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**Quote of the Week:**

*"My mother always used to say: The older you get, the better you get, unless you're a banana."*

— Rose (Betty White) *The Golden Girls*

## History on February 16

**1933:** David O. Selznick was made the new vice-president of MGM studios on this day. He also played the role of producer for MGM. He replaced a person commonly known as RKO, who had returned to the company with whom he (RKO) had launched his career.

**1937:** Wallace H. Carothers, a research chemist for Du Pont, received a patent for nylon.

**1938:** It was reported on this day that heavy rainfall occurred the evening before. Even though Texas is generally a warmer drier state than others, locals were not prepared for it. Instead they expected bitter winter temperatures. The concern about this rainfall was that colder weather was predicted for later in the week. This cold weather would then cause a complete freeze-over and West Texas would be covered with ice.

**1942:** The song "Jersey Bounce" is recorded by Shep Fields and his orchestra. This piece becomes one of the defining numbers of the big band musical era.

**1968:** The first 911 emergency telephone system is inaugurated in Haleyville, Ala., but due to problems with telephone service boundaries and electromechanical switching equipment which could not recognize the 911 number, it is not until the mid 1980s that 911 works countrywide.

If you would like to know more history on this day or any other day, go to: **thepeoplehistory.com**

## Trojans' Prusiecki dives to first state championship

By Steve Page Correspondent

Mia Prusiecki found herself engaged in a close battle with Northridge senior Jiselle Miller as they competed in the preliminary and semifinal rounds of Saturday's IHSAA State Championship diving finals in the Indiana University Natatorium on the campus of IUPUI.

After the first eight dives, and going into the final three attempts, the Center Grove sophomore had Miller just where she wanted her — more than two points ahead of Prusiecki.

"I didn't want to go to the finals in first," Prusiecki said. "Last year, I was first and went down. So I didn't want to be in first this year."

Until the event was over.

When the competition concluded, Prusiecki had earned her championship, outpointing Miller 524.00 to 519.45.

Another Northridge senior, Kaitlin Simons, was third at 501.75. Franklin Central junior Devynn Bishop took fifth with 481.55 points.

Prusiecki and Miller had not battled since the 2021 state finals when Prusiecki was the runner-up to Fishers senior Morgan Casey, but the Trojan sophomore was surprised with her competitor's early success Saturday.

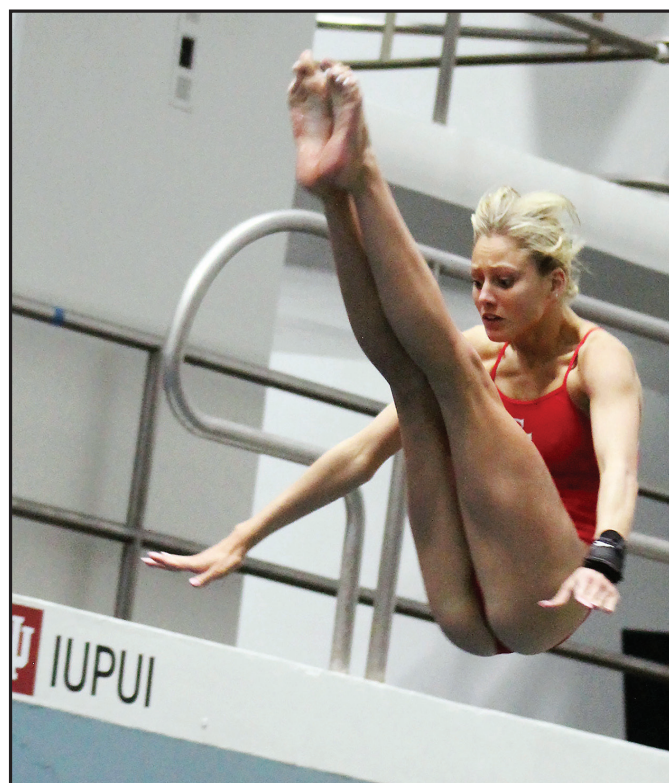
"I was like surprised, but Jiselle is a good diver," Prusiecki said.

The two remained close. Although Prusiecki scored 65.80 points on her 10th dive, an inward two somersaults from the tuck position, Miller still led by four points. That brought it down to the last dive.

"I'm a competitive person," Prusiecki said. "That made me do my dive even better. I've been working on it. I fixed my balance."

Prusiecki landed a reverse somersault tuck, scoring 58.75, then waited for Miller's finale. When the Northridge diver scored 49.40, smiles broke out in the Center Grove area.

"I like pressure," Prusiecki said. "I just want



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY STEVE PAGE) Mia Prusiecki, a Center Grove sophomore, flies through the Indiana University Natatorium air as she competes in Saturday's IHSAA Swimming and Diving State Finals at IUPUI.



Prusiecki is all smiles as the Center Grove sophomore stands atop the podium, wearing her first-place medal after scoring 524 points to win the IHSAA state one-meter diving championship.

See "Prusiecki" Page 2

## The Voice announces Top 10 stories of 2021 and prize winners

By Al Stille Editor

The fatal shooting of Beech Grove's Samaria Blackwell, who was among eight victims killed in a mass shooting at a FedEx facility, is the 2021 Top Story of the Year, according to readers of The Southsider Voice who submitted ballots.

Blackwell, 19, who desired to become a police officer, had worked at the far-westside facility for only a few months before the shooting on April 14. She was later named as an honorary Southport police officer at the dedication of the "buddy bench" in front of Southport Elementary School later in the year.

Our readers also acknowledged the passing of beloved coach and educator Ray Schultz and legendary motorsports reporter Robin Miller among the top five stories of 2021.

**Readers submitted a near-record number of ballots and marked nine of the 21 stories with first-place votes. The results:**

1. Samaria Blackwell of Beech Grove is among eight victims killed in mass shooting at westside FedEx facility and later named an honorary Southport police officer.
2. Legendary and beloved hall of fame coach/educator Ray Schultz dies; hundreds showed respect during visitation at Manual High School gymnasium.
3. Development of I-69 along Ind. 37 footprint enters Johnson County as construction creeps closer to Southside.
4. Southport's Robin Miller, legendary motorsports writer and TV analyst, succumbs to long battle against cancer.
5. Southside hospitals cut visitations

due to continued covid pandemic and physicians emphasize vaccinations to help reduce the devastating impact of the disease.

6. Greenwood native Teri Campbell Maude unveils memorial in Indianapolis honoring husband Gen. Timothy G. Maude, highest ranking officer killed in 9/11 attacks.

7. New and spacious West Perry Library opens as a much-needed second Indy Public Library branch in Perry Township.

8. Final phase of Madison Ave. reconstruction and modernization in Greenwood open to motorists.

9. Fire destroys landmark grain elevator on Main Street in Greenwood near CSX railroad tracks.

10. Dedication of a "buddy bench" at Southport Elementary School memorializes fallen police Lt. Aaron Allan and IMPD's Breann Leath and longtime community volunteer Annie Singleton.

Throughout 2021, the Southside continued to be served and protected by police, fire, and first responders as well as all hospital medical staff and personnel who toiled many extra hours to help patients suffering from covid.

Thanks to our beloved readers for your continued support throughout the year.

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Pam Gearlds, Beech Grove



## CROSSING THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

**Stuart:** Southside Animal Shelter rescue, therapy dog and *Southsider Voice* columnist



(PHOTO COURTESY OF BEECH GROVE CITY SCHOOLS) Stuart listening to one of the Beech Grove student readers.

### Stuart's last column

My name is Stuart and I am a registered Therapy Dog. I'm almost 18 years old and have a strong feeling that by the time you are reading this article I will be beginning a new job. I will be a part-time greeter on the far side of Rainbow Bridge.

I haven't been feeling well for several months. At first, I thought it was because we haven't visited our friends in the nursing homes and the schools to see friends and have students read books to us.

I have been sleeping much of the day. My front and back legs are always hurting and I have been stumbling quite a bit when walking. We visited my doctor's office a couple of weeks ago and I listened closely as Mom (Lyn Shonk), Dad (Fred Shonk) and the doctor talked. That is when I first began learning about my new job at the Rainbow Bridge.

This will be a part-time task. I will get to hang around with my human and animal friends that have already crossed over the bridge. I'm really looking forward to being reunited with them. I will be given notice when I need to be on duty at the bridge to welcome any human or animal family or friends that I have known and loved in this life. Those will be beautiful reunions.

I want to thank all my neighbors. Carolyn and Mark, our next-door neighbors are great folks. They always have special treats for me. They even helped me place my front paws in the cement of their new driveway. Those prints will be there for a long time. Neighbors Alice and Izzy are really nice also. It's always fun to see them.

Our neighbors on the other side of our house have a mailbox post that I have liked for years. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes.

Dad and I visited one of our favorite nursing homes last week. I had the opportunity to spend some time with my girlfriend, Christi. I am so going to miss that girl. We have been friends for more than 10 years. We cuddled on her bed and enjoyed each other's company. I believe we both enjoyed a short nap.

I'm going to be able to reconnect with several folks that I knew from the nursing homes. I'm really looking forward to seeing Jo and Danny from ManorCare.

I want to thank all the staff and students at Beech Grove City Schools. Dad and I visited those elementary schools for several years doing a reading program. I loved having students reading books to me. I have so many special memories of those reading visits. Former School Superintendent, Dr. Paul Kaiser even had an official employee ID tag made for me. I felt very honored.

I am also an honorary member of The Perry Township / Southport Historical Society. I enjoyed attending meetings and presentations each month. I met and became friends with some very nice people. I was also honored to be in a couple of holiday parades. Dad and I rode in a vehicle and waved to the folks on the parade route. We even tossed dog cookies to any of my canine friends that we spotted along the route.

I'm really going to miss my animal buddies that live with us at our home. Harry the Cat and I have become very close. We both enjoy helping Mom when she goes out to take care of the chickens that live in our backyard. I think there are eight of them and we all get along really good.

I understand that as I am starting a new adventure, Mom and Dad will probably be struggling with the absence of our daily routine. We are really going to miss each other.

I'm going to be able to meet both Smokey and Sam. They were both canine family members living with Mom and Dad before me. I inherited many toys from them. I often noticed dad smiling when he saw me playing with one of those special toys.

I have totally enjoyed being able to provide articles to *The Southsider Voice* newspaper. I've met some really special people that are also connected with this newspaper. I want to thank each of you and encourage you to keep up the good work.

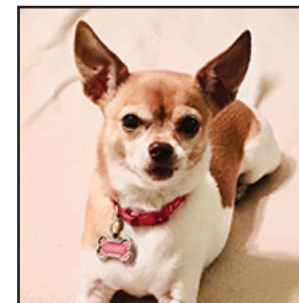
I know that I've missed lots of stories about some of our friends. I want you to know that I have had a very special life. I know Mom and Dad are going to experience a difficult time for a while. We are going to miss each other. Please watch over them. That would please me so much.

Stuart the Therapy Dog... signing out...

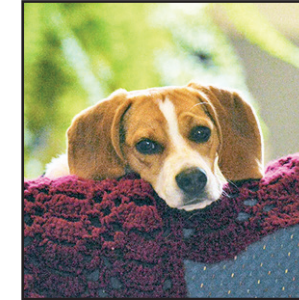
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**Fred Shonk and Stuart have been a vital part of Beech Grove City Schools. Stuart made reading enjoyable and fun by allowing our students to read to him on a regular basis. The look of joy in their eyes when Stuart laid his head on their lap, or looked up at them as they read was magic. Stuart's partner, Fred, is pretty awesome, too. Thank you, Stuart and Fred for giving our Beech Grove students so much love and support over the years. Stuart definitely left paw prints of love on everyone he came in contact with. Stuart was a great friend to you, Fred... we know it's hard to say goodbye to such a special companion. Our thoughts are with you at this very difficult time.**

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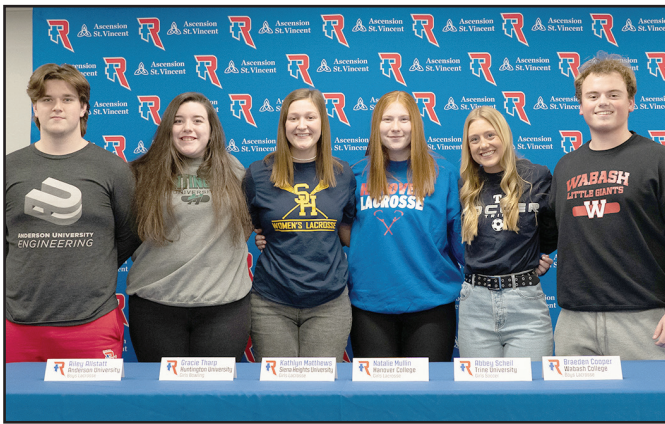
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# Kelly's Korner

By Kelly Sawyers, publisher  
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## COLLEGE-BOUND RONCALLI STUDENT-ATHLETES



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

Among the 15 Roncalli High School student-athletes who were recognized at a special ceremony recently are, from left, Riley Allstatt, Anderson University, lacrosse; Gracie Tarp, Huntington University, bowling; Kathlyn Matthews, Siena Heights University, lacrosse; Natalie Mullin, Hanover College, lacrosse; Abbey Scheil, Trine University, soccer; and Braeden Cooper, Wabash College, lacrosse.



Among the Roncalli High School student-athletes beginning their collegiate careers on track and field teams in the fall are, from left, Eli Crouch, Indiana University; Zander Hooten, Bellarmine University; Sam Runholt, Marian University.



Roncalli High School student-athletes who will be playing football at different colleges in the fall are, from left, Aidan Leffler, Ball State University; Sam Secrest, University of Louisville; Patrick Meek, Wabash College; Grant Ray, University of Indianapolis; Michael Hegwood, Wabash College; and Tyson Garrett, Butler University.



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**Perry Perspectives**  
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(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

Nate Smith of Southport wrestler his way to the 106-lb. championship Saturday at the New Castle semistate. Smith is the only Cardinal to advance to the state finals Friday and Saturday at Gainbridge.

By **Elizabeth Choi**  
Director of Communications

What's better than a Perry Township wrestler making it all the way to state? Six Perry Township Schools wrestlers making it all the way to state! The competition is this weekend and Perry Meridian and Southport wrestlers are ready to solidify some more wins.

Southport Senior Nate Smith has earned his way to the top. He is currently undefeated, with a 47-0 record after dominating last weekend's Indiana High School Athletic Competition (IHSAA) Semi-State Championships

"I really can't ask for much better. I won county, conference, regionals, sectionals...and then just recently, I broke the all-time and season record, said Smith.

At Perry High, junior Toby Billerman is also making a name for himself.

"I did a lot of tournaments after the season last year. I went to Sophomore Nationals. I placed eighth there in the nation," said Billerman.

What do Nate and Toby have in common, well, besides the obvious? Both boys are headed to state and both are strong contenders for titles.

"Get past the opponent. If I wrestle my best, I think no one can beat me," said Billerman.

Smith added, "I think I'm just as good as anyone else in the state." At Perry, head coach Matt Schoettle is sending five boys altogether to the finals.

"We've coached these kids, some since they were 4-5 years old. Now watching them as juniors, try to reach their goals, I don't think there's anything better in coaching," said Schoettle.

On the Southport side, head wrestling coach Nick Skinner is confident heading to the finals.

"I'll teach them things that work for me. I have other coaches that teach them things that work for them. I ask the kids to pick up what they think works," said Skinner.

Which seems to be working. Still, with the stakes so high, there's a little apprehension.

"It's definitely in the back of my mind that it could be over. One wrong move, one mistake and that's it," said Smith.

"I'm a little nervous, but, I just think with my practice and preparations for the tournament, there's nothing to be nervous about. Just leave it all on the mat," said Billerman.

The IHSAA State Finals are will take place February 19 and 20 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. For more information on tickets and times, visit <https://www.gainbridgefieldhouse.com/events/detail/ihsaa-boys-wrestling-state-finals>.

## Prusiecki (Continued from Page 1)

to win. I just wanted to do my best. That's all I came here for. I'm happy."

Unlike some coaches, who are in constant conversation and interaction with their divers, Center Grove diving coach Brian Glover was available to Prusiecki, but mostly watched her perform.

"At this point in the season, it's not what I'm going to do, but what Mia is going to do," he explained.

He figured the competition would go all the way to the finale.

"It was going to come down to the last dive," Glover said. "The 11th dive – who can land it best?"

"The excitement, the adrenaline and the state competition, it really drives you to do well. She knows how to bring it. I'm really glad we pulled it out."

At first glance, it appeared Prusiecki was in position to make a run at the state record of 563.65 points, established in 2015 by Brooke Schultz of Hamilton Heights.

After scoring 492.95 points to win the Center Grove sectional meet, Prusiecki amassed 572.95 points in the Jasper diving regional, which was moved from Bloomington South because of limited spectator space there. But more than one coach at the state meet noted that the Jasper scores were inflated.

Indian Creek sophomore Ella Taylor was the Jasper runnerup at 486.05, but she was knocked out of Saturday's preliminaries when a leg buckled as she launched a dive. After scraping the board with her head, she hit it with a shoulder and did not finish the competition.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY STEVE PAGE)  
Center Grove sophomore Mia Prusiecki sails high above the Indiana University waters as she pops out of the pike position during Saturday's IHSAA Swimming and Diving State Finals.



**Personal Recollections**  
By Fred Shonk

Fred's column will return!



## Buck Creek Players puts musicals and comedy on stage

The unique Buck Creek Players Playhouse on the far Southeast-side opens its 49th season (2022-2023) this summer with the youth production of "13: The Musical," a musical about a teen's struggle to fit in. The opening date is to be announced soon.

The musical tells the story of a teen who moves from his preteen home in New York City to a sleepy Hoosier town after his parents' divorce. The rock score is by Tony Award winning composer James Robert Brown.

The new season also features "A Christmas Story: The Musical," in December. The musical brings a different and entertaining dimension to the popular movie set in the 1940s. The versatile score ranges from ballads to full-ensemble numbers.

The new season in Winter and Spring 2023 also includes "Always a Bridesmaid" in January-February, "Are You Being Served" in Spring, and 'The Great American Trailer Park Musical' in early Summer.

All 49th season productions are contingent upon licensing availability.

The current 48th season (2021-2022) ended the production of "Good People," a comedy that takes place in Southie, a Boston neighborhood where a night on the town means bingo. The lead actors were Molly Bellner (Margaret), Jeremy Tuterow (Mike), Francie Mitchaner (Jean), and Susan Hill (Dottie).

"Fly Babies," a drama where history takes off, unfolds on stage April 1-10. This play is about five young American women who are qualified pilots in the newly-created Women Airforce Service pilots (WASPs), each from different backgrounds.

The next musical production will be "Little Women," June 3-19. Auditions were held recently at the playhouse for the Broadway musical that is locally produced by Gloria Bray, directed by Cathy Cutshall, and musical director Emily Gaddy.

Buck Creek Players began in 1973 when the Franklin Township Civic League and local residents formed a committee to present performing arts. They performed in elementary schools and high schools before moving into their first home in a historic church on Acton Road.

In 2001, they moved into its current home. With increased capacity to 130 patrons, the space is intimate and there's not a bad seat in the house.

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# Reminiscing

By B. Scott Mohr  
A retrospective glance at the Southside  
From *The Spotlight* and  
*The Southsider Voice* archives

### 60 Years Ago This Week - 1962

Construction on the Indianapolis fire station at Shelby Street and Hanna Avenue was expected to commence in the near future.

Kinney's Shoes at the point of U.S. 31 and Madison Avenue held a huge sale. When buying a pair of shoes for \$2.99, the second pair cost 1 cent.

Richard Emery, Joe Buegler, Charles Possman, Carl Bates and Harold Schuman were elected to the Greater Southside Inc.'s board of directors.

Work was progressing on the YMCA's swimming pool at 7900 Shelby St., with a completion date set for June 1.

J. Bernard Smith and Michael Hittle were named manager and assistant manager, respectively, of American Fletcher National Bank's Southport branch, which was opening in March.

### 50 Years Ago This Week - 1972

Terrence P. Osburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Osburn, was named valedictorian of Cathedral High School. He had been awarded a scholarship to the University of Notre Dame, where he planned to study pre-law.

Gail Butterfield, a senior at Manual and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butterfield, was a sweetheart candidate for DeMolay's annual dance, an event for youths in the Masonic organization.

Southport High School students Sharon Bellamy, Carole Perkins, Elizabeth Heacox, Carolyn Tetrick and Joe Yeager were making plans for their summer studies in England, France and Russia.

The "Jim and Jesse Show," a Grand Ole Opry production starring brothers Jim and Jesse McReynolds, made a stop at Central Hardware at U.S. 31 and Shelby Street.

### 40 Years Ago This Week - 1982

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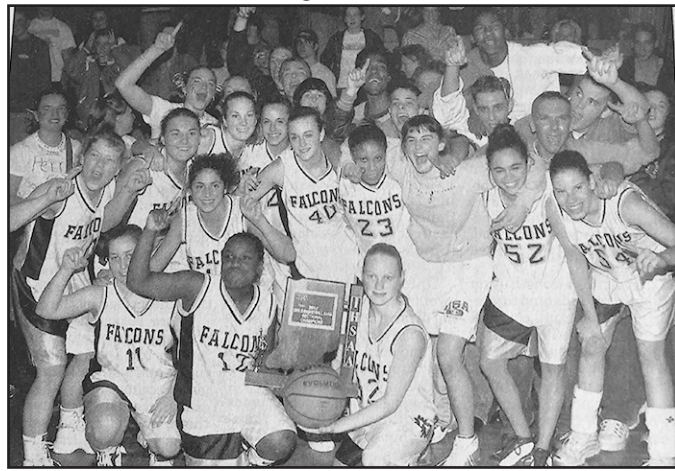
### 30 Years Ago This Week - 1992

Carol Bjorklund retired as director of Christian education at First Presbyterian Church of Southport.

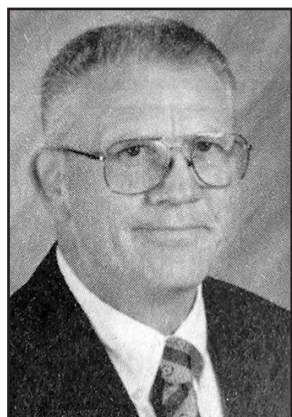
The girls basketball team from Southport High School won a sectional title by defeating Pery Meridian 70-47.

The Fireside South Restaurant, 522 E. Raymond St., served a Valentine's Day dinner for two for \$27.95. The meal included a sizzling filet mignon, salad, potato and dessert.

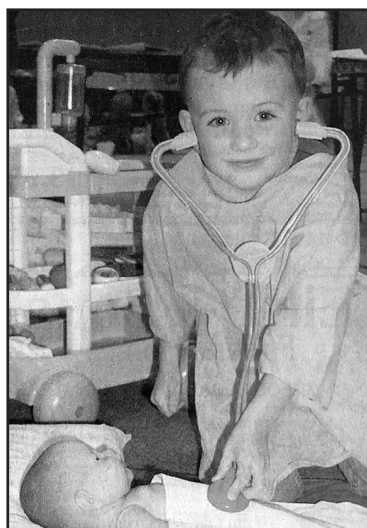
### 20 Years Ago This Week - 2002



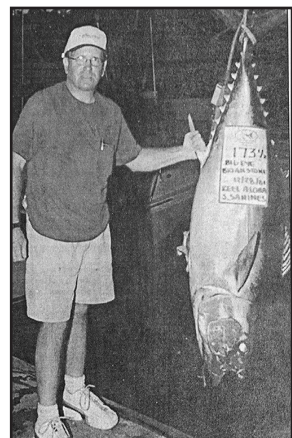
Perry Meridian High School girls basketball team defeated Southport 57-54 to win the Southport sectional.



Mary Bryan Elementary School Principal Stephen McGee spoke during the opening program of the Men's Lenten Breakfast Series hosted by United Methodist churches.



Christopher Heck, son of Dr. Jim and Margie Heck, "examines" a pretend patient during Mount Pleasant Christian Church's prekindergarten Hospital Day.



Brian Stone landed this 175-pound bigeye tuna while fishing in West Hawaiian waters.

Perry Meridian wrestlers Nate Moore, Jeremy and Justin Dibbern and Nick Henninger, Franklin Central's Nate Newport, Southport's Sam Scheib and Roncalli's Ray Ahaus, Mike Perry and Nick Himes qualified for the state finals.

Brand-name cigarettes cost about \$2.20 a pack.

The fifth- and sixth-grade B volleyball team from St. Barnabas School won a pre-season tournament. The squad featured Jasmine Slivka, Jordan Sudzina, Chelsea Stumpf, Jill Grande, Kellie Corbin, Briana Spiegl, Allison Kresbach, Mary Langferman, Amanda Miller, Laura McHugh and coaches Mike Sudzina and Donna Slivka.

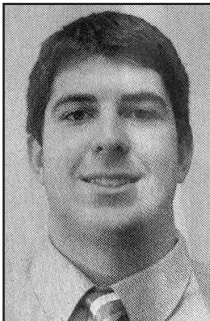
### 10 Years Ago This Week - 2012



Roncalli's bowling team won a sectional championship. The squad featured (front, from left) Jordan Smith, Rachel Warren, Maryann Todd, Kelsey Neylon, Jessica Neu, Christina Gillenwater; (back) Sophie Mascari, Allison Brothers, Maddi Wincek, Kristin Bashore, Megan Powell, Megan Harrell and coach Mike McGreevy.

Roncalli senior Cole Toner, son of Dave and Angie Toner, was awarded a scholarship to play football at Harvard University.

Main Street Estate Buyers opened at 324 W. Main St., Greenwood.



Cole Toner

## Funeral home becomes O'Riley-Branson Funeral Service & Crematory

The Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home on the Southside is now O'Riley-Branson Funeral Service & Crematory.

The name change was announced recently by owners Chris and Mary Beth Branson, who purchased the funeral home from Shawn and Diane (O'Riley) Gudat in 2017.

"We're very proud to have served the community for five years," said Chris Branson. "Our name change is a symbol of our commitment to care for families in Indianapolis for years to come."

The Bransons have spent the last five years enhancing the facility and creating personalized services. Major facility renovations were finished last year, including new paint, flooring, furniture and décor; updated restrooms and family lounge; and exterior painting and landscaping. The fleet of vehicles was also updated.

In 2020, O'Riley became an exclusive Life Celebration Funeral Home, offering a unique funeral experience with immersive displays and keepsakes to help families honor their loved ones. The Bransons also added video tributes and live streaming to the services offered.

The Bransons have owned Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service & Crematory in Mooresville since 2007. The Carlisle-Branson facility includes an on-site crematory and is also used for O'Riley families requesting cremation services.

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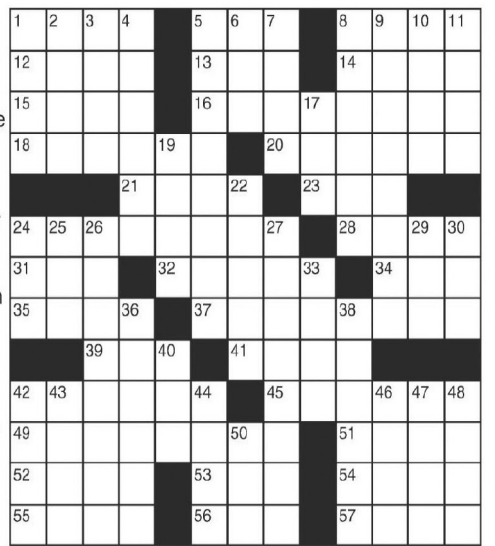
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 See 12-Across
- 5 Scoundrel
- 8 Mine entrance
- 12 With 1-Across, have trouble
- 13 Bullring cheer
- 14 Pianist Peter
- 15 Fermi's bit
- 16 Time on Earth
- 18 Summer-house
- 20 Deviating off course
- 21 Albacore, e.g.
- 23 - Aviv
- 24 Help on "... Millionaire"
- 28 Pealed
- 31 Commotion
- 32 Nuptial announcement
- 34 Dead heat
- 35 Legal wrong
- 37 Shipwreck aid
- 39 Bill and -
- 41 Sea eagle
- 42 Cover the cost up front
- 45 Adjective modifier
- 49 Organism
- 51 Concept
- 52 Finished
- 53 Regret
- 54 Whirlpool



### DOWN

- 1 Carpet style
- 2 Silents
- 3 The gamut
- 4 Reproductive cell
- 5 House style
- 6 Boxer
- 7 Challenge
- 8 Reply
- 9 Remove hair
- 10 Persia, now
- 11 Chinatown
- 17 Dine
- 19 Closed-up tulip
- 22 Sandy's mistress
- 24 Long, crosser
- 25 "What can - for you?"
- 26 Made to consume
- 27 Put in a border, as a photo
- 29 Zero
- 30 Obtain
- 33 Remit
- 36 Drunkards
- 38 Groups of quail
- 40 LummoX
- 42 Winter truck attachment
- 43 Split
- 44 Bygone times
- 46 Icelandic epic
- 47 Cincinnati team
- 48 Chesapeake et al.
- 50 Scoot

## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Y equals N

QEJY TFA'WJ YJRW JYFAUE

CF WAY RWFAYH PY CEJ WRQ,

P WJBLFY TFA'WJ QPCPEY

OCWJRLPYU HPOCRYBJ.



## Southsiders' Bulletin Board

### SOUTHSIDE PROJECTS AFFECT TRAFFIC

Citizens Energy Group has two infrastructure projects that affect traffic with lane closures on the Southside. Watermain work this week will close two southbound lanes of US 31/S. East St. between East Elbert St. and East Thompson Road, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sewer rehabilitation will close two lanes of South Madison Ave. in each direction at East Pleasant Run Parkway North Drive and one eastbound lane of East Pleasant Run Parkway North Drive for two more weeks. Motorists are urged to use caution in the work areas and utilize posted detours. Info: www.CitizensEnergyGroup.com/Construction.

### GLEANERS FRANCISCAN MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The Gleaners mobile food pantry will be at the Franciscan Health parking lot, 1500 Albany St., Beech Grove, today (Wednesday), 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Individuals and families in need can receive free food and groceries. The mobile food pantry is in partnership with Franciscan Health. Future distributions will be Wednesdays, March 16 and April 13. Volunteers are needed to help in the food distribution. Info: 317-925-0191 or visit online at: gleaners.org.

### VINTAGE MOVIE STARS RIN TIN TIN

Vintage Movie Night at the Garfield Park Arts Center main gallery features Clash of Wolves (1925), starring the original Rin Tin Tin, Saturday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., with host film historian Eric Grayson. A silent movie with live score. Cost is \$5 per person at the door; no pre-registration. Face masks required. The arts center is at 2432 Conservatory Drive on the park grounds. Info: 317-327-7135 or visit: gpacarts.org/events.

### WR BRANCH BLOOD DRIVE

The White River branch of the Johnson County Library is having a community-wide blood drive Tuesday, Feb. 22, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. All blood types are needed by the Red Cross. To make an appointment, call 800-733-2767 or visit: redcrossblood.org.

### LEARN ABOUT CRYPTO AT LIBRARY

Librarian Sheila Harmon presents a free one-hour introduction to Cryptocurrency at the Greenwood Public Library, Tuesday, Feb. 22, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The program features a group discussion about the digital currency. The library is at 310 S. Meridian St. Info and registration, 317-881-1953, or at: greenwoodlibrary.us.

### VICTORY FIELD WORKERS SOUGHT

With opening day for the 2022 season less than two months away, the Indianapolis Indians announced that applications are now being accepted for a variety of game-day roles at Victory Field. The Indians will hold open interviews at Victory Field, Wednesday, Feb. 23, 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Seasonal positions open include guest relations ambassadors, kid zone game operators, merchandise associates, parking attendants, Rowdie Crew, stadium porters, ticket sellers, ticket takers, and ushers. Free parking is available in the Victory Field parking lot. Enter the ballpark through the administration entrance and be prepared to complete an application and in-person interview. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Descriptions and applications for every open position can be found at IndyIndians.com/application.

### HORNET PARK BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast club in Beech Grove is Thursday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m. at the Homet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave. Each breakfast includes hot coffee, good food and conversation with community friends. Public is welcome. The breakfast club is on the second and fourth Thursday monthly. Info: www.hornetparkcommunitycenter.com.

### QUILTERS GUILD OF INDIANAPOLIS

The Quilters Guild of Indianapolis invites all quilters to attend Thursday, Feb. 24, 9:30 a.m., at Friedens United Church of Christ, 8200 S. Meridian St. Masks required. Info: quiltguildindy.net.

### FREE APPLIANCE DROP OFF

Southsiders can utilize a free appliance drop off, document shredding, and medicine disposal in Beech Grove, Saturday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to noon. The location is behind City Hall, 806 Main St., Beech Grove. The event is compliments of Ray's Trash Service and Hanna's Wrecker Service. Info: beechgrove.com.

### LIBRARY FEATURES GRAFFITI ART

The Beech Grove branch of the Indianapolis Public Library features a Beech Grove Middle School graffiti art exhibit this month in the library's large display case by the main entrance. Also, the library features a 2022 Meet the Artists XXXIV exhibit, a collective of 18 like-minded Black visual artists who painted Indy's #BlackLivesMatter street mural. The library is at 1102 Main St., Beech Grove. Info, 317-275-4560 or visit: indypl.org/locations/beech-grove.



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# HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

## Coach Weems, GCA bow out of girls' basketball playoffs

By Al Stilley  
Editor

Ten years ago, all Alan Weems wanted to do was to make a difference when he became the head girls basketball coach at Greenwood Christian Academy.

Mission accomplished. When he arrived at GCA after three years at Whiteland, the Cougars relatively new program had won only two sectional games in five years. Weems retires as GCA's coach with nine winning seasons, nine seasons with 13 wins or more, four consecutive sectional each and four regional championships plus four Final Four appearances.

Weems' 10 year run at GCA ended Saturday in the first game of the 1A Southwestern Regional when Bethesda Christian defeated the Cougars, 54-42.

"I would like to hope that at some point in time, maybe I made a difference and these kids made a difference," Weems said outside the locker room Saturday. "To say, you made a difference; it doesn't get any better than that."

Attending a Biblical-centered school, the student-athletes that he coached also made a difference.

"Obviously that also means, thinking of others," Weems said. "We wanted to be a program that served, that doesn't take, and they did a good job of that over 10 years. We had some outstanding kids, and I'm grateful for that."

Against Bethesda Christian, the Cougars led only once, 2-0 on Dani Simon's close-in basket and later tied it at 8-8 on leading scorer Ellie Bigelow's shot. The Cougars were doomed by poor shooting in the first half (6 of 27 field goals, 4 of 12 free throws) and trailed 29-16. They trailed by 15 points twice in the second half before trimming the Patriots lead to 44-38 on Bigelow's eight-second five-point spurt with 1:45 left.

The Cougars were unable to get any closer. During a time out with 32.5 seconds left, GCA realized the outcome as senior Dory O'Dell and junior Laura Peterson hugged each other. "We struggled all day," Weems observed. "We couldn't buy a basket and the free throw line was a problem in the first half. Our kids weren't going to give in; they kept battling and battling."

Bigelow led the Cougars with 20 points with eight points from Simon. Bethesda junior Kenzie Fulks topped all scorers with 25 points.



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

Greenwood Christian Academy coach Alan Weems, middle, with assistant coaches Tiffany Clements and Jeremy Dunn after Cougars won fourth straight sectional. Weems is retiring after 10 years at the GCA helm.



GCA's sectional championship team includes head coach Alan Weems, who announced his retirement midway into this season.

Weems finishes with a 176-139 record at GCA with a coaching philosophy that matches the GCA way.

"Number one, of course, is that we try to do things from a Biblical standpoint, things that would enhance the school and have people see what kind of school Greenwood Christian is," he explained.

He leaves the girls basketball program with a stronger foundation.

"I'm proud of where the program is at, but I'll be more excited to see where it goes from here," said Weems, an 18-year residential and commercial realtor.

The Cougars graduate six seniors, including Bigelow, O'Dell, Simon, Chloe Grider, Kirsten Carlson, and Kayla Chapman.

## CG CHEERLEADERS HELP IN GREEN FLAG SEND-OFF



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

The green flag for the 106th Indianapolis 500 on May 29 began its way Friday to the Super Bowl in Los Angeles from Indianapolis International Airport with the help of Center Grove High School cheerleaders and radio/TV personality Laura Steele. The flag was in LA for all the festivities for the big game won by the Rams, 23-20. Steele, a popular personality on Indy's classic hits WJJK-FM 104.5, was the emcee at Bullseye Event Group festivities in LA with DJ Skidz and many local fans. The Indy 500 green flag is on a world-wide journey that began in early February with IndyCar drivers Jimmie Johnson and Colton Herta, who raced in the Race of Champions Nations Cup in Sweden.



(PHOTO COURTESY OF RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL)

Roncalli Royals heading to state wrestling finals are Braden Getz, left, Luke Hansen, Bryce Lowery, Kody Glithero and Justin Lewis.

## 19 Southside wrestlers reach IHSAA state finals

By Al Stilley  
Editor

Nineteen wrestlers representing five high schools from the Southside will compete in the IHSAA state finals Friday and Saturday at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

Seven wrestlers claimed individual championships in semistates at either New Castle or Evansville with the top four in each weight class advancing to the upcoming state finals.

Roncalli placed second behind Cathedral in team points at New Castle, 142.5-117.5; Perry Meridian was fourth, 84 points. Center Grove, 120 points, was third at Evansville, trailing champion Brownsburg and runner-up Evansville Mater Dei.

Prelims are Friday at 11 a.m. for weight classes 152-285 pounds and 7 p.m. for 106-145 pounds. Quarterfinals with semifinals to follow are Saturday at 9:30 a.m., with consolations at 5 p.m., with state championship matches in each class at 7:30 p.m. All ticketing is digital through Ticketmaster.com.

State finals qualifiers from Southside (weight class and semifinal placement):

### From New Castle

**Roncalli** (5): Champion - 138, Bryce Lowery; 152, Kody Glithero; 182, Luke Hansen. Third - 113, Braden Getz; 220, Justin Lewis.

**Perry Meridian** (5): Champion - 120, Toby Billerman; 145, Matthew Koontz. Third - 195, Ronin Hammond; Fourth, 126, Keaton Morton; 160, Zachery Huckaby.

**Franklin Central** (1): Champion - 195, Aataevon Jordan.

**Southport** (1): Champion - 106, Nathan Smith.

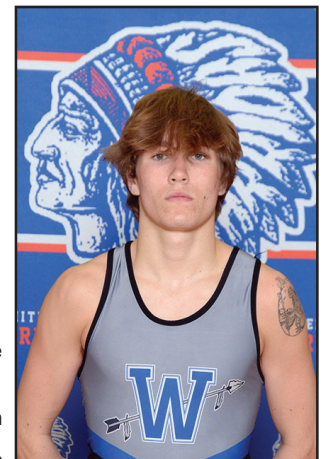
### From Evansville

**Center Grove** (7): Champion - 145, Hayden Watson; 182, Drake Buchanan; Third - 132, Wyatt Krejsa; Fourth - 113, Eddie Goss; 126, Michael Tharpe; 220, Royce Decker III; 285, Nate Johnson.

## BUTLER/BROOKS HEADED TO STATE



Joey Butler



Eli Brooks

Joey Butler is the 126 pound Evansville Semi-state Champion. He also punched his ticket to the state finals which open up this Friday night at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in downtown Indy.

Eli Brooks, 132 pound, placed fourth at semi-state and also earned a trip to the state finals.

As a team the Warriors were 10th out of 58 schools.

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