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## Track and field program growing by leaps and bounds

By Al Stille  
 Senior staff writer

When distance runner Charlie Moffitt was a freshman at Lutheran High School, he could count his teammates – boys and girls – on both hands.

Now he sees 29 male teammates and 14 females at practices at the school's new stadium, which features an artificial turf football field and a new synthetic surface track.

"I'm very happy with this," said Moffitt, one of four seniors on the squads. "We have had our first track meets at home in three years; I had only one meet here as a freshman. The track was horrible and helped cause painful shin splints and sore ankles."

Replacing the football field and track plus expanding grandstand seating and an enlarged press box have brought other athletes from the hallways onto the track. The 43 athletes represent around 17 percent of the school's enrollment.

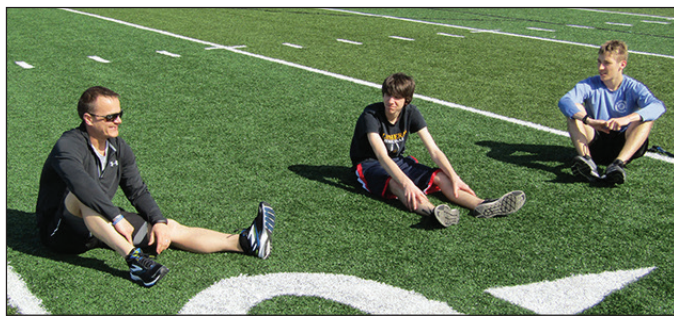
With every meet on the road for most of his career, Moffitt deplored getting home after 10 p.m. from weeknight meets.

"We have a lot of young runners in the program who have a strong future," said Moffitt, who is hopeful of qualifying for the state finals in Bloomington. "We have attracted athletes who play other sports in the fall and winter."

Moffitt, a regional qualifier last year, All-State football player and state finalist discus thrower Emeka Julani, sprinter/high jumper Erin Pasch and mid-distance runner Janessa Schaeffer are the only seniors. Pasch qualified for the 400-meter dash regional race on her fifth-place time at the talent-loaded Warren Central sectional. Sophomore Claire Tabit broke the school shot put record with a throw of 32 feet, 8 1/2 inches.

Pasch was instrumental in talking her dad, Lutheran dean of students Dave Pasch, into coaching track. She told him that if he didn't coach she would quit. Since that conversation the track program has grown exponentially in numbers and success.

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Lutheran distance coach Ronnie Robson (from left) chats with freshman Riley Settlemyer and senior Charlie Moffitt during a break at a recent practice.



Freshman Heather Kremer, sophomore Brianna McGee and sophomore Chloe Andre stretch before running.



It's all smiles at the end of a practice for seniors Janessa Schaeffer and Erin Pasch and sophomore Brianna McGee.



Sophomore Claire Tabit set a school record in the shot put this season with a toss of 32 feet, 8 1/2 inches, breaking a 15-year record.



Senior Emeka Julani prepares to throw the discus during practice. Julani, a Ball State football recruit, qualified last year in the shot put for the state finals.

The Voice of the Southside

## BGHS student seeks funds to enhance school safety



Alyssa Hockett seeks matching funds to supplement student safety measures at all Beech Grove schools.

By Al Stille  
 Senior staff writer

Beech Grove sophomore Alyssa Hockett is on a mission. She wants to make all Beech Grove schools safe, and she seeks the help of the community through a student-driven fundraising drive that would supplement the district's security.

Hockett wants to make a special device available for each classroom door to further enhance security in the classroom. "This is all about a way that adds to the safety of students," Hockett explained. "No student should be scared or nervous in class anywhere, trying get an education. This is a way for students to feel more secure."

She estimates that the cost of an easily placed mechanical device for each classroom in the district at \$31,500. Students would raise \$16,000 from businesses, alumni, civic groups, students, residents and school events with an agreement that the school board would approve matching funds. She plans to appear in front of the board May 8 and has met with administrators.

"This is about security in the schools, regardless of how anyone feels about any political subject," Hockett said. Principal Elizabeth Walters is supportive because a student is opening a conversation with the community about school

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## CAR NUTZ



Story and pictures, see Page 13

## Manual names its Alumnus of the Year

Steven R. Schultz, a 1984 graduate of Manual, has been recognized as the school's 2018 Alumnus of the Year.

Schultz was co-valedictorian of his class and was named Indianapolis Student of the Year by the late Thomas Keating. He played and excelled in football and basketball at Manual and was awarded numerous honors, including being named one of the top eight high school writers in the United States.

Schultz graduated from Butler in 1988

with a bachelor's degree in history and political science, earning a 4.0 GPA. During his time there he served as a summer intern for several high-ranking government officials.

Following law degrees from Yale and Cambridge, Steve worked as a corporate lawyer with Barnes & Thornburg in Indianapolis and with Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson in London, where he specialized in business startups, mergers and acquisitions.

He was later appointed by then-Gov. Mitch Daniels to serve as chief executive officer of the construction of the two new bridges that were built over the Ohio River near Louisville, Ky.

Schultz, who is married and has four daughters, now serves as Purdue University's chief legal officer.

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# Kelly's Korner

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## CENTENNIAL AWARD WINNER



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Melody Stevens, community relations/communications director of Beech Grove Schools and executive director of the Beech Grove Education Foundation, was recently recognized as the district's Centennial Award winner for the fourth quarter of the 2017-18 academic year.

The award is in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the district and the high school, in particular.

Stevens is seen with Jim Coffman, who owns Eckstein's Shoes and sponsors the award.

## LIONS DONATE TO PROGRAM



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The Beech Grove Lions Club made its annual donation to Beech Grove High School's Renaissance Program at last week's VIP breakfast.

The breakfast is one of the many activities made possible by supporters of the program, which rewards students for academic excellence, outstanding attendance and being good leaders.

Pictured left to right: Ross Barton, Mike Hendrix, Principal Elizabeth Walters and Don Stowers.

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# Perry Perspectives

Perry Township Schools



Assistant principals are powerful forces who work behind the scenes. Like building principals, they play a critical role in the achievements of schools and students. This month we recognized our assistant principals and deans during April 9-13 for National Assistant Principals Week.

Perry Township Schools has 31 assistant principals and deans who go above and beyond. As one might expect, they focus on the administrative work involved in operating a school, but that's not all.

They oversee teaching staff, ensure the school's standards for curriculum and discipline are followed and help teachers with strategies for implementing the curriculum. They address disciplinary concerns, communicate with parents and, when necessary, meet with parents and teachers to discuss ongoing issues.

In addition, they help assess the performance of teachers and coaches. Our assistant principals also help with bus and lunch duty and passing periods – times of the day when students appreciate a friendly smile and encouraging words.

Our assistant principals also do so much more. They lead major district events like the Spell Bowl and the art fair. They make sure the logistics of events are well organized, and they oversee their marketing and promotion. They staff the events to ensure the programs go according to plan.

Even more important, they treat every student as they would their own child. They have provided coats, gloves and socks to students who are in need. When families are down on their luck, they help them find the services they need.

In cases of emergencies, our assistant principals have stepped up to fill the shoes of principals who are absent due to medical leaves and other urgent matters. They fill all of these roles with grace.

During National Assistant Principals Week, we brought all of our assistant principals together for a special breakfast to tell them how much we value their service and expertise. It's rare that they are able to work with each other in a fun, informal setting.

Though it was a brief fellowship, it was a meaningful opportunity to show appreciation to educators and leaders who help to make our district a positive learning environment for our growing student body.

## BUDDY BENCHES INSTALLED

Douglas MacArthur Kindergarten Academy is helping students to form friendships.

The school now has two Buddy Benches on the playground. If a student needs someone to talk to or play with, he or she simply sits on one of the benches so other children will know to reach out and be a friend.

Resurrection Lutheran Church supplied the benches, and Bill Bryant (left) and Shane Jenkins, who are employed by the facilities department at Perry Township Schools installed them.



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## ATTENDING SUMMER INSTITUTE

Roncalli sophomore Will Hawkins has been selected to attend Stanford University's three-week Pre-Collegiate Summer Institute in California. Hawkins, son of Dave and

Rachelle Hawkins, will conduct in-depth research in the field of number theory and other math topics.

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# It's **spring** home improvement time

By **B. Scott Mohr**  
Editor

If you've been using the lousy weather as an excuse not to get started on that long anticipated spring project, you'll have to come up with a new reason real soon as the forecast is calling for sunny weather and highs in the 70s by Sunday.

So if it's a room addition, an updated kitchen or bathroom, a deck or landscaping that you've put on the back burner because you lack the know-how to tackle such an endeavor, there's no need to fret ... an abundance of Southside companies are eager to offer their expertise and talents.

The craftsmanship and reputation of the following individuals and companies should be able to ensure a well-done job.

## General contractors

A reliable company is B. Davis Remodeling (317-781-0566), which is owned by Bill Davis. He stresses the importance of checking references and says, "It's the homeowner's responsibility to check on contractors. You are interviewing them for a job. You can check them out on social media," he said, noting that the Better Business Bureau and Angie's List are also excellent resources.

"And make sure your contractor is licensed and bonded in Indianapolis. The city is strict on its requirements, he said, so if a company has those credentials, it is doing good work. "Also make sure the contractor gets a building permit. If they don't, something is wrong."

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A specialist in bathrooms, kitchens, additions, screened porches, basements, roofing, siding and windows, Davis said he strives for perfection because that ensures the end result is always acceptable. If a company shoots for acceptable, then the finished product is not.

Don Harris Home Improvement (317-787-3250) has done more than 3,750 remodeling projects on homes in Indianapolis, including complete home improvements, siding, roofing, room additions, porches, replacement gutters and windows, hail and wind storm repairs, garage conversions and much more.

The business was started 50 years ago by Don Harris' father, and Don traded in his paper route to help his father with roofing.

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You can also find a reputable general contractor in Yoder Construction Services (317-440-8920), which had been owned by Kim Yoder for 10 years.

"We can handle any project out there," he said, "but I really like remodeling bathrooms and kitchens and building pole barns. We do a lot of room additions and decks."

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Meek says the quality of his work is evidenced by the amount of referrals he gets. "Our work speaks for itself."

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That's why the Fuller Center for Housing, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Old Southside Neighborhood Association and Mount Pleasant Christian Church have joined forces to build two homes on East Craven Street.

The future homeowners work alongside volunteers and then repay the costs of materials on terms they can afford, with no interest charged or profit made.

The center's mission statement is: "Fuller homes are a hand up, not a hand out." The center, a faith-driven and Christ-centered organization, also repairs homes to provide adequate shelter for those in need.

Construction begins April 30, and volunteers and donations are still needed. A similar project, billed "The Miracle on Craven," took place in 2015.

Visit [www.fullercenter.org/centralindiana](http://www.fullercenter.org/centralindiana) or call 317-493-8914 for more information.

## SPRING IS HERE!



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLEY  
American goldfinches are a sign of spring in Indiana. The males (like the one here) are colorful in the spring and summer but lose their brilliance in the winter. The females aren't as bright.

## Hardware stores

Menards, 7140 S. Emerson Ave. and 300 S. Marlin Drive, Greenwood, is a full-service home improvement store that provide building products and plans and custom or do-it-yourself home improvement project supplies.

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While the Southside has been spared the wrath of widespread severe weather the past couple of springs, it may lurk on the horizon. Should high winds send trees crashing onto your home or yard, you'll need someone dependable to pick up the pieces ... and Airborne Tree Service (317-362-9064), owned by Paul Morton since 1983, is one of the companies that you will want to contact for a free estimate. Morton offers 24-hour emergency service, tree trimming, shaping and/or topping, tree and stump removal and lot clearing. He also sells firewood. His newest piece of equipment is an 83-foot boom that fits through a 42-inch gate. "We can get to a lot of places that other tree companies can't," he said.



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Paul Morton, who owns Airborne Tree Service, has an 83-foot boom that can fit through a 42-inch gate when its legs are contracted.

"Business has been great this year except for the rain ... we keep losing days because of it." Another well-established company is E. White's Tree Service (317-786-4076), which has been owned by Earl White for more than 30 years. He also offers 24-hour emergency service, trims, tops and fertilizes trees, removes stumps, clears lots, does shrub work and sells firewood. He is fully insured and offers free estimates. "If you want some free wood chips, just call us for free delivery," White said.

Also dependable is TLC Tree Service, which was launched by David and Tracy Chupp in 1987, the same year they were married. They trim trees, remove stumps, hedges and fences and sell all types of firewood, with delivery service available.

"We're a small family business that wants to keep our customers happy," said Tracy, who added that they enjoy their work, even though it does get a little hot in the summer. "But we work in the heat when it is necessary."

Another reliable tree guy is Danny White, who owns Danny's Tree Service. "The business has been in our family for four generations, and we do it all when it comes to trees. We top, trim, remove and feed them, grind stumps and sell firewood. We also cable forked trees ... that's where the forks are connected by cables so they can't split away from the tree and cause damage to nearby property. This provides homeowners with peace of mind."

White also treats ash trees that have been infested by emerald ash borers. "There's a 50-50 chance that a tree can survive, if it's treated soon enough. But you have to treat it annually."

White, who offers 24-hour emergency service and free estimates, is confident that he provides professional work at reasonable prices. "That's why 85 percent of my business comes from word-of-mouth."

"I offer free estimates and discounts to senior citizens." Contrary to popular belief, spring and fall aren't the only times to trim trees, according to an arborist, who added that most trees can be pruned anytime. However, there is a plus to having trees cut back in early spring and late fall ... there are no leaves to clean up. And some companies will work for a discount when business is slow during the winter.

## Landscaping, lawn care and hauling

If you are looking for a top-notch, full-service landscaping company, you can't go wrong with Kenny Albers Landscaping (317-319-2617). Kenny Albers has been in the business 40 years,

and he got his start with his dad, Charles Albers, who started the family-owned business in 1950.

"I do everything except lawn care," Kenny said. "I install and remove trees and shrubs, and I pour concrete for sidewalks, patios, driveways and ponds. I deliver top soil, and I can resolve drainage issues. I can pretty much do anything when it comes to landscaping."

A leader in lawn care is Cragen's Lawn Service (317-507-3767). It was established in 1998 by Bob Cragen as a spin-off of his grandfather's company, Cragen Lawn Care, which has been chemically treating lawns since 1977.

Cragen might be the most educated man running a lawn care business as he has a bachelor's degree from the University of Indianapolis and a master's from Ball State. He has taught at Chatard, Central Nine Career Center and Perry Meridian High School and currently teaches business in Wayne Township.

Bob's boys, Blake, 15, Brock, 14, and wife Stacy play a key role in his business. "Our family enjoys meeting people within the community and helping out" Cragen said.

Cragen offers spring and fall cleanups, landscape design and installation, mulch refreshing, aeration, lawn seeding and tree and shrub planting in addition to mowing.

A visit to [www.cragenlawn.green](http://www.cragenlawn.green) will showcase all of his services.

The Turf Touch (317-445-3811) has been owned by Bryan Hendricks and his wife, Margaret, since 1994.

"As a family-owned business, we've spent years fine-tuning our processes to provide the best service possible to our customers," said Bryan, who offers free estimates. "Most of our customers have found that six applications per year give them the best results, but we will work with you to tailor our tried and true program to fit the needs of your lawn."

"Our primary goal is to work with you to bring your lawn to life. We take pride in our work and would like the opportunity to be your lawn care provider."

A complete list of the company's services, which include mowing, mulching and aerating, can be found at [www.theturftouch.com](http://www.theturftouch.com).

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was launched in 2002 by Don Burns, a lifelong Southsider who enjoys servicing metro Indianapolis. He started his company as a side job but has hired a few full-time employees.

The business, which caters to home owners and real estate professionals and provides quality work at an affordable price, specializes in hauling services, removing junk, cleaning up properties, demolition work, tree topping, trimming and removal and lawn mowing. "The top five items that we haul away are brush piles, books, clothes, couches and old TVs. If you are in violation of a health code, we can help you comply," Burns said. "The tree that we remove most often are the pines. Due to the emerald ash borer, we are seeing an increase in the removal of infested ash trees."

The company has won many Super Service Awards from Angie's List and is a member of ITEX, a nationwide barter network.

Jeff George, who has owned Jeff's Lawn & Landscaping (317-523-7921) for four years and has more than 24 years' experience in the business, having worked with his dad and brother for 20 years.

"I mow, aerate and overseed lawns and trim bushes; now's the perfect time to aerate your lawn, said George, who explained that aerating involves perforating the soil with small holes to allow air, water and nutrients to penetrate to the grass roots. This helps the roots grow deeply and produce a stronger, more vigorous lawn. The main reason for aerating is to alleviate soil compaction.

George said he also edges driveways and sidewalks, cleans brush and weeds out of fences and does small landscaping jobs.

## Garage doors

When it comes to installing garage doors, openers and springs, Garage Doors by John Walke (317-670-8037) is known for its excellent work.

A 30-plus year veteran in the business, John Walke founded his company in 2006 and offers next-day service when repairing doors. The installation of a door with an opener can take up to a week since the door has to be ordered.

Cloypay doors and Liftmaster openers are the brands that he uses because of their reliability. "There are a lot of products out there, but I stay away from the junk," said Walke, adding that keyless entries are becoming popular because people don't have to take their keys with them when they go for a walk.

The bulk of his business is residential, but he has some commercial jobs and occasionally hangs barn doors for country folks.

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# It's time to landscape, plant, swim and cook out

## Flowers and plants

In the market for colorful bedding flowers, hearty vegetable plants or breath-taking geraniums?

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Bill and Pat Heidenreich launched the business in 1956, with son Bill at the helm now. "While the greenhouse business has changed drastically over the past 30 years, one thing has remained constant: the quality of plants and flowers that we sell," said the younger Bill, who is proud of everything he sells. "Our geraniums are our pride and joy. "We have a multitude of tomato and pepper plants. We also have cucumber and berry plants, ferns, trumpet vines, tropical plants, clematises, Baltic ivy, hanging baskets, New Guinea impatiens, 75 varieties of potted perennials, onion sets and 25 kinds of vegetable seeds," said Heidenreich, who is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays.

"When customers come here they find better quality than what is available at the big-box stores. I tell my customers that we don't have the best, but we sure don't have junk. If you don't find what you are looking for here, stop by the other family-owned shops on the Southside; chances are they might have it. I always contend that locally grown plants always prove best."

Another prominent retailer of bedding flowers, vegetable plants, hanging baskets, planters, perennials and flowering shrubs is Gary Greenhouse, 4706 Bluff Road (317-786-0917), which opened in 1947 and is operated by the third-generation owners of Scott and Melinda Gary.

The husband-and-wife team is hosting its annual open house from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and will treat guests to free hot dogs and beverages. There will also be drawings each day for a \$50 gift certificate and free plants. The Garys will be open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays beginning Monday (they close at 5 p.m. now). Weekend hours will remain the same.

Butler's Flowers & Plants, 2401 W. Morris St. (317-634-6067), owned by retired fireman Sam Butler, is known for its abundant supply of beautiful flowers and plants, including herbs, tropical plants, shrubs, hostas and hanging baskets.

"My great-grandfather started gardening on this land 107 years ago," Butler said.

"We carry tons of stuff. I think we have more flowers and plants than anyone in Indianapolis. "We have 62,000 square feet under plastic. That's a lot to heat. We are burning through some gas. The weather is killing us; we are about three weeks behind schedule, but



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Billy Heidenreich, who owns Heidenreich Greenhouses, 502 E. National Ave., has an outstanding variety of hanging baskets, bedding flowers and vegetable plants, etc.



Beautiful succulents and pansies from Butler's Greenhouse.



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the forecast is favorable."

Butler's flats contain 36 to 48 plants and cost \$16. "You can mix and match them any way you want, and that includes vegetables. You can easily spend several hours looking at our flowers and plants."

Butler is known for robust plants at low prices. You can check out his merchandise from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sundays.

## Pools, fireplaces, grills and more

People who assume that Pool City, 940 Fry Road, Greenwood (317-888-3933), only carries pool-related merchandise are badly mistaken.

In addition to specializing in Fibreglas and vinyl liner in-ground pools, replacement liners, heaters, pumps, automatic covers, the company also sells fireplace inserts, gas logs, wood-burning and gas stoves, grills, smokers, spas and chemicals.

"Our priority is making sure our customers receive the best value for their money," said owners Chris and Lynn Newett. "We take pride in offering quality products and exemplary service."

"As a family business, we understand families. Pool City has more than 40 years of experience building in-ground pools. Given our strong family ties, we understand the importance of spending quality family time together. What better way to spend family time than around a new in-ground pool."

## Excavating services

If it's a topnotch excavating company that you're looking for, English Excavating (317-888-2282) has been satisfying its clients since being founded by Lowell English in 1958.

Now operated by his sons, Mark and Mick English, the company remains committed to the late Lowell English's belief of providing the highest standard of quality and service in the industry.

"We specialize in sewer/water lines and installing and repairing septic systems," said Mick. "We mainly do one-day projects and small commercial jobs. Our goal is to provide our clients with a strong responsive excavation team that knows how to get the done correctly, on time, within budget and with pride."

"We provide our clients with the best value for their dollar. And it does not stop when the construction project is complete. Service afterward has always been a part of our tradition and commitment."



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# Home improvements

## Sale at Karen Mercers Interiors

Karen Mercer, who owns Karen Mercer Interiors & Other Fabulous Finds, 2220 E. Southport Road (317-786-2828), is holding a retirement sale. She is offering 40 percent off all store-owned accessories and 25 percent off all new accessories, and there is a clearance sale on furniture. Hours are 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

"Please stop in and say hi as we celebrate 31 1/2 years in Southport," Mercer said. "We will continue to accept consignment and will not take additional markdowns on your items until the standard 30 days. The split is still 50-50."

"Thank you for all of your support."



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A retirement sale is underway at Karen Mercer Interiors & Other Fabulous Finds, 2220 E. Southport Road.

## Flooring

A leader in flooring products and services is Flooring by Stretch Rite (317-784-1768), which was started by Paul Hornaday in 1966 and is well-known for its motto of "You'll love us under your feet."

He was joined in the trade by son Dan in 1980, and the duo has built a successful business, one that carries luxurious carpet, fashionable porcelain tiles and durable hardwood laminate and vinyl.

While Paul has retired, Dan's daughter, Samantha Kren, is the third generation to join the company. With a strong background in decorating, she provides invaluable service when it comes to helping customers select the right flooring.

Although Flooring by Stretch Rite, 4030 Madison Ave., is a small company, Dan says customers are continually amazed by their reasonable prices. "We belong to a large buying group out of Chicago, and that allows us to be competitive with everyone. We employ our installers, who provide unbeatable service and installation."

## Drywalling, painting

Dave Nunn, who owns Nunn's Drywall & Painting (317-717-9322), said he takes great pride in his work, and that workmanship is evident in the amount of referrals received during his nearly 25 years in business.

While drywall and painting are his specialties, Nunn also builds decks to suit the ever-diverse needs of his clients. "I also seal decks," he said. "I do a lot of handyman work... set door frames, do framing and replace exterior trim. When I'm painting I often discover that the trim is bad, so I've replaced a lot of trim."

"We're really busy right now. Everybody is trying to get a jump on summer," said Nunn, who offers free estimates and emphasized that he does quality work at reasonable prices.

## Plumbing

If you are looking for a dependable plumber, Bob and Steve Starks will say look no further than Starks Plumbing Service (317-767-7512), which was founded by their grandfather, Wayne Starks, and his father, Robert L. Starks, and passed down through the family.

The Starks brothers attended St. Mark Grade School and Perry Meridian High.

Their forte is residential installation and repair work. Services include installing water heaters and softeners, garbage disposals, sinks, faucets, toilets, etc.

"We are an established company that you can depend on," they said. "We strive to treat our customers with respect and leave a positive impression before we leave their homes. We install the same brands and quality products that we have in our homes and stand behind our workmanship long after the standard one-year period. We feel fortunate to be in a trade that we enjoy and find rewarding."

## Rental equipment and party needs

You can depend on Indy Rents, 3016 W. Southport Road, for all your equipment and party rental needs. Owner Kelley Bowling carries a variety of small and large equipment, ensuring that she'll have something to suit your needs. All you need is a major credit card and a current Indiana driver's license.

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Among the items available for rent are pressure washers, air compressors, plumbing tools, log splitters, forklifts, generators, scaffolding, saws, chippers, backhoes, stump grinders, pumps, floor care machines, fans, tents, tables, chairs, concession machines and bounce houses.

"We can help you throw the perfect backyard party," said Bowling, who can be reached at 317-859-859 for information about rates and her complete line of equipment.

## Air conditioning and heating

With summer just around the corner – at least that's what the meteorologists keep saying – and the possibility that Mother Nature might deliver a torrid blast, you might want to add the phone number of Lamping/Huser Heating & Cooling (317-782-1524) to your speed dial just in case your air conditioner goes on the blink. But with the extended winter we're having, you may be more concerned about your furnace.

Regardless of your concern, Jim and Chris Huser take pride in providing quality service and installation at a fair price. Before teaming in 1990 to form their business, they worked independently. The two reasoned that by pooling their resources they could provide a service that was second to none. They work with Armstrong equipment, which is made in the United States. Sixty percent of their business comes from the residential sector, with the rest being business accounts.

"We really value our longtime customers and appreciate all the leads they have given us," they said. "Word-of-mouth is the best form of advertising."

## Blind sales, cleaning

Indy Shades (317-888-2334), established more than 23 years ago by Steve Cambridge, sells Hunter Douglas and Lafayette

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## SPRING CLEANING ON EARTH DAY



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Rosa Parks Elementary School teacher Whitney Van Cleave (left) and some of her second-grade students cleaned up Bluff Park on Earth Day, April 22.

She is seen with (front, from left) Aubrie Crose, Elora Swan, EmmaKate Fox, Emma Moore, Jaden Porter, Suyash Shrivastava, Leah Elsner; (back) Liam Fikes, Gus Zupan, Landon Mennel, Cruz Duncan, Alyvia Webb and Charisma Lowe.



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Jason said it takes time and some practice to get used to all that power and how to drive the car without having the rear end break loose. He also noted that it's the perfect car for a person experiencing a midlife crisis.

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# Southport's Short controls Falcons

By Al Stille  
Senior staff writer

Southport pitcher Avery Short helped in taking the American flag down last week after the latest baseball Battle of Perry Township at Holder Field.

In a way, it was proper because the standout junior pitcher commanded the mound as Southport edged Perry Meridian 3-1 in a Conference Indiana contest. Short allowed two hits, struck out 11 and walked only one.

His pitching prowess and two runs batted in by senior Pa Tyn Pardue led to the Cardinals' first win in the township series since 2008.

"It has been a long time," first-year coach Mike Klopfenstein said. "We made some mistakes in this one, but we came through. We're always in the game when Avery pitches; he is easily among the best pitchers in the state."



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY NATHAN PACE  
Avery Short delivers the heat for Southport.

Southport scored in the first and third innings on Pardue's run-producing doubles and a bases-loaded balk in the fifth to end Perry Meridian's 10-year reign.

The Falcons scored their lone run when Caden Reed came from third on Alex Hooten's sacrifice fly ball.

Short (2-1, 0.75 ERA, 31 strike outs) had excellent control throughout seven innings with nearly 80 percent of his pitches in the strike zone.

"I go out there trying to strike everybody out but I understand that I can't do that," said Short, a junior who is an Indiana University verbal commit. "I know it's not very efficient but that's my goal anyway. I do enjoy using our defense, especially my teammates defense because they are really good."

The Cardinals are 4-4 after a doubleheader split against North Central. Southport visits Center Grove Thursday and then faces Greenwood in a twin bill Saturday at Holder Field.

The Falcons are 2-9 and meet Roncalli at Holder Field on Thursday.

**Baseball notes:** With warmer weather ahead, most Southside teams are searching for consistency ... 4A No. 6 Roncalli (7-3) has wins against Center Grove, Carmel and Jeffersonville ... Center Grove (6-5) upended Franklin Central 12-1 as the Trojans opened with nine runs in the first ... coach John Rockey's Flashes are 5-6 ... Beech Grove (2-5) downed Tech 10-0 and league foe Monrovia 7-3; junior Nic Ancelet leads with .400 average ... Greenwood (3-6) split Saturday with Franklin; Woodmen have played eight Mid-State games; leading slugger is



Roncalli's Amelia Banister is safe at first, just beating the catch by Southport's Yasmin McClellan. The Rebels won 10-1.

senior T.J. Bass, .440, three home runs, but pitching staff has 7.80 ERA ... Greenwood Christian is 2-5 with wins against Manual and Bethesda Christian ... Class A No. 12 Lutheran (4-2) opened with three wins.

**Softball notes:** Center Grove (14-0) holds the 4A No. 1 ranking in state coaches poll; one of five ranked Southside teams with No. 6 Roncalli and No. 22 Franklin Central, 3A No. 30 Beech Grove and Class A No. 17 Lutheran ... Last week CG shut out No. 5 Cathedral 11-0 and No. 11 Avon 15-2; hitting phenomenal .471 with six batters over .500 and pitcher Abby Herbst, 8-0, 0.41 ERA ... Roncalli (11-1) riding nine game win streak, blasting away with 16 home runs, seven by senior Scout Leffler; leading pitchers, Jordan Jenkins (5-0, 1.59 ERA) and Amber Linton (4-1, 1.05 ERA), visit Franklin Central today ... FC coach Kathy Stricker has Flashes at 8-2 with five straights wins, including three against top-10 teams, Katie Back hitting .514 and 5-1 on mound ... Southport (5-4) has 3-1 record in Conference Indiana ... Greenwood Christian (5-2) averaging 9.4 runs ... Greenwood (3-9) and Perry Meridian (2-8) looking for a turnaround.

## SPECIAL OLYMPIANS COMPETE IN SWIM MEET



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Special Olympics Johnson County, under the leadership of Linda Boothe, played host to more than 150 swimmers from 12 Indiana counties at the Swim to Win event Saturday at Whiteland High School.

Boothe offered her thanks to Whiteland swim coaches Niki Morrison and Marci Whitford and team volunteers for sponsoring the event.

## CITY CHAMPS



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The Bulldogs from Indianapolis Public School 65, just east of the University of Indianapolis, finished their season as city champs with a 11-0 record.

Team members are (front) Hailee Schultz; (second row, from left) coach David Goush, Emily Bauman, Abril Valdes-Alvarez, Biak Sung, Ma'Kayla Johnson; (back) Mikyla Walker, Sa'rai Powell, Aubree Sutton, Erin York, Ebony Pippin, Ma'Kayla Collins and athletic director Derrick Houston.

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### FUTURE MANAGER OF THE BUCKEYES



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Roncalli senior Tyler Hicks has been selected to serve as a student manager for the Ohio State University men's basketball program for the next four years.

Hicks, who was Roncalli's student manager the past two seasons, developed a relationship with Ohio State head coach Chris Holtmann and assistants Ryan Pedon, Terry Johnson and Mike Schrage when they coached at Butler.

Hicks is the son of Brian Hicks and Jennifer and John Buechler.



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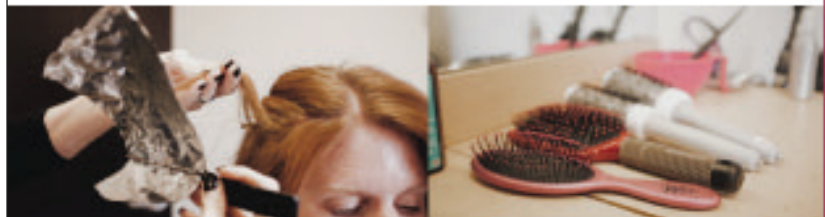
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