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Honoring local trailblazers

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If you're looking for individuals who have made a difference, who blazed a path so that others could follow, you don't have to comb through the history books.

You can find them right here in our community.

On Saturday, four South Bend residents will be honored for their contributions at Indiana University's Civil Rights Heritage Center. They are **John Charles Bryant, Maritza Robles, Claudia Welch** and **Clara White**.

These community treasures, pioneers all, will be celebrated at the Trailblazers ceremony. It's a great way to recognize oft-forgotten heroes living among us.

The public is welcome at the event, which begins with an open house at 1:30 p.m.; the program begins at 2 p.m.

Salute these trailblazers. And offer them a great big thank you.

Every election seems to bring discouraging news about low voter turnout. At a time when it's difficult to inspire more citizens to participate in this civic duty, the League of Women Voters' "No Vote, No Voice" sounds like a good idea.

The program helps high school students of voting age get registered to vote in this year's primary and general elections.

"No Vote" will be held at several area high schools to increase participation in the political process.

Call it a portrait in courage.

Since being diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis eight years ago, **Dr. Faye Magneson** has been an inspiration to those around her. The group Friends for Faye has raised more than \$1

million toward research for the ALS Therapy Development Institute.

Now she and her friends have published a book of her pastel paintings, "An Art Journey," as a fundraiser for ALS research (community.als.net/FriendsforFaye). Magneson can no longer talk or hold a pastel, but that hasn't stopped her from educating the public about the disease that struck her and raising funds to defeat it.

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