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Children's book

is full of suspense

By B. Scott Mohr
 Editor

What's the end result when combining the talents of an illustrator and a physician who's known to be a gifted storyteller? Well, a promising children's book, of course.

Penned by Dr. Bill Buffie of Indiana Internal Medicine Consultants with illustrations by his son-in-law, Joel Dale, the creative manager of Pacers Sports & Entertainment, "The Blue Ape" is an American folk tale that has been told to children for decades.

"I don't remember when I first heard the story, but I have been telling it to our children and grandchildren for more than 30 years," Buffie said. "But each time I tell it with different embellishments of scary sounds."

He and wife Jo Ellen have an old cassette recording of their son, Sean, telling the story to his sisters, Hannah, Sarah and Claire, who was Miss New York in 2010. It was Sean who coaxed his father to write the book.

The tale begins when Billy, a teenager who got lost while driving on a stormy night, happens upon an old farmhouse and asks the owner if he can spend the night. The strange, bearded farmer is willing to let

Billy stay in the barn out back with one stipulation: "Never touch the blue ape." But snapping crocodiles, hissing king cobras and curiosity get the best of Billy. Upon encountering the blue ape, Billy touches it and is in for the fright of his life before the story ends with a cute twist.

"The message is don't judge others by their appearance – like don't judge a book by its cover," said Buffie, noting that writing the book was fun and gratifying in so many unexpected ways. "It has been a real hoot reading the story in schools, and I enjoyed working with the IJB Book Publishing division. The illustrations by Joel are fabulous; they bring the story to life."

While proving to be a real hit with 3- to 10-year-olds, the book, which has been accepted for the Indiana Historical Society's Holiday Author Fair in



Dr. Bill Buffie



Joel Dale served as the illustrator for "The Blue Ape."



Written by: Bill Buffie
 Illustrated by: Joel Dale



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DR. BILL BUFFIE
 Dr. Bill Buffie shares "The Blue Ape" with his grandchildren (from left), Max, Milo, Logan and Lennon. Not pictured: Tilly.

"'The Blue Ape' is an engaging, heart-pounding story, one that all students would certainly enjoy."

– Vickie Carpenter

Assistant superintendent of Perry Township Schools

FINALIST FOR AWARD



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Indiana Department of Education has named Kelli Sommers, a teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary, as a state finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Sommers and the other five state finalists – all of whom have advanced to the national competition – will be honored during a luncheon Oct. 4.

"Proficiency in mathematics and science is vital to a well-rounded education," said Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Indiana superintendent of public instruction. "I am extremely proud of our Indiana finalists and want to recognize them for their dedication to excellence in these subjects."

The Presidential Awards are the nation's highest honors for teachers of mathematics and science.

Sommers is in the running for a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation.

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Keenan-Stahl Boys & Girls Club received a \$10,000 donation from American Legion Post 355 Aug. 22.

Tim Kirkpatrick (left), commander of the post's Sons of the Legion, presented the check to Bob White (seated), president of the club's board of directors. Also seen is Mark Duhamell, the Sons' finance officer.

White had approached Kirkpatrick for a \$1,000 donation to help fund the club's back-to-school night. One can only imagine the look on White's face when Kirkpatrick said they would contribute \$10,000, of which the post wants \$2,000 earmarked for the club's Christmas dinner.

White said the board was shocked when it got news of the gift. "It's the largest donation given to the board in a long time," he said. The pool served as an appropriate backdrop for the picture as White played a key role in getting it reopened.

About \$4,400 of the donation came from the post's golf outing. "We just want to filter the money back into the community," Kirkpatrick said.

Mayor, chief of police visit Southern Plaza

Mayor Joe Hogsett and Indianapolis Police Chief Bryan Roach did a surprise safety walk at Southern Plaza, 4200 S. East St., on Aug. 22 after a press conference in the parking lot.

They walked throughout the center and met with merchants and shoppers for more than two hours.

Property manager Chris Truran, said, "The looks on their faces were hilarious when the mayor walked up and said, 'Hello, I'm Joe, the mayor, and this is Bryan, our chief of police.'"

Hogsett and Roach were checking on safety concerns that merchants and shoppers had, and if there was anything that they could be doing better.



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 Jim (left) from Books on Sale, shook hands with Mayor Joe Hogsett when he dropped in for a visit.



A clerk from Rue21 (left), Chris Truran (yellow shirt) the mayor and Police Chief Bryan Roach were discussing safety concerns.

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PLAYING ROLE IN FIRE SAFETY



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Perry Township Schools art teachers (from left) Rachel Hill, Breanna Bierod, Jennifer Bastien, Bruce Thompson, Kayla Shouse and Tina White painted graphics for the Indianapolis Fire Department's Survive Alive program.

The initiative teaches elementary age children about fire safety and how to escape a burning building.

FUNDS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES



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On behalf of the Beech Grove Lions Club, Don Stowers made a monetary contribution to South Grove Intermediate School Principal Tonya Reid so the school could purchase supplies.

Perry Perspectives

Perry Township Schools



It is our privilege to educate every student who walks through our doors, and we do not take our community's trust for granted.

In addition to offering every child a 21st century learning experience, we also make school safety a priority, especially in these challenging times.

We recently accepted 20 handheld metal detectors provided by the State of Indiana. Each of our officers will be given one for their patrol cars, and each school will receive one in case they need to use it to assess a potential threat. Additionally, we have several policies and programs in place to help us provide a safe environment for all students, staff and visitors.

School police

Under the leadership of Chief David Stalcup, our Perry Township School Police Department is a constant presence within our school community.

The department consists of 10 full-time and nine part-time officers who patrol each of our 22 schools. They also provide security at school and district events, as deemed necessary. The department's K-9 unit detects the presence of drugs, alcohol and explosives on school property, as needed.

Disaster drills

Our police officers lead "Run. Hide. Fight." training in each of our schools. The response plan teaches educators and students what to do in the event of an active shooter situation. We are required by law to perform one of these drills each semester. Teachers and administrators also lead one tornado drill per semester and one fire drill per month.

Secure entrances

The entryways at all schools are designed so visitors must be admitted to the office before gaining access to secure areas of the building.

Guests are required to present a driver's license or other acceptable form of government-issued identification before signing in.

All district employees have received personalized ID badges that allow front office staff

at each school to match the employee's face to the badge's photo.

Video surveillance systems also help administrators monitor activity at each building.

Safety committee

Our safety committee consists of building administrators, central office staff and school police who meet monthly to review and revise our safety procedures.

Each member is a school safety specialist through the Indiana Department of Education's School Safety Specialist Academy. The specialists must attend two professional development days per year at the academy to remain certified.

Counselors and social workers

Counselors are available to help students navigate academics, mental health and social challenges. Guidance departments and teachers receive ongoing training about recognizing students who need support so they can appropriately intervene.

Social workers are also available to assist students, families and teachers in addressing problems that could negatively affect students' emotional growth or academic outcomes.

Safety hotline

Our safety hotline – 317-789-3905 – was created for students to report situations such as drugs, bullying and threats of violence. However, urgent threats and emergencies should be reported immediately to the closest administrator or teacher.

We take seriously the safety of all our students. We pride ourselves in being prepared for these rare but very possible events.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Perry Township School Police Department's cars are getting decals urging people to report any suspicious activity they see.

LEARNING ABOUT BUSINESS



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Gary Smith (fourth from right in front), aka "The Computer Guy," recently spoke to students in Lutheran High School's introduction to business class, where he discussed entrepreneurship.

The students said they enjoyed hearing how Smith launched his career and what his plans are for the future.

He is seen with teacher Lori Dunn (left) and her students (in no particular order) Jonas Akers, Spencer Barnett, Grant Bell, Abby Caston, Sam Enlow, Nik Jeffries, Jacob Kelley, Samantha Klinge, Marcus McFadden, Hannah Mielke, Garrett Pritchard, Evan Rudicle, Alexis Skojac and Hunter Williams.

Free dental services available

In conjunction with Free Dentistry Day Saturday, Sept. 15, Honey Grove Family Dentistry, 1711 S. State Road 135, Suite B, Greenwood, will provide free dental services from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Patients can choose between a free cleaning, filling or extraction on a first-come, first-served basis.

"We understand that many people in our community haven't been to the dentist for a long period of time," said Dr. Christian Popovicu. "Some don't understand the importance of dental health and how it relates to overall health, but more often than not, they don't have the financial means."

"This event is a great opportunity for us to share our time and resources with those less fortunate and give back to the community. We hope to encourage patients to adopt an ongoing oral care regimen."

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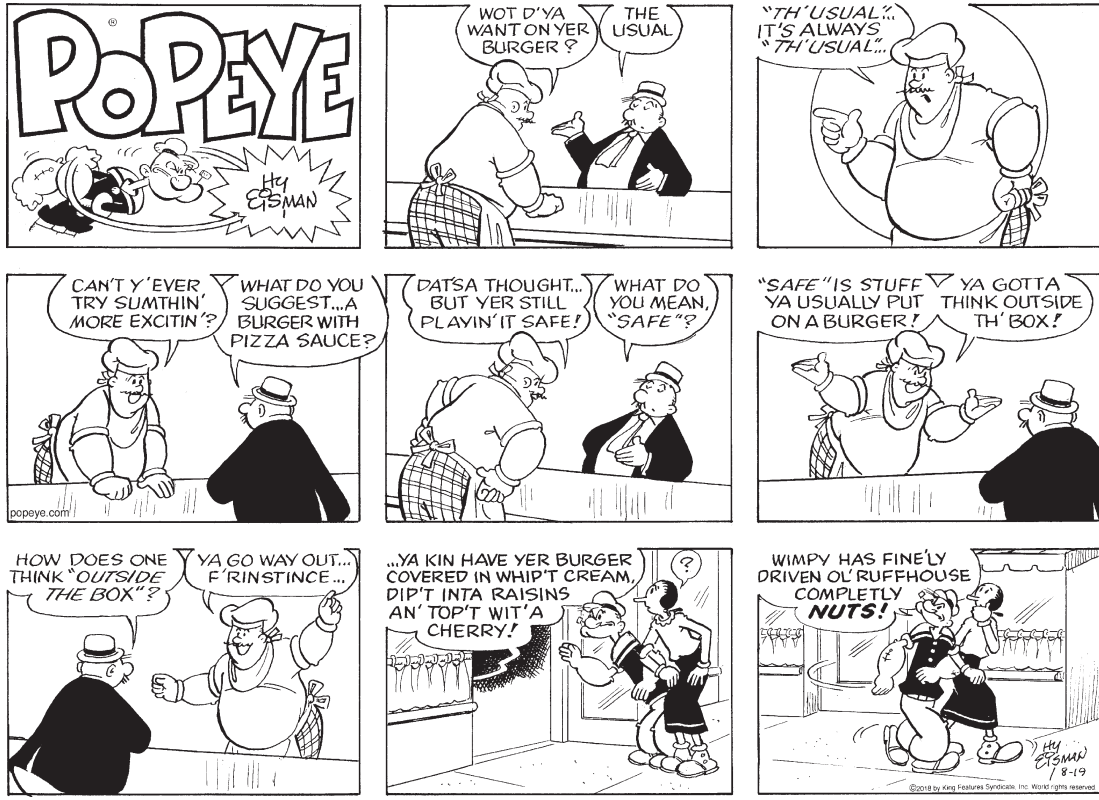
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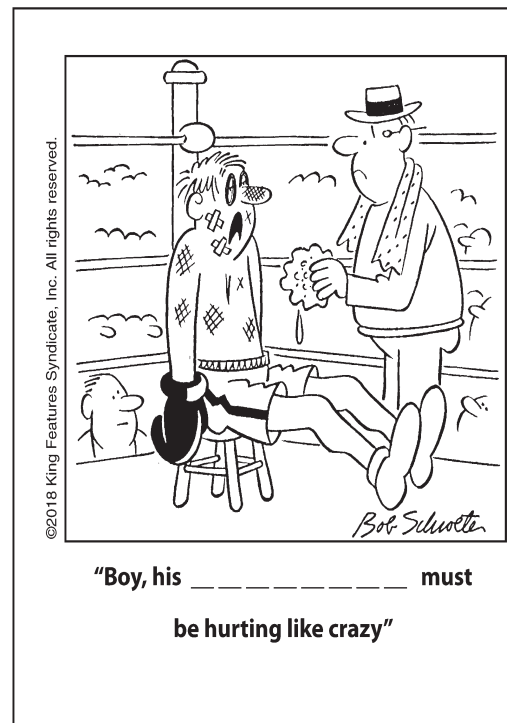
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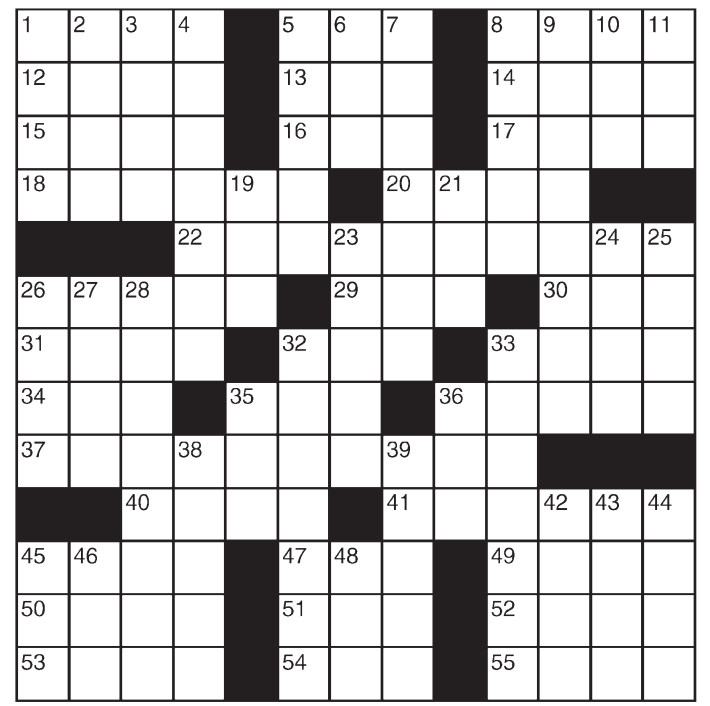
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- Chide: **CLODS** [] [] [] [] [] []
- Peep: **QUEKES** [] [] [] [] [] []

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Edinburgh resident
- 5 Letterman's network
- 8 Tibetan priest
- 12 Unaccompanied
- 13 Illustrations
- 14 Acknowledge
- 15 Feedback contents
- 16 Neither partner
- 17 Transaction
- 18 Sloshed
- 20 Portent
- 22 What Sedaka said was "hard to do"
- 26 Side road
- 29 Tex- cuisine
- 30 Historic time
- 31 "So be it"
- 32 Dr.'s study
- 33 Work units
- 34 Hockey venue
- 35 Author Fleming
- 36 Beginning
- 37 Recording
- 40 Sea eagle
- 41 Humans
- 45 Short skirt
- 47 Trawler need
- 49 Sailor's jail
- 50 Probability



- 51 Mai - (cocktail)
- 52 Protracted
- 53 Swanky
- 54 Curved line
- 55 Rams' mates
- 7 Caressed
- 8 Burdened
- 9 Comic-book team, with "The"
- 10 Extinct bird
- 11 Piercing tool
- 19 Attempt
- 21 Blend
- 23 Alter a text
- 24 Incite
- 25 History
- 26 Fisherman's supply
- 27 Village People hit
- 28 Saturdays and Sundays
- 32 Purplish-red shade
- 33 Dignify
- 35 Hostel
- 36 Have bills
- 38 Hibernian
- 39 Eye-related
- 42 Front of a ship
- 43 Profession
- 44 Omelet basis
- 45 Swab
- 46 Altar affirmative
- 48 Corn spike

DOWN

- 1 No neatnik
- 2 Furnace fuel
- 3 Aware of
- 4 "No nukes" agreement
- 5 Hiawatha's transport
- 6 Buddy

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CryptoQuip

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

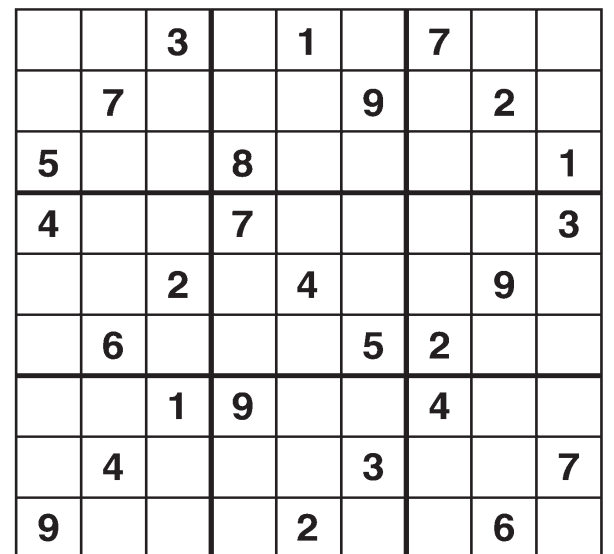
Clue: J equals P

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GKJJMXD VQ HM HBS KXA DVZQXS,
AQ JMQJYM EQXDBAMZ LM K
GMWVF YMWVF?

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

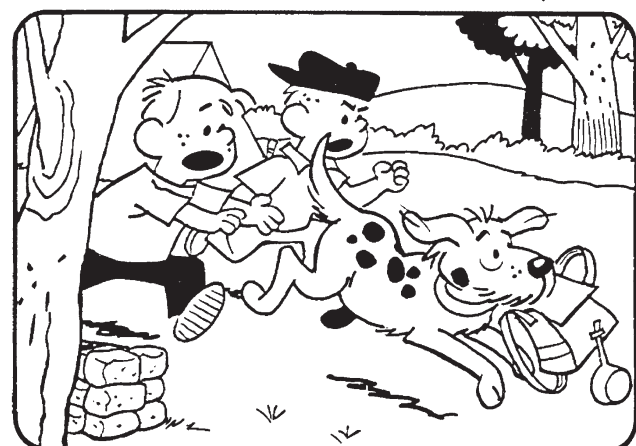
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shirt is different. 2. Firewood is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Hat dogs are missing. 5. Trash can is missing. 6. Strap is shorter.

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With your Arian charm quotient at an almost all-time high this week, plus all the facts to back you up, you just might win over the last doubters to your proposal.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might be in line for that job change you applied for. But be advised that you could be called on to defend your qualifications against supporters of other applicants.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a new approach to an old idea is one way to get beyond that workplace impasse. No such problems in your personal life, where things continue to flow smoothly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be more forthcoming about your feelings concerning a proposed change either in your workplace or in your personal life. Your opinions are valuable. Don't keep them hidden.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) A changing situation in your life needs more patience than you appear to be willing to offer. Allowing it to develop at its own pace is the wisest course you can take at this time.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With more stability in your life -- on both personal and professional levels -- this could be a good time to strengthen relationships with both friends and colleagues.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) People have always relied on your integrity not only to get the job done, but to get it done right. So don't be pressured by anyone into cutting corners to save time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While others might get rattled over unexpected changes, your ability to adapt calmly and competently helps you make a positive impression during a crucial period.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A changing environment might be daunting for some, but the adventurous Sagittarian takes it all in stride. A friend from the past could awaken some meaningful memories.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-assurance rising to full strength, the bold Goat should feel confident about opening up to new ventures as well as new relationships.

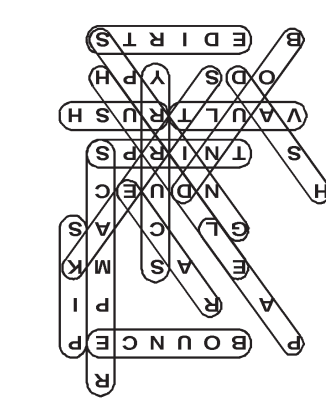
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reaching out to someone who has been unkind to you might not be easy. But in the long run it will prove to have been the right thing to do. A friend offers moral support.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your keen insight once again helps you work through a seem-

ingly insoluble problem in your workplace. The weekend offers a good chance to develop new relationships.
BORN THIS WEEK: You have a knack for finding details that others would overlook. You would make a fine research scientist.
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Because I am a southpaw who happens to be big and strong, do people consider me a hefty lefty?

answer



SPRING AHEAD



Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers
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6 8 3 2 1 4 7 5
9 7 4 6 5 9 3 2 8
2 4 3 7 7 6 1 7
8 5 1 6 7 6 4 3 2
3 6 8 1 6 5 2 7 4
7 1 2 3 4 8 5 9 6
4 5 7 9 2 1 8 3
5 2 6 8 9 3 7 6 4 1
1 7 4 6 5 9 3 2 8
6 8 3 2 1 4 7 5

Weekly SUDOKU

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

* It was Scott Adams, best known as the creator of the "Dilbert" comic strip, who made the following observation: "Give a man a fish, and you'll feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and he'll buy a funny hat. Talk to a hungry man about fish, and you're a consultant."

* As fall approaches, here's some good news: Except for the queens, all wasps die in the autumn.

* Do you suffer from misanthropy? Quite a few people these days seem to; it's a hatred or fear of change or innovation.

* Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, it's estimated that Americans eat a whopping 818 hot dogs every second.

* In 1938, Fortune magazine published a prediction that, in

hindsight, turns out to have been rather egregiously off the mark: "Few scientists foresee any serious or practical use for atomic energy. They regard the atom-splitting experiments as useful steps in the attempt to describe the atom more accurately, not as the key to the unlocking of any new power."

Thought for the Day: "Should you shield the canyons from the windstorms, you would never see the true beauty of their carvings."
-- Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

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Flashes win; Cards ground Falcons

Southport quarterback Eddie Schott throws six touchdown passes

By Al Stille
Senior staff writer

“Protect This House” is the sign that is posted in the Franklin Central hallway above the doors that lead to the football field at Ray Skillman Stadium.

Playing on their artificial turf for the first time Friday, the Flashes defeated rival 5A No. 9 Roncalli 14-7 for the first time in seven years. FC’s offense, which was grounded last week at Decatur Central, popped for two touchdowns, and the defense held the Rebels to 1.8 yards per carry.

Franklin Central senior quarterback Dylan Bishop connected with Bryce Durm on a 6-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter, and leading rusher Peyton McClendon broke loose for a 69-yard TD in the third quarter.

“The kids are proud to have the field and the fan base like we have; the crowd was fantastic,” FC coach Grant Lewis said. “It is so nice to have the best stadium in the state. We want to keep it rolling, keep shocking people.”

“This is awesome,” Bishop said. “Their defense was tough, but we came out and punched them in the mouth.”

Roncalli mounted a fourth-quarter comeback with a 25-yard TD pass from sophomore QB Cole Beckman to Luke Dill with four minutes left. The Rebels then held McClendon to 6 yards in three plays to force a punt with 2:19 to go.

Beckman, starting in place of injured senior Alex Volk (broke leg last week in season opener against Southport), completed four-of-six passes for 21 yards and moved the ball to the FC 43, but the Flashes (1-1) forced four straight incompletions.

Beckman finished the night 23-of-46 for 152 yards, the third-most completions and second-most attempts in program history. Dill set a single-game school record with 11 catches.

FC’s defense stifled Roncalli’s run game, stopping the Rebels (0-2) on their first 12 drives without a score and holding senior workhorse Elijah Mahan to only 58 yards on 17 carries.

“Everybody (defense) did their job; we flew to the ball,” defensive end Steven Edwards said. “We wanted to make sure we sat on the edge and not let them escape outside. Then when their quarterback dropped we wanted to give him all the pressure we could and have our D-backs clamp down on their receivers.”

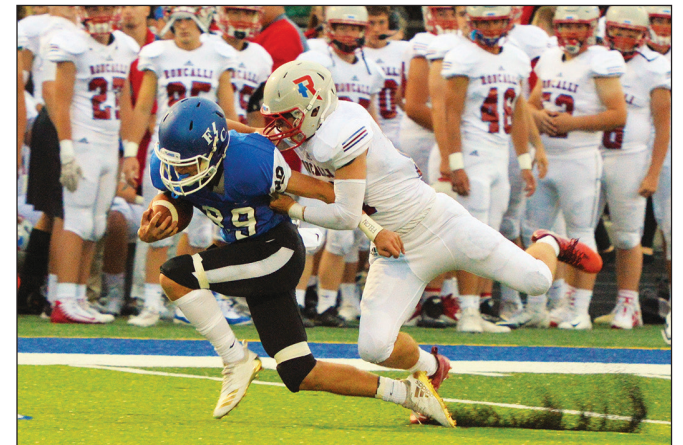
Roncalli D-back Patrick Cherry recovered a fumble on the FC 34, but the Rebels could not cash in due to a 1-yard loss, a holding penalty and two runs for lost yardage. The failed series and subsequent punt led to the Flashes’ first scoring drive, which featured a 46-yard



Franklin Central quarterback Dylan Bishop just barley gets rid of the ball before being hit by Roncalli senior John Harris.



Roncalli cheerleaders celebrate their victory over Franklin Central in the Chick-fil-A Challenge, a contest to see which school's fans spent the most money at the Southport restaurant.



Bryce Durm of the Flashes is tackled from behind by Dylan Lewis.



Franklin Central's 1998 state cross country championship team was honored during the Flashes-Rebels football game.

See “Football” Page 5



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Roncalli senior receiver Luke Dill is brought down hard by Franklin Central linebacker Mario Coles.

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Roncalli Salutes Volleyball Coach of the Year John Kesterson



Congratulations to Roncalli Boys Volleyball Head Coach John Kesterson for being named the 2018 Volleyball Coach of the Year by the IBVCA (Indiana Boys Volleyball Coaches Association).

In his second year at the helm, Coach Kesterson led the Rebels to a state title with a four-game win over Cathedral.

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BURNIN' UP THE COURSE



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Roncalli’s boys varsity and junior varsity cross country teams finished third and first, respectively, at the Joe Harvey Circle City Conference Championship Aug. 18 at Brebeuf.

Senior Nick Perkins (Top) earned his third All-Conference honors by finishing second with a time of 16 minutes, 21 seconds. Junior Sam George was also named All-Conference after posting a time of 18:08 and finishing 10th.



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Football (Continued from Page 4)

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A Rebels drive in the third quarter ended with a fourth-down 12-yard loss due to a bad snap. "The kids played hard, but we struggled most of the game and that's on me," second-year Roncalli coach Scott Marsh said. "They played a smart game."

Battle of Perry Township

Southport quarterback Eddie Schott tied a school record with six touchdown passes Friday as the visiting Cardinals dominated Perry Meridian (0-2) 49-21 in the Battle of Perry Township.

Schott's scoring strikes ranged from 5 to 35 yards. He completed 26-of-37 passes for 428 yards, and the Cardinals (2-0) racked up 597 yards of offense.

Beech Grove (2-0) blanked Park Tudor 51-0, and Manual (1-1) defeated Lighthouse East 32-6. Greenwood (1-1) found its balanced attack (192 yards rushing and 154 yards passing) to defeat Indian Creek 43-18. Quarterback Oliver Rau threw for two touchdowns and, running backs Nick Willham and Nick Williams each scored twice.

Lutheran (1-1) came from behind to defeat Ritter, 32-21 with two touchdown passes from Blake White to Dante Adams in the fourth quarter in an Indiana Crossroads game.

Top-10 ranked 6A Center Grove (0-2) lost to New Palestine 31-9.

Friday's games (7 p.m.) – Beech Grove at Speedway; Brownsburg at Franklin Central; Carmel at Center Grove; Chatard at Roncalli; Lutheran at Triton Central; Manual at Washington; Martinsville at Greenwood; Perry Meridian at Franklin; and Columbus North at Southport.



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY NATHAN PACE
Southport kicker Colbi Cocherell and Cameron Church had a work-out on kickoffs Friday night against Perry Meridian as the Cardinals scored seven touchdowns.



Southport wide receiver Ryan Lezon catches a touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter to put the Cardinals up 42-14 over the Falcons. Southport won 49-21.

RONCALLI'S ALL-CONFERENCE RUNNER



Roncalli's girls varsity and junior varsity cross country teams finished fourth at the Joe Harvey Circle City Conference Championship Aug. 18 at Brebeuf.

Freshman Ashley Flick (second from left) earned All-Conference honors, finishing ninth with a time of 21 minutes, 11 seconds. Other top varsity finishers for the Rebels were freshman Lauren Turk, 12th with a time of a 21:38, followed by freshman Livia Ianni, sophomore Anna Vane and junior Trinity Gleitz.

Recording personal bests were sophomores Emily Langston (25:50) and Anna Vane (25:33).
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COUNTY VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS



Roncalli freshmen volleyball players (from left) Amanda Sorenson, Paris Johnson and Charlie Young were joyous after winning the Marion County tournament Aug. 25. The Rebels defeated Lawrence North, Brebeuf Jesuit and Perry Meridian en route to winning the crown.
Roncalli was led in the title match by Ellie Hovanec with 16 kills, Ally Walesky with 26 assists and Sofia Reutebuch with four kills and four blocks.

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NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE RONCALLI 'FAMILY'



With the new school year, Roncalli welcomed its new teachers, who are well-versed in a variety of subjects (from left): Jennifer Riedford, Spanish; Maddie Mulinaro, social studies; Louise Hibner, German; Grace Dubrowski, STARS Program; Thomas Sheridan; religious studies; Don Elbreg, industrial technology; Kaitlin Hinesley, biology. Not pictured: Erin Eagan, STARS teaching assistant; Jeen Endris, director of communications and events; Elizabeth Schoettle, STARS teaching assistant; Angela Hage, guidance counselor; Joey Kirk, web design; and Joe Lustig, mathematics. The school's annual canned food drive continues through Friday. Nonperishable items and monetary donations can be dropped off at the school from 6:50-7:20 a.m. today through Friday and from 3:10-3:40 today and Thursday.

WESTERN ART SHOW



"The Pathfinder," by Mark Maggiori, will be among more than 200 works of art on display Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7 and 8, at the 13th annual "Quest for the West" art show and sale at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, 500 W. Washington St. The event will attract art collectors from across the nation for the opportunity to meet important artists in the Western genre and purchase their work, including drawings, paintings and sculptures. Reservations are required and cost between \$75 and \$350 per person. "Quest" artworks will open to the public Sunday, Sept. 9, and remain on exhibit for another four weeks. Info: www.quest.eiteljorg.org.

Electronic cigarettes pose major health concerns



By Dr. Sarah Stelzner Eskenazi Health pediatrician

Electronic cigarettes – also known as vapor cigarettes – have become a popular alternative to regular cigarettes because users are looking for a less harmful alternative to tobacco, and others use them in a similar way as nicotine replacement therapy. However, the medical profession cites that there are some major health concerns associated with these cigarettes.

All e-cigarettes contain a small cartridge filled with a liquid, as well as a heating element, which is initiated by using a battery. This causes the liquid to vaporize so that it can be inhaled. Smoking an e-cigarette is also referred to as vaping. A variety of products are available. There are e-cigarettes with pre-filled cartridges (different flavors are available) that are removed and replaced after use. Other models contain fixed tanks that you refill with e-liquid yourself. Some e-cigarettes even have software that allows you to adjust the electric voltage and record information such as how often and how much you inhale. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, young people are more likely than adults to use e-cigarettes. In 2016 more than 2 million U.S. middle and high school students used e-cigarettes within a 30-day period, which translates to 4.3 percent of middle schoolers and 11.3 percent of high schoolers. In 2016, 3.2 percent of adults were e-cigarette users. Compared to smoking tobacco and using medications to quit smoking, e-cigarettes are relatively inexpensive. However, according to the CDC, e-cigarette aerosol that users inhale can contain harmful substances that include nicotine and diacetyl flavoring, which is a chemical linked to a serious lung disease. Users are also subject to inhaling ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deep into the lungs, volatile organic compounds, cancer-causing chemicals and heavy metals such as nickel, tin and lead. Young children have been known to drink the harmful liquid flavoring and will use the vaping system to smoke cannabinoid oil. In addition to the common dangers of vaping, defective e-cigarette batteries have been known to trigger fires – and in some cases – explosions that have caused serious injuries. If you or your child are in need of a doctor for health care needs, call 317-880-8687 or visit www.eskenazihealth.edu/doctors.

The Blue Ape (Continued from Page 1)

Indiana Historical Society's Holiday Author Fair in December, can be enjoyed by all ages. Sales are doing well through www.blueapebook.com, but Buffie doesn't know the count. "I've sold many out of the trunk of my car. Every day I get a text or an email from someone who likes the book." Vickie Carpenter, assistant superintendent of Perry Township Schools, said "The Blue Ape" is an engaging, heart-pounding story, one that all students would certainly enjoy. "The Blue Ape" is a fun and exciting book for all ages," said Mita Sanghi, a master teacher at MacArthur and Rosa Parks kindergarten academies. "The plot had me guessing what would happen to Billy until the end. I would definitely recommend this

book to teachers and families." "I am confident kids of all ages will love the suspense in this story," said Jill Voris, a fourth-grade teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary. "I appreciate the 'Blue Ape' glossary and learning corner with guided questions to get kids thinking more deeply. I can think of many reading skills and strategies that would apply too. I can't wait to use it in my classroom." "Oh my gosh, that book was awesome," said Kelli Towles, Indiana Pacers director of community relations. "I literally laughed out loud when I got to the end. So great, we will definitely be reading this as part of one of our Rookie Read stories this year." Buffie, who would love to get Pacers star Victor Oladipo to do the rap at the end of the

book, a rap version of the book, has done multiple readings at various schools with more to come. He and Dale will be at the Greenwood Park Mall Barnes & Noble at 11:30 a.m. Saturday for a reading and a signing. The book retails at \$17.99 with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Perry Township Education Foundation. The book will soon be sold at Franciscan Health's gift shop to benefit the Grace Project, which helps drug-addicted mothers and their babies. Buffie said he looks forward to partnering with PTAs for fundraisers, making books available to them for less than wholesale. Buffie attended Northwestern University on a baseball scholarship and graduated from Indiana University School of Medicine.

His wife was on the Perry Township School Board for eight years and is president of the Baxter YMCA's board of directors. They are strong supporters of public education and advocate – through their work and volunteerism – for diversity and inclusion. The creative juices continue to flow for Buffie as he is already tossing around the idea for a sequel.



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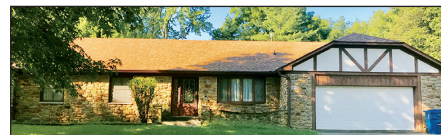
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Skillman seeks second U.S. Nationals

By Al Stille
Senior staff writer

The return of 2017 Pro Stock winner Drew Skillman of Greenwood and memories of the late Bob Glidden promise to make the 64th annual Chevrolet Performance U.S. Nationals one to remember.

The "Big Go" runs through Monday with finals in four NHRA pro classes plus the popular 3E Spark Plug Pro Mod Series and various Sportsman classes. Pro time trial runs begin Friday at Lucas Oil Raceway, a few miles west of Indianapolis on Highway 136.

Skillman, the grandson of Greenwood-based auto dealership owner Ray Skillman, rolled into the Nationals last year with three Pro-Stock wins over a four-race stretch. He finished 21-thousandths of a second ahead of Minnesota native Greg Anderson for the coveted Wally trophy.

"It is the biggest race of the year; the one I've always wanted to win," Skillman said. "I was in the right place at the right time."

This time, the third-generation drag racer enters the dragstrip in a slump. He has dropped from fifth to ninth in points in his last four races and has gone beyond the first round only once. Previously, he was the fastest qualifier at the Four-Wide Nationals near Charlotte, N.C., and had reached the semifinal round five times.

Still winless this season but determined, Skillman said, "We definitely have something to prove. Pro Stock competition this year is more

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— Drew Skillman

competitive than ever. Our goal is to get back on track and win."

Skillman did not have an explanation for the recent slump with the 500-cubic-inch Ray Skillman Automotive Group Camaro. The team tested last week at Lucas Oil Raceway but spent last weekend testing at Norwalk, Ohio.

"We're not showing up to lose," said Skillman, who will be among 10 drivers in the playoffs that begin after the U.S. Nationals.

The top five in Pro Stock points are Anderson, Tanner Gray, Erica Enders, Vincent Noble and Jeg Coughlin Jr.

Skillman also will compete in the Sportsman Stock Eliminator class, which he won at Charlotte in the familiar red Ford Cobra Jet.

His father, Bill, and grandfather Ray will compete in two different Sportsman classes.

Pro Stock roots are legendary because of the fame of the late Bob Glidden, who died Dec. 17, three months after the 2017 Nationals.

Glidden gained fame while living in Whiteland by winning 10 Pro Stock championships, nine U.S. Nationals titles and 85 Pro Stock races. He was inducted into the International Motorsports and NHRA Halls of Fame. He is No. 4 on NHRA's ranking of its most famous drivers. He retired in 1997.

Glidden, wife Etta and sons Rusty and Bill were his team.

Bill Glidden continues the family legacy, utilizing the same shop that his father used on Franklin Road in Whiteland.

He competes in Pro Mod after racing in a Ford Mustang class and Pro Stocks. Bill is married to Greenwood native Shannon Springer Glidden, his crew chief.

Driving a Skillman Auto Group 1968 Camaro with a 903 cubic-inch engine, the second-generation driver faces an uphill battle in Pro Mod, the fastest growing professional class in drag racing with 32 entries in the Nationals.

Glidden competed in the Night of Thunder at LOR in May and recently in a Midwest Pro Mod Series event in Bowling Green, Ky., but failed to qualify for the elimination rounds. He reached the Pro Mod semifinals in 2016 but was a fifth of a second off the qualifying pace last year at the Nationals.

In tests last week at LOR, Courtney Force topped the chart in Top Fuel with a run of 330.55 mph/3.739 seconds.

Local entries in Sportsman classes include: Super Stock: Sam Tufano, Whiteland, '05 Camaro 327; Kristi Shipp, formerly of Whiteland, '69 Camaro 305. Stock Eliminator: Joey Shipp, Southside, '69 Chevy 350. Super Comp: Ronald Finney, Greenwood, '11 dragster Schmidt 618. Super Gas: Robert Goodrich, '93 Ford with a 434 Chevy; Pamela Kuehner, Greenwood, '96 S-10 Chevy 427; Finney, '69 Buick GS with a Chevy 605.

Mello Yello Drag Racing Series qualifying will feature two rounds at 1:40 and 4:20 p.m. Friday and the final two rounds of qualifying Saturday at 12:45 and 3:45 p.m.; final eliminations are scheduled for 11 a.m. Sunday. More info: visit www.nhra.com.



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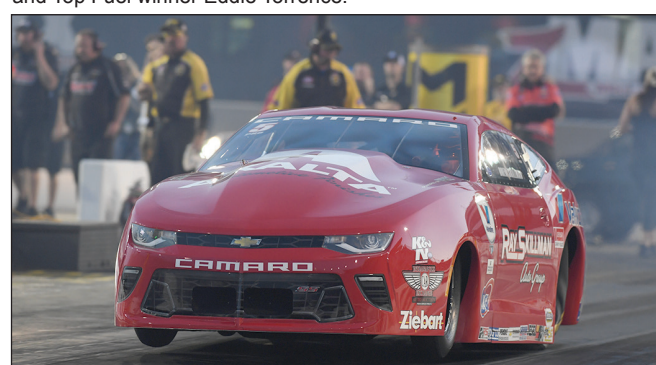
Pro Mod drag racer Bill Glidden (left) shared a moment at the U.S. Nationals in 2016 with Pro Stock legend Bob Glidden of Whiteland, who died three months after the 2017 Nationals. Bob Glidden won 10 NHRA Pro Stock titles and nine U.S. Nationals championships.



NHRA PHOTOS

Skillman (second from left) was one of four pro champions at the 2017 U.S. Nationals at Lucas Oil Raceway in Brownsburg.

Skillman, who won the Pro Stock title for the first time, is with (from left) motorcycle champion Eddie Krawiec, Funny Car champ J.R. Todd and Top Fuel winner Eddie Torrence.



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