

# The Southridge Gazette

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Pictured above are several BPA members at their National competition. They traveled to Chicago this May to compete. The BPA is a great picture of year long effort.

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## 2024 Year in Review

By AJ Wright, Freshman

2024 has been a wonderful year for the newspaper, as well as for the school corporation as a whole. Let's take a moment to recognize members of the Southridge Gazette and some notable events they covered.

All the organization's members work diligently, but some have put in the extra hours. Some key contributors have been Olivia

Rasche, Marisa Thacker, Jill Keusch, Braxton Oakley, and Sam Stratman. Izzy, our editor, notes that Sam had become a key member of the club despite only recently joining the club. Izzy confirmed, "Sam specifically saved my hide for months and he only joined in January."

One of the most notable events of the year was the 2024 Solar Eclipse! Whether viewing it from the airport, Market Street Park, or right

at home, it was a unique experience for all. The Science Club also dedicated its time to informing those who viewed it at Market Street Park.

This year, a recurring feature in the newspaper was the surveys. Authored by several different members, many of these offered interesting results. The funniest respondent of a survey was one of the February Edition's President's Day Survey. One

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# Featured articles

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respondent cited this as his reason for choosing Thomas Jefferson: "I'm pretty sure that guy brought mac and cheese over to the states". Thank you, anonymous mac and cheese lover!

Another notable, year-long effort was that of the BPA. Throughout the year, club members took on various projects. Some even advanced to nationals. They worked hard to make their plans a reality. Hopefully this success will continue into next year.

Coming next school year, the auditorium is undergoing a massive renovation over the summer. They have been in the planning stage for years. It will include new background projectors, electrical equipment, and a much-needed revamp of everything else. The gymnasium is also receiving renovations.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Southridge Gazette this year. Regardless of whether your work made an appearance, we still appreciate the effort.

## End of the 2024 Tennis Season

By Olivia Rasche, Sophomore

The Southridge Tennis team tied with two other teams for 1st place in the PAC. This is exciting for the team as it rarely happens due to the steep competition in the conference. The tie happened as a result of a massive upset against the Gibson Southern team. Earlier in the season, Southridge had lost in a fierce battle with Washington. Washington lost to Gibson Southern, so when Southridge secured a win against Gibson Southern, they earned their number 1 spot. They only had one loss the entire season.

Southridge then participated in the Sectional competition. They beat Forest Park 3-2 in a battle that lasted over 3 hours. They then moved on to the finals and lost to Jasper. Their season is now over.



## Senior Spotlight: Megan Langebrake

By Jill Keusch, Junior



**"YOLO"  
-Megan**

Megan Langebrake is a Southridge Senior with a confident demeanor. For the past five years, she's been a part of the Southridge Marching Band. One of her biggest accomplishments is achieving her CNA (certified nursing assistant) before she graduates high school!

When Megan is not at school, she likes to put on pajamas and "get away from the rest of the world." She also has a dog named Lucy that she likes to spend time with. After high school, Megan plans to attend IU Southeast to become a nurse. Let's give a big, loud goodbye to Megan Langebrake as she continues life beyond Southridge.

## Highlights of the 2023-24 School Year

By Izzy Leiberling, Editor

Last week, a survey was sent out asking students to reach into their sentimentality. They were asked to recall a fond memory of theirs from the 2023-24 school year. For many, friends came to mind. For others, it was their achievements in sports or other extracurriculars. Here are a few notable ones.

- Winning the basketball sectional. Rushing the court, cutting the net, firetruck escort. It was amazing
- I met a great friend this year, and we've made many memories that I could add to this.
- I remember one of the Raider Pride celebrations when we could choose where we went. I played Bunco in the library with some of my friends, and we got really competitive. I mean REALLY competitive. It was loud, hilarious, and I'd love to do it again.
- Another fond memory is if we did not have to take finals during semester 1 Kindness is Key club let us go down to HBE where we got to help out with their dance party. We ate lunch in the teachers lounge and then we got to go talk to some teachers. Lastly, but most importantly we got to dance around and see the elementary school in a different perspective.

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# Highlights

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- The bus rides to any sports events and just hanging out with my friends at practice no matter how hard it was they were always making me laugh and smile while also pushing me to do my best.



Above is the basketball team, cheerleaders, and student section at a game. Sports were a common recalled memory for the students.

## Mother's Day

By Chloe Atchison, Sophomore

Mother's Day was Sunday, May 12. Mothers, whether it's your mom or some mother figure you know, do so much every day for us. The sacrifices that they have made are the backbone of many of our lives. The physical, emotional, and mental toll it takes one woman often goes unnoticed. Do all the women in your life a favor and show a little extra love and appreciation to your mom. A lot of times, society will mom-shame and make women feel less for their choices in parenting. Kasey Mullins pointed out something beautiful that could flip the perspective. She was responsible for teaching them to be good people in the real world while not sugarcoating life too much. When asked what her favorite part of motherhood was, Lisa Durcholz was quick to explain, "Being able to share successes, even the little things." We can see how worth it all these amazing moms feel it is. When asking mothers within our school their opinion of the holiday they all said that appreciation should not start and end on one day. When asked her opinion, Leigh Lambert-Neu stated, "Showing appreciation happens on more than just Mother's Day, and that it can mean more when done without expectation." Show some appreciation this year and remember to not stop showing that love for your mom because the day has passed!

## Poem: A Field of Flowers

By Marisa Thacker, Freshman

My brother died in a war overseas  
When I was not yet nine years old  
He was buried in Arlington, but I was told he fell  
In a battle on an open plain, with his eyes to the sky

On this day I travel across the ocean  
To see the place of my brother's death  
I'm getting old, and I feel I need to face it  
Before I too leave this Earth

I had been expecting a wasteland  
Abandoned, left to decay  
But when I find the plain  
A field of flowers greet me

Cheery orange tulips and dainty daffodils  
Elegant irises dance alongside pastel colored  
hyacinths  
Buttercups flourish and snapdragons thrive  
Crocuses raise their heads to the sun

One flower dominates the rest  
Covering most of the field  
As I gaze across the landscape  
Hundreds of poppies stare back at me

They are bright, bright red  
Red like a sunset sky  
Red like a rocket's glare  
Red like my brother's blood

They coat the ground in a thick blanket  
In my mind, I see him lying there  
Taking his final breath as his eyes search for Heaven  
Bleeding out among the flowers

My movements are shaky as I walk through the grass  
I cannot prevent my tears from falling  
They water the flowers, mixing together  
With mud and the blood of thousands of soldiers

I can only think of how beautiful the field is  
With all of its flowers  
Too beautiful to be real  
Too beautiful to be where my brother died

It gives me comfort that he is not alone  
The poppies accompany him, even in eternal sleep  
The flowers guard the hallowed ground  
Where thousands of people purchased our freedom  
at the cost of their lives



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# Special Features

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## Editor Spotlight

By William Dubon, Freshman

At the heart of every paper is an editor. This editor makes sure the writers turn in all the articles, edits them, and creates each new edition. The Southridge Gazette is no exception, at the heart of our school newspaper is our editor, Izzy Leiberling. Izzy took over the job of editor this year after the previous editor graduated. From the writer's team at the Southridge Gazette, we want to thank our editor, Izzy Lebering. Without Izzy making deadlines and putting together the newspaper, we would not be where we are. The team at the gazette would also like to thank our amazing advisor Mrs. Rauscher. She has supported us throughout the year and allowed us to do our best work. With that, the 2024 school year for the Southridge newspaper has come to an end. From the Southridge Gazette, thank you for reading.



## May Birthdays

### Freshmen

Malena Fehlberg 5/25	Jefferson Ramos 5/15
Isaac Heile 5/11	Alfredo Ruiz 5/5
Benjamin Hoblitzel 5/28	Keily Serrano 5/6
Brayden Johnson 5/18	Hudson Smith 5/29
Olivia Kuebler 5/15	Marisa Thacker 5/20
Ana Lopez 5/9	Bryleigh Williams 5/17
Anita Pacheco 5/20	

### Sophomores

Kamryn Allen 5/13	Rebeca Gutierrez Dubon 5/2
Oscar Dubon 5/8	Ava Ham 5/11
Kyler Ellison 5/1	Madisyn Kellems 5/5
Logan Katterhenry 5/5	Ella Wilkey 5/30

### Juniors

Brian Argueta 5/24	Molly Schwartz 5/23
Bryan Cruz 5/11	Breezy Serrano 5/2
Reese Katterhenry 5/28	Lyndsey Taylor 5/30
Angel Salinas 5/2	Felix Vanegas 5/18
Michael Sandoval-Villanueva 5/18	Bryan Wahl 5/8
Davis Schwartz 5/23	Jake Weisman 5/12

### Seniors

Yamil Arroyo Ramos 5/12	Rylee Green 5/20
Ella Bailey 5/18	Jazmine Houchins 5/31
Kaitlyn Barkley 5/5	Alyssa McPherron 5/2
Josue Franco 5/4	Bryce Messmer 5/11
Ricardo Godinez 5/27	Tyson Ramirez 5/21
	Ezequiel Valenciano 5/4

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