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Isaiah 43:19 (NLT)



America!

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By Lucie Winborne * Fireflies are the most efficient producers of light in the

* Snake Venom, the world's strongest beer, has an alcohol

level of 67.5%. * Anuptaphobia is the fear of being single forever.

* Asian hair grows 30% faster than Caucasian hair.

* The soft drink Mountain Dew was created in Tennessee in the 1940s as a mixer for whiskey, hence its name (a slang term for moonshine). (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc

Hawks' Hernandez wrestles to state finals

By Steve Page Correspondent

When luck of the draw does not go your way, you must improvise and

Alejandra Hernandez did just that during Friday's Indiana High School Girls Wrestling semi-state at Moores-

The Decatur Central junior found herself in the second pairing of the top bracket at 145 pounds.

After pinning Switzerland County sophomore Maleah Wolf in 1:12 of their opening match, Hernandez was pitted against top-seeded Bloomington South sophomore Victoria Moore.

No problem.

Hernandez pinned Moore at 5:46 of their six-minute match, meaning she would be one of the top four seeds at that weight. The top four advance to the Jan. 12 state finals in

"Some girls got bad draws at semi-state, and that happens," said Hawk girls' coach Blake Schjoll. "Alejandra did what she could with her draw and wrestled phenomenally by pinning her first girl, and then with a late-second pin to punch her ticket to go to state.

She executed what we've been working on the whole week, and it

shows that hard work and determination pays off. So now we just go back to the drawing board and try to improve on what we need to improve on for this upcoming weekend state."

Undefeated Paige Cook of Booneville stopped Hernandez in the semifinal round. The Hawk then dropped a decision to Columbus East junior Eden Knight in the match to determine third and fourth places. Hernandez is 21-14 on the season.

Sophomore Hawk Lydia Mulbah started well at 155 pounds, pinning Arianna Andis of Bedford North Lawrence in 1:42. But in the quarterfinals, she was stopped by eventual runnerup Maylie Skinner of Madison Consolidated, finishing her season at 27-10.

Senior Bailee Kennedy (135 pounds), junior Madison Oliver Prieto (170) and junior Kiomara Cruz Bonilla (190) competed, but fell in the opening round.

"I'm very proud of how our girls wrestled, not just this past week, but all season," Schjoll said. "A lot of our girls were first-year wrestlers and they stuck with it throughout the whole season.

The Hawk boys were busy as well, competing in the Jennings County Invitational. They won four of five matches to finish second in the eightteam tournament.



Hawk diamond teams looking

Decatur Central names Co-

Need seeds to plant? The

Hawks (baseball and softball)

Hawks sing and dance to new

more than ready to move forward

Valedictorians, Salutatorian

library has them

(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY STEVE PAGE) Decatur Central junior Alejandra Hernandez slips to the side to avoid a takedown try by Paige Cook of Booneville during the 145-pound, semi-state match.

for more

Top stories of 2023

The Southsider Voice's Decatur Township zoned edition published many interesting stories in 2023. You, our readers, can determine the top ones. Using this ballot, mark 10 selections from 1 to 10 with 1 being the most important.

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young pitching staff

to pair veterans with freshmen

team) ready to hit the diamond

Season Hawks (baseball

May concerts cap a season of building Decatur can see backpacks clearly now Dear DC: Give Jef Farmer his DT Community Day keeps growing Hawks (football) foil Falcons with another rally Hawks splash to share of MSC Hawks adjust, roll to regional Hawks fly to championship

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Hawks (boys basketball) looking for some togetherness

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Brown, Thomas wrestle to state finals

With 37 teams competing from all over the state, it was quite a feat to finish in a top-four spot of the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling semi-state at Mooresville.

Those who placed among the top four earned a berth to the Jan. 12 state finals in

Aaliyah Brown and Leila Thomas did more than just qualify.

Brown, a Center Grove sophomore, won the 100-pound weight championship.

Thomas, a Whiteland senior, was also victorious, winning the 170-pound title.

By winning, they should go as top seeds to the state finals. Those finals will be conducted Jan. 12 in the Kokomo Gymnasium. Weigh-ins begin at 10 a.m., with wrestling at 11.

Girls' wrestling, deemed an emerging sport by the IHSAA is conducted by the IHSGW, but follows IHSAA guidelines and rules. In that, this tournament mirrored those conducted in the postseason by the Indiana High

School Athletic Association. Brown made the most of her day as the Trojans' lone competitor.

After receiving a bye in the first round, she pinned Maya Bullock of Madison Consolidated in 3:38 of their sixminute match. In the semifinal round, Brown pinned Brylee Wilkinson of Sullivan in 4:42.

That vaulted her into the championship match, where she battled on even terms with Mooresville freshman Kaydie Epley before registering a 3-1 decision and improving her record to 18-2.

Thomas, 26-3, worked her way along a similar path with speedy results.

After a first-round bye, she needed just 44 seconds to pin Allison Poole of Columbus East. She took just 75 seconds to

stick Borden senior Mackenzie Weatherford. That lifted her into the championship match, where she faced top-seeded Alex Brown, a Northview junior who had also pinned her way into the finale. No

ready for my shot there.

Four other Whiteland teammates met with mixed results.



Mooresville.

IHSGW

SEMI STATE

Whiteland senior Leila Thomas is all smiles after winning

the 170-pound championship in Saturday's IHSGW semi-state at

(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO



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(PHOTO COURTESY BETH KREJSA) Decisioning Mooresville's Kaydie Epley in the 100-pound championship match of Saturday's semi-state in the Pioneers' Curry Center Gymnasium proved to be a hair-raising experience for Center Grove's Aaliyah Brown.

quarterfinal round by eventual champion Hannah Seitzinger of Indian Creek, finishing her season at 12-18.

A similar fate befell junior Kylie Alltop. She opened with a pin

of 3:25 against Justice Lambert of Evansville FJ Reitz, but was eliminated by eventual third-place finisher of Rebecca Snider of

Junior Ramya Flaherty (110 pounds) and freshman Marin Wigginton (155) fell to the eventual runnerup at their respective

Greenwood's lone competitor also qualified for state Sophomore Sophia Rygiel finished fourth at 155 pounds. She opened with pins of 2:33 against Terre Haute North senior Kayleigh Medley and 2:45 against Jennings County sophomore Katherin Brunner. But eventual champion Josie Hause of Monrovia stopped her in the semifinals, and Rygiel fell in the match to determine third

Of the five Decatur Central wrestlers competing, junior Alejandra Hernandez qualified for state by finishing fourth at 145 pounds.

Southport wins title



Southport's girls wrestling team captured the Muncie Central semistate championship with 142 points, 40 points better than the runner-up hosts. Southport's individual champions, holding their weight class placards, are senior Gelissa Reginald, 120 pounds, junior K'yla Johnson 125, and junior AvaLyn Mosconi 170. Also advancing to the state finals from Southport are senior Abi Bor, senior Mercedes Tellechea, junior Leah Soots, and junior Olivia Durham who placed among the top four at Muncie Central. Southport team members at the semistate included Bailee Murphy, Ma'kayla Pardue, Gaby Flores, and Oreyl Johnson. The state finals are Friday

Falcons' Bradley wins

Perry Meridian produced a winner as well. Sophomore Alexia Bradley won at 235 pounds with an 8-2 decision of Shelbyville sophomore Ella Holmes in the championship

Junior Bella Osterhoubt took third at 140 by pinning Alexandria Monroe freshman Riley Thomas in 1:54.

Flashes advance

Three Franklin Central girls also advanced.

Shana Bass reached the championship match at 115 pounds before dropping an 11-5 decision to Kayla Roell of Milan

After falling by pinfall (3:07) to K'yla Johnson of Southport in the 125 semifinals, Jenna Thompson took third with a 5-3 decision of Aminah Ruwsununguko of Warren Central.

Cassidy Higgins finished fourth at 145 pounds, getting pinned in

Good Luck lady wrestlers at state in Kokomo.



BACK-TO-BACK **TITLES**



(SUBMITTED PHOTO) Southport High School sophomore Addyson Rice captured her second consecutive Indy South Sectional bowling championship with a three-game series 475 and clinched the trophy in the stepladder finals 179 to 152 and 191 to 158. Whiteland placed second in team points with Perry Meridian third. They advance to the Jan. 20 regionals at the Classic Lanes in Bloomington.

Great job to all of the ladies.



Personal Recollections'
By Fred Shonk

MY FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY

Last week, I was home enjoying some nice January days when I heard several fire trucks sounding their horns and sirens. We hear them quite often and they were probably a few blocks away and just passing through the area.

A couple of moments later, I was walking through the room that had a television on and I heard part of a special report and a school shooting at Perry High School. I was shocked. I started changing channels looking for more information. In a few minutes, I found out that this was happening in another state. But it was at a Perry High

A day or so later, I once again heard several fire trucks in the neighborhood. My wife, Lyn, was outside taking care of her chickens. A little later, I looked outside to see what she was doing and spotted fire trucks about a block away. I saw Lyn walking back from the emergency area.

On her way home, she stopped to tell a couple of neighbors what she had learned. She found out that the fire was bad. No one was hurt. It was a two-alarm fire. As of now, we have not heard I attended our first high school class lunch of the year. It was at

Dawson's in Speedway. I arrived a bit late because almost every street or road that I tried using was under some reconstruction. I have been trying to stay off the interstate highways because of all the work being done. I now think the city streets are about the There is still lots of work being completed near I-465 and highway 37. I get monthly reports from my friend, Leo Canfield. He lives almost in the middle of all that construction. It is interesting to

listen to the traffic reports on the morning news. They often speak of Thompson Road and Epler Avenue when they are redirecting traffic in that same construction area.

As a young boy, we lived next door to Mrs. Ethel Thompson. Her husband built Longacre Pool and Park. For a few years, I rode Mr. Norwood Epler's school bus. I know several other families that have streets and roads named after longtime Southside families. Our three young chicken girls started laying eggs in early

December. We bought them in July, and they were fuzzy young chicks. It has been fun to watch them mature. Last Saturday, they learned something new. They discovered snow. As they came out of their warm enclosed area, they stepped into their first snow. They checked it out for a few minutes, and they went back inside their enclosed area for a nap.

Later that Saturday, I heard loud chirping in the yard. I opened a window and saw a couple of robins looking for something to eat in the yard. I was thinking that the robins should all be settled into their warmer winter locations by now. These two were running a few weeks late. They were lucky that the ground was not frozen. I watched them hunt around and find something that they probably called a good lunch.

A few years ago, we had some robins here in January. It was very cold during that period and the ground was frozen. We drove to a sports equipment and supplies store and bought some fishing worms. When I would see the robins, I'd toss them a couple of worms. That would get them all excited.
Another interesting week in the books.
Shonk is a 1960 graduate of Southport High School, a '63 grad

of Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis) and a retired bus driver from Beech Grove Schools. He can be reached through email at fdshonk@aol.com.

THIRD AT SEMISTATE



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Roncalli's Claire May, left, placed third at the Muncie Central semistate Friday. Teammate Andi McHugh was defeated in a firstround match. May wrestles in the state finals Friday in Kokomo.

BG STATE QUALIFIER



(PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID DIXON)

Beech Grove High School wrestler Liberty Reeves placed among the top four in the 190-pound weight class in the Muncie Central girls' wrestling semistate. Reeves advances to the state finals Friday in Kokomo.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

The Johnson County Human Trafficking Task Force is host of three awareness training events this month in Greenwood. The dates and locations are: Friday, Jan. 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 65 Airport Parkway, Suite 110; Thursday, Jan. 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 436 Loew's Blvd.; and Monday, Jan. 30, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 2717 S. Morgantown Road. Educational presentations available to the public at each session on this critical public safety issue in the community. Free to the public. Registration requested but not mandatory. Info, email to: johnsoncounty.ht.taskforce@gmail .com.

PRESCHOOL EDIBLE SCIENCE

Edible science for preschoolers and their caregivers takes place Friday, Jan. 12, 11 a,m., at the Clark-Pleasant branch library, 350 Clearwater Blvd., Whiteland. Preschoolers can learn, taste, and have fun with hands-on kitchen science. Info: 317-535-6206.

ARTIST RECEPTION AT SALI

A reception for featured artist Jo Atkinson Belmont will be Friday, Jan. 12, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Southside Art League gallery, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. Light refreshments served. Belmont's exhibit this month features her transparent watercolor paintings and ceramic artworks. Gallery hours 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. Info: 317-882-5562.

BG FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT

Family board game night unfolds Friday, Jan. 12, 6 p.m. with Board Game Indy at Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. Free event. Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.

SOUTHPORT PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Storytime for preschoolers, ages 3 to 5 years, and their caregivers at the Southport branch library is Tuesday, Jan. 16, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Playtime after storytime. The library is at 2630 W. Stop 11 Road. Info: 317-275-4510.

FRANKLIN ROAD LIBRARY STORYTIMES

Storytimes at the Franklin Road library branch are for babies and toddlers Tuesday, Jan. 16 and Wednesday, Jan. 17, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Stories, lap bounces, songs, and early literacy activities included for babies from birth to 18 months and their caregivers. The library is at 5550 S. Franklin Road. Info: 317-275-4380.

SMART SHOPPING STRATEGIES

Shelby County Purdue Extension health and sciences educator Diana Stone presents a food program aimed at grocery shoppers to save time and money while eating well Wednesday, Jan. 17, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. She will discuss smart shopping strategies to maintain nutritional value and food quality for the best food value. Free samples shared. Patrons may bring own recipes to share. Please register in advance. Info and registration: greenwoodlibrary.us.

ECO-JUSTICE AND WELLNESS EXPO

Friedens United Church of Christ, 8300 S. Meridian St., is the site of an Eco-Justice and Wellness Expo, Saturday, Jan. 20, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The expo is free and open to the public and will be in the church's Hayden Hall. A ticketed lunch, vegetarian chili, cornbread, and drink, \$12 per person, is served at 1 p.m. (meal ticket purchase at: http://bit.ly/eco-justice-expo). Program begins at 2 p.m. with presentation by Indra Frank of the Hoosier Environmental Council with a special children's craft. Workshops follow at 3:15 p.m., with Laura Holzman and Liz Kryder-Reid (I.U., Indianapolis). The expo concludes with a closing circle and community partnerships. Attending expo organizations include the Hoosier Environmental Council, Connected in Community, Earth Charter Indiana, Johenna Designs, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Reconnecting to Our Waterways, Refugee Health Program of Burmese American Community Institute, Community Good Box Project, Peace Learning Center, Persimmon Herb School, Purdue Extension, Audubon Society, Spirit & Place, West Perry Library, League of Women Voters of Indianapolis and more. Info: 317-709-5857 or email to, pastorsarah.friedensucc@outlook.com.

GARFIELD PARK CRITTER CHAT

The first critter chat of the new year at Blake's Garden adjacent to the Garfield Park Conservatory is for all ages Saturday, Jan. 20, 2 p.m. No registration needed, just drop by to meet one of the resident critters. Program will be in classroom if weather is inclement. Info: 317-327-7183.

BG ADULT COLORING

Adults interested in coloring as a craft or a hobby can attend a workshop Saturday, Jan 20,11a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Beech Grove branch library, 1102 Main St. Supplies provided or participants can bring own supplies. Enjoy socializing and taking part in a craft. Info: 317-275-4560.

Reminiscing

60 Years Ago This Week — 1964

Manual High School's Barbara Hancock could type more than 45 words per minute and was honored as the school's fastest typist.

Odetta, an African-American folk singer who had performed at nightclubs throughout the United States, sang at Indiana Central

Kinney's at 3202 Madison Ave. was selling 1,000 pairs of shoes for \$2 each.

McDonald's had a simple menu: hamburgers, fries, shakes and soft drinks.

Marion County Prosecutor Noble Pearcy, Sheriff Robert Fields, State Sen. Martha Burnett and Rep. Charles Bismarck addressed the Perry Township Republican Club, which elected Lawrence Borst as president. Other officers were George Newman, vice president; Dorthea Eberhart, secretary; and Robert Davy, treasurer.



Captain Hook & the Pirates performed at Greenwood High School. The band featured (kneeling, from left) Roland Ward, Jim

Dr. Richard Need, an internal medicine specialist, was named president of St. Francis Hospital's medical staff.

Robert Brown was installed as monarch of Sahara Grotto, a Masonic-based organization.

Construction workers were installing 5,000 bronze-gold reflective glass windows on the 20-story Market Square Center in downtown.

Ambassador Park South opened at 7500 S. Meridian St. The complex featured two-bedroom garden homes and two- and threebedroom townhouses.

40 Years Ago This Week — 1984

Jack Smart, president of Smart Ford in Greenwood, received the Herman Goodwin Civic Service Award.

A helium-filled balloon that eighth-grader Eric Whitlock had released two weeks ago was found in Westmoreland, Tenn., about

Indianapolis Fire Explorers.

30 Years Ago This Week — 1994

Birthday ads were published for Joanie Shadbolt, who turned 21; Michelle Burriss, 29; twins Sandy Frazier and Sharon Martiage, 40; and Sue Evans, 50.

Glenns Valley, Bunker Hill, Center Grove and North Grove elementary schools were named Four-Star Schools by the U.S.

DBITUARIES

VICKIE LEE BROWNLEE, 73, daughters, Kimberly Brown (Ted), Jennifer (Charles); siblings, Melia Knapp, Ralph "Bud" Jr., Theodore "Ted", Samuel, Steven and Damon Rutan; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by partner Dennis "Bo" Buis II.

Vickie graduated from Emmerich Manual High School and worked many years as a Municipal Clerk for the State of Indiana

where she eventually retired Newcomer Cremations and Funeral Home was entrusted with

LULA MARIE CHADWICK, 98, widow of Lawrence Chadwick; children, Larry (Debbie), Kenneth (Debbie) and Donna (James). She attended Manual High School and was employed with Perry

Township Schools. She enjoyed reading and was a member of Church Alive. Visitation will be Wed., January 10, 2024 from 4-8 p.m. at G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home. A Funeral Service will be Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 10 a.m.

DELORES J. CHAMBERS, 85, husband, Jerry Chambers; children, Ross "Scott", Jason (Kelly), and Eric Chambers, Tammi (Max) Wessel; six grandchildren; siblings, Shirley Zenor, Alice Howard, and Helen (Tim) Wagner.

She was a member of the Center Church Indy (former Center

United Methodist Church) for 56 years and the Red Hat Society. Her passion was taking care of family, especially her grandchildren with attending activities and sports.

G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home conducted services.

EDWARD "BRUCE" FERGURSON, 69, wife, Karen Sue; children, Heather (Joe) Ray, Matt (Emily) and Christopher (Amber) Fergurson; two grandsons; seven granddaughters. Wilson St. Pierre Funeral handled arrangements.

MONROE LEIGH GORDON, infant, parents, Emilee Smith and Shawn Gordon; siblings, Malaya, Shamira, Shawn Jr., and Major; grandparents, Debbie Miller, Les Miller, and Willie Gordon.

Monroe was delivered on January 2, 2024, at 1:23 a.m.weighing just 4 lbs., 7.5 oz and 17 3/4 inches long. Though she never spent any time with us, she touched many of our lives.
Funeral Services were at Indiana Funeral Care, Greenwood

TIMOTHY WAYNE GRAY, 41, wife, Kimberly; daughters, Layla, Nora, and Ella; parents, Timothy and Karen Gray.

His career began at Jeremiah Gray Elementary then moved to Mary Bryan Elementary. He was a proud coach at Southport Middle School, Southport High School, and Roncalli. He clearly felt like he looked good in red!

Tim took pride in being a dad and husband learning quickly the importance of ice cream, chocolate, Target, and Starbucks. He was known for his huge heart, loyalty, and faith.

Visitation took place at O'Riley Branson Funeral Home.

ALBERT L. HENSCHEN, 82, widower of Connie Henschen; children, Michael Henschen, Laura Carter (Wayne), Dianna Popp and Pamela Poynter (Tim); 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren. Albert graduated from Emmerich Manual High School in 1960. He worked as a dryer operator for National Starch and retired

in 2005. He was a member of the volunteer fire brigade at National Starch. His hobbies were fishing, watching Western films, camping, and swimming. He was a Pacers, Colts, and NASCAR enthusiast. He loved his wife and children deeply. Albert was hard-working, laid back, and easygoing.

Newcomer Cremations and Funerals handled arrangements.

THOMAS ALAN LUSK, 61, mother, Shirley; children Diane, Donald, Hailey, and Michele; three grandchildren; brothers, Steven (Jeri), Dan, and Scott (Heather):

He gave tough love but was a genuine person. He loved college football, Greenwood Woodmen athletics, trap shoots, golf outings and RV traveling.

Whether he was doing a double backflip over the bonfire, channeling Cousin Eddie in a van in the middle of NYC, or cheering competitive eaters, Tom did it with a smile, a Swisher Sweets in the corner of his mouth, and a big heart.

Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Home was entrusted with arrange-

50 Years Ago This Week — 1974

Wampler; (standing) Mike Winters, Max McGuire and Bill Alfrey.

260 miles south of Indianapolis.

Seventeen-year-old Charles Wheeler was re-elected chief of the

Roncalli's Pat Spencer and Daniel Bauer were named to the inaugural Catholic High School All-State football team.

Department of Education.

CHARLES "CHUCK" MITTMAN, 74, life partner, Charlene Reed; children, Michael (Caryn) and Richard Mittman (Kelly), Danielle Huff (Todd), Evelyn, Emma; seven grandchildren; sister, Terri Brum-

Chuck graduated from Emmerich Manual High School. He worked at Indiana Bell (now AT&T) for over 40 years. He loved sports and coached his sons' little league teams. His most cherished pastime was to attend their games Chuck enjoyed attending the Indianapolis 500, traveling, fishing

in Gordon, Wis., gardening, going for walks with his huskies, cross-words, watching old westerns and Hallmark movies. Chuck was a member of Grace Church.

G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home conducted services.

RICHARD "DICK" MORRISON, 95, widower of Norma; children, Timothy Morrison and Michele (Richard) Darragh; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; siblings, Edward Morrison, Rosemary Schritz and Christine Pierle.

Dick served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, where he was assigned to general headquarters in Tokyo, Japan

He worked for Sexton Foods, and Ashland Chemical Company as a salesman until his retirement in 1992.

Dick enjoyed swimming, golfing, cooking, playing cards. His lifelong passion was drawing and painting. He was known for his beautiful landscape paintings and was quite the storyteller. A gathering took place at O'Riley Branson Funeral Home.

PAUL D. RUTH, 76, wife Patricia Ruth; children, Jeffrey (LeeAnn) and Thomas (Katie) Ruth; four grandchildren; siblings, Charles Ruth (Ursula) and Mary Francis McElroy.

Paul graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1965 and was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

Paul is a member of the Indianapolis Bowling Hall of Fame. In 1999 he led bowlers in the area with a 223 average, earning a spot

on the All City Bowling team. He had many perfect 300 games. There will be a gathering for family and friends at Lauck and Veldhof Funeral Home Friday, January 12, 2024, 5-8 p.m.

MERLIN FAYE SHINE, 70, widow of Thomas E. Shine; children; Dan (Stacee) Church Jr. and Brittany (Ryan) Clark; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; siblings, Carolyn (James) Sears and Leonard (Lana) Sims.

Merlin owned and operated her own residential cleaning business and was also a successful real estate agent. Merlin loved children and loved nothing more than watching her

grandbabies and spending time with them whenever she had the opportunity. She loved spending time with her girlfriends and was always up for silly shenanigans. Merlin loved all animals. Arrangements were entrusted to O'Riley Branson Funeral

DENISE CHERYL YOUNG, 69, parents, Wilbur and Marvette Carroll; children, Nicolle and Norman McNeely, Jr.; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister, Sharlene Carson. She attended Indianapolis Baptist Temple High School, graduat-

ing in 1973. In her younger days, she was a hard-working mother and a loyal friend. She loved taking care of her grandchildren. She was known for her selflessness and her love for watching football. She was stubborn and strong-minded.

She was a proud member of the Independent Adult Day Center where she developed many friendships. She loved them like family. Indiana Funeral Care handled arrangements.

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DARYL K. ELAM

8/29/1959 - 12/5/2013

ORMOND D. ELAM

2/7/1931 - 7/29/2017

Rest in peace and much

love from the family

The boys basketball team from IPS Eleanor Skillen School 34 finished its season undefeated. The squad featured Cantrell Cumberlander, Ryan Brown, Brandon Harris, Aaron Armstrong, Tom Brumitt, Jason Fugate, Adam Frame, David Jones, David Viverette, Jeffrey Stokes, Bryant Dillon, Alphonso Triplet and coaches Tony Eckhard, Jeff Stokes and Tom Monnig.

By B. Scott Mohr

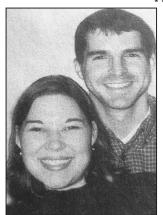
A retrospective glance at the Southside From The Spotlight and The Southsider Voice archives

Peggy Sappenfield was elected national secretary of the American Legion Auxiliary.

20 Years Ago This Week — **2004**Jamison and Debra Russell won the grand prize (gift certificates from Bone Fish Grill and Meijer) in the Hill Valley Homeowners Association's Christmas decorating contest.



Bowlers on Perry Meridian Middle School's Special Olympics team were (seated) Tori Ketron, Tonya West, Rusty Hatchett, Kelly Goodner; (standing)Tyler Nelms, Tim Drennon, Luke Banker; (standing) Richard Osborn, Matthew McNutt, Tori Hatchett, Israel Gamble and Patrick Shea.





Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Winslow announced the engagements of their daughters, Tiffany and Kimberly, to Steve Spronk and Chris DePaola, respectively.

The future brides were graduates of Southport High School and had earned college degrees.

Amanda Kopetsky, a former lifeguard at Perry Park and a senior at Butler, was a legislative intern for the Indiana General Assembly. She was the daughter of David and Ellen Kopetsky, who owned a car wash and a commercial real estate company.



St. Barnabas' fifth- and sixth-grade basketball team won the holiday tournament at St. Luke School. The squad featured (kneeling) Danny Battiato, Aaron Rhinehart; (standing) coach Rob Butts, Clayton Bontrager, Connor Mathias, Chad Beard, Jeff Bradley and Pete Fraker; not pictured: Ramiro Gonzales.

10 Years Ago This Week — **2014**Westminister Apartments off County Line Road between Green-

wood Park Mall and Community Hospital South was undergoing a multimillion dollar renovation. The project included interior and exterior improvements, a new clubhouse, pool and playground equipment.

Burkhart Elementary School students, including Brock Hutson, Jennifer Martinez Rosáles, Dakota Davis and Cayden Nolan, collected a van full of canned goods for Hunger Inc.

Ineta Roessler, a 40-year bus driver for Perry Township Schools, was recognized for her service.

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Circle City Ghostbusters Jacob Bartlett, left, and daughter, Jennifer, front, Jeremiah Ashlock, back, and Billy Payne, right, joined forces with Jeff Zorman (not pictured) and Klostermans Bakery in the Keenan-Stahl Boys and Girls Club advisory board's toy drive that benefitted local families and a food pantry. They also brought toys for the club kids on





Whiteland beats Woodmen in Mid-State Conference action, 58-45



(DOUG.CLEMENTS@PROMOTIONPHOTOS.COM)
Junior Spencer Gillespie takes a shot from the corner over his opponent from Greenwood High School last Friday night. Gillespie scored seven points and pulled down five rebounds to help lead Whiteland to a 58-45 victory in the Mid-State Conference Clash. Whiteland raised its record to 7-5 with the victory.



Whiteland's Wiatt McLaughlin (14) scampers past Greenwood junior Ethan King (3) in the Mid-State Conference tilt.



Sophomore guard Dane Kunz (23) goes high into the air to battle junior guard Isaac O'Neal (11) to gain control of the ball in a Mid-State Conference game.



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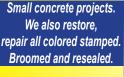


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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error. Clue: V equals L

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's better to get an explanation of a colleague's behavior first, rather than trying to guess at the motive Speculation can never replace facts. What you learn could lead you to reconsider some of your plans

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The practical Bovine wants to see some substantive changes in a situation that just doesn't feel right. You might want to help move things along by offering up some suggestions

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Yoù might be of two minds about a situation that seems to fit your needs, but might make more demands than you're ready for. Use both your head and heart to reach a

decision. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't blame yourself if you can't figure out that puzzling workplace situation. You might not have enough facts to work with yet. Do more research and ask more questions.

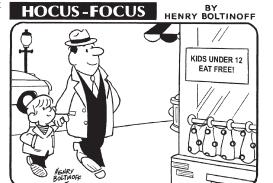
LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week to catch up on matters that couldn't be completed during the hectic holiday season. It's also a good week to reach out to any new friends you made over the holidays

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A negative reaction to a request could be misunderstood Make sure that your reasons for saying "no" are clear. Also, be open to changing your mind if more facts come through.

LIBRA (September December 21) A new 23 to October 22) The friendship seems to hold 'security" of doing less promise than you prethings the usual way viously thought. But make should be balanced no assumptions one way against the possible or another without having benefits of moving an open and frank talk first. into a new direction. CAPRICORN (Decem-

ber 22 to January 19) Your Also, work quickly to avoid a possible famcreative input could lead to ily misunderstanding. changes in the workplace. SCORPIO (Octo-Even if some colleagues ber 23 to November disapprove of your efforts. 21) A personal matter stay the course. You're heading in the right direcrequires attention and might lead to AQUARIUS (January a surprising revela-20 to February 18) While tion. Meanwhile, the new year could bring

this week is mostly positive, a few negative factors might arise. It's best to deal with them before they create problems that can jeopardize some of your



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



are added. 4. Bricks are lower, 5. Headlight is missing, 6. Shirt is L. Light is moved. 2. Nose is smaller. 3. Buttonholes

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel like you have all the facts and support that you need to deal with a long-deferred situation. Good for you! Once the matter is finally

settled, you can move on.
BORN THIS WEEK: You are a sincerely generous person who never has to be asked to do something nice for others. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

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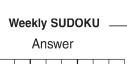












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Answers

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- 2. Epiphany.
- 3. Gru.
- 4. Khaled Hosseini
- 5. Fonzie. Saxophone.
- 7. Five. 8. Freddie Mercury.
- 9. Columbia.
- 10. Kentucky.

CryptoQuip answer

If a drill sergeant commands soldiers to rise to their feet, I'd call that a standing order.

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