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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION

Love, faith and hope deliver a miracle



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY KELLY SAWYERS) Amy, left, Jack and Bill Davis have a lot to be thankful for this Christmas. Son, Daniel, wasn't available for the family picture.

By Kelly Sawyers
 Publisher

"I don't remember driving. I truly believe God was in the car with me and guided me there."

— Bill Davis

Celebrating Christmas is a miracle for this Southside family.

On July 26, Bill Davis, owner of B. Davis Remodeling, was talking on the phone to his Pella window rep about an upcoming project. The rep noticed him stammering his words, couldn't understand what he was saying and told him to get to a hospital.

Davis recalled, "I don't remember driving. I truly believe God was in the car with me and guided me there (Community South). I only remember the valet parking and going inside."

He told the hospital staff that it felt like an elephant was on his chest and was admitted. He needed immediate open-heart surgery and was transported to Community North, under the care of cardiologist, Dr. Bradley Litke.

Davis' wife Amy and son, Jack, were vacationing in Michigan and immediately headed to Community North once they got word of the surgery, meeting older son Daniel.

After the surgery, Dr. Litke shared that he had a torn mitral valve and two other valves that had to be repaired.

Five weeks later, Davis finally woke up. He had gone into repeated cardiac arrest and underwent emergency open heart surgery again. During surgery, his doctor held his heart in his hand.

"Dr. Litke said I'm his miracle patient," said Davis.

Davis' organs also started shutting down and was placed on dialysis for eight weeks.

"Thank God I graduated and my kidneys started working again," said Davis in a soft raspy voice, caused from a temporary tracheotomy.

It took three weeks of therapy to re-learn how to walk and move.

Davis has battled infections that are too many to count. He underwent two \$17,000 IVs to get rid of the infections. He has had multiple blood infusions and has a low blood count.

He shared, "Dr. Litke told me that everything that can go wrong, did. Someone wants me here."

Three months to the day, Bill, 55 and a 1982 graduate of Roncalli, was able to return home and continue his long rehabilitation.

He was asked about his journey.

How has your faith played a part in your healing?

"I thank the Lord every day and ask for the power to move forward and continue to heal. I received prayer, communion and Holy Oil while there. I know I need God in my mind and heart."

What positives have come from this journey?

"I learned how much I love my wife Amy and sons Daniel and Jack. They were always on my mind and in my heart. I knew that I had to fight and couldn't leave them alone, I am too young. It has brought my siblings (John, Diane, Kathy, Joe, Tom, Rick and Cary) closer together than ever before. We all say "I love you when we meet". My sisters Diane and Kathy went to bat for me. The staff couldn't do anything to me without their knowledge or consent."

Learning how many friends, neighbors and customers I have in my life.

"I love them all. I felt so blessed to have had more than 120 visitors from the Southside. The outpouring of prayers, flowers and cards has been unbelievable. Don't ever think you are alone in this world. You aren't just here to simply move through life, you're here to reach out and touch someone's heart and soul."

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Merry Christmas!

ST. ROCH GIVING TREE – A RICH TRADITION



(SUBMITTED PHOTO) For more than 40 years, St. Roch Parish has sponsored the Giving Tree for the needy. The pews at St. Roch are filled with more than 2,100 packages for sorting. Helping to sort the packages are smiling St. Roch students, from left, Oliver Jennings, Hadleigh Smith, Xander Smith, and Violet Jennings. All the Christmas "angels" joined to help make a better Christmas for all who received gifts.



BEECH GROVE'S FRYAR RECEIVES ALL-AMERICAN BOWL JERSEY



(SUBMITTED PHOTO) Beech Grove High School senior lineman Josh Fryar wears his U.S. Army All-American Bowl jersey that was presented to him during special ceremonies and a press conference, Dec. 9 at the high school. The bowl contest features the top 100 high school football seniors in the nation. The nationally televised game will be played in San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 4 at 1 p.m. (NBC-TV). The 6-5, 305-pound student-athlete will continue his football career in the fall at Ohio State University. He made eight sacks and more than 60 pancake blocks this season and was the Hornets' punter. Fryar also earned all-Indiana Crossroads Conference and all-Marion County honors. According to NBC Sports, 410 NFL draft picks have played in this all-star event; 57 Super Bowl champions; 144 Pro Bowl selections; and 16 Heisman finalists.

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Kelly's Korner

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BREAKFAST WITH FIRST RESPONDERS



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

The Student Council and Project Perfect Gentlemen at Clinton Young Elementary School recently served as hosts for Southport Police and Perry Township School Police departments. The students, from left, Niang Nuam, Jordan White, Alondra Renteria-Ramos, and Celina Resendiz, Mariana Franco are with Southport Police officer, K.J. Moore, and student Ethan Hilario.

CELEBRATION FOR SCHMIDT



Ann Schmidt, who has been with Perry Township Schools since 1998, with Supt. Pat Mapes was honored with a career celebration at the Perry Township Education Center. She has served as director of special education and has been an advocate for students with special needs.

(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Perry Perspectives

Perry Township Schools

Distinguished School Award



Perry Township Schools is an award-winning district with several outstanding schools. The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) recently named Henry Burkhart Elementary as a recipient of the 2018-19 Title I Distinguished Schools Award for Exceptional Student Performance.

IDOE selected Burkhart Elementary after a rigorous data review and interview process to identify successful, high-poverty schools with a diverse student population. IDOE recognized Burkhart's student-focused and data-driven approach to growing student achievement. With a school poverty level of 80 percent, the school has maintained an 'A' or 'B' for the past two consecutive years. Of the student body, 49 percent receive services through the English Learners program; many of these students are immigrants or refugees.

Burkhart ensures students achieve growth targets by tracking and monitoring student data with a focus on skill mastery. Student success is a team effort. Teachers are supported through weekly collaborative, professional development sessions designed to allow educators to discuss teaching techniques that work well or to tweak techniques that aren't resonating with students.

To be considered for the Exceptional Student Performance Award, schools must be supported by Title I, have a state-issued grade of A or B, proven academic growth, and serve a poverty level of 35 percent or higher. Burkhart administrators also participated in a 30-minute in-depth phone interview with IDOE staff that covered programs and services that led to the school's growth and achievement. They also discussed how student progress is monitored, as well as focus areas for professional development. Next, school and district leaders led a one-hour onsite visit with an IDOE team that included observations of school culture, classroom environments, family and community partnerships, and positive student engagement.

Since 1996, the National Title I Association has selected examples of superior Title I school programs for recognition through the National Title I Distinguished Schools program. What makes the National Title I Distinguished Schools' stories especially powerful are the documented student achievement gains that have resulted from their innovations.

IDOE also recognized Monroe County's Arlington Heights Elementary in the Closing the Achievement Gap between Student Groups category. As state winners, Burkhart and Arlington have been invited to attend The National Elementary and Secondary Education Act Conference in February in Atlanta.

PHILLIPS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Damon Gene and Clara (Holcomb) Phillips recently celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary with a gathering of family and friends at Southport Nazarene Church where they are members.



Clara (Holcomb) and Damon Gene Phillips

The couple was married Oct. 24, 1959. They have three grown children, Brenda Malott, Damon Phillips, and John Phillips. They have five grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Clara is retired after working for Ziffren Truck Lines and Greenwood Nazarene Church for several years. Damon retired from National Starch and Chemical Corporation after 36 years of employment.

In retirement, they enjoy traveling to Florida and spending time with family and friends.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Perry Meridian Sixth Grade Academy' students of the month for December are, from left, front row, Elliot Bunnell, Ada Von Harten, Chloe Sui, Betsi Thang, Christine Huynh, middle row, Za Lian, Maggie Ammerman, Joseph Thawng, Van Biak Hup, back row, Ram Lian Thang, D Moon, Kameron Butts, and Giara Nivar; not pictured, Grace Tadlock and Moses Bawi Lian. The students were recognized by their teachers for demonstrating quality character and enjoyed a luncheon provided by Pizza Junkiez.

PMHS SENIOR BECOMES A BRILLIANT FIREFLY



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Perry Meridian High School senior Kevin Waggoner holds his Brilliant Firefly Award presented by Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch. Waggoner earned the recognition for creating a sensory room at Abraham Lincoln Elementary, also as his Boy Scout Eagle Award project. Waggoner is with, from left, Perry Twp. Schools Supt. Pat Mapes, Asst. Supt. Vickie Carpenter, Sen. Jack Sandlin, (Waggoner) Lt. Gov. Crouch, PMHS Principal Kert Boedicker, Jill Waggoner, Kevin Waggoner, and John Sponsel. Sen. Sandlin nominated Waggoner for the award.

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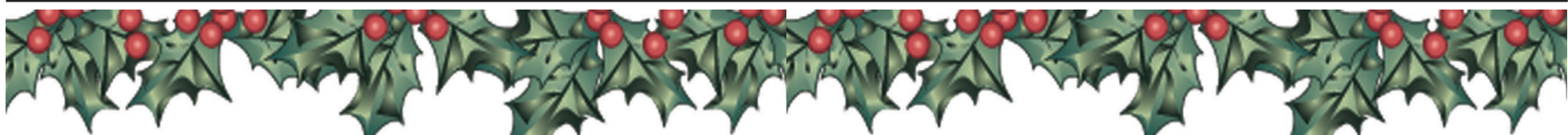
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Personal Recollections
By Fred Shonk

THE LAST LAUGH

My wife Lyn and I have a fairly busy household. We have our dog, Stuart, and some beautiful chickens. They have had their own house out in our backyard since spring 2014.

Over the years, our flock has grown to nine beautiful hens. We had added three fuzzy young chickens last spring. We only had one of the original birds remaining in our small flock. Each of the girls were given names; our eldest chicken was named after my mother, Betty.

She was the queen of the flock for quite a while. The term "pecking order" is a real big part of a chicken's life because one of the older birds seems to be in charge. However, we noticed in the fall that Betty seemed to be slowing down, so Lyn and I gave her some medicine.

Also, at our house, our youngest grandson's girlfriend is living with us. This took place after Lyn explained to me that her mother had acquired a new job in Atlanta, but her daughter was enrolled at IUPUI. She is to graduate in the spring. Lyn asked me if it would be okay if she stayed in our guest bedroom. Her studies will enable her to develop, operate and repair various medical devices.

I call her "Little Trouble" or "Little T." She keeps her room in order, as if for inspection. She helps in the kitchen and with the dishwasher, afterward stacking the forks and spoons neatly on top of one another in the utensil drawer.

Around Thanksgiving, our chicken, Betty, became sick again. Lyn moved her into our heated garage and fixed her a nesting box. We gave her medicine again, but she didn't seem to be getting better.

When "Little T" returned to our home after the long Thanksgiving weekend, I thought it was time to explain about Betty. She accompanied me to the garage so I could show something. Betty, of course, was in her nesting box in the garage. "Little T" soon looked to her right, jumped back a few steps and raised her hands into the air in total surprise.

This was too good to pass up; so, I started to make up a story. I told her that Lyn and I had been checking on Betty separately each alternate hour, day and night. I asked if she could watch Betty on every third hour which would give Lyn and me some extra rest.

"Little T" took a couple of steps back and with a frown asked me some questions about Betty. I told her that if Betty were upright in her nesting box that things were okay. But, if she were laying on her side, that she should pick her up, hold her up and look into her eyes. Then, while you are face to face with her, carefully start some mouth-to-beak resuscitation.

At this point, she backed up several steps, hands flying in the air and she shouted, "Are you serious?"

At that point, I began laughing very loudly. I soon got the "bad eye" as "Little T" ran past me into the house. I think Betty and even Stuart were laughing, too.

Sadly only a few days later, Betty passed away. I'm glad our beautiful chicken spent her last few days close to us. She will be missed.

Reminiscing

By B. Scott Mohr

A retrospective glance at the Southside
From *The Spotlight* archives
Courtesy of Perry Township/Southport Historical Society

60 Years Ago This Week - 1959
Specials at Walker's Grocery, 116 E. Raymond St., included two loaves of Wonder Bread for 29 cents; spare ribs, 43 cents a pound; and a half-gallon of ice cream, 69 cents.

The Garfield Theater, 2203 Shelby St., was hosting a free Christmas party for 600-plus children. The event included free movies, snacks and a visit from Santa Claus.

A coal furnace in good condition was advertised for \$35, and the asking price for a used two-piece living room suite was \$30.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1969
Southsiders serving in the armed forces included Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Robert E. Zwiesler, Army Spc. 4 Charles A. Heinzelman, Air Force Staff Sgt. Walter L. Gillispie and Airman 1st Class Lee E. Scott.

One-hundred percent human hair wigs cost \$19.95 at G.C. Murphy, 1045 Virginia Ave., where men's flannel shirts cost \$1.83 and a nine-cup coffee percolator was \$4.99.

Old Dutch Delicatessen, 2949 S. Meridian St., featured a variety of Christmas party trays and 79 kinds of beer and wine.

40 Years Ago This Week - 1979
Congratulations were in order for Dennis Huevel. A full-time employee at Eli Lilly and Co., Huevel graduated from Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis after attending night school. He and his wife, Tanya, had two children.

Men's leather coats, valued at \$200, were on sale for \$75 at the Bride & Groom Bridal Shop, 5539 Madison Ave.

A half-gallon of Windsor Canadian whiskey, regularly priced at \$9.99, could be purchased for four silver quarters (1964 mint date or earlier) and one silver dime at Mr. Liquor, 4201 S. East St.

30 Years Ago This Week - 1989
Greenwood Park Mall put the welcome mat out to all organizations wanting to sing Christmas carols to mall patrons.

Roustabouts, a country and western band, appeared at Art & Kay's Pub, 1707 Prospect St.

The Ice House II, 911 N. State Road 135, Greenwood, was holding a New Year's Eve bash; the cost was \$50 per couple.

20 Years Ago This Week - 1999
Gold tennis bracelets were priced from \$189 at Page & Co. Jewelers, 4200 S. East St.

Winding River Golf Course, 8015 Mann Road, was hosting a "frozen open" on New Year's Day.

SBOE to determine Manual's fate again

By Al Stille
Editor

The future of Manual High School is in the hands of the State Board of Education again.

This is the same board that voted in March to advance a proposal to the State Charter School Board (SCSB) that Manual, Emma Donnan and Howe High School become public charter schools. In a dramatic setback, the SCSB voted 4-3 to deny the applications at its meeting Dec. 13.

A few days before the SCSB meeting, an 11th-hour move by Christel House with backing from Indianapolis Public Schools to relocate its K-12 school and adult high school to the Manual campus surfaced. The partnership, if approved by the State Board of Education (SBOE), presumably would preserve Manual High School and, hopefully, its identity.

Manual and Emma Donnan would fall under IPS' chosen managers, but the fate of Howe is uncertain.

It is anticipated that IPS and Christel House will make its pitch for SBOE approval at its first meeting in 2020 on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 9 a.m. at the Indiana State Library, Room 211, 315 W. Ohio Street.

IPS' intervention is a complete turnaround because its previous school board is on record as not wanting Manual and Howe back. Throughout many Southside meetings with an SBOE liaison at various task force meetings and an SCSB public hearing in the Manual auditorium, no IPS spokespersons spoke out in opposition to Manual becoming a public charter school. CSUSA's efforts raised Manual from a failing school to a "C" school.

An IPS spokesperson stated after the SCSB decision on Dec. 13 that the IPS plan would "integrate students from all three schools into the IPS family."

Christel House Academy South's desires were expressed at an informational meeting Dec. 10 with former Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson, president and chief executive officer of Christel House International. IPS was represented by chief portfolio officer Jamie VanDeWalle. IPS would present Christel House as the new operator at Manual.

Officially, the three schools are under state control until the SBOE decides otherwise.

At the SBSC meeting Dec. 13, the application by ReThink Forward Indiana had support but could not overcome last-minute opposition. Charter board members who spoke out against the application cited a lack of financial stability due to decreased federal funding and resources to maintain school facilities, decreases in enrollment and its effect upon IPS finances due to bonded indebtedness.

Neighborhood organizations and the Indianapolis Mayor's office expressed their opposition to the application which helped sway the narrow 4-3 vote to deny the application.

Disappointment was expressed immediately by some stakeholders in the aftermath of the board's decision. One Manual supporter was critical of the bureaucrats who swayed the SBSC.

However, educational leaders sought unity to save Manual.

Manual Principal Michael Wingert posted a statement to Manual alumni on Facebook: "Their confidence in the success of Manual will continue to be supported and we will update all stakeholders on the next steps for serving the students and families of our community as a school and a family."

Wingert, former Manual Principal Misty Ndiritu and CSUSA's Jon Hage praised the community support to save Manual during meetings and hearings during the past two years.

SOUTHSIDE DEATHS

GARY W. SPEAR, 66, passed away Dec. 8, 2019, at the Franciscan Hospice House from lung cancer. He donated his body to Indiana University School of Medicine.

Gary was born Oct. 29, 1953, to Robert and Doris Spear, was raised in Beech Grove and graduated from Beech Grove High School in 1972. He was close to his family and friends.

Gary was the oldest of four boys, Gordon, Tim (Janice) and David (Margaret) and sister Susan Ware (Paul). He is survived by his dad and his siblings and was preceded in death by his mother, Doris Houghland Spear.

Gary held many positions over the years, including the past 18 at Klosterman Bakery.

A memorial celebration of life will be in the spring at Knob Hill, Lake Lemon. Donations may be made to the Franciscan Hospice House.

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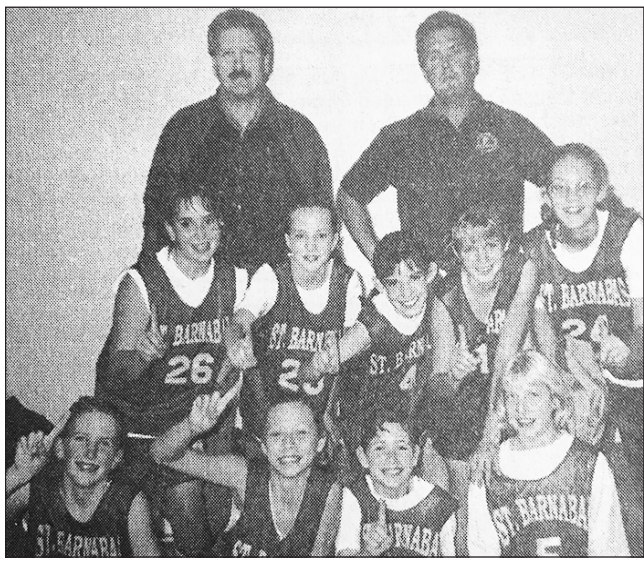
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- GREGORIO CISNEROS**, 71, wife, Brenda; children, Clara, Luz, Reyna, Guadalupe, Torri, Gloria, Manuel, Gregory; siblings, Bertha, Olivia, Maria, Juana, Juan, Salvador, Martin, Luis, Antonio; 26 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren.
- SHIRLEY ANN COLLETT**, 85, widow of Herbert Carlos Collett Sr.; children, Judy C. Collett Cappadona, Herbert C. Collett Jr.; siblings, Delores J. Wininger, Chet Bohannon; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.
- LEONA KATHRYN BOYLE COX**, 97, widow of Hollie "Red" Cox; children, Katy Smith, Russell Cox; four grandchildren.
- DAVID S. CRAIN**, 58.
- DOROTHY LYNN GULLION-COOMBS**, 69.
- NORMAN SPENCER "NORM" DALE**, 85, wife, Peggy; son, Tom; sisters, Carolyn Chambers, Barbara Jean Peed; 14 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.
- STEVEN R. DEPPE**, 71, wife, Edna; children, Dwayne, Sean and Kimberly Deppe; sisters, Debra Shelby, Cheryl Basesy; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.
- WANDA KAYE FLETCHER**, 68, husband, Kenneth; daughter, Dawn Fletcher Byrd.
- RONALD LEE "RONNIE" HALE**, 39, wife, Jeri; daughter, Makayla Whyde; siblings, John Hale Sr., Melinda Deane.
- DANIEL S. HARDCASTLE**, 67, widower of Betty Jean Hardcastle; children, Mary Wagner, Amanda Sluss, Daniel Hardcastle II; brothers, Frank and Paul Hardcastle; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.
- LARRY CHARLES KESTERSON**.
- JAMES J. MARSHALL**, 75, wife, Joyce A. Marshall; sons, James J. Marshall II, Christopher D. Wright; sister, Corinne McEvoy; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.
- JAMES BERNARD MCKENNA**, 72, wife, Sally; son, Timothy; sisters, Cathy, Josie, Margi, Betsy; two grandchildren.
- JOHN MILLIMAN**, 72.
- STEVE C. OEDER**, 56, widower of Nancy and Jeryl Oeder; children, Charles and Jessica Oeder; sister, Barbara Embry; five grandchildren.
- BILLY LEE PARKS**, 83.
- AMBER NICOLE PLUMMER**, 33.
- ION M. "JON" POPESCU**, 46.
- MANDY S. RICHEY**, husband, Richey; daughters, Cara Afterkirk, Leah Wilson; six grandchildren.
- JOSEPH DOUGLAS "JOE" ROBERTSON**, 71, children, Andrew J. and Travis M. Robertson; sisters, Rita Lynch, Virginia "Ginny" Meeks; two grandchildren; former wife, Rita M. Robertson.
- LINDA SUE ELKINS SANNEMAN**, 75, widow of Anthony J. Sanneman; children, Andrea L. and Scott A. Sanneman; siblings, Barbara Schneider, Rita Gladding, Sheila and Kenny Elkins, Debra Napier, Leesa Lyles; three grandchildren.
- DEBRA SUSAN "DEBBIE" SMITH**, 62, sisters, Mary Kindred, Glenda Phillips.
- IMOGENE STODGILL**, 93, widow of Frederick Stodgill; daughters, Judy Stodgill-Sefick, Kathy Sparks; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren.
- SHERRY LYNN TABOR**, 60, sons, Tommy, Brandon Trammel; father, Cephis Lucus; sister, Darla Ferguson; one grandson; significant other, Gary Thompson.
- JO ELLEN THOMPSON**, 71, son, Joseph Thompson; sister, Margie Stahley; three grandchildren.
- WILLIAM M. WRIGHT**, 82, siblings, Donald Wright, Ruth Gooch; one granddaughter; three great-grandchildren; girlfriend, Carol Ryan.

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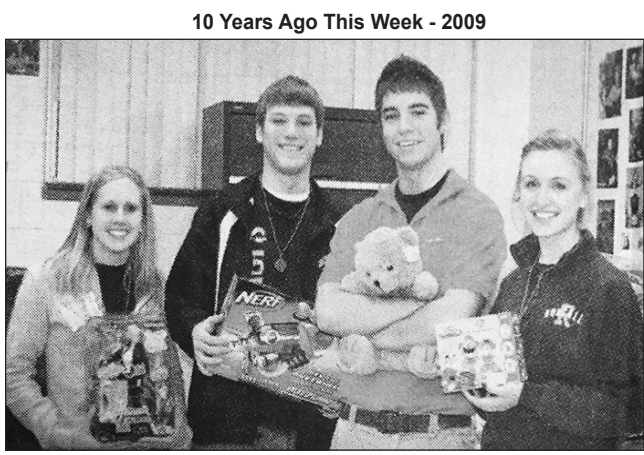


Perry Meridian High School swim coach Julie Carey and her team celebrated a first-place finish at the Southport Classic.

New Year's Eve specials at Oliver's Restaurant & Pub, 3951 S. Meridian St., included ribeye and New York strip dinners for \$13.95 and prime rib and filet mignon meals for \$14.99.



St. Barnabas' seventh- and eighth-grade girls A basketball team finished its season with a 20-0 record and won the Catholic Youth Organization's citywide tournament. The squad featured (front, from left) Ashley Novotney, Lisa Manley, Britney Stephenson; (second row) Katelyn Eckert, Carley Meek, Colleen Rose Harrington, Janelle Pasteur, Kelsey Gurganus; (back) head coach Brian Feldman and assistant coach Scott Lupke.



Roncalli "wrapped up" its toy drive for the Lord's Pantry at Anna's House, 303 N. Elder Ave., and it proved to be an overwhelming success. Assisting in the cause were Amanda Steeb, Scott Hatfield, Adam Eckert and Rachel Armbruster.

Joan Miller, who owned 40 Minute Cleaners in Southport, was beginning her third term as president of the Greater Southside Business Alliance.

Roncalli senior Anne Hemmelgarn scored a perfect 800 on the writing portion of the SAT, her third 800 on the test. The daughter of Gerald and Cynthia Hemmelgarn previously aced the language and math parts.



- SUPPORT GROUP FOR VETERANS**
Warrior's Hope, an organization that assists veterans and active-duty personnel in finding positive methods to deal with the issues that trigger combat-related imagery or trauma, meets from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays at 444 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood.
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By Al Stillely
Editor

For the 10th consecutive holiday season, Jingle Rails continues to delight downtown visitors at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art in White River State Park. The exhibit features the skyline of downtown with Monument Circle's holiday tree lights, Lucas Oil Stadium, OneAmerica building and for the first time the Indianapolis Motor Speedway – all created from natural materials.

Another new diorama is the historic Spanish missions of the Southwest, including the Alamo. Visitors continue to enjoy the return of miniature creations of Western landmarks, including the Grand Canyon, Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park, the Golden Gate Bridge, Las Vegas and more – all created from all-natural materials and decorated with holiday lighting.

The unique botanical architecture is crafted from pine cones, tree bark, leaves, acorns, seed pods and honeycomb. The G-scale trains also represent different eras of rail transportation history. The presenting sponsor is Fifth Third Bank.

The museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 5 p.m.; open Mondays, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 until 8 p.m. Admission to the museum and Jingle Rails is \$15 for adults, children 4-and-under, free. Volunteer guides conduct tours and are available to answer questions. Jingle Rails can be viewed through Jan. 20, 2020. Visitors can use convenient underground parking. And by eating lunch in the museum's café, visitors can spend the day in the Eiteljorg.

Info: www.eiteljorg.org.



Downtown Indianapolis scene features Monument Circle, Lucas Oil Stadium and downtown buildings, including OneAmerica.

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'HOME ALONE' AFTER HOURS
Teens, grades 6-12, can help defend the library with an after-hours presentation of the movie, "Home Alone," Friday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Greenwood Public Library, 501 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Participants go through obstacle courses with the wet bandits and eat pizza for free. Registration and signed permission slip are required. Info: 317-881-1953.

INDYPL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS
All Indianapolis Public Library locations will be closed Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 24-25 for the Christmas holiday. Also, all locations will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day, except the InfoZone, located within The Children's Museum of Indianapolis at 3000 N. Meridian Street, which is open on New Year's Day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Miracle

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How is business?

Busy! Busy! Mike Hendricks and my son Daniel took over. I was there one day and asleep for five weeks. Daniel took off his senior year of college at IUPUI, to assist Mike, who took over right away. They won't let me work much until my incision heals and I get my energy back."

Down 60 pounds, Davis has Christmas spirit, thanks to son Jack and his friend Dylan Koglin, both freshmen at Roncalli High School. They decorated a Christmas tree across from the recliner that is used as his temporary bed until his chest incision is healed. Their house is decorated beautifully for Christmas, so uplifting to visitors.

Amy said, "Bill keeps himself busy watching Notre Dame games, game shows, Christmas and uplifting movies and has even been working an hour or two, here and there, in his home office."

She also added that today (Wednesday) will be the third week in a row he's been able to watch Jack's CYO basketball game.

"Bill hasn't had much of an appetite, but he's enjoyed my grilled chicken, vegetables and salad," said Amy.

While the doctor estimates a year of recovery, Davis is excited to celebrate Christmas Eve at his brother-in-law Brian Turk's home with his family, and Amy's mom, Jay Lawrie; then later to his mom's (Katherine Davis) to celebrate with his family and later attend Mass at St. Jude Church.

Davis, a long-time friend, let me share his story in hopes of touching others and showing how faith can get you through the hardest times and never underestimate the power of prayers. Merry Christmas!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Saint Nicholas pays a visit to Franciscan Health patients, staff

By Joe Stuteville
Franciscan Health

There was a knock on the door, and he stepped into the room. "Well, good morning, young lady, and Merry Christmas!" Six-year-old Kamryn bolted upright in the patient bed, her eyes widened and beamed as she proudly proclaimed, "Look mommy! It's Santa Claus, he's really here!"

Saint Nick chatted with the girl, asking her and her mother, Megan, how she was feeling and making friendly small talk. He turned his attention back to Kamryn and handed her a small stuffed toy.

"I know you've been good all year," he said. "Now, you get well, and I'll be stopping by your home very soon."

The visit was just one of the many stops Santa made at Franciscan Health Indianapolis earlier this month, greeting patients of all ages, other visitors, hospital staff and senior leadership. This day (Dec. 11), the jolly old elf traded his signature-heavy red coat and accoutrements for a more pristine Victorian look, accented with bells on boots, a hand-carved red-and-green walking stick and a tiny shoulder bag.

"I've been doing this several years and really enjoy visiting hospitals," said Santa (Hoosier Ron Gibson). "I particularly enjoy seeing the faces of children light up when I walk into their rooms. And the adults are no different – they understand who I am and what I represent."

Gibson has done the Santa switcheroo for more than two decades.

Saint Nick's visit was made possible by the Terre Haute-based Trans-Care Ambulance, which operates large-scale medical transportation throughout Central Indiana, serving hospitals such as Franciscan Health and other healthcare facilities. The company's owner and CEO, Russell Ferrell, started the tradition of the hospital visitations more than four years ago.

"It's our way of giving back to the communities we serve," said Ferrell. "Being in the hospital is never easy at any time of the year, and especially so during the holidays. We hope this makes it easier for patients and their families."

Escorted by staffer Phyllis Kolb of Women & Children's Services, Santa visited pediatrics, NICU and other departments throughout the hospital on the Southside. Virtually every stop included the perfunctory cellphone photo or selfies.

Some staff members were challenged to select one of two wooden tokens which revealed the status of their behavior during the year: "naughty" or "nice." The result was an even split.

As the visit to Franciscan Health Indianapolis wound down, Santa, Ferrell and another Trans-Care representative, set their sights on the next stop – Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center in downtown Indianapolis. For Gibson, that venue has special meaning as he is a retired Air Force veteran.

And if you ask Saint Nicholas about his traditional beard, he will quietly share a secret with you.

"I start growing it in June," he explained, thoughtfully running a few fingers through his chin whiskers. "Then I cut it off just as soon as I can on Dec. 26."



Sister Marlene with Saint Nicholas

Franklin Central, Southport reach county semifinals

By Al Stilley
Editor

Franklin Central and Southport captured Marion County quarterfinal triumphs and advanced to the semifinal round Saturday at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

The euphoria of FC's dramatic last-minute win at Roncalli, 53-50, and Southport's home triumph against Perry Meridian, 41-35, Thursday night did not last long. The two upset-minded Southside teams fell Saturday as North Central defeated the Flashes, 46-29, and eventual tourney champion Lawrence Central dominated Southport, 64-22.

The Flashes (7-5) win had a triple value because it was a county tourney win, a quality win against a Southside foe and it was the Rebels' last home game at home in the "woodshed" with a 303-113 homecourt record.

"Not only was this an important game for us, but to beat a team like Roncalli, it just shows our growth, FC coach Vince Cerbone said. "This is a very unique gym with a lot of history here; they'll remember this win."

FC trailed 50-48 with 1:28 to go. Senior Rachel Loobie took over by hitting field goal to tie it at 50-50 and then took the lead after a steal and short shot. The 6-1 senior grabbed a rebound off a missed Roncalli free throw and was fouled. Her free throw was the final count.

Loobie wound up with 18 points and 11 rebounds with help from guard Alexis Mobley, 12 points, and 5-11 soph Olivia Faust, 10 points.

"We've been trying to emphasize fundamental defense, and, on offense, we've worked on handling pressure," Cerbone said of his team's progress after going 2-20 last season.

Roncalli trailed 32-22 before taking a 40-39 lead at the end of the third quarter. Alana Vinson scored a game-high 23 points with Maddie Bischoff adding 11 points for Roncalli (7-6).

In boys action, Beech Grove journeys to Knightstown's famed Hoosier Gym to face Brebeuf Saturday, Dec. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY TOURNEYS

Two Southside girls teams are in holiday tournaments after Christmas Day.

Southport hosts its own four-team tourney on Saturday, Dec. 28 with the Cardinals facing Greensburg at 10 a.m. and Noblesville against New Palestine at 11:30 p.m. The consolation game is at 4 p.m. and championship at 6 p.m.

Greenwood Christian meets Blue River at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27 in the eight-team Union City tourney. Losers bracket and semifinal and championship games are Dec. 28.

In boys action, Roncalli is host to its first four-game classic in the new Ascension St. Vincent gymnasium Saturday, Dec. 28. Opening round games find Marquette Catholic against Guerin Catholic at 10:30 a.m., and the Rebels meeting Hammond Noll at noon. The second round features Hammond Noll against Guerin Catholic at 6 p.m. and Roncalli against Marquette Catholic at 7:30 p.m.

Franklin Central is in the prestigious Phil Cox Memorial Tournament at Kokomo against South Bend Adams on Friday, Dec. 27 at 6 p.m. with more games Dec. 28 with semis at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and the championship at 8 p.m.

Perry Meridian goes to Lebanon to open the eight-team tourney Dec. 27 at noon. More games, including the semis and championship are Dec. 28.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY NATHAN PACE)
Senior guard Alexis Mobley (30) scored 14 points and dished out several assists in Franklin Central's thrilling road win at Roncalli.



Roncalli junior Madelyn Bischoff (24) scored 14 points for the Rebels against visiting Franklin Central.



Franklin Central senior Ella Brewer and teammate Hailey Clark celebrate the Flashes win at Roncalli.

Saint Roch captures Spell Bowl state title again

By Amy Wilson, Principal
St. Roch Catholic School

More than 14,000 people filled Mackey Arena last month to watch Purdue's basketball team demolish Chicago State by 44 points. It was never a contest. Those wanting to see exhilarating competition were across campus at Loeb Playhouse where a capacity 1,011 avid spectators watched 30 teams compete in the finals for the Indiana Association of School Principals Academic Spell Bowl.

This intensity was nothing new to the St. Roch Rockets and their coach, Mary Ann Chamberlin.

Clad in matching shirts, the St. Roch team of students from grades 6-8 included multi-year spelling veterans from elementary school.

Chamberlin, a former academic coach of the year, began practicing before the school year even commenced. She still prefers team practice to competitions.

"We have fun and I get to interact with the kids," Chamberlin said. "The most satisfying aspect is seeing the spellers' hard work pay off, the smiles of relief and satisfaction when they come from spelling and have won a perfect speller ribbon. I love seeing a student who has maybe started off not really doing well, get into the spirit, study hard and do really well at the competitions."

The tension of the competitions isn't isolated to the students.

Chamberlin noted, "They are quite stressful for me, so I mostly enjoy them when I know the hard work has paid off and the kids reap the benefits of their efforts."

The finals are built for drama. Separated into four classes by enrollment, teams send eight spellers to the stage. Flanked by a proctor, each speller sits with only a pencil in anticipation of eight words to come from the 1,600-word list they have studied. Sixty spellers and proctors crowd the stage, making it nearly impossible to see, let alone decode the body language of the team's spellers sitting with their backs to the crowd. A breathless apprehension fills the theater, and then the command is given for "pencils up." The correct spelling is revealed, and the successful spellers raise their hands. The anticipation is akin to a buzzer-beater in basketball or a last-second field goal with one exception.

After this year's culminating word - the Greek behemoth "xerodermapigmentosum," a word accompanied by some gasps from the audience - Chamberlin's Rockets had successfully cleared 71 of the 72 hurdles to bring home St. Roch's seventh state title in the past eight years.

"I can't say enough about the kids who do this; they put in so many hours, not only at school but on their own time to learn the words," Chamberlin said. "I can't spell for them. They work so hard to make success possible. They are amazing."

Chamberlin is the constant thread to the success of the school's championship teams that dates back before some of this year's spellers were born.



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

St. Roch's seventh Spell Bowl championship team includes, from left, front row, Landon Ambrosia-Robinson, Kendall Kocher, Sawyer Borders, Maggie Hayes, Simon Alba, middle row, Lachlan Borders, Ezra Littell, Mike Riedeman, Quinn O'Brien, Izzy Egan, coach Mary Ann Chamberlin, back row, Principal Amy Wilson, Hayden Bauman, Nicholas Bastida, Celena Keiner, and Asst. Principal Rick Rush.

RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL

RISING STARS

ACT SUPERSTARS



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Four Roncalli High School juniors have been named Indiana "Rising Stars" in the recent publication of the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP). The students are, from left, Allison England, Veronica Phillips, Emma Morgan and Chiara Schilten. They were honored for their academic achievement, standardized test score results, and selfless dedication to volunteer work, outstanding leadership at school and community. In addition to receiving a certificate from the IASP, these students will be made known to potential future college choices in Indiana.



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Roncalli High School seniors, Sydney Silcox, left, and Tommy Mullin, achieved perfect scores on sections of their ACT exam taken in October. Mullin was perfect in math and English and Silcox in reading. The ACT is a standardized test that is an indicator of a student's preparedness for college.

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 9 Obtain
 12 Billions of years
 13 Future stallion
 14 Multipurpose truck
 15 Avocado dip
 17 Top card
 18 Singles
 19 Gordon and Ginsburg
 21 Mad
 24 It begins at 40
 25 Toe woe
 26 Zigzagged on skis
 30 Eggs
 31 Actress
 32 Past
 33 Clothing
 35 Story line
 36 "— She Sweet?"
 37 Instant
 38 From then on
 40 Icelandic epic
 42 Industrious insect
 43 Port city of Ecuador
 48 Eisenhower
 49 Being, to
 50 Brutus
 — Major

DOWN

1 Lower limb
 2 Thee
 3 Genetic letters
 4 Accompany to a party
 5 Pinnacle
 6 Courts
 7 Right angle
 8 Germ-free
 9 Central American nation
 10 Leave an impression
 11 Golf gadgets
 16 Whatever number
 20 Aliens' craft
 21 Enthusiastic, plus
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 23 Insure
 24 Glasgow girl
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 27 Allow
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

"One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas Day. Don't clean it up too quickly."

— Andy Rooney

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: Y equals I

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 It's a good time for reunions with those very special people from your past. You could be pleasantly surprised by what comes to light during one of these get-togethers.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 The new year gets off to an encouraging start for the Bold Bovine who takes that demanding workplace challenge by the horns and steers it in the right direction.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 The clever Gemini will be quick to spot the telltale signs of workplace changes that could open up new opportunities for the right person. (And that's you, isn't it?)

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 The Moon Child's post-holiday letdown soon lifts as you begin to get back into your comfortable routine. Someone from your past extends a surprise bid to reconnect.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 You've been the ultimate social Lion over the holidays. Now it's time to relax and recharge your energy so you can be at your best when you pounce on that new project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 A relationship could be moving in a direction you might not want to follow. Step back for a better overview of the situation. You might be surprised at what you see.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 Emotions rule at the start of the week, affecting your perception about a decision. Best advice: Avoid commitments until that good Libran sense kicks back in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 A longtime friendship could take a romantic turn early in the new year. While this pleases your passionate side, your logical self might want to go slow.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 Someone might make a surprising disclosure about a trusted friend or workplace colleague. Stay cool and reserve judgment until you get more facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 You might think you've found what you've been looking for. But appearances can

be deceiving. Don't act on your discovery until you know more about it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 You're no doubt anxious for that confusing situation to be cleared up. But don't press for a quick resolution or you might overlook some vital facts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 Now that your holiday distractions are easing, you need to apply yourself to getting those unfinished tasks done so you can begin a new project with a clean slate.

BORN THIS WEEK: People respect both your wisdom and your deep sense of loyalty and compassion.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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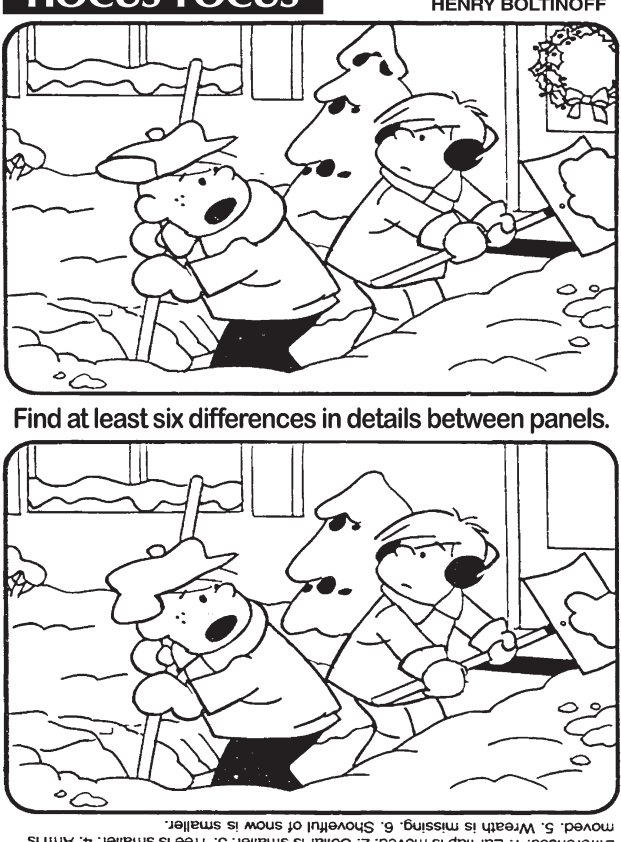
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Dedication opens new Roncalli gymnasium

By Al Stilley
Editor

Roncalli High School opened its newest facility - the Ascension St. Vincent Gymnasium - with a blessing by Monsignor Stumpf and a boisterous student chant of V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!

The formal dedication Monday of the multi-million dollar gymnasium featured remarks from school Principal Chuck Weisenbach, retiring President Joe Hollowell, Scripture reading by Roncalli alumnae Mickey Lentz and reflection by Monsignor Stumpf.

After their remarks, dignitaries from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Roncalli High School plus alumni and students filled the width of the basketball court for a massive ribbon-cutting.

A boisterous pep rally matched students on each side of the gymnasium in several high-decibel cheers that hopefully will fill the facility during future athletic contests. The first event will be a Roncalli wrestling match tonight (Wednesday). Girls' basketball games Fridays, Dec. 20 and Dec. 27, and a boys' basketball four-team Roncalli Holiday Classic, Saturday, Dec. 28.

The new gymnasium seats 2,000, considerably more than the Rebels' intimate "woodshed" homecourt where girls' teams won 303 games and lost 113 and the boys' team went 273-172.

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Principal Chuck Weisenbach addresses students, home grandstand side, and visitors, proclaiming that the new gymnasium is "an early Christmas present" to the high school and community.



The Roncalli High School choir performed religious songs at the formal dedication. Standing at the lower right are, from left, Monsignor Stumpf, alumnae Mickey Lentz and President Joe Hollowell.

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