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Samuel Bryan DAR digitizes old Southport Baptist Church records



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS) Montage of photos from Samuel Bryan Chapter DAR shows newspaper article of May 17, 1907 and photo of church trustee George Thompson among items that have been digitized.

By Al Stille
Editor

The Samuel Bryan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently completed an archiving project of digitizing the church records of Southport Baptist Church, belonging to One Christian Church on Banta Road.

Southport Baptist Church (pictured in article) was then located on Southport Road, before relocating to Banta and McFarland roads. It originally was named Forks of the Little Buck Creek Church when founded in Southport in 1832 by Jeremiah Featherstone after separating from Lick Creek Baptist Church that began in 1826 in Beech Grove.

Digitizing took 50 hours of scanning more than 700 pages of church minutes dating as far back as 1836 and numerous photos through decades plus many more printed materials.

Chapter regent Patricia Moy and vice-regent Molly Sanders scanned the early history of One Christian Church. Pastor Jeff Stranton last year confirmed that the church had undergone many name changes.

Church records also mentioned the Beech Grove DAR's namesake, Samuel Bryan.

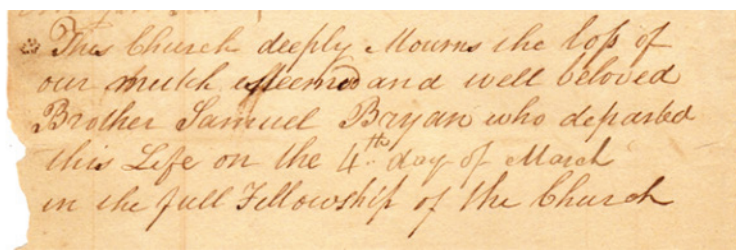
"His family was charter members of both churches," Moy pointed out. "When I was scanning one of the early entries, I discovered the mention of Samuel's death (March 4, 1837). His son, Luke, also shared in the naming of the church."

The entry states: "This church mourns the loss of our much esteemed and beloved Brother Samuel Bryan, who departed this life on the 4th of March in full fellowship of the church."

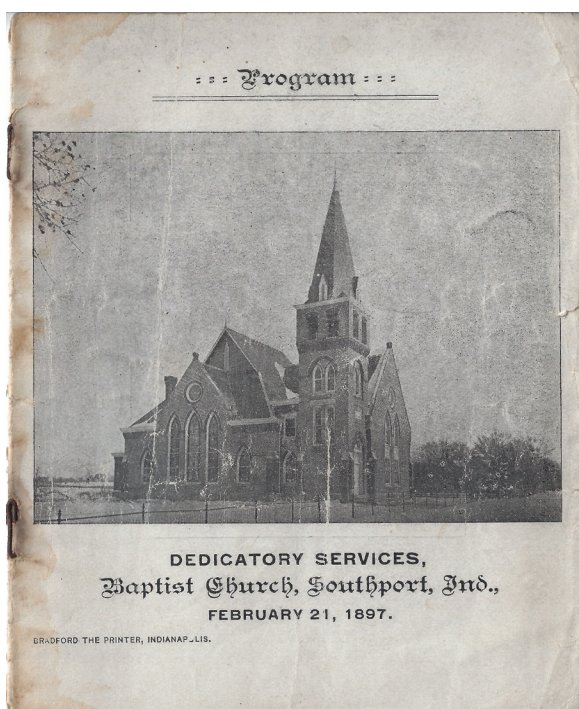
Moy also confirmed, "We were stunned to learn that Samuel's son Luke shared in the naming of the church."

Moy scanned most of the church's minute books and reviewed the manuscripts back to 1836. Each of the oldest books was placed individually in acid-free archive quality storage boxes in the project, and all photos were placed in a protective sleeve. Newspapers were unfolded and photographed; the oldest was a 1907 issue of the Marion County Mail.

Sanders recalled that the church records were disorganized with some wrapped in plastic or aluminum foil and that pictures were tossed haphazardly in different boxes. She organized all pictures by categories and year



Original entry of mourning the death of Samuel Bryan from church archives.



The front of the Southport Baptist Church as printed for dedication day, Feb. 21, 1897.

after wiping the photos to remove dust and fingerprints.

"We still have a lot to do with the images to prepare them for the DAR's library in Washington, D.C.," said Moy.

The chapter's genealogical records chair, Sanders added, "There isn't specific genealogy noted in the church minutes, but it clearly indicates where and when certain families and individuals were at the time."

Acid-free storage boxes, folders, and tissue paper were used throughout the project, and archival quality protective sleeves were used to preserve the photos. One Christian Church financed the project by purchasing all needed supplies.

The Samuel Bryan Chapter is reaching out to the older churches of Beech Grove and the Southside to preserve records of other churches established in the 1800s and preserve the church's history.

The chapter is part of the DAR that was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. DAR has more than 185,000 members. Info: samuelbryanchapterdar@gmail.com.

Roncalli High School Sophomore pitcher Rothrock is the real deal

By Al Stille
Editor

Roncalli sophomore pitching sensation Keagan Rothrock is the real deal.

Acclaimed by publications and scouts as the nation's best pitcher of the Class of 2023, Rothrock lives up to the hype with a maturity rarely found in a sophomore student-athlete.

"She doesn't get really rattled," Royals coach David Lauck said. "Mentally and physically, she's prepared herself for this moment and that's why she's ranked where she is nationally. She certainly has lived up to her expectations."

Rothrock pitched a perfect game in her high school debut against Cardinal Ritter, 14-0, in five innings with 15 strike outs, and then struck out 15 batters against Columbus North, and 15 more in a 4A showdown win, 4-0, against visiting Center Grove. Rothrock gave up three hits as an opposing player reached third base for the first time against her.

She received the highest of praise from Center Grove coach Alyssa Coleman.

"She's going to make every girl in this state better; every girl that faces her, you're going to get better that day," Coleman said. "She's poised, she attacks, she's got speed, and she's got great movement. She's something that a lot of kids don't face."

Since then, the 5-8 ace has added 72 strike outs to her count in four starts and a relief appearance on April 17 that allowed the Royals to come from behind and defeat Mason in West Chester, Ohio.

With a 9-0 record, the University of Florida verbal commit has struck out 127 batters, in 50.1 innings, three shutouts, allowed only 12 hits and two earned runs, and has a 0.28 earned run average. Trailing 6-4 after three innings against Mason in West Chester, Ohio, Rothrock pitched five innings, gave up only one hit as Roncalli rallied for five runs in the sixth to remain undefeated.

"I love situations when something could be on the line," Rothrock said. "That's when I pitch better."

She admitted that she was nervous before her first couple of high school games.

"I had played a thousand travel games, but that first high school



Keagan Rothrock

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Perry Meridian's Taylor named to Indiana All-Star team

By Al Stille
Editor

Perry Meridian senior Jayden Taylor is among the 14-member boys basketball Indiana All-Star team.

The versatile 6-5 guard is a Butler University recruit who averaged 25.5 points for the Falcons under veteran coach Mark James. Taylor also averaged 5.5 rebounds, 1.2 assists, and 1.1 steals per game while helping lead Perry Meridian to a 12-9 record, the first winning season for the Falcons in six years.

Taylor shot 50.3 percent from the field and 37.5 percent from the 3-point line and 78.5 from the free-throw line.

Taylor finished with 1,537 points during his varsity career to rank second in program history.

Taylor also was among 15 seniors selected by Indiana basketball coaches as a "supreme 15" player.

He joins fellow Butler recruit 6-6 Pierce Thomas on the All-Star team. They also were selected to the All-USA Central Indiana boys basketball Super Team.



Jayden Taylor

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NATIVITY SCHOOL ACADEMIC ARCHERS



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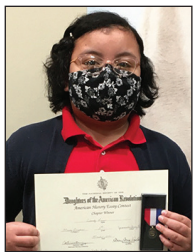
Sixteen students at Nativity Catholic School are honored as "Academic Archers" by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Indiana National Archery. The students are, from left, front, Cullen Deardorff, Lila Dill, James Deardorff, middle row, Alexis Kabat, Brianna Harris, Devon Collett, Karol Molina-Gomez, Elizabeth Hoagland, Caleb Baurley, back row, Colin Dexter, Matthew Mendez, Michael Dexter, Noah Kurz, Anthony Shives, and Ali Chappelow, not pictured, Logan Neyenhaus. They were awarded state and national certificates, an Academic Archer patch and 2021 bar.

MARY BRYAN DAR ACTIVITIES

The Mary Bryan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) continues to be active throughout the Southside. In photos, top to bottom, 75-year member Dorothy Thompson celebrates her 97th birthday with cards and balloon party provided by chapter members in her apartment at Greenwood Village. Due to health protocols, members were unable to visit in-person. Ciang Lun, fifth-grade student at Jeremiah Gray Elementary School, is the chapter's American history essay contest winner and placed second in the state contest. During the chapter's April meeting, Lois Thompson becomes a new member. Cathy Pollachek is honored by the National DAR Eastern District for her efforts on behalf of the American Indian committee. Pollachek has visited Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., and the Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Ore.



Dorothy Thompson



Ciang Lun



Lois Thompson



Cathy Pollachek

(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

Southsiders' Bulletin Board

Friends of Edgewood Elementary

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Saturday, May 15 (Starting at Noon)

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GOING GREEN IN THE GROVE

Beech Grove is going green for its sixth annual Grove Arbor Day activities, Saturday, May 8, noon to 4 p.m. City-wide events include free trees and plants, electronics recycling, art contest, meeting animal friends, collaborative art, education booths and demonstrations. Deadline for the art contest, "Who lives in the trees?" is Friday, April 30. The Arbor Day events are at the Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. Info: call 317-788-4986.

CHATS WITH INDY LIBRARY CEO

Indianapolis Public Library has scheduled chats with IndyPL CEO Jackie Nytes on the Southside as part of the Love Your Library Tour in May. Nytes will be at the Garfield Branch, 2502 Shelby St., Tuesday, May 4, noon to 2 p.m.; Southport Branch, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road, Friday, May 7, 10 a.m. to noon; Beech Grove Branch, 1102 Main St., Saturday, May 8, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and Franklin Road Branch, 5550 Franklin Road, 10 a.m. to noon. The sessions are informal and open to all ages.

PERRY SENIORS NUTRITION CLASSES

Senior citizens can learn about personal nutrition Wednesday, May 5, 11 a.m. to noon, at Perry Senior Services, 6901 Derbyshire Road. The session is led by Brenda Moster of Purdue University Extension services. Lunch, sponsored by Drink at the Well Ministries, is at 12 noon, followed by bingo at 1 p.m., sponsored by Greenwood Healthcare Center. Health protocols in effect. Advance registration required, call 317-783-9231.

BEECH GROVE BREAKFAST CLUB

One of the newest activities at the Hornet Park Community Center in Beech Grove is the weekly breakfast club on Thursdays. The next breakfast is Thursday, April 29 at 9 a.m. A hot breakfast is served along with various games and prizes. There is no fee but donations are appreciated. To sign-up, call 317-788-4986 or RSVP by email to: communitycenter@beechgrove.com.

OPEN HOUSE FOR FEATURED ARTIST

The Southside Art League is having an open house for May's featured artist Krista Swisher, Friday, May 7, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Swisher's works will be on display May 5 through May 29 at the Off Broadway Gallery, 299 Broadway St., Greenwood. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. Beginner art classes for children are available Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Info: 317-882-5562 or southsideartleague.org.

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Franciscan Health, Indianapolis campus, has partnered with the Milk Bank's Donor Milk Express (DMX) to provide improved and faster health outcomes for premature and ill infants. The Lactation Clinic and the long-standing Milk Depot has allowed donating mothers to drop off frozen surplus milk that is then picked up by the Milk Bank for processing. The DMX offers an opportunity for families to purchase up to 40 ounces of pasteurized donor human milk without a prescription. The Milk Bank - the only program of its kind in Indiana - receives milk from carefully screened, healthy donors and distributes it to babies in neonatal intensive care units or in families with infants who cannot tolerate formula. The program is located within the hospital's Center for Women and Children, 8111 S. Emerson Ave. Info: 317-528-5620.

SIGN-UP FOR KATIE'S RUN/WALK

The family and friends of Katie Lynch are organizing "Katie's 5K Run/Walk for Hope" to honor Katie's courageous battle against cancer. Registration deadline is Saturday, May 1. The event is set for Sunday, May 16 at Roncalli High School with on-site registration at 12:30 p.m. with the walk at 2 p.m. Entry fee is \$25 for adults, \$15 for students and \$100 for family. Proceeds go to help fund numerous scholarships as well as making the wishes of sick children come true. This is the 10th anniversary of Katie's passing. An event T-shirt is included in advance registration by May 1 at: katiehope.org. Any questions, contact Kathleen Lynch at 317-502-1979 or katie5kwalk@gmail.com.



Personal Recollections

By Fred Shank

DR. MARVIN CHRISTIE

Last Friday, my son, Mark was visiting with us. I had some errands to run and he rode with me. We were travelling south on Sherman Drive. I pointed out to him the building that my good friend and former doctor, Dr. Marvin Christie occupied for his office for many years. Just seeing that building always brings back some good memories. I told Mark a Dr. Christie story as we drove along.

A few hours later, I was home and reading the daily newspaper when I was shocked to read of Dr. Christie's passing in the obituaries. The visiting hours were that evening. I made a quick change of plans and I arrived at the G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home on Madison Avenue that evening.

The funeral home was filled with friends and family. I had a chance to visit with several friends standing in the line and others. I heard several Dr. Christie stories and had a chance to visit with a couple of his sons. For several years, we only lived a couple of blocks apart.

I shared a couple of Dr. Christie stories that evening. My first story was about a time when my family was contracting school buses to Perry Township. We purchased a school bus that had been hit in the rear by a fast-moving semi.

That bus had been totaled but it had less than 300 miles on it. We stripped off the wrecked school-bus body. We purchased a new frame and transferred all of the mechanical parts to the new frame. I then drove that vehicle without a body to Lima, Ohio to have a brand-new school bus body installed. That was a very long trip.

The best part of that trip was the return to Indianapolis. Dr. Christie flew his private airplane to Lima, Ohio and picked me up. A few weeks later, when the school bus was finished, he flew me back. The bus also had a new driver's seat and windshield, features that were missing on the first trip to Lima.

My father had the service stations and the school buses. He later had a rural milk pick-up route. The milk cans held eight to 10 gallons were made of heavy steel and had to be lifted in and out of his truck.

Years later, dad had lots of trouble with his back with severe spinal disc damage. Dr. Christie had tried different things to help him. A couple of times he placed dad in the hospital. On one occasion, dad was in St. Francis and I stopped in to see him. He was placed on the hard table, laying on his back. He had his head anchored to a post behind his head and very heavy weights attached to his feet. Those weights hung over the edge of the table.

Because of the wrap that was around his chin, he had a very hard time with communication. I knew that he was in some pain but he was following directions and hoping for an improvement.

After my visit, I met some friends for dinner at the Fireside South Restaurant. Dr. Christie came up behind me and put his firm hands around my neck from behind. He was laughing and quickly explained that he had stopped by my father's room. He joked that my dad's height had increased and that he was about six feet, four inches tall. We enjoyed a good laugh about that.

Dr. Christie was a great husband, father, doctor, pilot and a pretty good basketball player. He played for Branch McCracken at Indiana University.

I never knew when our paths would cross, maybe at a ball game, a grocery store, or any where. It seemed that he always spotted me first and somehow surprised me. I'm really going to miss that.

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Reminiscing

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60 Years Ago This Week - 1961

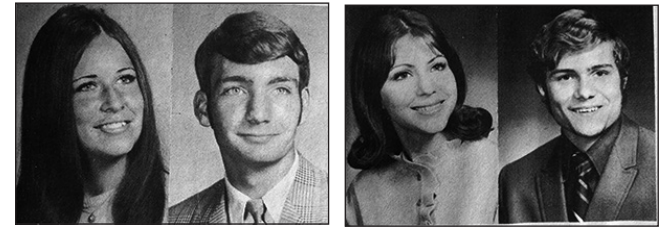
The starting pay for Indianapolis firefighters was \$1.40 an hour, and they worked 63 hours a week.

The Bell-Aire Drive-in Theatre at Kentucky and Tibbs avenue was showcasing a triple feature: "Black Sunday," "The Last Rebel" and "The Hand"; admission was 75 cents.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1971



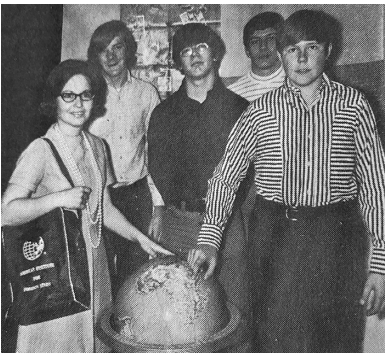
Rhonda L. Hill (third from left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hill was crowned Miss Mini Queen for Southern Plaza's 10th anniversary celebration.



King and queen candidates for Manual's annual spring fundraiser were (above, from left) seniors Cindy Eva and Steve Dietz, juniors Jan Elrod and Mike Graham, (below, from left) sophomores Mark Montgomery and Louise Clark and freshmen Mark Campbell and Madonna Richardson.



Southport teacher (from left) Evelyn M. Lovelace and area students Tim Riggs, Jeff Hoffmeister, Brian Brandley and Gregg Backemeyer were mapping out their trip to Kenya, Africa, where they would participate in a studies abroad program.



Reminiscing is voted #1 among *Southsider Voice* readers!

40 Years Ago This Week - 1981

The Indianapolis Department of Public Works was interviewing for positions at its new wastewater treatment plant. The salaries ranged from \$9,000 to \$29,000 annually.

Southport senior basketball standout Linda Mallendar, who was bound for Miami of Ohio University on a scholarship, was named to Adidas' All-American team.

Mike Chupp, a student at Baptist High, was named an Eisenhower Scholar and received a \$10,000 scholarship.

Cigarettes were 70 cents a pack.

30 Years Ago This Week - 1991

Bob and Margaret Ann Hillan wrote a letter to the editor to voice their concern over increased theft on the Southside. Someone had swiped their figurines, "Tucker," a flag-waving lad, and "Mother Goose."

Ponderosa served a strip steak dinner and a sundae special for \$4.79.



Perry Meridian High School's Brain Game team defeated Franklin Central 78-56 to win the state title. The squad featured (kneeling) Andy Wilson, Aaron Kemple; (standing) Trevor Grove, coach Mrs. Karty, Clifford Leslie, coach Mrs. Brown and Jim Hauser.

20 Years Ago This Week - 2001

A fire at Sacred Heart Church destroyed the altar, and water and smoke damage was evident through the historic structure. The damage was estimated at more than \$1 million.

Emmaus Lutheran School seventh-grader Matt Muncy won a \$50 savings bond for winning the district competition in the RespectTeen program, which allowed students to voice their opinions in writing on any issue to their U.S. representatives.

At 656 feet long and topping out at 21 mph, Kombo, the city's only roller coaster, was up and running at the Indianapolis Zoo.

Butler graduate and dentist Mark Bohnert received the university's Catharine Merrill Graydon Alumni Award, presented for outstanding community service.

10 Years Ago This Week - 2011

Kent John was a candidate for Indianapolis' City-County Council District 23.

Roncalli juniors Casey Corsaro and Katey Blackwell earned first- and second-place honors, respectively, in the Holy Cross Family Ministries Try Prayer! It Works essay contest.

Located at 1110 Prospect St., Square Rootz was a unique deli that served distinctive sandwiches and sold records, compact discs and artwork.

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SOUTHSIDE DEATHS

STEVEN BRADLEY MOHR, 58, of Indianapolis, passed away on April 22, 2021. He was born on March 7, 1963.

He was a graduate of Perry Meridian High School where he was a member of the golf team. He attended Vincennes University where he played collegiate golf and earned a degree in Aeronautical Aviation. Afterwards he was accepted into Purdue's Aviation Program. Steve had many other interests. In his early years he loved to fly and went on to broker aircraft. He loved all animals with a special connection to his horses. Steve's strong faith started when he was very young and it carried him through his whole life.

Steve enjoyed his time at the lake with family and friends. Being a dad to his daughter, Gabrielle was his greatest joy.

He is survived by his daughter, Gabrielle Madelyn Mohr; mother, Mary Sue Mohr; siblings, Doug (Becky) Mohr, Terri (Bill) Amonett; nephews and niece, Blake Amonett, Dustin (Ashley) Mohr, and Brooke Mohr; great niece, Judah Mohr and great nephew, Charlie Mohr; aunt, Barbara Heiden; and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Richard Mohr, and his grandparents.

Visitation was held yesterday (Tuesday) at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. Funeral service will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. today, (Wednesday) April 28, 2021. Burial will be at Washington Park East Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Talbot House, 1424 Central Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202.

PAID OBITUARY



JUDITH ANN BAUGH, 70, husband, Harold Baugh; son, Tim Smith; stepson, Sean Baugh; brothers, Mike and Mark Archer; four grandchildren.

CYNTHIA "CINDY" KAY BEACH-MCCABE, 69, widow of Robert "Bob" Beach III; sons, Kevin and Brent Beach; sister, Nancy Graves; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

KATHERINE BOTTS, 88, widow of Phillip Botts; daughter, Susan Hobson; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

MARGARETTE S. BROWN, 77, children, Frank Burrello Jr, Daphnee Roseboom; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

ALICE LOUISE BUNTE, 104, widow of Alfred Bunte; children, Judith Dolens, Jack Bunte; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; sister, Norma Jean Casse.

SHIRLEY ANN BURDINE, 73, husband, Floyd Burdine; children, Tammy Vernier and Eric Curl; two grandchildren; siblings, Martha Newsom, Larry and Richard Curl.

DR. MARVIN CRANE CHRISTIE, 90, wife, Dolores Christie; sister, Marjorie Dietel; sons, Dr. Randall Christie, Sean Christie; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

BOBBY H. COOPER, 84, wife, Hazel Cooper; children, Robert and Cora Cooper; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; siblings, Eugene, Gary and Jerry Cooper, Rema Shepard, Diane Hilton.

CHARLES W. CRAFT, 77, wife, Dianna; children, Melinda, Tony, Jamie and Charlie Craft, David and Brent Mears, Jenny Daming, Shara Marlin; 25 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

WALTER "JOE" DEPPE, 86, children, Vicki and Wayne; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

JASON SCOTT DUNCAN, 48, parents, Dianna Dietz and Kenny Duncan; twin brother, Jeremy Duncan; sister, Kellie Renner; daughter, Brittlee.

RONALD ALLEN FOSTER, 75, wife, Judy Foster; sons, Jeff and Chad Foster; three grandsons; seven siblings.

DAVID FRAZIER, 74, wife, Peggy; children, Jennifer Fults, Julie Knight, Dean Frazier and Denise Jones; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

MARY ANN GENTRY, 85, widow of Carl Gentry; daughter, Dorothy Dunkerson.

CAROL ANN GUDINO, 74, husband, Lou Gudino; children, Lisa Minor, Lou Gudino and Dana Kesler; brother, Tom Schramm; four grandchildren.

ARNOLD LEWIS GUSHWA, SR., 70, wife, Juanita Gushwa; daughter, April Gushwa; six grandchildren; stepchildren, Luis Otero, Jr., Lannie Otero, Sr., Adrian and Lisa Otero; 10 step-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren.

PHYLLIS J. HILLIGOSS, 94, daughters, Judith Westerfield and Pamela Jackson; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

DONALD EUGENE HUBBARD, 89, wife, Shirley; sons, Douglas, Mark and Bryan Hubbard Sr.; stepchildren, John and Jeff Weber, John and Ed Starker Jr., Cynthia Harmon.

AMARJEET KAUR JOHAL, 66.

DAVID E. KANAVY, 67, widower of Lu Ann; daughters, Anna Roberts, Rebecca Durnell and Sarah Crossland; two grandchildren.

JASVINDER KAUR, 50.

ANITA "JO" KELLER, 69, widow of Robert Keller, Sr.; sons, Morgan, James and Robert Keller Jr.; siblings, Pamela Adams, Lonnie and Ricky Hinkle; 12 grandchildren.

RICHARD MICHAEL LARKIN, 83, wife, Josephine; children, Richard, Patricia Borne, Pamela Caruso and Gary; seven grandchildren; brothers, James and William.

GREGORY TODD LEMMEL, M.D., 55, wife, Peg; children, Eric, Kyle, Kevin and Kathryn; mother, Sandy Lemmel; siblings, Trevor Lemmel, Missy Schuh and Cristy Hayes; one granddaughter.

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ERIC ANDREW SLINKARD, born June 26, 1973 and passed away of natural causes on April 15, 2021. He graduated from Perry Meridian High School and enlisted with the Army, First Battalion 19th Field Artillery in Fort Sill, OK. He was a Jack-of-All Trades and a Master of Carpentry.

Eric was funny, hard-headed, irritating, relentless and most of all lovable. He was artistic, talented, giving, and an avid fisherman who loved his country, animals, the outdoors, movies, music, and BLTs.

He was a proud father of two, Devin and Kaylee Slinkard. He is survived by his loving mother, Vickie L. Slinkard; his sisters, Amanda Ali and Gwendolyn Slinkard; his brother, Alexander Slinkard; 4 nieces, Amira, Mia, Molly, Josie; and nephew, Noah.

He will be cremated and honored in a private ceremony where his ashes will be scattered at his favorite fishing hole, C'mon. He will be thought of frequently, missed often and loved forever.

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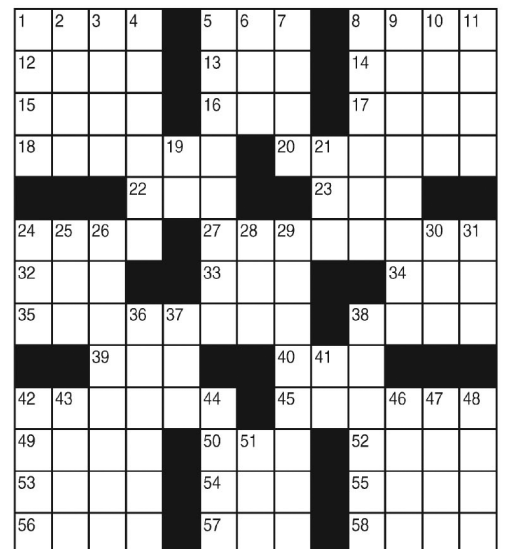
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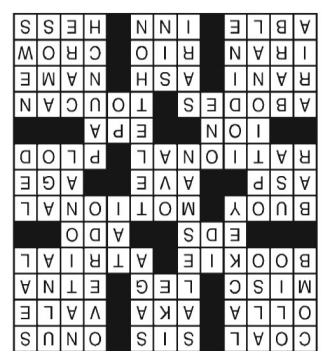
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Motorsports and Sports

Spectator limits in place for IMS events in May

By Al Stille
Editor

My admiration and respect for Indianapolis Motor Speedway owner Roger Penske is no secret.

Penske always introduces me as having started at the Speedway at the same time. Penske Racing made its debut at the Indianapolis 500 in 1969 (actually my second 500) with an immaculately dressed team. Writing then for a newspaper out of Nashville, Tenn., I met him and mentioned that a downtown Nashville Chevrolet dealer had met him a few months before the 500. Penske also took time to be interviewed for a column.

When Penske Racing returned to the Speedway the next year, we met each other in the pit area and, right away, he asked me how things were in Nashville. It was an amazing comment because we had not seen each other for a full year; for him to have made that comment was a testimony to his interest in all people involved in motorsports.

Of course, the rest is history. Penske teams have won a record 18 500-mile races at Indy. His corporation owns the Speedway and the NTT IndyCar Series. He launched millions of dollars of improvements in early 2020 and then COVID-19 hit. As all race fans know, there would be no spectators at the 2020 race.

No other business owner or corporation could have withstood the financial shot that Penske took last year and the organizations were able to survive it. Business-wise and in motorsports, too, most everything that Penske has touched has become successful. He calls it "people equity," but he also is passionate about the Speedway and motorsports.

"Roger brought sanity, I think, to a year in which there was really none," veteran driver Graham Rahal said of 2020. "He brought support and he brought stability."

A few days ago, Penske and the Speedway management of Doug Boles and Mark Miles made a major decision: a limit of 135,000 spectators in grandstands for Race Day, May 30. I'm sure he could have pushed for more, but the Speedway also is responsible to the communities it serves, including the City of Indianapolis and the Marion County Health Department.



(IMS PHOTO BY JOE SKIBINSKI)
Indianapolis Motor Speedway owner Roger Penske, right, is ready to greet fans to the facility in May for the first time since 2020 for the GMR Grand Prix of Indy on the road course May 15 and the 105th running of the Indianapolis 500 May 30. Spectators will also be admitted to practice days and qualifications. Multi-million dollar improvements have been made since Penske purchased the track in late 2019.

The Speedway continues to be a site of mass vaccinations that have totaled more than 100,000 so far with more scheduled during selected days in May. Ideally all fans, 18 years and older, could be vaccinated before the 105th running of the Indianapolis 500.

Tickets for all other on-track days remain available, and the same health precautions for gate entry and grandstand access will be in place: GMR Grand Prix of Indy (May 14-15) and the "500" (practice, May 18-21; qualifications, May 22-23; Carb Day, May 28; and Race Day, May 30). Attendance is limited to 135,000 each day. There will be no concerts for the second straight year.

Fans can apply for Race Day tickets online at ims.com, if additional tickets become available. IMS customers also have the option to roll their 2021 ticket purchase into 2022, receiving IMS event credit rather than attending this year's race.

Also, bronze or silver badges are available for purchase by non-team members or officials but patrons must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination. Paddock attendance will be limited.

It has taken tremendous cooperation among track, city, and health officials to get this far. Meanwhile, it is one step at a time for Penske and the management team. Expectations are high for all 2022 events at the Speedway to be at 100 percent capacity.

Rothrock (Continued from Page 1)

game wasn't just another game," Rothrock recalled. Rothrock's mound habits are the same before every pitch. She has the ball, steps a few feet behind the mound, then approaches, gets set, and fires a pitch, either a rise, fastball, change-up, or curve ball.

She is her own worst critic. "In my mind, there's never room for error," she said. "Personally, I'm hard on myself. When I don't do something right, I try to fix it so I can make my next pitch better than the one before. Every game, I always find something to work on. Usually when I throw a pitch and there's something wrong, I can make an adjustment sooner than later."

Rothrock is reluctant not to be on the mound, but coach Lauck knows he has to produce some depth, particularly for tournaments. He also has utilized senior Carolyn Leister and Kaclin Cash and juniors Kylie Freije and Courtney Keller on the mound.

"She (Rothrock) makes it pretty clear that she wants the ball every game," Lauck said. "She has the mentality and physical endurance and strength to do that. We will have a few more games when we don't have to have her on the mound."

Rothrock says she needs to improve her curve ball and her ability to field as a pitcher.

"She's extremely coachable and humble," Lauck said. "It's a blessing to have that kind of top-level talent."

The Royals have been ranked No. 1 in 4A by the



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLE)
Roncalli sophomore Keagan Rothrock strides and fires to home plate against Center Grove earlier this season. She is ranked by Extra Innings and others as the top pitcher in her class.

state's coaches since defeating Center Grove.

They have an impressive .416 team batting average with 12 players hitting over .400 and led by speedster Chloe Parks, .548 batting average, 17 hits, 13 RBI, and nine stolen bases in 11 tries. Rothrock is hitting .448 with two home runs and eight RBI.

Her parents are Greg and Laura Rothrock, who is a pitching coach at Tincher Pitching. In her last full summer (2019) she was 15-1 with a 0.62 ERA.

Roncalli visited Heritage Christian Tuesday and is host to Franklin Central tonight (Wed.) at 5:30 p.m.

Taylor (Continued from Page 1)

Caleb Furst of Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian is the 2021 Indiana Mr. Basketball. The Indiana All-Stars will play in the annual series against the Kentucky All-Stars on June 11 in Owensboro, Ky., and June 12 at Southport Fieldhouse. The All-Stars will play an exhibition game against the Junior All-Stars at Brownsburg on June 9.

All three dates will be double-headers with the girls All-Star team that includes Roncalli's Maddie Bischoff, a Ball State University recruit.

CG AT VICTORY FIELD

Center Grove, ranked No. 5 among the state's 4A baseball teams, squares off against No. 12 Brownsburg in the Victory Field Classic, Friday, May 7, at 5:30 p.m. The Trojans are in the first game of a double-header that features 3A No. 1 Lebanon against unranked Mooresville at 8 p.m. Each game is its own session, \$5 each, and sold only in pods of two. Limited parking available for \$5 per vehicle. BSN Sports and Franciscan Health are presenting spon-

sors. Health protocols will be in effect. Tickets available at participating high schools, Victory Field box office, 317-269-3545, or Tickets@IndyIndians.com.

MORE HONORS

Former Center Grove baseball coach Dave Gandolph will be honored Saturday for his 800th win as a coach. Gandolph, now head coach at Seccina High School, will be honored at Seccina after the Crusaders game against visiting Heritage Christian. His milestone win came against Eastern Hancock, 14-0, two weeks ago. Gandolph coached at CGHS for 33 years and won 701 games, 15 sectional and four regional championships and one final four appearance. He is a Seccina alumnus.

The Indiana Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) has named Greenwood High School alumnus Jim Higdon as its Assistant Coach of the Year. Higdon has been an assistant mentor for Johnson County teams for 37 years. Higdon will be honored by the IBCA in October.

Guidelines for Those Who Have Been Fully COVID-19 Vaccinated

By Dr. Sarah Stelzner
Eskenazi Health



Dr. Sarah Stelzner
Pediatrician at
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Since the race began in mid-December to quickly vaccinate as many Americans as possible with one of three COVID-19 vaccines, as of now more than 192 million Americans have received at least one inoculation according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The goal is to as speedily as possible achieve herd immunity. This means somewhere between 70-85 percent of the country needs to be immune from COVID-19 before it will stop spreading so rapidly and the variants stop forming.

Many Americans have been fully vaccinated and feel more secure in gradually returning to their normal lives. The CDC states that people who have been fully vaccinated can start to do some things they had ceased doing because of the pandemic, such as gathering and assembling indoors with fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask or staying six feet apart. They may also gather indoors with unvaccinated people of any age from one other household (for example, visiting with relatives who all live together) without masks or staying six feet apart, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness

from COVID-19.

While some, but not all states and municipalities have lifted mask requirements, most businesses still require mask wearing. Also, health care professionals still encourage mask wearing when in public. The CDC states that we should still take steps to protect ourselves and others in many situations, like wearing a mask, staying at least six feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. Those precautions should be adhered to whenever you are in public, gathering with unvaccinated people from more than one other household, visiting with an unvaccinated person who is at increased risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 or who lives with a person at increased risk, and for the time being we should all avoid medium or large-sized gatherings.

In the meantime, the CDC states that they're still learning how effective the vaccines are against variants of the virus that causes COVID-19. Early data show the vaccines may work against some variants but could be less effective against others. Studies with youth and children less than 16 years old are also showing good safety and effectiveness results.

People who believe they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their health care provider immediately. If you are ill with flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, please call your health center or clinic before coming to your appointment. If you are an Eskenazi Health patient, please call 317.880.7666 before coming to your appointment. Health care professionals are available 24/7 to answer questions on symptoms and direct you to the most appropriate care. It is important to first call before arriving at Eskenazi Health.

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