patient populations (e.g., patients with dementia, Down syndrome, autism, hearing impairment, etc.).

CENTRAL 100-DAY CELEBRATION



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Central Elementary School in Beech Grove recently celebrated the 100th day of the school year with several activities. Central faculty and staff honored five students for their 100 days of perfect attendance, from left, Alejandro De La Cruz, Joshua Waters, Leah Hendershott, Aden Hunt, and Macy Curry.

RONCALLI ARTIST EARNS AWARD



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Roncalli High School senior artist Emily Ochs earned fifth place in Indiana's 2020-2021 VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest. Her mixed media entry, "Rest in Honor," was among more than 2,500 student works entered. Ochs received a framed certificate and a \$200 award. Art instructor Mark Stratton praised Ochs for her accomplishments and creativity during her four years at Roncalli.

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Personal Recollections By Fred Shonk

TWO DENNIS RODMANS

A couple of weeks ago, I was visiting with some friends and the name Dennis Rodman came up. I got to know Dennis Rodman during the time that he was playing professional basketball for the Chicago Bulls.

He was inducted into the National Basketball Association Basketball Hall of Fame in 2011. His acceptance speech is still available online and I have watched it several times. Rodman is a very complicated person; I learned that firsthand.

Several years ago, I owned a small business and also worked part-time for a charter bus company. I mostly drove local charters. I drove city tours, Eli Lilly & Company charters and several NBA teams when they came in to play against the Pacers.

One of the teams that I worked with was the Chicago Bulls. It was fun getting to meet and work with the players, coaches and their support staff.

One morning when I picked up the team from their hotel to take them to Market Square Arena for practice, a trainer asked if it would be possible for me to drive Dennis Rodman to the IUPUI Physical Fitness Center. I checked and my boss said it would be fine.

Dennis climbed aboard and we were on our way. I drove to the address that I was provided and there wasn't any sort of building in the entire block. All I saw was a large parking lot. I drove around a second time thinking that I must have missed something. Same results. I made a larger loop around a couple of blocks. Nothing!

I figured that I would try the area of the campus that I was thinking the fitness center was once located. All this time, Rodman had been silent. When I turned onto University Boulevard and closed in on where I thought I remembered it being located, I heard him say, "There you go. That's it."

As I pulled up to the entrance, I asked why he hadn't said anything while I was driving around confused and wasting time. He said that he didn't think it would be very polite. He asked me how he was supposed to get back to the hotel.

I told him that I would stay and drive him back. He smiled and thanked me quietly. I was amazed that he always addressed me as "sir" when we were talking. It took quite a while to find a parking place for a 40-foot charter coach.

About an hour later, Dennis and two physical trainers came walking toward the bus. The three of them got aboard and explained that it was lunch time and asked if I could take them to a restaurant in Union Station for lunch.

No problem. Rodman had thanked me several times for driving him to his appointment. Now he was insisting that I find another place to park the bus and join them for lunch. I tried explaining that it would probably be impossible to find a place to park that bus near Union Station and it wasn't necessary for me to join them for lunch.

Dennis insisted. I was able to find a secure parking place for the bus and had an interesting and exciting lunch with them.

That day I learned there were two very different Dennis Rodmans, one who put on a big loud show and the quiet, polite one that became my friend.

I just watched Dennis Rodman's acceptance speech again. It's special to see both "wild Dennis" and quiet polite Dennis in that video.

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Reminiscing

By B. Scott Mohr

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

60 Years Ago This Week - 1962

Sharon Resner and Rina Linz, seniors at Southport and Manual high schools, respectively, competed in the fifth annual Photoflash beauty pageant.

Dogs could be vaccinated against rabies for \$1.50.

A gallon of milk cost 59 cents; a used electric range cost \$75; a furnished four-room half-double rented for \$90 for a month; and a 1952 Chevrolet was priced at \$100 (it was said to run great while being cosmetically impaired).

50 Years Ago This Week - 1972

As part of its get-acquainted special, Commercial Donut, 2133 Shelby St., served a donut and a cup of coffee for 10 cents.

Robertson Auto Supply opened a store at 5565 Madison Ave.

Roncalli graduate Jane Ulrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ulrich and a freshman at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind., made the dean's list.

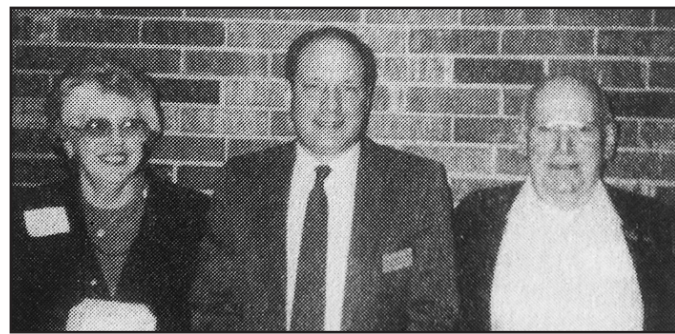
Mrs. Fran Campbell and Barbara Hill instructed a sewing class at Manual Evening School.

40 Years Ago This Week - 1982

The archives from 1982 are lost.

30 Years Ago This Week - 1992

Community Hospital South announced its plan to construct a maternity ward.



Bethany Lutheran Church honored Barbara Campbell (left) and Bill Abel (right) as its Members of the Year. They are seen with Pastor Robert Rohman.



The Beech Grove Historical Society elected new officers: (seated) Virginia Hammel, director; Ruth Duell, secretary; Roselyn Bailey, vice president; Lila Hopkins, director; (back) John Newman, director; Jerry Sargent, president; and Don Hurst, treasurer.

Dr. H.O. "Buzz" Hickman, a member of Indiana Heart Physicians and the Indianapolis Regional Heart Center at St. Francis Hospital, was elected to fellowship in the American College of Physicians.

St. Mark sixth-grade cheerleaders Lisa Berkemeier, Elizabeth Weimann, Whitney Fulkerson, Christa Spindler, Katie Abel, Tasha Walker, Jenny Nykaza, Kelli Campbell, Abby Mappes, Sysan Shockley, Mindy Childers and Sara Jeffers received some tips from Indianapolis Colts cheerleader Chasney Suskocich.

20 Years Ago This Week - 2002

Dr. Lloyd Boyd, director of student services for Perry Township Schools, was honored with the Julia Carson Service Award for his outstanding work on behalf of Community Action of Indianapolis.



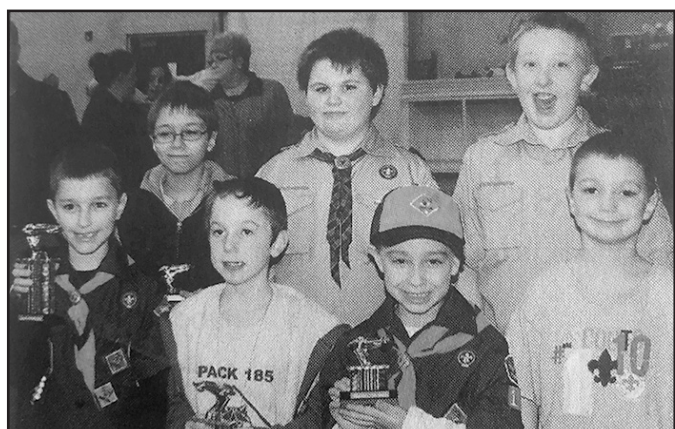
The Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association named John Wirtz and Bill Bright to its Hall of Fame. Wirtz was 560-207 at Roncalli; Bright had compiled a 307-270 mark at Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis).

Harbor Freight, a tool company, opened an outlet in Southern Plaza.

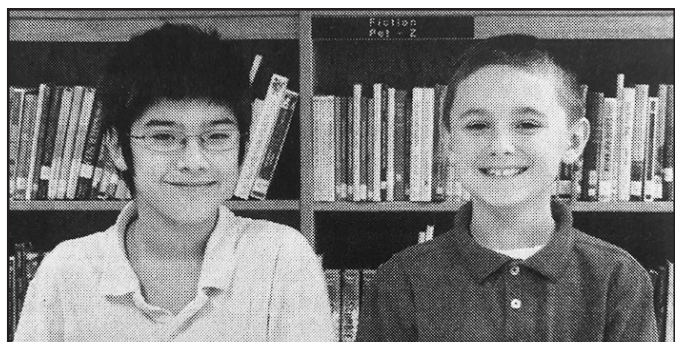
Bryce Lacher was inducted into the Sertoma Club of Greenwood, which was celebrating its 35th anniversary.

10 Years Ago This Week - 2012

An oil change at Meineke Car Care Center, 3150 Madison Ave., cost \$14.95.



Boy Scouts from Pack 185 hosted their annual Pinewood Derby at Landmark Baptist Church, 7010 E. Thompson Road, where (front) Jack Matczak, Evan Lohman, Nathan Vasquez, Kyan Sparks; (back) Jacob Hudson, Sean Campbell and Dylan Albertson won trophies.



Jordan Robbins, a fifth-grader at Henry Burkhardt Elementary, took first-place honors in the school's spelling bee; classmate Jackson Bill was the runner-up.

Southside OBITUARIES

MARK J. ADAMS, 67.

DARRELL WAYNE BALL, 71, wife, Jacqueline Ball; daughters, Robynn Thompson, Brandi Cash and Rheagan Christian; mother, Phyllis Green; siblings, Bobbi Carr, Scott and Kelly Green; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

DOROTHY EDNA BRYDGES, 64, siblings, Kathy John, Jack and Jim Brydges.

CYNTHIA "CINDY" DIANE CLARK, 64, husband, Robert "Bob" Clark; brothers, Mark and Jason Clark.

LINDA C. MCCLURE COVERT, 76, widow of William Covert; children, Robert Covert and Amanda Massey; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; siblings, Mary, Fred, Frank, David, Dan, Brian, Pat, Rick and Pam.

PATRICK "PAT" EDWARD CURRY, 50, parents, Marcia Curry and Carl Curry; siblings, Jennifer and Lewis Curry.

MILDRED C. FISCHER DENT, 99, widow of Eugene Dent; children, Mary Ellen McGinnis and Thomas Dent; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

CAROL GRIMLEY, 83, widow of Jim Grimley; sons, Michael, Brian and Timothy Grimley; four grandchildren.

CARLENE S. ALLEN HALL, 77, husband, Howard "Keith" Hall; son, Christopher Hall; one grandson.

JOSEPH ANDREW HEIGL, 66, wife, Debra Heigl; daughter, Dianna Frederick; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

ROSE MARTLAGE-HENNEKE, 99, widow of Harry Martlage and Harold Henneke; children: Ken Emerson and Susan Christenberry; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

KENNETH CRAIG HIDAY, 84, wife, Mary Jane Hiday; daughter, Kendra Kidwell; two grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

BILLIE JO HUBBLE, 54, siblings, Mary Hubble Boller, Donna Bailey Sheets, Marilyn Bailey Mills and Forest Bailey.

RAMONA SUE MODGLIN INGHAM, 58, husband, Scott Ingham; mother, Linda Neher; children, Ashton, Jasmine and Victoria Ingham; sister, Michelle Waddell.

WILLIAM "BILLY" KESLER, 51, father, Charles Kesler; siblings, Dawn Campbell and Charles Kesler, II.

CHARLES R. LONG, 84, widower of Rose Long; daughters, Michelle Dwyer and Deanna Brickley; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

ASHLI BROOKE TETRICK LOWE, 33, husband, Charles "Chuck" Lowe; daughters, Betsy and Bridget Lowe; parents, Bruce and Beverly Tetrick; siblings, Shannon Staggs, Jennifer Fitzgerald and Amanda Kafoure; grandmother, Ruth Tetrick.

NAOMI M. LYNCH, 87, children, John Lynch, Kelli "Art" Short; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

JUNIE R. MARSHALL, 87, widow of Jim Marshall; daughter, Theresa Robbins; two grandchildren.

DAVID DEWAYNE MASSEY, 61, wife, Teresa Massey; children, Sabrina, Birchard and David Massey Jr., Tina Poe and Joey Wimmer; six grandchildren; brother, Bruce Massey.

DAVID L. MILLER, 80, wife, Barbara; children, Kenny, Matt, Debbie and Kim; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

VERA TACY MURRELL, 59, brothers, Ed and Calvin Murrell.

GARY LEE RIFE, 36, father and stepmother, Avery and Lisa Rife; his mother, Nancy Rife; siblings, Robin Thompson, Sharon and Ashley Fields; grandmother, Opal Norman.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE FOR SOUTH COUNTY LINE ROAD PROJECT (Des. No. 2002553)

An in-person public meeting regarding the South County Line Road Project has been scheduled by the City of Indianapolis' Department of Public Works (DPW). The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 6 p.m. at Glens Valley Elementary School, 8239 Morgantown Road, Indianapolis, IN 46217. Doors will open at 5 p.m. to allow time for the public to review project exhibits. Please enter at Door 11.

This meeting will include appropriate social distancing measures. Hand sanitation stations and face masks will be provided. The Marion County Public Health Department encourages all residents to wear masks in indoor public spaces, regardless of vaccination status.

The purpose of this meeting is to offer area residents, stakeholders, and other interested persons an update on DPW's plans to redesign South County Line Road. The project is intended to improve safety, mobility, and operational efficiency along the County Line Road corridor from the east end of the I-69 Interchange to SR 135 in Marion and Johnson counties, Indiana.

The project will include the widening of County Line Road to two travel lanes in each direction with a center turn lane, the construction of a sidewalk and multi-use path along County Line Road, the replacement of two bridges (Structure No. 49-4503F over Pleasant Run Creek and Structure No. 49-4510F over Buffalo Creek) and the addition of an access road to the Mount Pleasant subdivision from Bluff Road.

The eastern intersection of Morris Road with County Line Road and the intersection of Mount Pleasant East Street with County Line Road will be converted to cul-de-sacs, with no access to County Line Road. These changes are necessary due to the correction of the steep incline of County Line Road near Morgantown Road. Due to the permanent closure of the County Line Road/Mount Pleasant East Street intersection, a new local road will be constructed to provide access to the Mount Pleasant community. This roadway will be approximately 400 feet in length and 20-24 feet wide and will connect the Mount Pleasant neighborhood to Bluff Road.

Based on the preliminary design, it is anticipated that approximately 20-acres of permanent right-of-way, 8-acres of temporary right-of-way, and 9 relocations will be required for this project to be completed. Total project costs are estimated to be approximately \$40 million.

Maintenance of traffic will include the closure of County Line Road from Morris Street to the Mount Pleasant Bridge, including the closure of the Morgantown Road intersection during Phase I. Phase II will be constructed under traffic with lane closures.

For those unable to attend, the meeting will be broadcast live by Indianapolis Government Channel 16 on the following cable providers and channels: Xfinity Channel 16, Spectrum Channel 340, and AT&T Channel 99. The event can also be viewed via Livestream at: https://indianapolis.granicus.com/player/camera/5?publish_id=4&redirect=true.

The presentation and related project information will be made available online at SouthCountyLineRoad.com after the meeting. Persons with limited internet access can request that project information be mailed to them. For more information, please contact Kelly Scott at 317-636-4682, kescott@HNTB.com or 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

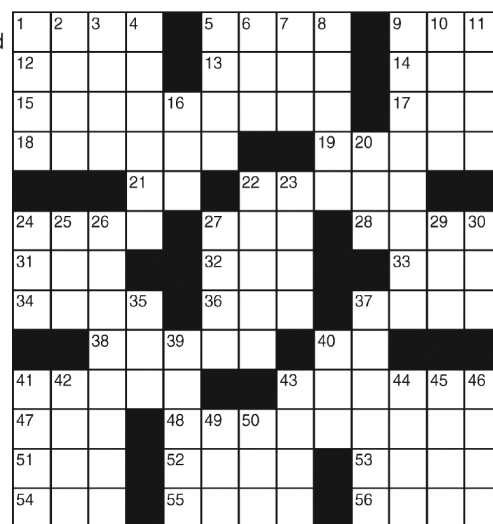
Recorded public statements will be taken as part of the public meeting procedure. All verbal statements recorded during the meeting as well as all written comments submitted before, during, and for four (4) weeks following the meeting date, will be evaluated, considered, and addressed in subsequent environmental documentation. Written comments may be submitted before the public meeting and within the comment period to Chris Meador at 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or cmeador@HNTB.com. The project team respectfully requests comments be submitted by March 8, 2022.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), accessibility assistance will be provided. If a need for ADA accommodations or interpretation exists, contact Kelly Scott at kescott@HNTB.com or 317-636-4682 no later than February 3, 2022, at 4 p.m.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Shopper's aid
- 5 " — and Circumstance"
- 9 Frenzied
- 12 Sandwich treat
- 13 Vicinity
- 14 Rocks
- 15 Teeny
- 17 Gun lobby org.
- 18 Thwarts
- 19 Bad lighting?
- 21 Conversation starter
- 22 "Olympia" artist
- 24 Knighted woman
- 27 Stashed
- 28 Carey or Barrymore
- 31 — Baba
- 32 Literary collection
- 33 Before
- 34 Carte
- 36 Doctrine
- 37 Exercise target
- 38 Bygone airline
- 40 On the other hand
- 41 Top story
- 43 Critter
- 47 Slithery squeezer
- 48 Twins' home
- 51 Flightless bird



- 8 Song of praise
- 9 Troubadour
- 10 High (Pref.)
- 11 Campus bigwig
- 16 Schuss
- 20 Crimson
- 22 Capital of Belarus
- 23 Leading man
- 24 Weir
- 25 Hearty quaff
- 26 Labyrinth beast
- 27 Groundbreaking musical
- 29 Historic time
- 30 Charlotte's creation
- 35 Submachine gun
- 37 Pats down
- 39 Pinnacles
- 40 Inseparable
- 41 Sleeping
- 42 Heavy reading
- 43 Kournikova or Karenina
- 44 Stereo alternative
- 45 On
- 46 Wood strip
- 49 " — had it!"
- 50 Profit

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: W equals O

GDRVOQD UED WKI GVDJA XVQ
BDAF QNRJ WC ENQ ROADHU
XVFQ, ED IDRNIDI UW UOAH
WBDA V HDX KWVC.

CyberCards

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Junior Adam Bartley became interested in robotics in Snodgrass' programming classroom that is adjacent to the robotics build room. He initially became a part of the program's zoo toys program for the Indianapolis Zoo.

"I want to get involved with software design and engineering," Bartley said. "This (robotics) provides me the steps through programming and design to the final project."

His participation began with a team that is developing a robot with a small camera and transmitter that can enter a room undetected and scan the area for the Southport Police Department. He now is the student supervisor of developing the much-needed robot.

"I know it's only one robot," Bartley said. "It's better that no one is hurt in certain situations; it could save a life."

The community outreach programs take place from May to January before the competition robotics build season for district and state events through April.

"As part of our vision statement, we try to share our passions with our community," Snodgrass said. "Our hope is that other future students see us at our community activities and want to become a part of our program."

The robotics program includes a variety of activities which attracted sophomore Rose Haflett, who is in operations. She has some interest in STEM but helps in CyberCards community outreach and has changed her post-high school interest from architectural engineering to communication or infomatics.

"No matter what their interests, there's room for students in robotics," Haflett said. "I know the mentors and coaches will steer the students in a good direction."

The program also includes the CyberCards Steelbeaks at the Southport Middle School.

The CyberCards have appeared at various community events as they seek year-round funding from businesses and corporations. They were 2016 district champions among being district finalists and also have received entrepreneurship and spirit awards.

They recently had their first competition at West Lafayette since 2019 due to covid restrictions and they will compete in league and state championships during this school year.

Snodgrass concluded, "Our team's most important accomplishments have been to make more students career-ready." Info: www.southportrobotics.org.

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Girls basketball sectionals open Tuesday, Feb. 1

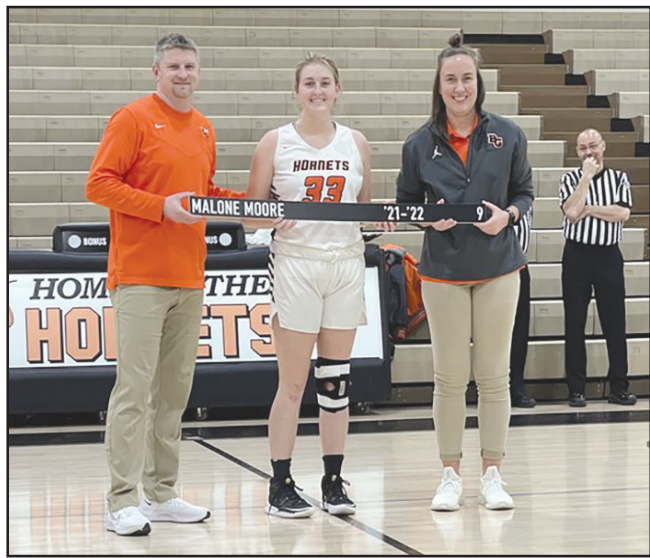
By Al Stillely
Editor

Most Southside teams begin play in the 47th IHSAA girls basketball tournament on opening night Tuesday, Feb. 1.

Only 4A Roncalli and 4A Center Grove and 1A Greenwood Christian Academy drew byes and won't play until Friday, Feb. 4. GCA (11-9) is favored to capture its fourth straight sectional title at Lutheran as the Cougars 10th-year coach Alan Weems retires at the end of the run. GCA faces Tindley (9-7) Feb. 1 with the winner meeting Lutheran (5-14), Central Christian (8-13) or Providence Cristo Rey (0-16) from the upper bracket.

All sectional title games are on Saturday, Feb. 5. Only four Southside teams enter the fray with winning records with the most wins (11) by Circle City Conference champion Roncalli, Greenwood, and GCA through last Saturday with regular season games this week. The bye helps GCA because they have three scheduled games this week. The nine Southside teams have a combined season winning percentage of 40.4 percent.

MOORE BREAKS GEARLDS' RECORD



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Beech Grove sophomore forward Malone "Mo" Moore, middle, was honored courtside before the Beech Grove High School girls basketball game against George Washington recently for breaking a 20-year single-game record for blocks that was set by 2003 Miss Indiana Basketball Katie Gearlds. Moore made a record nine blocks in one game this season, one more to exceed Gearlds' record. Moore is with BGHS athletic director Garrett Daniel and Hornets head coach Amy Selk.

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The Perry Meridian sectional opens with the third Battle of Perry Township between the host Falcons (4-14) and Southport (10-11) at 6 p.m. The Cardinals own two wins against their township rival, 36-24 and 49-43. Roncalli (11-10) and Decatur Central (7-12) collide at 7:30 p.m.; the Royals pounded DC, 51-18 in the county tourney. Ben Davis (11-7) is favored.

At Franklin Central, vastly improved Greenwood (11-9) opens against Whiteland (6-14) Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Greenwood is riding a six-game winning streak, including a 43-24 win against DC Thursday. The winner meets the host Flashes (5-14) Friday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Center Grove (11-9) waits until Friday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. to meet the Franklin-Shelbyville winner. Franklin (20-1) is the tourney favorite.

At Indian Creek, Beech Grove (4-16) faces Speedway (14-5) Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The Sparkplugs own a 42-20 win against the Hornets this month. BG averages only 27.4 points per game. The host Braves are favored.

Among the top Southside players this season are Perry Meridian's Maya Mundy (16.1), GCA senior Dani Simon (14.3 points per game), Southport's Miranda Deane (13.1), FC freshman Lily Graves (10.8), Center Grove's Savanna Bischoff (9.6), and Greenwood's lone senior Quinn Kelly (9.3).

Sectional champions advance to regionals Saturday, Feb. 12.



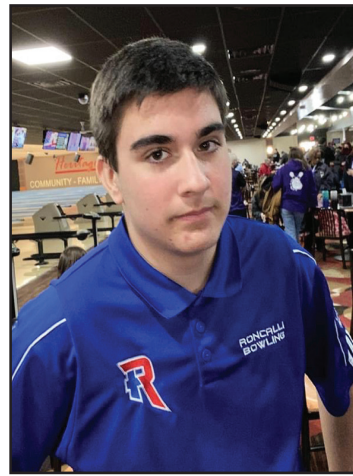
(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLELY)

Greenwood's lone senior Quinn Kelly was honored by her parents, Chris and Trael, along with Woodman teammates during senior night last week before a home game against neighboring Southport.



Southport's Cardinals huddle with coach Adam Morelock during a time-out against Greenwood.

Roncalli bowler reaches state finals



Jordan Bauerle

Roncalli High School freshman Jordan Bauerle will compete in the boys state finals Saturday, Feb. 5 in Fort Wayne.

The Royals bowler placed ninth Saturday in the Richmond semifinals at the Richmond 40 Lanes.

Royals senior Gracie Tharp and the Royals team just missed qualifying for the girls state finals after reaching the semi-state round for the first time in program history.

Sanctioned by Indiana High School Bowling, the state finals are at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, starting at 10:45 a.m.

'A double-win weekend' CG ends rough week by overtaking Roncalli



Center Grove's Shane Bennett (23) defends Roncalli's Aidan Leffler (33) in the backcourt during Royals home game at Ascension St. Vincent Gymnasium. The visiting Trojans won, 50-37.



Roncalli's cheerleaders fire up student body in non-conference home basketball game against visiting Center Grove.

By Al Stillely
Editor

Center Grove boys basketball coach Zach Hahn had a lot on his mind after a non-conference win at Roncalli in the Ascension St. Vincent Center.

The Trojans entered the gymnasium after losing to Whiteland in the Johnson County championship game (Jan. 19) and a heartbreaking one-point loss at home against No. 10 Ben Davis on Friday night.

CG (8-6) prevailed against host Roncalli, 50-37 in a game that broke open when Ethan McComb snapped a 32-all deadlock with nine consecutive points to end the third quarter with the Trojans in front, 41-32.

Hahn contended the Ben Davis game at Vandermeer Gymnasium was "stolen" when a foul was called against the Trojans with 2.5 seconds left. The Giants hit two free throws and handed CG a one-point loss at home.

"I told our guys in the locker room that no one else is going to count this as a double-win weekend," Hahn said Saturday. "That was a double-win weekend!"

The eighth-year CG coach explained, "We've been through a tough week. We lost in the county - kind of got punched in the mouth - then we get that call that goes against us (Friday) that cost us a game. Then we come out tonight and we're down 10-4; our backs were against the wall. I'm really proud of how tough and resilient this group is."

McComb's nine-point run propelled CG, but Roncalli closed to 43-37 on Drew Kegerreis' 3-point shot with 2:52 left. Then the visitors closed out with a 7-0 run, hitting five of six free throws. Roncalli came up empty on 11 of its last 15 possessions.

"This group really has tried to hang their hat on the defensive end," Hahn said. "We struggle sometimes offensively, but if you guard, you're tough with the basketball, and don't turn it over, that gives you a shot each night."

Roncalli (4-9) fell Friday at New Palestine, 67-63, as the two losses extended its losing skid to five in a row.

"McComb got loose for two 3s and that was a back-breaker," Roncalli coach Michael Wantz said. "That gave them all the momentum going into the fourth quarter."

Kegerreis scored a game-high 22 points, the only Royal in double figures. CG was more balanced with strong-bodied Sam Bennett leading from the post with 17 points and McComb and point guard Jalen Bundy, each 10 points.

Roncalli (4-9) is at home Friday and Saturday against Covenant Christian and then Greenwood. Center Grove (8-6) visits MIC foe Lawrence Central, Friday night.

Elsewhere, Beech Grove (8-5) held Riverside 73-16 Saturday afternoon, the Hornets best defensive effort since holding Indiana Deaf School to 18 points in December 1962. Lutheran visits the Hornets in a crucial Indiana Crossroads game and Greenwood visits Perry Meridian on Friday.

WAUGH NAMED GIRLS GOLF COACH



Eunsun Waugh

Assistant coach Eunsun Waugh is the new head coach of the girls golf team at Roncalli High School. She becomes the fourth head coach in the program's history.

Waugh was an assistant coach last season. She is a member of the LPGA Amateurs Association and a course director for the Indy Women's Golf League (IWGL). Athletic director David Lauck praised Waugh for her familiarity with the girls golf program and for her longtime connection to the Roncalli community.

"I'm excited and blessed for this new opportunity," said Waugh. "Growing the game of women's golf has always been a passion of mine and I am ready for the challenge of taking this program to the next level."

Waugh is married to Chris, who is a 1990 Roncalli graduate. Her daughters, Ashley (R'06) and Alexis (R'11), each graduated from Roncalli and her son, Brady, is a freshman at Roncalli. The Royals open their 30th season in August.

Roncalli Salutes Our National Merit Semifinalists



Left to right: Sergio Cereceres, Isaac Kappes, Ben Keeney, Kyla Poynter

Four members of the Roncalli High School Class of 2022 are participating in an apprenticeship with EM Company, a local electrical/mechanical contractor. Students receive hands on experience in one or more areas of the following: electrical, mechanical (HVAC or refrigeration), plumbing and business operations.

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Wrestling

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(113), Zachary Huckaby (160), and Ronin Hammond (195).

Roncalli also dominated the Circle City Conference meet for the sixth consecutive time. Among the top Royals are Marion County champs No. 8 Zach Wilson (145), No. 5 Kody Gilthero (152), Luke Hansen (182), and No. 16 Sam Peebles (195).

Southport's Brayden McMillan (120) is a Conference Indiana champion.

Center Grove goes into the Mooresville regional with eight more top-20 ranked wrestlers, including two-time MIC champ Charlie LaRocca (106), Wyatt Krejsa (132 pounds, brother of state girls champ Anna Krejsa), Andre Merritt (152), Julian Weems

(160), Noah Clouser (170), Bryce Crump (195), Royce Deckard (220) and Nate Johnson (285).

Franklin Central's Aateavone Jordan (195) leads the Flashes into the Shelbyville sectional. The multi-sport student-athlete is a Hoosier Crossroads champion who was eighth in the 2021 state finals. Hoosier Heritage champion Jack Beard of Lutheran enters as the Hoosier Heritage heavyweight (285) champion.

Admission to sectionals is \$6 per person. All matches are available on videostream at FloWrestling.org. Info: ihsaa.org. (Note: Rankings are from IndianaMat.com)

Good luck to all of our winter sports teams!