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BATTER UP!



Southsiders develop device to revolutionize training of batters

By Al Stilley
Editor

A training device that will revolutionize baseball and softball training for all ages and skill levels is announced today by a group of Southside entrepreneurs. The patented device, now owned by BU Technologies and rebranded Perfect Swing, improves the hitter's acceleration of his or her swing at the "point of impact," according to officials of newly incorporated BU Technologies.

"There is nothing out there like this," exclaimed Joe Gilliland, president and CEO of Sheet Metal Models Machine & Tool Co., Inc., and vice president of BU Technologies. "The final prototype is good enough to go to market. There is a lot that goes into this mechanism, but everybody associated with this project has everything on the right key, the right chord, and the right song."

The Perfect Swing is a practice device "to help further develop the feel and muscle memory of a proper swing," according to its U.S. patent. Essentially, the swing training device features a specific sport handle, a shaft, and a slidable weight that moves to a distal end that contacts a stop, creating an audible "snap" giving the swinger tactile and audible feedback to the success of the swing.

Area coaches and athletes are praising the Perfect Swing (see comments by Bobby Plump and Scott Fleming).

The device's inventor is Michael "Mick" Davenport of Pomeroy,



Inventor Richard "Mitch" Davenport of Ohio sought expertise to market the Perfect Swing and found it after recalling a meeting several years ago with Beech Grove's Joe Wolfia.

BG's Wolfia is no stranger



Joe Wolfia is a Beech Grove businessman and sports enthusiast who is no stranger when it comes to taking products to the market.

Wolfia, a former owner of the Continental Football League 1969 champions, the Indianapolis Capitols, has always approached his successes by out-of-the-box thinking and living by the personal mantra "listen before you talk."

Wolfia was key in the revival of the beloved drink Choc-Ola, getting it into stores such as Wal-Mart, Walgreens, and Martin Super-Markets (a Northern Indiana and Michigan chain) before leaving the company to pursue other endeavors.

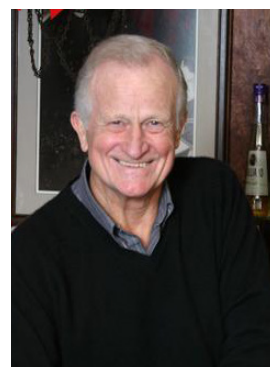
Having owned a very successful printing company, Industrial Litho Inc., Wolfia created Good Morning Publishing Co., Inc. which published the world renowned book Bobby Plump: Last of the Small Town Heroes which is about to receive a special edition re-release in the coming months.

In addition to the Special Edition of Bobby Plump: Last of the Small Town Heroes, Wolfia and Good Morning Publishing Co. Inc. are in the process of writing a new book on the Indianapolis Capitols and their championship season.

Ohio, who came up with the concept and made a workable prototype. He has a degree in exercise physiology from Ohio University where he became involved with the university's mechanics program that tests various sports products. He also has coached baseball players from T-ball through American Legion.

"I was looking for something that a multitude of players could use to teach them the proper timing, proper swing mechanics, and improve their velocity at the point of impact," Davenport recalled in an exclusive interview

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Bobby Plump is known world-wide for hitting the winning shot for Milan High School in the 1954 IHSAA boys state basketball championship game. Plump also was a shortstop for the Indians and later played basketball and baseball at Butler University. As a shortstop, he hit .301 at Butler during his junior year. He also earned a try-out with the Cincinnati Reds along with four teammates.

Well-known Southside company to manufacture Perfect Swing

By Al Stilley
Editor

A well-known Southside company, Sheet Metal Models, is ideally suited for the manufacturing and production of The Perfect Swing.

Under Joe Gilliland's 30-plus years of ownership, the machine and tool facility has the machinery, personnel, and capabilities to produce items from prototypes to full productions.

"We combine old-school theory with today's technology," said Gilliland, a lifelong Southsider. "It takes modeling ingenuity to re-design a product that doesn't have a blueprint with it. Now they call it re-engineering."

Gilliland's company previously has produced and manufactured parts for aerospace, electrical, retail, telecommunications, vehicular, medical, defense, automotive, and rail industries.

When Gilliland was approached about the Perfect Swing, he told longtime Beech Grove entrepreneur Joe Wolfia that he could do a prototype without any blueprint of the revolutionary training apparatus. The COVID-19 pandemic lengthened the time to develop prototypes; the fifth one turned out to be the one to prepare for mass production.

"If we could produce the items we have manufactured for airplanes and submarines, I figured we could do this, too," Gilliland said. "So, we reversed engineering. It was a tricky combination, but when you have the opportunity to put a new product on the market like this, then you've done something."

So, Sheet Metal Models Machine and Tool Co. (SMM) became the perfect manufacturer for The Perfect Swing through newly incorporated BU Technologies with Gilliland as one of its vice presidents.

"We've had a background of the hard-to-do things that other machine and tool companies did not want to do," Gilliland said. "We have employees with more than 100 years (combined) in the trade. They have been schooled by experience in hard tooling and stamped-out production parts. I can tool any job you want on a turret press and add a laser to it. I call it tricky technology."

The Perfect Swing has multiple pieces, big and small, that SMM will produce and manufacture the Perfect Swing for coaches and players of all ages and abilities.

"I'm sure lots of people will

"We combine old-school theory with today's technology." – Joe Gilliland



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLEY)
Lifetime Southsider Joe Gilliland is CEO and president of Sheet Metal Models Machine & Tool Co. Inc., 2720 National Ave. The company was founded in 1956 in Beech Grove.



Fred Wuban operates the Acuma lathe at Sheet Metal Models, a machine that will be integral to the manufacturing of the Perfect Swing.



Sixth-year employee Mike Pope checks quality of small parts being stamped by the CNC Super Turbo Laser to be used with the Perfect Swing.

wonder how this (Perfect Swing) came from somewhere in Ohio to Beech Grove to a sheet metal company on the Southside and to land in stores everywhere," smiled Gilliland.

Gilliland is a graduate of Beech Grove High School and is a lifelong Southsider. The son of a New York Central railroader (Joe Gilliland, Sr.), he did not want a railroad career.

After graduation, he eventually accepted a sheet metal apprenticeship at SMM that led to a fulltime job. Founded in 1956 by Alonzo Stratton, SMM is in its fourth location after originating in Beech Grove. Gilliland became the owner of SMM in the mid-1970s, shortly after a recession because the

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BOBBY PLUMP – HOOSIER LEGEND

'Never seen anything like this'

"I wish I had the Perfect Swing when I was playing. I've never seen anything like this. This is a lot better than swinging two or three bats at a time, or trying to load weight in a single bat, or putting a metal donut on the end of a bat. This has something special. Yes, it has the weight, but the key is the 'snap.' It's the wrist action that sends the bolt (weight) up the shaft – that's the most important part of the Perfect Swing. It's the snap of the wrist when you come right across the plate. This gets you in the practice of snapping your wrist when you bring the bat around. If you swing all the way through and snap your wrists at the end of it, then it's too late. If you don't snap your wrist, that weight isn't going to go up. The emphasis is where it should be – with the snap of the wrist. I love it; it's a great tool."



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65TH ANNIVERSARY

Dick and Marilyn (Hohn) Ellis will observe their 65th wedding anniversary Thursday, Nov. 19.

The couple met while attending Southport High School in 1950 and were married in 1955 at St. John's United Church of Christ.

He attended Butler University and served in Germany with the U.S. Army. After returning to the Southside, he was in the typewriter business for 42 years, retiring in 1998 after owning King Typewriter for 35 years.

Mrs. Ellis was secretary for the Indiana Department of Agriculture and the University of Indianapolis before retiring in 1998 as senior administrative assistant with Eli Lilly & Co.

The couple has three children, Vicky Hurley, Lisa Felming and Davis Ellis, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Marilyn and Dick Ellis

Perry Perspectives

Perry Township Schools

CLASSES MOVE TO REMOTE LEARNING

Under the direction of the Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD), Perry Township Schools will move its classes online. The shift is necessary to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. The district will transition to remote learning on a gradual schedule.

Beginning today (Nov. 18), high school students will begin receiving online instruction. On Monday, Nov. 23, students in grades six through eight will receive remote learning. On Monday, Nov. 30, students in kindergarten through fifth grade will transition to virtual learning. MCPHD officials predict we may return to in-person learning on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, if COVID-19 rates improve.

While we believe that our students learn best and teachers instruct best in an in-person environment, we are firmly committed to giving each student a high-quality education during this period of remote learning.

For months, district administrators anticipated that coronavirus positivity rates might require the suspension of in-person learning. Because our educators expected this interruption, our teachers and IT teams have been preparing students. They put a tablet in the hands of each scholar who needed a device. They provided Wifi hotspots for students who lacked reliable internet access. Teachers have regularly used online platforms for assignments to ensure students would receive plenty of practice using the technology long before classroom closures were announced.

Despite the challenges that have emerged during the pandemic, teachers are still committed to building positive relationships with students and their parent or guardian. Caretakers who have questions or concerns about their student's academic performance are encouraged to contact the student's principal or teacher. We always encourage parental involvement. The success of every child is significantly influenced by continuous communication between caretakers and educators.

We are thankful for the flexibility and patience of our students, staff, and families as we continue to navigate this unusual time. We will continue to follow the recommendations of the MCPHD as we work to balance the needs of the public's health and our students' academic success.

We wish everyone good health as the holiday season approaches and COVID-19 rates climb. Please continue to wash your hands, mask up, and social distance to protect our community. Anyone who is exhibiting any of the following symptoms is encouraged to get a test: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.

For information on free testing locations, please contact the Marion County Public Health Department.



Personal Recollections
By Fred Shonk

MY NEW FRIEND, HARRY

Because it has been awhile, I better introduce myself. My name is Stuart Shonk.

I sometimes take over that space in *The Southsider Voice*. My human therapy partner, Fred Shonk, normally provides the written words that fill this space each week.

We are family. I've lived with dad Fred and mom Lyn for about 14 years now. I was adopted from the Southside Animal Shelter and we became a family that very day. I remember arriving at the house and meeting a couple of guys that also lived there. Bob and Herb were very cool cats. Yes, real cats. We got along great.



Stuart listening to a student read.

Dad Fred and I began taking some interesting training and soon we were a therapy visiting team. We visited a couple of nursing homes and made so many wonderful friends. We also hooked up with the schools in Beech Grove and became part of the staff. We developed a special reading program that encouraged students to meet with and read a couple of books out loud to me. I loved it.

It's a good thing that I understand most of what humans say. Listening to those books and seeing the pictures in them advanced my understanding of the English language. I've learned to say several important words out loud also. I don't understand why they always laugh when I say something. I'm sure they understand completely exactly what I am requesting.

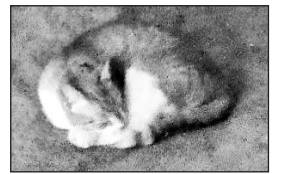
Several months ago, we had to stop visiting the nursing homes and schools. We really miss seeing our friends at those locations. Fred and I are both really sad that we can't visit our friends. Fred thought I didn't understand why we were always staying home. I continued listening carefully and after a few weeks I understood about humans getting sick. I learned about everyone wearing a mask and not getting close to each other. I have a long leash, so I could still get some nice petting even when humans stayed far apart.

A couple of times, we visited the nursing homes and waved at residents and staff through the windows. I've enjoyed that, but it's so much better when we are able to touch each other.

I had another birthday in September. I heard people being surprised that I was now 16 years old. Several times, I heard dad Fred respond that I was now enrolled in driver's education classes. Every time he mentioned it, everyone laughed. I have no clue why, and I've yet to begin those classes. I guess I have plenty of time, now.

For several years, I have shared our yard with some nice chickens. They have their own little house in the backyard and mom Lyn spends lots of time with them. The chicken girls and I get along wonderfully. I believe that there are six of them now. They move around quickly, so it's hard to keep count.

A couple of months ago, mom Lyn got a phone call from one of the grandsons. After they talked, she explained that we were going to adopt another living creature. Shortly, they arrived and we were introduced to Harry the cat. I recalled that cats lived with us years ago, and I was happy to have a new friend.



Harry the cat.

Harry and I have shared lots of information. I quickly showed him the boundaries of the yard. We both understand about stepping outside sometimes to relieve ourselves. I've been told that some cats require a big box with sand in it to be placed inside the house. Not Harry. He enjoys going outside with me.

Harry taught me about a second breakfast. Dad Fred always fixes us a nice breakfast each morning as soon as we come in from our day's first outdoor experience. I've enjoyed this for my entire time here. Harry started requesting a second breakfast sometimes. I noticed that if Harry got one, I did too. I really like this plan.

Okay, one last thing. I had our mailman very well trained because he carries tasty treats with him each day. A couple of months ago, he explained to us that he was changing to a different route. His new route had a day off that matched more favorably with his personal time. Dad Fred found out the area of his new mail route. We have a plan to visit some friends that live on his new route. When we see him coming, I'll lead everyone of them to the mail truck. I hope I get a tasty treat.

I've checked with my friends here at home and they all ask me to tell everyone, "Hi." That would be Harry (the cat) and Trudy, Michelle, Alberta, Carolyn, Alice and Izzy (the chicken girls) and mom and dad.

STATE SPELL BOWL CHAMPIONS



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Roncalli High School's spell bowl team captured a class state championship recently. The team members are, from left, front, Ali Dafforn, coach Jennifer Riedford, Emily Sering, Adelle Burkhardt, back row, Drew Reed, Matt Cabalan, Sam Sering, Bryce Lowery, McKenzie Liegibel, and Noah Moore; not pictured, Emma Agresta. The team competed against 26 teams. Sering had a perfect spelling round with 12 points. Lowery and Reed earned near-perfect ribbons with 11 points. This is the first time Roncalli earned first place since 1986.

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HP STUDENT'S DRAWINGS HONOR VETERANS



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Hornet Park Elementary School students learned about military veterans and created drawings to honor their service on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The students enjoyed the activity and learning about the nation's heroes who have served and serve in the military.

Board Vacancy Notice

The Perry Township Schools Board of Education will have an opening, effective January 2021. Four seats on the Board were up for election. However, only three people ran for the positions. Charles Mercer did not seek reelection, so that he can spend more time with his family.



Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter explaining why they would like to serve on the Board. Please email materials to boardofeducation@perryschools.org or mail to 6548 Orinoco Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46227, Attention: Mr. Pat Mapes. The Board will interview finalists and vote on the candidate to fill the open seat.

Resumes and cover letters are due by noon on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. The new member's term will begin January 11, 2020.

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Reminiscing

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

60 Years Ago This Week - 1960

Someone stole the wood castanets (a percussion instrument) and brass cymbals from Helene Charisse Dance Studio.

Army recruit Paul R. Stader was undergoing basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri.

Indiana Central College received a \$200,000 donation from Mrs. Herman C. Krannert to construct a women's dorm, which would house 160 students.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartley won a color television during the grand opening of the Ben Franklin store in the 8000 block of Madison Avenue.

Shelia Usrey and Glen Hawkins were preparing for their wedding.

William D. Gilbert joined the commercial credit department of Peoples Bank & Trust Co. An Army veteran, he was married and had two children.

40 Years Ago This Week - 1980

Vandals spewed nails on the driveways and adjacent streets of Perry Township School Board members.

Perry Meridian seniors Laurie Hyatt, Paula Miles, Michael Ketcham, Nancy Bonds and Elaine Lentz were named National Merit semifinalists.

Santa Claus was prepared to make his grand arrival at Southern Plaza, 4200 S. U.S. 31, via a special train.

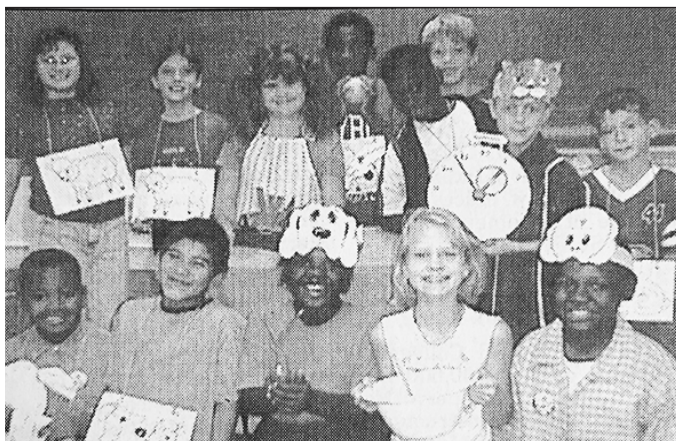
30 Years Ago This Week - 1990

The Indiana Diving Association presented its Diver of the Year Awards to Bryce Stamper, Neil Hastings and Andy Barnes.

The DAV Thrift Store at 2625 Madison Ave. was holding weekly \$100 giveaways throughout the month.

The new owners of the Woodcutter Lounge, 1417 Prospect St., were serving a Thanksgiving dinner for \$3 a plate, which included smoked ham, baked and green beans, slaw, dressing, candied apples and mashed potatoes.

20 Years Ago This Week - 2000



This group of actors from Clinton Young Elementary School presented "Little Red Riding Hood." The troupe featured (front, from left) Israel Gamble, Jose Mariscal, Janeka Wallace, Victoria Harrell, Taneka Wallace; (back) Stacy Bader, Tiffany Baker, Rachel Adams, David Trotter, Ransom Moffitt, Courtney Wallace, Chris Carpenter and Brandon Benefiel.

Marine Corps Pfc. Michael L. Peltoner II completed basic training at Camp Pendleton in San Diego.

Kevin Zimmerman achieved the rank of Eagle Scout after completing his service project of starting a food pantry at St. Barnabas Church.

The federal government was forcing the Baptist Temple, 2711 S. East St., to vacate its property because it owed \$6 million in back taxes.

10 Years Ago This Week - 2010

The Indianapolis Department of Public Works broke ground on a project to reduce flooding around the neighborhood of Frog Hollow, which was between Sumner and Troy avenues and east of Harding Street



Southport High School's robotics team was knocked out of the state semifinals but won the Community Service Award. The squad featured Raul Tamayo, Nick Green, Cory Sterrett, Nick Whitmore, Morgan Summers, Alex Song, Colin Turley, Joey Lane, Brent Rogers, Alex Schutte and Joe Bayer.



Betty Moon (top photo), Mike Roseus, Kathleen Mappes-Roseus, Monica Shaw, Elaine Mappes, Willia Stumpf, Bee Stumpf, (bottom) Andy Axson, Bobbie Erwin, Janine Lilly and Janice and Barry White enjoyed an Indianapolis Colts game at The Ice House, 2353 S. West



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YULAND KEITH BAKER, 84, wife, Madonna Baker; children, Yvonne Berman, Becky McIntosh, Greg Baker; siblings, Everet Baker, Joyce Kantner, Diane Thompson; five grandchildren; several great-grandchildren.

DELBERT BOWLES, 66, wife, Patty Bowles; children, Dana Carothers, Melissa Huckaby, Jaime Kite, Christopher Bowles; 10 grandchildren.

LINDA DIANA STONE BRADSHAW, 65, widow of James Dunning, Clovis Bradshaw and Andy Banedel; children, Jody and Charles Dunning, Rita King; siblings, Bobby, Richard, David and Charles Stone, Sarah Taylor, Janet Davis, Helen Rhodus; three granddaughters.

WILLIAM BRECK, 91, widower of Catherine Breck; sons, John and Michael Breck; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Anne Dunn.

CHARLES "CHARLIE" S. BROOKS, 97, widower of Marcella Brooks.

NORMAN DAVID BRITTON, 78, wife, Donna Britton; children, David and Daniel Britton, Julie Whitlow; stepchildren, Kenton, Bryan and Krista Turner; four grandchildren; siblings, Chuck Britton, Mary Anne Matelic.

BRITNEY ANN CARPENTER, 31, children, Autumn Delaney, Xander Barnes and Bentley Carpenter; mother, Lisa Christopher; father, Jeffrey Riddle; grandmother, Marilyn Schuster; siblings, Krystall DeBoy, Natalie Wall, Amber, Amanda and Ashley Riddle.

FRANKLIN EVAN CARSON, 80, widower of Ruth Ann Carson; children, Blair Carson, Felicia Chambers and Rachelle Gardner; sister, Jane Ferguson; six grandchildren.

PATRICIA ROSE CRICK-MORE, 77, widow of John R. Crickmore, Sr.; children, John R. Jr., Curtis, Mitchell, Victoria and Daniel Crickmore; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brother, Fred Prewitt.

GLADYS "GAYLE" GIBSON STOGNER DUNN, 85, widow of Jack Dunn; sister, Donna Abell; father of her children, Doug Stogner; children, Corinne "Cori" Catellier and Mat Stogner; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

RANDALL ALLEN FRANCE, 70, wife, Charlene France; children, Joshua France, April Bryant, Deborah Woodcock, Terri Heffron and Robert Williams; 11 grandchildren; siblings, Victoria Johnson, Robert and Richard France.

SHAWN CRAIG FRANKLIN, 45.

MARK ANTHONY FRYE, 50, children, Christopher and Taylor Frye; "second daughter", Heidi Straber; previous spouse and the mother of his children, Gina Negri; siblings, Jeffrey O'Neal, Robert Frye, Tammy Manes, Sheila Lee and Michelle Hobbs.

JACQUELINE CAROL SNITZMEYER HALCOMB, 76, children, Tim and Steven Halcomb; stepson, Thomas Halcomb; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Diana Wood.

RICHARD FREDRICK HEIDELBERGER, 91, wife, Rosemary Heidelberg; children, Mark, Mike, Karen, Dave, Judy, Dan, Olga, Dennis, Deniese, Chris and Mike Wise; 18 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; sister, Roseann Acker.

BEVERLY JOAN HENTIG, 94, widow of Robert Hentig; children, Sandra Fultz, Lynne Ledbetter, Bobby and Patrick Hentig, Karen Dahl, Kimberly Ervin; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

JEFFREY KENNETH HILL, 52, siblings, Jill Cobb, John Thomas Hill, Jr., Jennifer Hill Palmer.

GEORGE RAYMOND HUMPHREY, 75, wife, Nancy; daughter, Jody; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one sister and five brothers.

JAMES WALTER "MICKY" JACKSON, 72, sister, Colleen Fivecoat.

EVELYN JOYCE WOOD JONES, 85, wife of Harold Jones; children, Dale Jones, Darla Jones Sipes; one grandson; two great-grandsons.

JANET MARIE MOCK JONES, 74, widow of Noah; daughters, Sandi Thigpen, Jewel Glassman; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

BERNADETTE KYLES, 70, three children.

RODNEY ALLEN LADY, 69, wife, Wanda Lady; sons, Brad and Doug Lady; sister, Pam Timbs; three granddaughters.

JERRY L. LEEPER, 85, widower of Susan Leeper; children, Chris, Penny and Jimmy Leeper, Michael and Brenda Bradburn; siblings, Donna Dausch, Chuck Leeper, Velva Leeper Dausch, Pat Leeper Gent.

JUDITH M. "JUDY" MANIS, 76, husband, Jack A. Manis; foster daughter, Angela.

DONALD RAY MOORE, 91, wife, Wanda; children, Donald Jr., Catherine Hall; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

MARY LOU MESSER, 92, widow of Joseph Messer; son, William Messer; two granddaughters.

VIOLET JOSEPHINE PARIS NOVAK, widow of Michael Novak, Sr.; children, Judy Dunn, Jan and Michael Novak, Jr.

KEVIN E. RICE, 51, wife, Ammie Rice; children, Jordan Williams, Kaitlyn and Kevin Rice II, Kayla Brummett; three grandchildren; father, Ronald Rice; siblings, Chris, Jack, Scott and Kelly Rice.

PATRICIA KAY RUNYON RICHARDSON, 51, children, Jessica Runyon, David and Jacob Coffey; parents, Stephen Runyon and Dorothy Runyon; grandfather, Jewel Moss; siblings, Stephen and James Runyon.

GENE A. ROBBINS, 68, brother, Steve Robbins.

MARCIA JEANNE SOUTHERLAND, 78.

TERESA A. WRALEY SPARKS, 55, daughter Stephanie Hott; three grandchildren; mother, Barbara Wralely; sister, Lisa Wralely.

MARYANN WILMA MATTHEWSON MALCOM TANNER, 78, children, John and Jay Matthewson, Trena Fair; siblings, Barbara McGillem, Stephen Malcom; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

CAROLYN SUE WINN WEIDNER, 78, widow of Donald Weidner; daughters, Wendy Oberle and Stacey Winn; five grandchildren.

TERESA ANN WETZEL, 53, husband, Jimmy Wetzel; children, Robert "Bobby" Pedrey, Jr., Alicia Burdine; mother, Linda Ross; sisters, Ronda Catron and Melinda Hardin; five grandchildren.

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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: S equals T

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XS IZS, LXRBS SBVS NQ DILNVS

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Southsiders' Bulletin Board

REVISED RESTRICTIONS IN MARION COUNTY

Restrictions due to recent spikes in COVID-19 cases have been revised by the state and Marion County health authorities. According to the state's color coding, Marion and Johnson counties are orange (moderate) restrictions. However there are numerous changes as announced last week in Marion County with decreased capacity limits on most establishments and activities and requires all schools to return to virtual instruction by Nov. 30.

The midnight closure requirement that previously applied to bars, restaurants, and clubs is extended to all non-essential hospitality and entertainment businesses, including live entertainment venues. The mask order remains in effect.

In Marion County, the limitations are: bar capacity at 25 percent indoor, 100 percent outdoor capacity; restaurant capacity at 50 percent indoor, 100 percent outdoor capacity; special or seasonal events limited to 50 people or less, a reduction from previous 250-person limit; funeral homes return to 50 percent capacity for visits or services; and 25 percent capacity for museums, cultural sites, music venues, movie theatres, bowling alleys, other cultural and entertainment venues; gyms and fitness studios, private clubs, and fraternal organizations.

SOUTH INDY CRAFT FAIR

The Books & Brews Indy Craft Fair with endless craft creations unfolds for early Christmas shopping Thursday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is an opportunity for patrons to support small crafts businesses on the Southside. Books & Brews is at 3808 Shelby St., suite 1, across from the University of Indianapolis campus. Info: 317-438-5151.

UHUMC DRIVE-THRU THANKSGIVING

University Heights United Methodist Church is offering a drive-through Thanksgiving meal Saturday, Nov. 21, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The warm meal is free. The church is at the corner of Hanna and Otterbein avenues, across from the University of Indianapolis.

HORNET PARK FOOD PANTRY LOW

Hornet Park Community Center is a drop-off location for many food items that are needed to replenish the city-wide food pantry. Items needed are canned fruits and vegetables, canned foods, canned sauces, rice, pasta, juice, snacks, and oatmeal. Hornet Park Food Pantry officials emphasize that the need is great to assist families during the upcoming Christmas season. The collection drive continues through Monday, Nov. 23. Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com.

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Answers

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Greenwood High School grad Carlos Diaz praises his former journalism teacher

By Al Stille
Editor

Greenwood's own Carlos Diaz stepped back in time last week.

Diaz, WTHR-13's new "Sunrise" anchor, visited Greenwood High School where he reminisced with retired journalism teacher Susan Edwards about his years as a student.

The interview was conducted in front of the high school and aired "live" earlier this month on "Sunrise."

Edwards inspired Diaz then to seek a journalism career. He wrote a column, "The World according to Carlos Diaz," and went to Indiana University and majored in telecommunications. This was a more emotional on-air visit than he anticipated.

"Usually, my interviews start with a question, but this interview begins with a 'thank you' for all that you did, basically leading me into the world of journalism," Diaz said. "I can't thank you enough for basically being responsible for my career, namely leading me into a career in journalism."

Edwards fondly remembered the 1989 GHS graduate because she also had to tell him to "sit down, shut up" or "be quiet." She said that he "pushed the envelope but never went too far."

On-air, Edwards, who is retired after 50 years of teaching, said, "I gave you the opportunity; I gave all of my students an opportunity to have a voice, to be able to have a voice, and to be able to say what they needed to say."

She praised Diaz by adding, "You have always been a wonderful story-teller; you just needed an outlet, and you developed it into a fantastic career."

After college, Diaz worked in sports, entertainment and news broadcasting in New York City, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Atlanta, Miami among other cities. He was co-anchor of ESPN's Sports Center and followed by stints with NBA-TV, E! Entertainment Network, Fox News, TBS, MSNBC, HLN and CNN.

The Greenwood native returned home in 2016 to WTHR-TV, Channel 13, because he believed his life "was not normal" on the road.

Since then, Diaz visited Edwards' journalism classes at the same high school where a plaque honoring him is on the "Wall of Honor."

"He reminded students to find something that you are passionate about and find a way to make a living doing it - and that's exactly what happened," Edwards said.

Their friendship continues as Diaz and wife Olga raise son Dacia and daughter Deyla in Greenwood where former student and teacher consider their hometown. She is "Aunt Susan" to Diaz' kids.

Diaz admitted, "I'm back here because of people like you."

Diaz' dad helped develop a neighborhood, "The Villas," where Carlos has a street (Los Carlos Drive) named after him.

Edwards remarked, "Greenwood has a small-town feel even though it has grown and grown and grown. It still has a feel of welcoming people. It's a great hometown."

Edwards proudly told Diaz that she is up weekdays at 4 a.m., and she turns on the TV to start her day by watching a prized former student on TV.

A few weeks ago, Diaz was named co-anchor of Channel 13's "Sunrise" show, replacing Ben Hill who is with a station in Nashville, Tenn. Julia Moffitt is the co-anchor.

Diaz continues to be a local on-air staple particularly with the departure of Channel 6 sports anchor Dave Furst to IndyCar and Fox59 morning anchor Ray Cortopassi to WGN-TV in Chicago and the retirement of Channel 8's Dick Wolfie and Channel 13 reporter Kevin Rader.

During his four years at WTHR, Diaz has covered the 2017 presidential inauguration, 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS) Diaz thoroughly enjoys a day with daughter Deyla, son Dacia, and wife Olga during a recent fall day in Brown County State Park.

"If it wasn't for Susan, I wouldn't be where I am today."

- Carlos Diaz



Greenwood High School journalist Carlos Diaz is with teacher Susan Edwards in 1989 at the high school.



Greenwood native Carlos Diaz stands in subdivision that his father helped develop, including that naming of a street San Carlos Drive.

and the 2018 wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

On the Nov. 2, "Sunrise" telecast, Diaz admitted that he didn't think he would have been that emotional about Edwards and his years at GHS.

In front of The Suds in Greenwood, Diaz remarked, "If it wasn't for Susan, I wouldn't be where I am today."

He closed by honoring Edwards and all teachers who can make a difference in a student's life.

BEECH GROVE HONORS VETERANS



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLE) Beech Grove conducted its annual Veterans Day remembrance on the steps of the City Hall. Among the local American Legion members on hand for the ceremony were, from left, Robert Rowley, vice commander 11th District; Mike Steigerwald, commander of Post 276 in Beech Grove; Joe Allen, past district commander of Post 276; and Ian Collin, past commander, 11th District.

RONCALLI ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS



(SUBMITTED PHOTO) Roncalli High School recently honored three former graduates with alumni awards. The recipients are, from left, honorary alumnus of the year Jamie Dees, honorary alumna of the year Fran Davey, and alumnus of the year Joey Newton (Class of 2003).

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(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLEY)
Beech Grove businessman Joe Wolfla tries out the Perfect Swing in his office. Wolfla also is president of the newly incorporated BU Technologies that involves several Southside members and officers. The Perfect Swing also is to be produced and manufactured locally.

with *The Southsider Voice*. “And that’s what this (Perfect Swing) does with a resistance tube and a slide at the end. It’s all of your muscle groups and sequence that causes that weight to slide and hit the end of the shaft. When that happens, you will be at the full velocity and proper timing of your swing.”

Davenport continued, “That’s what produces power – velocity at the point of impact. People think it’s only swing velocity that matters, but it’s the point of impact that matters.”

About 12 years ago, Davenport realized the potential of his idea but did not have the wherewith-all to manufacture a prototype or market a final device. He continued to be dissatisfied with his talks with other suitors.

Then Davenport recalled a meeting that took place in southern Ohio in 2002 with Beech Grove entrepreneur Joe Wolfla. At the time, Davenport was a Meigs County Commissioner and Wolfla was representing a group that wanted to develop a residential project. He recognized Wolfla for his ability to introduce and complete a project.

“I like to tinker with stuff and invent things, but it doesn’t do any good unless someone can take it and run with it, and Joe has that ability,” Davenport said. “We both have a sports background. He knows how to move a business along.”

After talking with Davenport, Wolfla reached out to Gilliland, a former NCAA and IHSAA basketball referee, to see if SMM would have any interest in the project. After some urging, Gilliland

agreed and went to work on “reverse engineering” of the Perfect Swing because there were no blueprints for the device that was originally called Power Snap.

The name was changed with a comment from SMM machinist Mike Pope. The name stuck, and Wolfla came up with a tagline, “It’s a winner – be a winner.” After testing by coaches and sports notables, the fifth prototype was approved.

“I’ve never seen anything like this in my life,” said Wolfla, who is a familiar sports enthusiast in and around Beech Grove. “I had never obtained a patent, either.”

Then in his familiar laugh, Wolfla commented, “I can’t even spell entrepreneur and I am one.”

Wolfla formed BU Technologies officers, a board, and an advisory board of mostly Southsiders. BU Technologies was recently incorporated by the state.

Wolfla is the corporation’s president with vice presidents Gilliland, chairman of the board William T. Kelsey, Greg Cox, and David Mayfield (secretary).

“We have the prototype and it’s good enough to go to market,” Wolfla said. “The ones who have tried it out, think it’s great. It’s a winner, so you can be a winner, too.”

Different units can be made for specific training for golf, tennis, and ice hockey. For now, the emphasis by BU Technologies is on the production and marketing of the Perfect Swing.

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SCOTT FLEMING – MARIAN UNIVERSITY



Scott Fleming has served as Marian University’s head softball coach for 19 seasons, including the abbreviated 2020 season. Fleming has a 588-202 (.744) won-lost record at Marian. The Knights reached the NAIA World Series for the fourth straight year in 2019. He has been named conference coach of the year eight times.

‘I couldn’t put it down’

“The first time I held the Perfect Swing, I couldn’t put it down; I kept swinging it and swinging it. I’ve seen a lot of training items and various techniques over the years, but I just think this one is really good. This is definitely a new training tool. I had some of my players come by to look at it and they started messing with it and swinging it; and their eyes just lit up. This obviously has a weighted component. We talk about taking your hands through the ball. Using the Perfect Swing with its sliding weight helps prevent the player from dropping their hands. It’s something that I would use a couple of different ways. During practice, we will set up hitting stations and I would have a separate hitting station just for this training tool. I would also use it when they are in the on-deck circle. It’s a weighted bat, but it helps with your timing. You take your hands, swing, and make that weight slide to the end of the bat. Anything else doesn’t have that mechanism.”

Perfect Swing (Continued from Page 1)

owner wanted to move it to Denver, Colorado. Gilliland didn’t want to go.

“I really didn’t know anything about being a business owner, but I figured if I bought and it didn’t work that I could go work for someone else,” Gilliland said.

He never had to. In the mid-’80s, he invested two million dollars in CNC equipment to stay competitive in the industry. Since then, SMM has continuously grown and prospered.

Gilliland’s interest in sports never waned. He

began officiating recreational basketball games in the late ‘70s, advanced to high school games, and refereed IHSAA state championship games in 1984, 1985, and 1988. Then he moved up to the college level, including games of teams in major conferences in the Midwest and East. He refereed NCAA D1 and D2 tournament games, but the travel and time away from SMM led to his retirement.

And now with the Perfect Swing, BU Technologies Co. is positioned to revolutionize the training of baseball and softball training.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLEY)
Joe Gilliland, CEO and president of Sheet Metal Models Machine and Tool Co., Inc., on the near-Southside takes a break in the manufacturing and production area of the shop.

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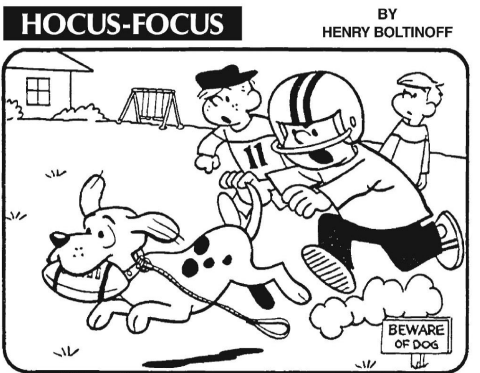
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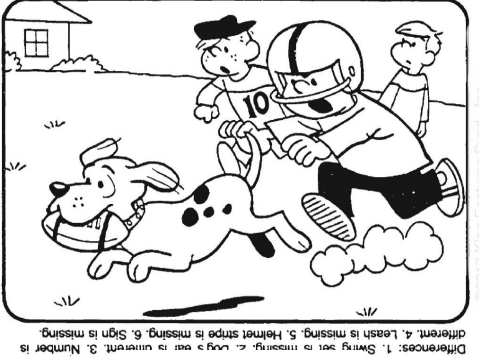
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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Center Grove, Roncalli need one more win to reach state finals

By Al Stille
Editor

No. 1-ranked Center Grove in 6A and much-improved No. 4 Roncalli in 4A are one win away from another trip to the IHSAA state finals in Lucas Oil Stadium.

Center Grove's Trojans (12-0) dominated MIC-rival Warren Central, 38-0, at home at Ray Skillman Stadium while Roncalli (11-1) manhandled previously undefeated host 4A No. 1. Mount Vernon, 35-14, Friday, for regional trophies. The Trojans travel to Ben Davis (7-5) Friday while Roncalli awaits visiting 4A No. 3 Mooresville (12-1). Each game at 7 p.m.

At Center Grove, precision blocking by the offensive line enabled power backs Carson Steele (181 yards, 22 carries, 3 touchdowns) and Daniel Weems (113 yards, 14 carries, 1 touchdown) to run through the Warriors.

Steele, a senior who scored on TD runs of 1, 6, and 24 yards, was re-inserted into the lineup for his final minute on the home field.

As if Steele and Weems weren't enough, CG coach Eric Moore sent standout defensive tackle Caden Curry, a 6-5, 255-pound junior, for a successful 4-yard TD run and a 14-0 first-quarter lead. Curry led the defense with seven tackles and one sack.

"That was my first one ever," Curry said. "I didn't want to be tackled, didn't want to get stopped. I was reaching for it (touchdown)."

Praising Curry and Steele, CG coach Eric Moore said, "He (Curry) is a great athlete, and we're trying to mix things up a bit, show some different things... and what a great night for Carson Steele's last game at home - I'm so happy for him... he's a player."

Curry added, "We came in here trying to play our best. We didn't know what they (WC) were going to do. Our defense and our offense have improved all season."

Center Grove defeated the Warriors, 20-0, Aug. 28 but only led at the half by a field goal. This time, the Trojans were in control from start to finish, building a 28-0 halftime lead.

Weems launched the offense with a 52-yard TD run in the first two minutes. Curry's TD capped a 10-play, 76-yard drive that included Steele's runs of 34 and 21 yards. Steele scored in the second half from 6 and 24 yards. CG's defense capped the scoring by blocking a punt on the 16 that bounced out of the end zone for a safety.

CG amassed 461 yards total offense, while the defense held WC to only 33 yards total offense in the first half and 116 yards for the game.

The Trojans milestone wins Friday were not lost in Moore's



Center Grove's offense gathers around the IHSAA regional championship trophy Friday after the Trojans dominated Warren Central, 38-0. The Trojans travel to Ben Davis for a Class 6A semistate championship Friday at 7 p.m. with the winner advancing to the state championship game.



Roncalli's football team and cheerleaders show their appreciation to a limited number of Rebels Nation fans by singing the school's fight song Friday at Mt. Vernon after claiming the program's 16th regional title.

post-game assessment.

"Twelve wins is hard, 12 in a row is even harder," Moore said. "Eight wins at home has never happened."

REBELS DROUGHT ENDS

Roncalli claimed its first regional trophy since the Bruce Scifres-era in 2016 with its patented ground-control game Friday at Mt. Vernon.

Under first-year coach John Rodenberg, the Rebels ran all over the Marauders by scoring three times on the ground and running for 309 yards on 58 carries while the defense limited Mt. Vernon's to 27 yards on 19 carries. The ground-pounding Rebels owned the clock by a 1-2 margin.

Baron Huebler gained 155 yards on 34 carries while quarterback Aidan Lefler gained 97 yards on 22 carries. Lefler threw only 10 times, completing a 75-yard scoring pass with Kyle Lockard for a

commanding 21-0 lead before the Marauders scored before the half. Lockard also ran for a 54-yard gain. Lefler did not throw a pass in the second half.

The Rebels "iced" their 16th regional championship in the second half on TD runs by Lefler, 6 yards, and Huebler, 14 yards.

As he has all season, Huebler again thanked the offensive line for opening holes for him.

Coach Rodenberg opened the season with a fairly inexperienced o-line that has improved throughout the season, consisting of junior center Sam Secrest, guards junior Grant Ray and senior Drew Clouse, and sophomore tackles Luke Skartvedt and Trevor Lauck.

Roncalli and Mooresville have high-powered offenses. The Rebels average 46.5 points in four playoff games while the Pioneers average 43.2 points. The big difference is defense. Roncalli has given up 8.5 points; Mooresville 22.2 points.

Look for the Rebels' defense to make the difference Friday at Roncalli Stadium.

CG-GREENWOOD GAMES POSTPONED

The Greenwood-Center Grove boys' basketball games scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 24 have been rescheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 29. The varsity and junior varsity games will be played in Vandermeer Gymnasium and the freshman game in the west gymnasium. The postponement, according to the Center Grove athletic department, is due to the Center Grove football team advancing to the IHSAA semistate and the number of boys basketball players in quarantine.



Roncalli Salutes Our State Champions Spell Bowl Team



Front row (left to right): Ali Dafforn, Coach Riedford, Emily Sering, Adelle Burkhardt; Back row (left to right): Drew Reed, Matt Cabalan, Sam Sering, Bryce Lowery, McKenzie Liegibel, Noah Moore; Not pictured: Emma Agresta

The Roncalli Spell Bowl Team, under the direction of Coach Jennifer Riedford captured the State Championship title. They competed against 26 teams with seven teams advancing to the state competition.

Junior Sam Sering spelled a perfect round with a total of 12/12 points. Two spellers, sophomore Bryce Lowery and senior Drew Reed, earned near perfect ribbons with 11/12 points. This is the first state Spell Bowl Championship since 1986.

Congratulations to the Roncalli Spell Bowl Team!



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Center Grove's Carson Steele (30) fights for yardage against Warren Central in an IHSAA regional championship game Friday at Ray Skillman Stadium. Steele scored three touchdowns and racked up 181 yards rushing.



Center Grove defensive end Austin Booker (94) puts pressure on Warren Central quarterback Prince Powell during the regional title game Friday. The Trojans dominated on defense and offense.

Good luck to the players, coaches and fans!