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Retired Marine

provides insight into the people of
Afghanistan after serving there

By Abby Stuber
The Timberlines
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For the past 20 years, American troops have been stationed in Afghanistan.

In February 2020, President Donald Trump signed an agreement to withdraw troops from Afghanistan. These efforts have continued under President Joe Biden. The withdrawal of troops has been a controversial subject for years with the topic heating up as Trump's agreement comes to fruition.

Greenwood High School teacher and retired U.S. Marine, Derek Fischer served in Afghanistan as a corporal and defense specialist. He served our nation from 2009 to 2013 and was deployed to Afghanistan a few days before Easter 2011 with the First Battalion Third Division from Hawaii. While stationed in one of the world's hot spots, Cpl. Fischer was in charge of training Marines in case of a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear attack.

In an interview during the early part of the current school year, Fischer explained how his experiences there affected his understanding of the conflict and also of the many Afghan people who have arrived in the U.S. as refugees.

He began with his thoughts on the sudden withdrawal of U.S. troops from the country.

"I don't know that I know of a better way to do it; I certainly wish it would've been handled better," he said. "I think everyone in the military knew it was going to be messy getting out of Afghanistan. I just certainly didn't expect it to unfold the way it did."

It is easy to come to conclusions about U.S. involvement without understanding the bigger picture which Fischer tried to explain from his experiences there.

"I certainly have a different perspective than anybody who wasn't there just because you kind of see a lot in the news, a lot of conflicting things, a lot of confusing things, and you hear a lot of things that really don't really happen that much, or if they do happen, they're pretty rare



(GHS TIMBERLINES PHOTO BY JAKE ROSE)

During a high school gardening club activity, teacher Derek Fischer talks about vegetation growing in the school garden. Fischer teaches family and consumer science and is a retired U.S. Marine who served in Afghanistan.

"They were some of the most understanding people I had ever met in my life."

Derek Fischer
Retired Marine

events," he observed. "It kind of gives you a more realistic perspective of why we're there versus the reasons why a lot of people feel we're there."

The reasons behind U.S. involvement are one more aspect of the war that has been debated since the beginning. He reviewed some of the misconceptions and realized that having unbiased sources of information can be difficult.

"I think a lot of people think that the majority of the reason why we have been there is simply to fight terrorism, and that's certainly a big part of it, but a lot of what we were doing was also

humanitarian stuff," Fischer said. "One of the big things we did while we were there was helping build a girl's school, helping build a women's hospital, and building an agriculture college as well as helping them build their military, their police force, and their government. Until a few years before I got there, they had none of those things. They just had nothing, no structure whatsoever."

Fischer provided his personal observations and public misconceptions of the Afghan people.

"They were some of the most understanding people I had ever met in my life," he observed. "I think a lot of people come in with these preconceptions and misunderstandings of their culture. When you actually meet somebody from there, they're just people trying to live their lives. That was one of the biggest things we tried to do while there, just make living their life a lot easier."

In the aftermath of a massive airlift of Afghans from their country to the U.S., over

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Hall of Fame honors former Army officer

Harold Metheny

with Silver Award for coaching
off-season girl's teams



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

Harold Metheny stationed at the US Army base at Trois Fontaines Ammunition Depot in Bar-Le-Duc, France several miles east of Paris.



Harold Metheny with his family at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony Oct. 20. Wife Diane, front, with daughters Rachel, left, and Amy. Middle, next to Metheny, is granddaughter Maddie, daughter Krista and granddaughter, Grace. Back is daughter-in-law Cathy and grandson, Gavin.

By Al Stille
Editor

Southport's Harold Metheny is a retired U.S. Army veteran who proudly served his nation overseas in France.

He served overseas in 1958 and 1959. With his Hoosier roots, it's no surprise that he also played basketball on the base team throughout the country in 1958 and appropriately coached the team in 1959.

Teams from Army bases in France played each other on weekends. Metheny compared the men's basketball quality to NCAA Division 2. He was a Specialist 4 and supervised an ammunition warehouse at a base several miles from Paris.

Of course, it was appropriate that he played basketball in addition to his other duties. He had played basketball at Shelburn High School and graduated in 1952. He later graduated from Indiana State University.

When he returned to Indiana from serving in the U.S. Army, he taught government and U.S. history at Carlisle High School where he was an assistant boys basketball coach. Metheny and his wife Diane moved to Southport in 1962.

He was recently honored as the 2020 Indiana Fever Silver Medal Award recipient for his contribution to girls basketball on the Southside with the induction class of players honored by the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. The award is presented annually to an individual who makes an outstanding contribution to Indiana high school basketball but not as a player or coach.

Metheny and his wife are the parents of daughters Amy, Krista and Rachel. Amy was a member of the Southport state championship team and an inductee into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. He also coached them in softball leagues. They played basketball at Southport High School collectively from fall 1976 through spring 1984. Amy graduated in 1980, Krista 1983, and Rachel 1985.

He created the Baxter YMCA summer league for high schools in 1974 that eventually developed and attracted the top girls basketball players and teams from central Indiana. Their three daughters played in that league.

Metheny had wanted to coach high school basketball but that was thwarted by



Metheny (No 33) trails the play while playing for an Army base team against another base team in France.



Metheny with daughter Amy at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in New Castle, for her induction in 2009.

his wife.

"He became a high school teacher and coach," daughter Amy recalled. "But mom didn't like hearing people in the stands criticizing his coaching, so when he received a job in Indy as a guidance director at Southport High School he decided to hang-up coaching."

He would serve Perry Township Schools as a guidance counselor for nearly 30 years.

While at Baxter Y, he coached Southport varsity and junior-varsity teams for 12 years, mostly during the summer. Metheny won 90 percent of games that he coached in his first four years with assistant coach Chuck Mallender and wound up with a 12-year winning percentage well over 80 percent in nearly 500 games.

He also coached teams in White River Games, Peace Games, Lutheran League, Catholic League, Municipal

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Roncalli's Kegerreis receives Silver Anniversary team honor



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Sarah (Hurrle) Kegerreis celebrates being honored as a member of the 2021 Silver Anniversary team at the recent Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame women's awards banquet. She is with husband Keith, sons Luke and Drew who attend Roncalli, and daughter Sammi, a St. Jude Catholic School student.

Roncalli High School alumna Sarah (Hurrle) Kegerreis was one of 18 women honored as members of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 2021 Silver Anniversary Team, based on their accomplishments as senior basketball players 25 years ago.

The team was honored this past weekend as part of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Women's Awards Banquet.

Kegerreis was a 1996 Indiana All-Star and a three-time all-state player.

She finished her career as Roncalli's leading scorer with 1,821 points and currently ranks second on the all-time

scoring list. She holds eight program records, including career steals (326), career 3-pointers (158), career free throws made (585) and most points in a single-game (44).

While at Roncalli, Kegerreis was a part of teams that won two regional titles, two sectional titles and three Indianapolis City Tournament championships.

She played collegiately at Butler University and Western Michigan University and scored over 1,000 points in her college career.

She and her husband, Keith, have three children. Their sons,

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HONORING OUR VETERANS

Southside Army Veteran gives back to the community



(SUBMITTED PHOTO) Merrill "Doc" Simmerman, wearing the Saint Barbara's medal and his wife Barb, wearing the Molly Pitcher medal, at a Indiana Military Academy (OCS) graduation dinner.

By Kelly Sawyers
Publisher

Merrill D. "Doc" Simmerman, Major (Ret.), 71, enlisted in the Army in 1974. His basic training was at Fort Leonard Wood as commander of a radar battery. He was close to being deployed during the Gulf War, but never deployed for combat.

"The good Lord has kept me out of harm's way," said Simmerman.

He served in many training missions with the regular Army at several military facilities in the U.S. and Germany.

During his Army career, he furthered his training at OCS, Command General and Staff College; and received many awards, but his highest was the Indiana National Guard Distinguished Service Medal Ribbon. This award is given to members of the Indiana National Guard who perform unusually distinguished meritorious service, which to a marked degree is reflected in the increasing efficiency of the militia, for which brings exceptional and great honor or credit and commands that attention and respect of the citizens of the State and members of the Military established through the United States.

He retired from his military career as a major in 2000. He held various positions in the United States Postal Service (USPS) and retired as district manager of TACS, USPS in 2010.

He stays busy in our community by being a door keeper for Indiana Senate when in session, Republican precinct committeeman, Mason at Southport Lodge/Scottish Rite/Shriner, a tour guide at the Scottish Rite, and board member of the German American Klub.

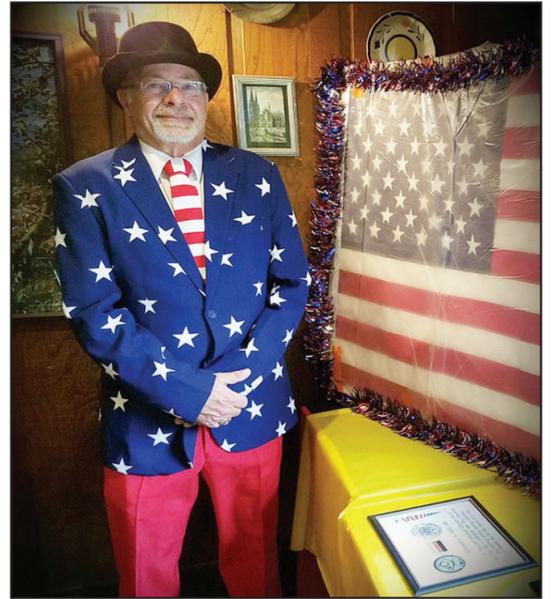
He also has stepped up many times and volunteered delivery of *The Southsider Voice*. Simmerman and his wife, Barb, between them have six children, 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. When his wife retired, they started BJ's Lucky Dog Rescue and in the first 15 years, they have found homes for more than 60 dogs - one being my dog Reggie, rescued in 2011. Many of the rescues became members of their family.

He loves family time together and traveling to little getaways with Barb. They are young at heart and are the perfect match. He enjoys photography and keeping active in many organizations and is always, always, always, ready to have a great cup of coffee.

Simmerman said, "It's a wonderful life."



Merrill D. Simmerman throughout his military career.



(SUBMITTED PHOTO) Merrill "Doc" Simmerman sporting his stars and stripes suit at a German American Klub event. The American flag displayed flew in the United States Capitol rotunda and was presented to the founder of the GAK. It was donated by a widow of Veteran.

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BEECH GROVE CITY HALL

Veterans Day in Beech Grove will be observed on the steps of Beech Grove City Hall, 806 Main St., Thursday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. The special program also features the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The program is sponsored by the City of Beech Grove, Samuel Bryan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and American Legion Post 276.

INDIANA WAR MEMORIAL

The Veterans Day at the Indiana War Memorial, 55 E. Michigan St., features patriotic music from various eras with a message by guest speaker, Indiana National Guard Adj. Gen., Brig. Gen. R. Dale Lyles. Ceremonies begin at 11 a.m. The tolling of the USS Indianapolis ship's bell in tribute of the victories and military service of each war era involving U.S. Armed Forces. The Veterans Day parade downtown follows the ceremonies and begins at 12 noon. The parade route begins at Michigan an Pennsylvania streets, then south on Pennsylvania to New York Street, west to Meridian Street, then north and ends at North Street.

INDIANA STATE MUSEUM

The Indiana State Museum is having a Veterans Day concert performed by the Indianapolis Municipal Band, Sunday, Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. The concert is included with museum admission. The museum is at 650 W. Washington St. Info: 317-232-1637.

VETS ARE ALL SMILES AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 355



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

Veterans at the American Legion Post 355, 7610 S. Meridian St., are, from left, Ed McDuffee, Marine Corps, Kenny Murdock, Army, and Jim Banter, Marine Corps. McDuffee went into the Marine Corps to help preserve our freedom. He was a Combat Engineer after basic training. He earned the ranking of E-5 Sergeant; received the Meritorious Mass award; and served in Vietnam. McDuffee said, "The service taught me self discipline." Below, from left, Dennis Jones, Ray O'Connor and Jerry Wade, each served in the U.S. Army. Post info: 317-865-7610.



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INDOT is urging motorists to continue to be aware of projects on S.R. 37 as the footprint for I-69 and also I-465 on the Southside. Heavier construction truck traffic takes place on S.R. 37 just north of Southport Road where excavation has begun for footings for a future Southport Road bridge over I-69. Contractors are using cranes to hoist concrete beams in place for bridges on I-69 southbound over Wicker Road and Keystone Avenue over eastbound I-465. Multiple-traffic stoppages overnight could take up to 20 minutes each. In Johnson County, Olive Branch Road is expected to be closed permanently at S.R. 37 this week. Southbound traffic on S.R. 37 will find a shift toward the center median near Olive Branch Road. Info: indot.in.gov.

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 6,000 have been brought to Camp Atterbury near Edinburgh. He expressed his concern for those refugees, including their children.
 "My biggest hope and my biggest concern is just that these people are welcomed because a lot of these people coming in to America are the same people who made it so we could communicate with the local people, who made it so we didn't have to wonder what these people are thinking because we don't speak their language," Fischer said.
 "These people oftentimes put their lives on the line in the same way that I did if not more so. I hope we accept them, I hope we take the time and patience to give them the life they deserve for helping us for so many years."
 Fischer explained that he grew up in a small farming town which led to his understanding overseas and led to his teaching specialty that includes agriculture at Greenwood High School. He is a family and consumer science teacher.
 His way of life growing up was around farmers who just wanted to live their life, raise crops, take care of family, and go to church. He noted similarities in rural life in Afghanistan.
 "The only difference was they didn't have all the technology we did and they dressed a little bit different," Fischer said. "That really was a huge culture shock for me, seeing that these people who I grew up hearing lived these completely different lives, who have all these different values. When I actually got there, they were pretty much the same. The main difference is that they were Muslim and we were Catholic."
 He concluded, "Other than that, it was just kind of like stepping back in a time machine. That made the biggest impact, really seeing that these people weren't different."
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Girls Basketball Showcase

Southside girls teams look to reload with high expectations for new hardwood season

By Al Stilley
Editor

After a pandemic-interrupted season, Southside girls basketball teams are eager for a full year on the hardwood.

The Southside has a different look for the 2021-2022 campaign after the graduation of Indiana All-Star Maddie Bischoff of Roncalli, Mary Wilson of Center Grove, and Izzy Reed of Greenwood Christian after leading the Cougars to their second straight Final Four appearance in Class A.

Key players this season include Franklin Central's Rayah Kincer, an Indiana All-Star candidate; Center Grove junior Savanna Bischoff, a Roncalli transfer; Greenwood senior Quinn Kelly; Greenwood Christian Academy senior Dory O'Dell; Perry Meridian's Ella Scaringe; Southport's CeCe Mitchell, and Roncalli junior Sydney Horton.

Kincer scored 22 points for FC in a 48-45 opener at Center Grove, and Mitchell scored 19 points against Speedway in Southport's 55-40 win Thursday.

Some familiar multi-sport student-athletes also are back on the hardwood; namely Emma Halter, a backcourt starter for Roncalli after finishing her schoolgirl volleyball career as a libero on the Royals' Final Four team; GCA guard Ellie Bigelow, who was the Cougars' outstanding soccer goalkeeper; and Beech Grove sophomore Malone Moore, one of the state's outstanding young softball pitchers.

The Southside's new look finds a combo of Christel House Manual in Class A and four new head coaches.

Amanda Davidson, who coached professional basketball in Germany for four years, takes over at Perry Meridian where legendary mentor Denise McClanahan is an assistant. Davidson played for McClanahan in grade school.

Amy Selk, a former graduate assistant coach at the University of Indianapolis, heads the Beech Grove program.

Former Central Christian assistant Will Ferris is at Lutheran, succeeding 15-year coach Joe Morgan, and Andrew William Moore, a 1995 Beech Grove graduate and former Milan coach, is constructing the Christel House Manual program.

The Southside season outlook (all statistics from last season):

Beech Grove (3A, 4-19) - New coach Amy



Beech Grove's Hornets return with, from left, sophomore Malone Moore, senior twins Robyn and Samantha Warner, and sophomore Alexis Sterrett.

Selk became acquainted with some Hornets just before school ended. "I saw some of the girls play in Lady Mac (summer ball), so I got to see them play," Selk said. "These girls work hard and they're starting to lock in on the little details. There is a recipe for success here again. We're creating that foundation and that hype."

Seniors are 5-7 forward rebounder Alexis Sterrett and twins Robyn Warner, a good mid-range shooter, and Samantha Warner, an under-sized forward who can score from 3-point range.

Versatile sophomore Malone Moore also returns. Breanne Veal, is a projected starter at the point and is among a solid freshman group that also includes Brookelynn Rucker and 5-2 Joslyn Johnson.

"Breanne has good court vision and knows not to turn the ball over," Selk said. "We have five freshmen on board and they are very motivated."

Selk would like to stay with an in-your-face man-to-man defense and some zone with a patient offense.

"There's a fine line between taking the quick shot and not taking a shot that you just passed up," Selk continued. "We're trying to figure out the shot selection so we can develop the offense."

The Hornets open with three conference games among its first five contests.

Center Grove (4A, 14-11) - Coach Kevin Stuckmeyer (78-29) begins his fifth season with no seniors. The Trojans graduated three seniors from last year's team and have seven juniors, four sophomores and one freshman on this year's varsity.

"There will be some growing pains as we work with new faces and blend in," Stuckmeyer observed. "These girls are conscientious and they will find a way to compete, but you don't get that until they pay their dues."

The Trojans have a trio of 3-point shooters with juniors Ella Hobson and Aubrie Booker and sophomore Savanna Bischoff (Roncalli transfer) plus 5-7 guard Emily Karr and 6-3 sophomore Rachel Wirts, who takes over for graduated center Mary Wilson, as starters.

Off the bench, Stuckmeyer can call upon juniors Emily Karr, Aina Williams, and Lindsey Walker plus freshman Lilly Bischoff (Roncalli transfer) in the backcourt and Ali Wiesmann (Perry Meridian transfer) and Kaho Takeda at forward.

The Trojans have two sectional championships, a Final Four appearance, and are two-time sectional finalists under Stuckmeyer who has set the bar high this season for a young team that needs to blend together.

"We have a lot of new pieces and we're trying to figure out our identity," Stuckmeyer said. "We're capable of making it happen."

"The hope is when you play Center Grove that you know what identity, at least, you will see, Stuckmeyer continued. There's going to be a toughness; a sense of urgency; a competitiveness; we're going to take care of the ball, take great shots, make you earn it, and make you feel uncomfortable."

CG opens defense of its county championship Tuesday, Nov. 16 in Vandermeer Gymnasium against Edinburgh and the Royals are gearing up for rugged MIC competition.

Christel House Manual (1-10) - First-year Eagles coach Andrew William Moore from Washington Catholic guides a new team that incorporates the two schools for the first time. He is a former assistant coach at Christel House. Most of the 13-player roster are from Christel House.

"We've not had any issues with the kids blending in as one team, but to build a culture is a bit challenging," Moore said in historic Cummins Gymnasium. "The older kids are starting to get it, so I look for that to filter down to our younger players."

Senior Jalei Edwards (Franklin transfer) brings strong leadership and a high basketball IQ. Junior Jazlyn Clark brings toughness, physicality and leadership. Junior standout Keira Noe played for Christel House last year. Freshman Tamara Futrell is a solid defender. Determined sophomore Zoe Robertson also will contribute.

"Everything is brand new to these kids," Moore said. "We have to raise our skill level and our effort; those are my main priorities now, not necessarily the X's and O's because these kids will pick up those things very fast."

Moore concluded, "Long term we're looking okay but short term it will be rough for a few weeks." He will be assisted by his sister T.J. Moore.



Basketball in historic Cummins Gymnasium has a new name (Christel House Manual), nickname (Eagles), and new coach Andrew William Moore, a 1995 Beech Grove High School graduate, who is with junior Jazlyn Clark and Jalei Edwards.



Seniors Bekah Ruley, left, and multiple-position senior Rayah Kincer return for their final campaign for Franklin Central.



Sophomore Carys Wilson, left, and freshman Lilly Graves add a big punch to Franklin Central's offense.

Franklin Central (4A, 5-13) - The Flashers are more than prepared to put last season's pandemic-interrupted season behind them. The team was quarantined for six total weeks and had to reschedule at least 11 games and cancel four games.

Veteran coach Vince Cerbone returns with seven players, including Indiana All-Star candidate Rayah Kincer (19.0 points, 7.3 rebounds), a 5-10 multi-position standout who is a true gym rat. The offense features a solid trio of Kincer, 5-10 sophomore Carys Wilson (7.0 points, 3.4 rebounds) and 5-10 freshman sharpshooter Lily Graves. Juniors Mattie Finney and Abby Steinhofer are starters.

The Flashers' depth is solid with senior Bekah Ruley, juniors Adalyn Barlow and Madison Monday, sophomore Lauren Baker, and freshman Emma McVey.

"We're trying to up the tempo on the offensive end to create more opportunities; our top players prefer that style," Cerbone said. "Wilson is one of the better sophomores in the state and Graves is one of the top freshmen. We're young and have a lot of room to grow. We've made major improvements and believe we're better off than last year."

Cerbone wants Wilson to be more aggressive in scoring along with Finney, who is the team's best defender. Steinhofer takes over the board work from graduated 5-10 center Maddie Weaver.

Defensively, the Flashers will rely on man-to-man with some zone and full-court pressure.

"This group works so consistently hard; the work ethic is there on a daily basis," Cerbone said. "We have more shooters than we've had in the past, but we need to learn how to score at a high level."

Cerbone said he will know more about the Flashers by the time they take on Roncalli in the Marion County tourney in early December.



Franklin Central has depth and versatility with, from left, front, Emma McVey, Mattie Finney, Madison Monday, back row, Adalyn Barlow, Abby Steinhofer, Lauren Baker.

Greenwood (4A, 3-15) - Coach Justin Bennett is in his fourth year at the helm with his most talented and experienced team. That could be good news for a program that has won only a dozen games in the last three years.

"This year with the experience we have coming back, they look like it and are more comfortable with what we're doing," Bennett said during a recent practice. "Athletically and versatility, we'll be a lot better, too. On defense, we will start with ball-pressure up front and we should be able to get up and down a little bit more."

The only senior on a junior dominate team is 5-11 Quinn Kelly (9.4 points, 7.3 rebounds), a four-year starter. Sophomore point guard Brooklyn Bell (6.3 points) has basketball savvy and can shoot the 3. Lily Howe is a transfer from Providence who promises to be the missing link. The juniors are Ella Stivers (5.3 points), with an improved perimeter game, Josie Ochsner who missed most of last season with an injury, and Kira Faulkner. Freshman Keyra Johnson is expected to contribute quickly as a tenacious defender.

"Depth-wise we are a lot better than in the past and that's why we've had good competition against each other in our practices," Bennett said. "This group is good-spirited and they love being around each other."

The roster includes one senior, five juniors, four sophomores, and one freshman. The Woodmen may look young but they're not.

"I think we could sneak up on some people, but that's a game-by-game thing," Bennett observed. "The kids believe in what we're trying to do; they just need to go out, do it, and find a way to win."

The Woodmen will be trying to snap a skid of five losing seasons.



Greenwood returns with an experienced team led by, from left, senior Quinn Kelly, sophomore Brooklyn Bell, and junior Lily Howe.

New Coaches

(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLEY)

First-year Perry Meridian coach Amanda Davidson has vast coaching experience that includes four years with a pro team in Germany.



Hornets new coach is Amy Selk who played college basketball for University of Wisconsin-Parkside and was a graduate assistant coach at the University of Indianapolis.



Will Ferris is first new coach for Lutheran's program in 15 years, succeeding Joe Morgan.



Christel House Manual's new coach Andrew William Moore is pictured with players under the school's showcase.

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Girls Basketball Showcase



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Greenwood Christian Academy has good depth this season with, from left, front Lauren Peterson, Chloe Grider, Sydney Waldron, back row, Dani Simon, Ellie Bigelow, Kristen Carlson, and Addie Jolley. Dory O'Dell and Ellie Sloan, not pictured.

Greenwood Christian (1A, 16-7) - Coming off their second straight Final Four playoff appearance, the Cougars will discover what life's like without Izzy, Savvanah, and Brooklyn - that is Reed, Frye, and Stubblefield. Those three seniors accounted for 50 points, 20 rebounds, and 11.5 assists per game last season.

"Obviously it's going to be different with losing 4,000 career points between those three," observed coach Alan Weems, the dean of Johnson County coaches. "There are easy ways to compensate for that. We're asking the kids to take on different roles and to do things better than they've done it before. The baseline is there for them to be successful."

"We've got some kids that I'm very confident in," he observed. "I'm seeing a lot of improvement."

The Cougars offense begins with multi-sport 5-8 senior Ellie Bigelow (10.1 points), 5-11 Dory O'Dell, sharpshooter Chloe Grider and 5-7 Dani Simon, each played in the Jasper Semistate last spring.

"We're going to expect the same from Ellie (Bigelow) that she's done before - handle the ball, shoot it well when you have the opportunity, and make good decisions," Weems said of the Cougars leader. "She just keeps getting better and better."

Weems also has 5-8 sophomore Sydney Waldron, a transfer from Providence, along with juniors, 5-5 guard Lauren Peterson, 5-8 Addie Jolley, and 5-6 Ellie Sloan. Bigelow, Simon, Grider, and Waldron can handle the ball in the backcourt. O'Dell is expected to be more aggressive.

"We're quicker this year and we our physicality is strong," Weems said. "We will defend, hopefully we can hold teams in the low- to mid-40s. We averaged 66 points (offense) last year but we're going to count a lot more on our defense."

Even with the losses of three key graduates, Weems admits, "I'm sure when these kids look around, they think this is a different team. But they've waited for this. These kids were in the background when the three seniors got a lot of attention. It's their turn now."

The Cougars have a string of three sectional and two regional championships but have not gone beyond the Final Four as Loogootee has been their nemesis.

Lutheran (1A, 8-17) - Will Ferris, a first-year varsity mentor, takes the throttle from veteran coach and racing enthusiast Joe Morgan who had 120 wins and one sectional title in 15 years.

The Saints have only eight players, including returnees, 5-5 senior point guard Bekah Caston (4.6 points, 3.0 assists), 5-7 junior center Cora Deane who is coming back from a knee injury, and sophomores, vastly improved 5-1 Caitlyn Brooks and scrappy 5-3 Aubree Bailey. Newcomers are senior forward Jaelah Chenault, sophomore guards Grace King and Kayla Burns, and freshman Kaitlyn Rose.

Ferris prefers up-tempo rather than a half-court offense and ball pressure on defense rather than a zone.

"Most of these players are fundamentally sound, but they are a young team," said Ferris, who pointed out that five Saints played summer ball. "That gives us the opportunity to do some advance things which gives me hope that we can remain mostly competitive this year."

Lutheran has the smallest enrollment in the Indiana Crossroads Conference and plays "up" against 10 teams in higher classifications.



Lutheran has a combination of returnees and newcomers this season with, from left, front, Kayla Burns, Aubree Bailey, Caitlyn Brooks, Bekah Caston, back row, Kaitlyn Rose, Jaelah Chenault, and Grace King, Cora Deane, not pictured.



Two-year junior starter Sydney Horton is the most experienced Royal as Gray looks for 5-9 junior Jordan Hendricks and 5-6 sophomore Claire Lindsey to increase production as starters. National volleyball standout 5-5 Emma Halter 5-5 Cate Lehner, 5-7 Ainsley Newett, and 5-9 Tori Candler are seniors. Junior forward 5-9 Josie Origer and 5-6 sophomore guard Aubrey Silcox show promise. Junior Anna Dressman and sophomore Taylor Turk will be counted on, too. The Royals open Thursday at Pike.



Perry Meridian enters the new season with senior Alli Rastrelli, junior Reagan Rhea, senior Ellie Scaringe, junior Maya Mundy, and sophomore Izzy Egan.

Perry Meridian (4A, 10-14) - First-year varsity coach Amanda Davidson moves from being the Falcons' boys freshman coach to the girls' varsity coach. So she is somewhat familiar with this year's players.

Davidson will rely on 5-9 senior guard Ella Scaringe, who could be one of the county's surprise standouts and 5-7 junior guard Maya Mundy.

"They must continue to develop as leaders, but also they will be our key players to help with the younger players," Davidson said. "They want it really bad and they want to improve every day."

Senior guard Alli Rastrelli also is among six returnees including 5-8 junior guard Reagan Rhea and sophomores, 5-11 Brooke Drew, 5-8 Kaleigh Butts, and 5-8 Izzy Egan.

Davidson wants the Falcons to play fast and aggressive but under control and stick to the basics.

"I'll play the girls who work the hardest and who really want to play," Davidson said. "I want them to play together."

One of Davidson's assistants is legendary girls' basketball mentor Denise McClanahan, who has developed young players throughout the Southside for decades.

Roncalli (4A, 20-5) - Second-year coach Tim Gray guided the Royals to their first 20-win season and sectional title in five years, but graduated four-year starters Indiana All-Star and No. 3 all-time Royals scorer Maddie Bischoff, 1,532 points, and twins Abbie and top rebounder Sofie Carr.

"We do have some experience back, but the girls who came off the bench last year will have to step into bigger roles," Gray said. "We were seven-deep last year but now our players, four through 13, are pretty even and will have to contribute. We'll have some time to find scorers."



Among juniors at Roncalli are, from left, Sydney Horton, the team's only returning starter, Jordan Hendricks, and Ansel Bishop. Josie Origer, not pictured.



Roncalli has four key seniors with experience, from left, Ainsley Newett, Kate Lehner, Emma Halter, and Tori Candler.

Southport (4A, 4-16) - Cardinals graduated two starters (Gracie Cherry and Maddy Newhouse) among four seniors from team that won only four games last year. Coach Adam Morelock has eight returnees which gives him more balance and depth. Loss of junior Katie Cherry, a 5-4 guard, due to a second ACL surgery, is a setback.

Responsibility for more scoring and ball-handling falls to 5-4 senior/three-year starter Miranda Deane (10.7 points, 5.2 rebounds) with help up front from senior 5-8 Cece Mitchell (6.7 points, 5.2 rebounds) and junior Lela Scott (4.4 points, 4.1 rebounds). Juniors, 5-8 Emily Galbraith and 5-7 Bre Reed, could join them as starters.

"We're working on trying to put them in the right places in the lineup to be successful," Morelock said. "It's down to who looks best in practice and how we can rotate them. We're hoping to see results early."

Senior guard Taleah Nool and junior Marianna Martinez add depth. Freshmen, 5-11 Sophia Hguyen and 5-6 Kassie McMasters, are new to varsity competition.

Morelock had to use 16 different starting lineups last year due to the pandemic. He wants this year's Cardinals to push the pace and be defensive-minded to hold foes to less than 50 points while offense finds more points.



The Cardinals have eight returning players from last season with high expectations for, from left, junior Cece Mitchell, senior Miranda Deane, and junior Lela Scott.

Coaching girl's teams

(Continued from Page 1)



Harold Metheny when he coached one of his daughter Amy's (No.1) first Baxter Y teams.

Gardens, Garfield Park, Fletcher Place and Riverside leagues.

Many girls sought him out to play for him. Metheny thus provided opportunities to scores of girls and coached more than three dozen players who earned college scholarships with 11 of them, including daughter Amy in 2008, as Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame inductees. He also coached 11 Silver Anniversary players, numerous Indiana All-Stars, including Southport's Linda Mallender, and 32 basketball scholarship players when college coaches didn't really seek out players.

His 12-year success in various summer leagues with Southport players transferred to the Cardinals with great accomplishments. During that same span, the high school girls team that was coached by Marilyn Ramsey won the county

tourney, five sections, three regionals, one semi-state, and a coveted state championship.

In her waning weeks of battling Stage 4 cancer, Ramsey dictated a letter of support in Metheny's nomination for the Silver Medal award that also mentioned Chuck Mallender as his four-year assistant.

"I was so fortunate to have two knowledgeable and committed parents who ran the off-season program. The new season always began with players fit, skill improved, and with more game knowledge exhibited. Several of my coaching contemporaries spoke with envy of the stability of my off season opportunities."

Metheny also was the first to integrate the Baxter Y league when he brought in Washington High School standout Cheryl Cook, who later would become Miss Indiana Basketball and praised him for being a great influence. She also played for the University of Cincinnati.

"He was a father figure to me," Cook stated with admiration. "He would pick me up in my old neighborhood Haughville and allowed me to venture outside of my neighborhood and gave me the opportunity to play with such a great bunch of girls who became my family. I will be forever grateful to him because he never treated me any different and never saw color."

To this day, Amy Metheny gives high praise to her father whom she considers "a 'girl's dad' long before Kobe." And she recalls that he did it without ever raising his voice.

"He taught girls the game of basketball and gave them opportunities that only the boys had previously known," she added in her letter of recommendation for the Silver Award. "What he did for girl's basketball in central Indiana during those 12 years is unprecedented."

Ironically, he only coached one high school varsity game. In the 1974-1975 season, he coached Southport's boys team to a regular season win against a favored Decatur Central team when the Cardinals' head coach



Metheny when he coached his younger daughters Krista (No. 7) and Rachel (No. 4) at the Baxter Y.



Metheny when he coached the Southport High School team to the Peace Games championship at Riverside.

was ill and could not coach. After serving his country in the U.S. Army, Harold Metheny

came to Southport and served his family, his community, his young athletes, and his high school.

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10	Jordan Hendricks	11	5'7	G
11	Claire Lindsey	10	5'8	G
12	Cate Lehner	12	5'5	G
14	Josie Origer	11	5'9	F
20	Aubrey Silcox	10	5'6	F
21	Gabby Goodnight	11	5'8	G
22	Emma Halter	12	5'5	G
23	Sydney Horton	11	5'8	G
24	Ainsley Newett	12	5'7	G
25	Ansel Bishop	11	5'10	F
31	Taylor Turk	10	5'7	F
34	Tori Candler	12	5'10	F
55	Heaven Thompson	10	5'7	SG



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TOP HONORS FOR PUBLICATIONS



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Southport High School's journalism students of The Journal celebrate all three of the school's student publications after returning to class after the Indiana High School Press Association (IHSPA) annual convention and recognition program. The school's three student publications were named Hoosier Stars by the IHSPA, only one of two high schools in the state to have all publications honored. The high school's three publications are The Journal newspaper, The Anchor yearbook, and website, thejournalrewired.com. This is the second year in a row that both the newspaper and yearbook were named among the top in the state.

HARDWORKING HOOSIER AWARD RECIPIENT



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Southsider and longtime motorsports supporter Brian Wilcox is presented with his Hardworking Hoosier Award by Indiana House District 58 Rep. Michelle Davis recently at a silent-auction fund-raising event at Ray Skillman Classic Cars in Greenwood. Wilcox helps motorists on the road through AAA Hoosier Motor Club. He was recognized for his leadership and service to the state.

ROYAL GOLFERS OUTING



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

The Roncalli girls golf team enjoyed family fun after their season ended with the program's fourth annual postseason outing at Smock Golf Course. Each golfer paired up with a family member for a nine-hole outing. The golfers are: front row, from left, Kaelyn Taylor, Tabitha Yoho, Taylor Meyers, Gracy Bogie, Ashlynn Gilmore, back row, Patrick Ralston, Clara Ralston, Joe DeMore, Gabby DeMore, coach John Stelzel, Tina Meyers, Cody Baker, Cory Carrigan, and Chris Strack. The winning duo was junior Taylor Stahl and her dad, Chris Strack with a 45.

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GRANDPARENTS DAY AT LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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The second-grade class of teacher and Southsider Shannon Denney, background, waits in line to enter Priori Hall at Lumen Christi Catholic School on the near-Southside for grandparents and grandfriends day last week. The school is at 580 Stevens Street, adjacent to Holy Rosary Catholic Church.



Lumen Christi students, from left, Fulton Wenzel, Karli Smith, Elizabeth Galka, and Ella Smith enjoy lunch at grandparents and grandfriends day. Surprise lunches were brought in by relatives for a real treat for the students.



Grandparents Cathy and Jack Denney enjoy lunch with grandchildren, from left, Sophie, Nolan, and A.J. Denney at Lumen Christi Catholic School.



Fourteen Lumen Christi Catholic School students portrayed significant saints during the school's 17th All-Saints Day program last week. The students are, not in order, Clement Brown, Ainsley Brush, A.J. Denney, Will Forester, Madilyn Fussner, Veronica Gudán, Sofia Gurdian, Gus Haywood, Fanny Jackson, Cyprian Lehner, Peter LeMark, Lydia Loisel, Matty Shewmaker, and Olivia Wells.



Lumen Christi teacher and Southsider Sara Butterfield chats with Lori and Kevin Brown and students, Clement, Charlotte, and Blaise Brown.



Personal Recollections By Fred Shonk

HEALING AND PAW PRINTS

Stuart, our family dog, is also a registered therapy dog. He and I visit schools, hospitals and nursing homes. We have done this for over 13 years. On Stuart's last birthday, he turned 17 years old. That makes him almost 120 years old in dog years.

For the past few months, we have been noticing that Stuart has been having some physical problems. We got worried and made an appointment with his veterinarian. Dr. Jones at The Southside Animal Hospital has taken care of Stuart for many years.

A day or so later, Stuart and I were visiting one of the nursing facilities. He has a very special friend that is a resident there. We have been friends with her for over 10 years. She and Stuart have a very close bond.

After much thought, I decided that I should explain a little of the problems that we had been noticing in Stuart. I really didn't want to explain to her but I did talk to her about how he was doing and the veterinarian's appointment. She quietly listened as she gently stroked his head and ears. I could feel that she was a bit upset.

Later that evening, I received a call from one of her doctors that she was very upset and had been crying. She was distraught about Stuart. He assured me that they would take good care of her and would help her deal with this depression.

On the day of Stuart's veterinarian appointment, we made a short visit to the nursing home and visited with her. She petted Stuart and softly talked to him. I assured her that the medicine that Dr. Jones prescribed the week before seemed to be helping Stuart.

Later that day, we had another appointment. Dr. Jones gave Stuart more of the same medicine so he could get better.

After that, Stuart and I returned to the nursing home to give his special girlfriend a good report. He cuddled up with her on her bed and she again petted him and quietly talked to him. I saw a few nice smiles. There were no tears from her on this visit.

The next day, one of her nurses said there was a positive difference and that she kept talking about Stuart's visits. She seemed very happy again. Stuart is still being known as "the miracle healer".

Stuart seems to be having fewer physical problems each day and takes a lot of naps. He seems bothered that we haven't visited many areas of the nursing home or any of the school reading programs that we normally do.

On a different note about Stuart, our next-door neighbors have been dealing with a big project. They hired a contractor to remove their old asphalt driveway and replace it with a new concrete one.

These neighbors, Mark and Carolyn Leigh, are also good friends with us. They keep some very tasty treats in their garage. Stuart would quickly notice the opening of that overhead garage door and scamper over to accept some treats.

The pouring of wet concrete created a challenge for several humans. The garage door needed to remain closed and Stuart was supposed to have his leash attached to prevent any dog paws in the concrete. That went for Harry the cat and all 10 chickens also.

On the final day of concrete pouring for the driveway, Mark came over to our house and got Stuart on his leash. He walked him to a wet part of the new driveway and helped him sign his name. It is beautiful.

Stuart has many friends and I have lots of friends because Stuart lets me hang out with him.



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From *The Spotlight* and
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60 Years Ago This Week - 1961

Butler University's season basketball tickets cost \$5 (this year they run between \$220 and \$1,000).

Former U.S. Vice President Richard M. Nixon appeared at a Republican fundraiser at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, where Arthur Godfrey and The Lennon Sisters performed.

Carpet Fashions was opened at 2714 Madison Ave., by Paul Holcraft, who called his business the first true carpet discount store in Indianapolis.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1971

Meridian Middle School hosted its tremendously popular chicken and noodles dinner, complete with piping hot yeast rolls, buttery mashed potatoes, sweet peas and zesty slaw.

Pat Moriarty shuttered his Woodruff Drug Store at 5345 Madison Ave, saying, "An individually owned drug store is a tough business nowadays. I was working 80 to 90 hours a week, and the financial returns weren't worth it."

McGinty Dodge, 3419 S. U.S. 31, was selling 2-year-old Impalas for \$1,488 and a 1-year-old pickup truck for \$2,688.

Porky Lane supermarket, 1228 Kentucky Ave., celebrated its 70th anniversary with numerous specials, including 20 pounds of potatoes for 59 cents; a gallon of milk, 89 cents; 3 pounds of bacon or bologna, \$1; five loaves of bread for a buck; and a pound of breaded shrimp, \$1.39.

40 Years Ago This Week - 1981

Meridian Middle School cheerleaders Suzy Thoman, Amy Rogge, Cathy Keitler, Heather Pierce, Kim Hendrickson and Lisa Piegel took first-place honors in a cheer clinic. The girls were coached by Karen Hurley and Linda Gelhausen.

Bluff Community Center, formerly Bluff Road School and located at 555 W. Hanna Ave., was closing. Indy Parks and Recreation had been leasing the aging facility from Perry Township Schools, but excessive heating and maintenance costs were forcing the city to vacate the building, whose future was in doubt.

Perry Meridian freshman swimmer Julie Watts could really zip through the water. She set school records in the 200- and 500-meter freestyle with times of 2 minutes and 2.6 seconds and 5:31, respectively. Both marks were previously held by Kelly McBride.

Publisher George Cafouros wrote about the declining number of shoe repair shops in the United States. "There are only 12,000 such shops today, compared to 50,000 about 40 years ago," he penned. "Getting shoes fixed nowadays is no small item. Experienced cobblers are getting mighty hard to find."

30 Years Ago This Week - 1991

McCarrel Jewelers, 2610 Madison Ave., celebrated its 58th anniversary. Men's and women's watches and identification bracelets were marked down 50 percent, and a one-carat diamond tennis bracelet cost \$695.

Southport High School graduate and Indiana University freshman Kathryn Anne Watson, daughter of Ben and Kay Watson, was awarded a \$1,200 National Science Scholarship from the U.S. Department of Education.

College of Mount St. Joseph (Cincinnati) junior volleyball player Ronnie Huck, a Roncalli graduate and the daughter of Rebels basketball coach Ron Huck, was named the NIAA's Player of the Week for having 36 kills, six blocks and 25 digs in three wins.

20 Years Ago This Week - 2001

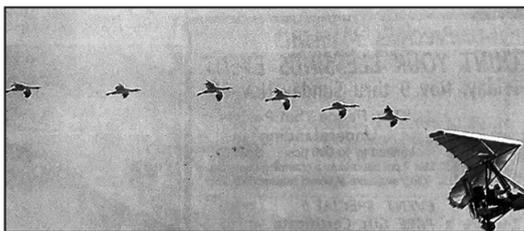


St. Roch's Catholic Youth Organization high school volleyball team finished second in the CYO tournament. The squad featured (from left) Heather Schmoll, Megan O'Gara, Ashley Bencik, Rosie Rutan, Megan Knott, Ashley Johnson, Monica Shaw and Rachel Weisenbach.

Cathedral's football team defeated Roncalli 17-14 in overtime to win a 4A sectional title.

Laurie Ryan joined ReMax Select Realtors as a sales associate.

Southport senior Leslie Osborne won the Voice of Democracy speech contest and won a \$100 scholarship. Southport junior Nicole Jonas took second-place honors to earn a \$75 grant.



Six endangered whooping cranes -- following the lead of an ultralight -- left Morgan County to continue their migration to Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge in Florida.

Grumpy Ed's Restaurant & Pub, 1345 W. Southport Road, served cajun crawfish tails for \$4.25 and 12-ounce T-bone steak dinners for \$8.95.

10 Years Ago This Week - 2011

More than 200 Southport high schoolers were among nearly 600 students who participated in the Kids Against Hunger program at Lucas Oil Stadium, where they packed more 100,000 meals for hungry children in Africa.

This birthday ad for a handsome chap named Roger was published.



Roncalli's yearbook staff garnered honorable mention at the Hoosier Star Awards competition. The crew featured (front) Andria McHugh, Caitly Ruhana, Katie Schultz, Megan Yoder; (back) Alix Annee, Abbey Swhear, Christy Satz, Lauren Sheets, Hannah Smith and Alexa Biddle.

Southside OBITUARIES

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KENNETH RAY ATWOOD, 71, brother, Billy Joe Atwood; girlfriend, Donna Alford.

KENNETH A. BALDWIN, 69, wife, Zina Baldwin; children, Kevin Baldwin and Amy Geads; four grandchildren; sisters, Wanda Dewar and Nancy Copley.

JAMES GORDON BEATTY, 82, wife, Cheryl Beatty; children, Scott Beatty, Deana Wood and Stacy Strader; stepdaughter, Brandy Maio; brothers, Jerry and John Beatty; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

EILEEN "MOMMOM" MAY BRAUN, 87, widow of Richard Braun; children, Christopher Braun, Kimberly Ramirez; two grandchildren; one step-grandson; two great-grandsons; sister, Donna Thoms.

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ANTHONY "TONY" CLARK DENNIS, 40, son, Isaac Dennis; mother, Susie Dennis; sister, Marisol Dennis.

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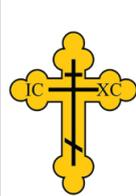
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Southsiders' Bulletin Board

MEETING FEATURES THE AKE FAMILY - TUESDAY, NOV. 16

The Perry Township / Southport Historical Society's November meeting features the Ake family. If you lived in the area in the 50's, 60's or 70's, chances are good that you bought a TV from Recommended TV & Appliances. Joe Ake started the business in his home on Thompson Road and it kept growing for years. Come hear his family tell stories of those years. You may have some to add. The meeting is on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Ave. For more information, call 317-787-5157.

BANDS OF AMERICA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Center Grove High School's marching band is among eight Indiana bands competing with 98 bands from 18 states in the 2021 Bands of America (BOA) Grand National Championships at Lucas Oil Stadium, Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 11-13. The marching Trojans perform Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Preliminaries are Thursday and Friday with semifinals at 7 a.m. and finals at 6:30 p.m., Saturday. All tickets are digital. Visit: marching.musicforall.org/grandnationals 21 to order tickets which are available through Ticketmaster.com.

BG LADIES FUN NIGHT

Ladies' Fun Night is Friday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hornet Park Community Center in Beech Grove. Ladies can launch the holiday season with dinner, games, crafts, and fun. Cost is \$5 per person. Registration suggested at: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com.

CRAFTS AND MORE FAIR AT PMMS

The annual crafts and more fair at Perry Meridian Middle School unfolds Saturday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with more than 100 area vendors with handmade items, holiday gifts, jewelry, and more. Admission is \$2, 12 and under free. The school is at 202 W. Meridian School Road. Info: 317-789-4131.

VINTAGE MOVIE NIGHT

The Maze (1953) is the featured vintage movie, presented by film historian Eric Grayson, Saturday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive. The Maze, a horror flick, features Richard Carlson and Veronica Hurst and takes place in a castle in the Scottish highlands. No pre-registration. Tickets at the door. Info: gpacarts.org.

SALI ARTIST RECEPTION

A reception for member artist Linette Pedigo, whose art is on display this month, will be held Saturday, Nov. 13, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Southside Art League, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. Pedigo utilizes acrylic paints and plasters for three-dimensional and sometimes whimsical but modern florals. The gallery is open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: southsideartleague.org.

PRESCHOOL MINI MONDAY

The next Mini Monday for preschool-age kids to learn and play for an hour takes place Nov. 15 at 10 a.m. at the Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. Snacks are included. No cost. Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com.

BAXTER Y KID'S NIGHT OUT

Baxter Y is having a kid's night out Friday, Nov. 19, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The theme is a Teddy Bear Picnic with games, activities, crafts, gym, pizza and fruit, a movie, and more fun. The night out is for kids 6 weeks to 12 years old. Cost is \$20 per child for members, \$30 for non-members. Baxter Y is at 7900 Shelby St. Register and info: 317-881-9347.

FLASHES BAND BOOSTERS CRAFT FAIR

The Franklin Central Flashes Band Boosters organization is having a holiday craft fair Saturday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Franklin Central High School, 6215 S. Franklin Road. Vendors, art works, crafts and more are available for purchase plus concessions and a bake sale. Info: email to craftfair@fcbands.org.

AUTUMN ART FAIR

The annual autumn art fair is Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 20-21, at the Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive. Hours are Nov. 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Forty local artists from central Indiana will have handcrafted, original, and affordable works available for purchase. Info: gpacarts.org.

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Lutheran, Roncalli, CG find different ways to capture sectional trophies



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY DEIDRE BARNETT) Lutheran's Saints celebrate the program's eighth Class A IHSAA Sectional championship Friday after ousting Covenant Christian, the 2020 Class A state champions. The Saints came from behind for a thrilling 34-27 homefield win, avenging last year's sectional win by the Warriors.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY GENTRY APPELGET) Roncalli's football team holds its Class 4A Sectional championship trophy high so that Royals students and fans can join in the celebration Friday night at Roncalli. The Rebels defeated rival Bishop Chatard and now travel to a 4A regional game Friday against Mt. Vernon in Fortville. Game time is 7 p.m.

By Al Stille
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Three Southside teams, undefeated and ranked No. 1 in their class, claimed IHSAA sectional championships Friday night in vastly different ways.

Lutheran came up with a nail-biting second-half comeback on its home turf and ousted 2020 Class A state champion Covenant Christian, 34-27. The Saints travel to Parke Heritage (9-2) in Rockville for a Class A Regional showdown.

Center Grove continued its workmanlike domination of the Class 6A Sectional 8 championship by manhandling visiting Columbus North, 41-7. The Trojans go north Friday to meet underdog Lawrence North, a team CG defeated 43-19 last month.

And Roncalli broke loose from a defensive duel in the first-half and pulled away from visiting rival Bishop Chatard, 35-21. The Rebels travel Friday to Fortville and face Mt. Vernon (11-1), a machine that averages a basketball-like 50.8 points.

All regional games Friday are at 7 p.m. At Lutheran, the Saints captured its eighth sectional championship in nine years after trailing Covenant Christian 20-7 early in the third quarter. The determined Saints gathered together and made sure the Warriors did not take a second straight sectional title game from Lutheran.

Senior quarterback Montasi Clay connected with Brandon Brooks for a 59-yard TD pass to cut the Warriors lead to one score; but Covenant Christian answered with a touchdown.

Then Jake Pasch ignited the Saints with an 83-yard kickoff return, the first of three unanswered game-winning scores. Clay followed that up with a 35-yard run for a 27-all deadlock. After another defensive stand by the Saints, Clay connected with Micah Mackey for a winning 14-yard TD pass with only 34 seconds left.

Determined Covenant Christian marched toward the endzone but Mackey made a game-ending defensive play and knocked down the Warriors final pass to end the game.

At Center Grove, the Trojans stretched its overall winning streak to 25 straight games by brushing off Columbus North, 41-7, forcing a running clock in the second half for the third straight game.

Running back Daniel Weems scored the first three touchdowns in the first quarter as CG built a 35-0 lead. The Trojans have won 11 straight sectional trophies.

At Roncalli, the host Royals and Trojans from Chatard battled to a scoreless deadlock until quarterback Aidan Lefler connected with Luke Hansen for a 10-yard TD pass with only three seconds left in the first half, capping a nine-play, 56-yard drive.

Taking some of the blame for the first-half offense, Lefler said, "I didn't hit some open targets. We went in at halftime, picked our heads up, and got back in it. We kept fighting and then near the end of the third quarter and early fourth quarter, our o-line was able to capitalize."

The visiting Trojans thwarted the Royals first drive in the third quarter, forced a punt, and tied it on a two-yard TD run on their first drive. Then Roncalli went to work. Lefler and receiver Zach Armin connected on a sparkling 67-yard TD,



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY GENTRY APPELGET) Roncalli senior quarterback Aidan Lefler (15) gains yardage against Bishop Chatard in a 4A sectional championship game. Lefler threw for three touchdowns and ran for one more score.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY DEIDRE BARNETT) Lutheran junior Micah Mackey (23) carries the ball around the left side for the Saints. Mackey scored the Saints go-ahead touchdown on a 14-yard pass from quarterback Montasi Clay.

Roncalli's defense forced Chatard to a three-and-out, and jumped ahead 21-6 on a Lefler-to-Caden Gore TD pass.

Chatard scored again, but Roncalli iced it with TD runs by Lefler and Hansen.

Lefler completed 10 of 16 passes for 210 yards and three TDs. Workhorse Hansen carried 21 times for 177 yards and two TDs.

Roncalli coach John Rodenburg explained the Royals' passing success.

"We stuck with our game plan to run the ball and eventually we're going to wear on you. When they (Chatard) loaded up the box with 'cover zero,' we were able to hit on two big ones. On a 'cover zero' blitz - if you want to play us like that - we can throw the ball."

Roncalli's o-line is bolstered consistently by seniors Grant Ray (300 pounds), Sam Secrest (295), and Patrick Meek (346) and juniors Trevor Lauck (290) and Luke Skartvedt (303).

Lefler praised, "I'm extremely confident in my o-line, best in the state and the nation as far as I'm concerned."

The Royals now have 22 sectional championships, including three in a row.

The rivalry between Roncalli and Chatard is one of the best in Indiana high school football because players from each team have faced each other beginning with their years in CYO football.

"I've grown up with these guys," Lefler remarked.

"They're like my brothers, but I'm very, very happy for my team."

And so is Roncalli Nation.

Roncalli Salutes Our Girls Volleyball Regional Champions

The Roncalli Varsity Volleyball Team, under the direction of head coach Christina Erazmus R'01, captured the Regional Championship.

The 2021 regional title is the program's 13th overall and first since 2014. This year's title is the program's second regional title since moving to Class 4A in 2011.

Congratulations to the coaches and the Roncalli Varsity Girls Volleyball team!

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Luke (a junior) and Drew (a sophomore), attend Roncalli and play in the basketball and soccer programs. Their daughter, Sammie, is an eighth-grader at St. Jude Catholic School.

Kegerreis is one of seven former Roncalli girls basketball players to be honored as a member of a silver anniversary team.

She joins Susie (Kuntz) Corsaro (honored in '08), Diane (Hoereth) Metz ('11), Colleen (Jordan) Loberg ('13), Kathy (Lauck) Schreiber ('15), Erin (Duncan) Turk ('15) and Nikki (Lawrie) Knight ('19) in the group of honored players.

All seven were coached at Roncalli by Indiana Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Kirkhoff.

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