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Greenwood's Farley and Chiefs' Reid share longtime friendship



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Greenwood's Joe Farley, left, and wife Vickie met with Kansas City Chiefs head coach Andy Reid, far right, and wife Tammy in Florida before last year's Super Bowl. The Chiefs won Reid's first Super Bowl title in his second try as head coach.



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

St. Mark Catholic School Principal Rusty Albertson and students are all smiles while showing the peace sign. The school, located at 541 E. Edgewood Ave., is having an open house, Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 5-7 p.m. For info: call 317-786-4013 or go to stmarkindy.org.

Essays and articles from Roncalli students on Pages 4 and 5.



SALUTE TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

HELPING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Roncalli students find new ways to serve their community during the COVID-19 pandemic

By Grace Vavra, Co-Editor
Roncalli Media

Volunteering has been a significant part of the Roncalli community ever since the school was created during the merger of Sacred Heart and Chartrand. Whether it is lending a hand during mass on the weekend or sorting through food at St. Vincent DePaul, students are always finding a way to serve those around them. Ever since the coronavirus pandemic though, students are finding new and creative ways to complete service hours.

Starting last year, every student had to complete 18 hours of service during the semester, instead of each specific grade having a different number of hours to do. These hours could be counted through a parish, organization, or the school itself. Included in these 18 hours had to be at least 4 hours of HOPE, which was any work with the homeless, oppressed, poor, or elderly.

Due to the precautions being taken to fight the Coronavirus, most volunteer organizations are no longer asking for outside help. This has put a large strain on those in need, so Roncalli is doing everything they can to make a difference.

Since work is so limited, Roncalli has extended the ways students can complete their service hours. Now activity helping another person can count toward student's 18 required hours. This can include things like doing yard work for neighbors, babysitting siblings, or even helping grandparents shop at the grocery store.

"I hope that they can now recognize the needs in their own neighborhoods," Service Director Gerard Striby said regarding students now being able to help out their friends and family. "Now more than ever people need to be united, so I hope they see how much of a difference they can make towards the people around them."

The impact of opening a variety of service hours has been substantial according to Mr. Striby.

"A grandmother of a Roncalli student came



UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES: Roncalli student Carter Chapman creating a birdhouse for service hours. The bird houses are then going to be painted and placed in a park.

up to me and explained how much time and effort her grandson was putting into their relationship. She explained that he is always wanting to help her with miscellaneous chores, which truly made her feel so blessed that she had him in her life. While it just may be as simple as completing service hours to him, she told me it meant the absolute world to her," Striby said.

Experiences like this one reflect the Roncalli mission statement of responding to the call of discipleship and living to the fullest potential, which is why students have been so eager to complete their service hours. This school year alone, students have completed over 17,100 hours of service.

"I am always trying my best to serve others no matter what it is," Co-President of Service Kamy Swingendorf said.

"Now more than ever people need to be united, so I hope they see how much of a difference they can make towards the people around them."

— Gerard Striby
Service Director

"You know that Tampa Bay is a worthy adversary, but I'm going with the Chiefs, as always. I have high hopes."

— Joe Farley

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By Al Stillely
Editor

Kansas City Chiefs' head coach Andy Reid and Greenwood's Joe Farley have a lot in common.

Farley, a Greenwood realtor and retired high school teacher and coach, and Reid were roommates during their senior year at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

They met their future wives on campus. And in an amazing coincidence, their first-born children, Reid's son and Farley's girl, were born on the same date, April 13, 1983.

They played collegiate sports – Reid was an offensive lineman at BYU and Farley played lacrosse. And they became coaches – Reid as a college and pro football coach and Farley as an assistant football and basketball coach at Greenwood, where he helped coach the Woodman basketball team to the 1991 sectional title.

Down through the years, they have visited each other and have shared vacations together.

And they understand that this year's Super Bowl, thanks to COVID-19 restrictions, will be vastly different than last year's game when Reid won his first Super Bowl as a head coach. The Farleys were there, just as they were at the end of the 2004 season when Reid and the Philadelphia Eagles fell in the Super Bowl to New England, 24-21.

Last year for Farley and his wife Vickie, the Reids, and the Chiefs was far more joyous. The Farleys had tickets to the game and attended the team victory party afterward.

"It was chaos with everyone celebrating," said Farley, who is a realtor with Tomorrow Realty in Greenwood. "I didn't really get a chance to talk to him until I called him. I think he had been up for two straight days. When you're the coach of the Super Bowl champions, everybody wants you."

The Chiefs, behind a fourth-quarter surge led by quarterback Patrick Mahomes, defeated New England, 31-21, at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami.

The 2021 Super Bowl will be played in Tampa Bay, the home of the Buccaneers, Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

The Farleys will be there but not necessarily in the stadium. Attendance will be restricted to several thousand spectators, far below stadium capacity. The teams will be in quarantine due to COVID-19 restrictions so there would be no opportunity to be with coach Reid or the players.

"We'll be watching it somewhere; at least it will be warmer there," Farley contended.

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Kelly's Korner

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PERRY KIWANIS ASSEMBLES CARE PACKAGES FOR SENIORS



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

Perry Kiwanis members recently assembled care packages for senior citizens in the township as well as homeless residents of downtown Indianapolis. Among participants, top photo, were, from left, Perry Kiwanis co-president Scott Splichal, Changing Footprints board member Kathy Niemewicz, Kiwanis co-president Dale Nordholt, and Perry Senior Citizens executive director Melissa Johnson. A dozen members of the Southport High School Key Club, bottom photo, help put the packages together. The club is a Kiwanis youth affiliate that helps teach young adults leadership and community service skills. Each backpack contained two beverages and 15 different snack items, all donated by Don Hawkins of the Helping Reentry and Homeless organization. Perry Seniors is delivering backpacks to low-income senior complexes in Perry Township. The backpacks also will be given away during the Under the Bridge event, a homeless initiative that helps feed the homeless in downtown Indianapolis every Sunday afternoon. Splichal, Nordholt and Key Club members are to assist in distributing the backpacks along with boots and shoes donated by Changing Footprints. Southport Mayor Jim Cooney also took part in the project and praised the organizations for helping seniors. The Kiwanis Club was founded in 1982 and meets Thursdays at 7 a.m., at IHOP, 7521 U.S. 31 South.



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Aspire five-year plan calls for boost in industry and wages

By Al Stillely
Editor

A five-year strategy for continued economic regional growth calls for more jobs and higher wages throughout Johnson County, including Greenwood.

Economic Development + Chamber Alliance released its plan that serves as a blueprint among public, private, not-for-profit, and education sectors to attract and develop 50 percent more occupations in advanced industries and to grow the average annual wage of workers by 15 percent among all income levels.

Dozens of community and business leaders provided input and feedback, according to Aspire president and CEO Christian Maslowski who also praised the teamwork involved to develop the report.

The report outlines the five-year goals:

Drive innovation to boost business and industry development – This calls for tailored approaches to target industry, particularly advanced industry, plus supply chains, more high-impact projects, and exporting opportunities. This also includes promoting small businesses and connecting industry with university/college research.

Boost site development for catalyst projects – Infrastructure improvements include broadband, roads, water, sewer, electricity, and natural gas. Improved transportation and transit corridors need to be developed in addition to impacts from I-69. A planning forum is needed to bring elected leaders, department staff, and economic developers together.

Nurture community collaboration and engagement – Plan calls for reinforcing regionalism by expanding and deepening communication among community partners, creating and supporting young professional civic initiatives to develop long-term policies, and mentoring of young professionals seeking public office.

Embrace and pursue opportunities for enhanced livability and quality of place – Getting together with residents to understand housing issues and develop solutions, community conversations about other cultures and demographics and their impact on employers and workers plus encouraging small business development to increase locally owned retail establishments and restaurants.

Magnify and deliver robust education and workforce endeavors – Includes partnerships with college stakeholders, talent connections to 21st century skills, incentives for graduates and adult workers to pursue STEM occupations in advanced industries and other high-wage, high-skilled fields in the county, and supporting workforce initiatives for military veterans.

Data shows that the county is at an “economic frontier.”

The data also shows that the county is expected to have one of the highest growth rates in central Indiana during the next 15-20 years. By 2040, the county is expected to have 190,000 residents.

Daily, 53,560 workers commute out of the county, mostly to Marion County, while 34,474 commute to the county. About 20,000 residents both live and work in the county.

The top industries in the county include administrative support (15.3%), health care and social assistance (12.1%), wholesale trade (11.1%), and professional, scientific, and technical services (10.7%). Johnson County's highest-growth industries from 2014 to 2019 were transportation and warehousing (40%), finance and insurance (38%), arts and entertainment (34%), construction (34%), and real estate, rental, and leasing (31%).

During the next 10 years, industries anticipated for the highest growth include arts, entertainment, and recreation (34%), professional, scientific, and technical services (29%), information (27%), wholesale trade (27%), and real estate, rental, and leasing (25%).

The county has 4,499 businesses employing 61,999 people. As of 2018, Johnson County had 61,783 housing units, with an owner-occupied rate of 71.8%. Median household income in the county (\$68,712) is higher than the Indianapolis regional (\$59,232), state (\$54,325) and national (\$60,293) averages.

In 2019, gross regional product for Johnson County was more than \$5.5 billion.

The full plan can be viewed and downloaded at aspirejohnson-county.com/economic-development-strategic-plan.

Longtime friendship

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always. I have high hopes.”

Farley is thrilled that Reid, down through the years, has earned the respect of his players and especially his peers.

“He's earned everyone's respect wherever he has coached,” Farley said. “As great a coach as he is, Andy is a far better human being and friend. He's worked hard to get where he's at – they all love him.”

Farley and Reid became acquainted as students at BYU when they had some of the same classes together. In 1981, they were roommates off campus. After graduating, Reid remained at BYU as a graduate assistant coach before becoming an offensive line coach before landing at Missouri in the same capacity in 1989 through 1991. The Tigers played the Indiana Hoosiers home-and-home, so the Farleys caught up with Reid and his wife at those games.

In 1992, Reid became an assistant coach for the first time in the NFL at Green Bay, Farley's longtime favorite team coincidentally has the same colors as Greenwood High School's teams. Naturally, they went to several games in Green Bay. Reid earned his first Super Bowl ring in 1996 as a Packers' assistant coach.

Reid became the head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles in 1999 and then at Kansas City in 2013.

Through the years, the Reids and Farleys exchanged Christmas cards and phone calls to keep up with each other and their growing families.

Farley's path was a bit different. The 1973 Manual High School graduate attended junior college after receiving his degree from BYU. He also served as a missionary. With no available teaching jobs in Utah, the Farleys decided to return to Joe's roots in central Indiana where he was hired as a history teacher and coach at Greenwood High School.

Retired from teaching, he has been a realtor with Tomorrow Realty for 28 years.

He and his wife have four grown children and eight grandchildren.

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Personal Recollections

By Fred Shonk

A TENNESSEE SQUIRE

In August 2006, I was considered and accepted into the Tennessee Squire Association. I was nominated by a really good friend and former classmate of my sister, Diane Spaulding-Eberhart.

I was shocked to receive the official letter. The association had been formed many years ago to honor friends of the Jack Daniel Distillery and their world-famous Tennessee Whiskey. I also was informed that I had become an “owner” of a plot of land at the distillery and was an honorary citizen of Moore County.

Lyn and I have made the trip to Lynchburg, Tennessee, the home of the Jack Daniel Distillery, a couple of times. The distillery tour was wonderful. As a Squire, we were separated from the entire tour group for some extra tour experiences which included a trip to see our plot of land.

A few weeks after I received my welcoming letter and the deed to my new property, another letter came in the mail from the association. It explained a bit more about my new property. It is located up on a large hill behind the distillery. We were told that it has a lovely view of the hollow.

I was informed that if we had plans to develop the property that we should not plan anything too large and maybe I should send our plans to them and they could make suggestions to save us both time and money.

I returned an e-mail to him with a photo of a beautiful log cabin that we thought would be perfect for us. It was large enough for us to maybe invite another couple to stay with us on occasion.

Within just a few days, I received an answer to my e-mail. My picture was complimented, but I was also advised to downsize our construction plans a bit. Instead of using full-sized lumber, I might consider matchstick-length logs. He said that toothpicks might be ideal. I was told that unless I had exceptionally small feet, I probably would be standing on several plots at the same time.

I have received lots of letters from other Squires and their families over the years. One fellow told me about him purchasing a few goats and turning them loose on the hill around our property. He explained that they were “Tennessee fainting goats” and they were sensitive to loud noises or sudden movement. He said if they were scared, they would get stiff and fall right over. He said not to worry, in a minute or two they would hop right up and go on about their business.

I got a letter from a lady that was upset about the large number of crickets living on my property. She said that our plot seemed to have the noisiest bunch of crickets that she had ever run across. She wanted to know if she could contact a friend who would place cricket traps on my plot. He did a lot of fishing, so it was free bait. It might also control next year's cricket population. She also thought she might get a little more sleep out of the deal.

A few years after I became a Squire, I developed a special recipe called “Tennessee toast,” normally eaten for breakfast. The recipe is close to a recipe for French toast, with one added ingredient. I add a couple of shots of Jack Daniels to the mix to make it tastier.

Now I have a plan for my next breakfast.

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CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Words from Roncalli's students

Senior **Ryan Henry**
Graduate of St. Rose



A Catholic Education adds an entirely deeper dominion to my education. Being able to incorporate prayer and faith into each of my classes creates deeper bonds with my teachers and classmates, as well as enriches the knowledge that I gain from all subjects that I take, not just Theology.

Coming from an incredibly small grade school with a graduating class of twelve, and stepping into the lively halls of Roncalli can seem very intimidating at first. However, since there was a commonality in both schools being Catholic institutions, the transition was exponentially easier because the students and teachers at St. Rose (my grade school) and Roncalli reflect the welcoming and supportive qualities that most come from a strong relationship with Jesus Christ.

The atmosphere at a Catholic school is simply different than any other school. Friendship, respect, and teamwork are visible at every moment throughout the halls of an institution built on the morals of a faith rooted in love.

Senior **Owen Volk**
Graduate of Saints Francis and Clare



My time at Roncalli High School has been nothing short of incredible. It's tough to ignore the adversity a student here has gone through in the past few years, but it's also hard to ignore the growth that has come from that adversity. When I walked in this building as a nervous 14 year old, I would've never expected the impact it's had on my life. I, along with all of my classmates, have really been pushed to rely on our faith to get through that adversity. These tough times have built relationships between students, teachers, and other faculty members that will undoubtedly last a lifetime. This sense of community can be felt as soon as one steps foot in the doors of Roncalli, and it is hard to replicate.

Roncalli has and will continue to develop young men and women, affording for us the tools necessary to be the change we wish to see in the world. I'm forever grateful for all of the incredible opportunities that I've had for continued growth over these last four years.

Senior **Grace Cassiero**
Graduate of St. Barnabas



I think I can speak for most, if not all, when I say Roncalli students appreciate the mere opportunity to learn more about what being a Catholic truly means. In today's world, so often we can be engrossed in evil and disregard how God is working around us. More specifically within Roncalli, we all get to achieve this goal, achieve eternal life with God, together. I am so thankful that I am surrounded by people all chasing the same goals. Especially for me personally, when my faith begins to falter, it tends to be the Roncalli community that picks me back up again. Roncalli is a place where faith will always be at the center, but even beyond that it is a place where I myself can witness God working all around me.

Junior **Zander Hooten**
Graduate of Our Lady of the Greenwood



Hello my name is Zander Hooten, and I am a junior at Roncalli High School. I have attended a Catholic school my entire life, starting at Our Lady of the Greenwood. Going to a Catholic school has really given me opportunities to grow in my faith and with others. As unusual as this may sound, Roncalli is a family, where everyone is cared for and loved. High school is hard to navigate for any teenager, but I am glad I am doing it here. At Roncalli there is an understanding that as long as you have Christ in your life, you will not fail. No matter the subject, all of my teachers have come back to this message. Teachers have such a huge impact on students' lives and their faith journey. In a way, they teach us more than the curriculum requires. They teach us to "see the face of Christ in others".

Senior **Emma Morgan**
Graduate of St. Jude



I have been able to attend Catholic school from elementary through high school, and I can say that it is one of the greatest blessings in my life. Every day I get to walk into a school where I know that I will be pushed to my fullest potential, form close relationships with my peers and teachers, and dive into the Catholic faith through theology classes. Catholic schools are not just a place where I learn to live out my faith, but I also get to walk alongside people who are on the same journey toward sainthood that I am. That's what makes the school feel like a family. We pray for each other, celebrate mass together, and share in the same love of our community every day. I am so appreciative of my Catholic education and the relationship with God it has helped me form.

Senior **Ava Carothers**
Graduate of St. Roch



All throughout grade school at St. Roch, my class was one of the smallest, but we had the most fun. We always felt like a family. When transitioning from a smaller community like St. Roch to a much larger one like Roncalli, I was overwhelmed with nerves. I thought that it would be much different. I wasn't sure if I would still feel the joy of an all school Mass or the feeling of a tight knit community. However, Roncalli truly exceeded my expectations.

When I began attending Roncalli, nothing had changed. I can still walk in the hallway and say hello to everyone I pass, build relationships with some amazing people, and most importantly, strengthen my faith. The amount of love that is shown towards God and others within the school has inspired me in many ways to better myself as a person. Going to Catholic school all my life has really shown me how blessed I am. It has made me realize that we will always feel like a family.

Senior **Ali Dafforn**
Graduate of Saints Francis and Clare



My name is Ali Dafforn and I have had a Catholic education all of my life. Quite frankly, I couldn't imagine not having God in my life through my education. Having a Catholic based education from preschool through 12th grade has been a blessing. School does not feel like a building filled with hundreds of random individuals. School feels like a building filled with one big family walking through the halls that are showered in the Holy Spirit's grace and love.

Roncalli and Saints Francis and Clare have taught me so much about myself and my faith. I have learned to see God through my friendships, family, and classmates. The overwhelming love that comes through all of my teachers for both God and their subject of teaching is incredible as well. I feel comfort when walking through the halls of both my grade school and high school. I feel this comfort from the faith that is just pouring in the schools and through my peers who pray together multiple times a day. Without a Catholic based education, I would not be who I am today.

Sophomore **Joshua Renshaw**
Graduate of Nativity



There are many things that I am appreciative of by getting a Catholic education but there are a few reasons that stand out. One is that the students are always able to approach the teachers after or before class and ask questions. The teachers are always very happy to be teaching their respective subjects, and if a student is struggling the teacher will make sure that they have a better understanding of what is being taught. I really appreciate that Catholic school teachers are like this.

Another thing that I appreciate about Catholic education is that phones are not permitted during school hours. This allows students to connect with one another and really take in what they are being taught. The students are also very helpful and caring for one another. If one of their fellow classmates were struggling with their classes there would be a student willing to help.

The students are also very happy to learn about their faith and how to spread the love of God. That love for God reflects in the way the students talk to each other. Catholic education also allows students to learn about their faith and why they believe what they believe.

Catholic school education is one of the best things in the world, and I am very appreciative that I am able to experience this wonderful form of education.

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Home alone: eLearning

Two students, school counselor detail day-to-day eLearning and discuss the ups and downs of learning at home

By **Kylie Perkins**, Staff Writer
Roncalli Media

Due to the current coronavirus pandemic, school has gone completely online. One of the school's counselors, Mrs. Jessica Engel, describes her difficulty with meeting the needs of her 250ish students and her perspective on the situation for the students themselves.

"[eLearning] is forcing students to grow up so fast and take on so much responsibility," Engel said. "Honestly, I don't know how students are doing it."

Besides academic success, Engel explains that students need emotional connections and not seeing them everyday has been a challenge. Nevertheless, she expresses admiration for the students' management of the situation.

"Overall, students are really learning to roll with it!" Engel said. "Although these are unprecedented times, our students have risen to the occasion, and I am so proud of them!"

The students also share their story. Senior Emma Morgan illustrates her experience in eLearning.

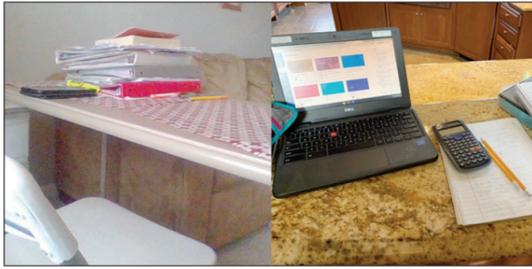
"My at home learning environment is a desk in my room that I spent 8 hours sitting at," Morgan said. "It is nothing special, but it is always equipped with snacks and a blanket to keep me cozy while I listen to Google meets."

Morgan's study habits haven't changed much, aside from the temptation to cheat whilst being at home all day. She expresses overall content with eLearning, mentioning that there is less work and more time with family, but she also addresses the drawbacks.

"The only thing I would change is more leniency with the internet access because there are a lot of problems in my house with the wifi," Morgan said. "I think the most challenging thing has been not being able to see my school friends in person ... and miss[ing] out on the little conversations and fun moments throughout the school day."

In the hopes of reaching other students, Morgan stresses the importance of looking at the positives and provides advice for anyone who is struggling.

"I would encourage other students to keep working toward whatever you want to achieve because the pandemic is still going to be here for a while," Morgan said. "Live in the



(PHOTO BY ANDRES CORONA AND MEGAN GONZALEZ)
WORK STATIONS: Freshman Andres Corona (left image) and sophomore Megan Gonzalez (right image) submitted their eLearning work spaces. Students have learned to get comfortable with their new learning environment at home.

present and try to find the positive moments of online school, because there has to be something good to come out of all this."

Morgan hopes to see her classmates and a sense of normalcy in second semester. Another student, junior Amanda Wolf, provides insights of her own.

"The situation won't last forever," Wolf said. "Get a hobby to look forward to at the day's end, and use that as an incentive to get work done."

Wolf texts her friends to stay in touch and urges students to exercise for "academic focus and general mental relaxation." Despite eLearning supplying free time and being relatively predictable, Wolf describes difficulty paying attention and other concerns.

"I'm emailing a lot more to communicate and clarify," Wolf said. "I would say that an occasional day of rest, or at least one without work, could help teachers and students alike."

As the collective student body and staff battle through not only surviving the pandemic but online schooling alike, the notion of regularity and the ability to walk Roncalli's halls once again are hopefully in the near future.

Circle City Conference CHAMPS!



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)
With a 69-40 win at Conventant Christian, Roncalli's girls basketball team won the Circle City Conference championship. The Royals finishing the conference schedule with a 5-0 record. The championship is the program's second straight and third overall, after winning the inaugural league title in 2017.

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BRINGING BACK THE BINS

Earth Club re-institutes recycling to draw attention to the community's impact on the environment

By **Kylie Perkins**, Staff Writer
Roncalli Media

On Roncalli's enrichment day, early November, a handful of students spent their day off cleaning recycling bins that are now found in classrooms and hallways all around the school. The students responsible for this hard work were members of the Earth Club.

This isn't the first time Earth Club has made a difference on the campus. STARS teacher Molly Schrader, a coordinator of this group, describes the club's roots and past successes.

"Katrina Gangstad and Anne Ameis were instrumental in getting this club started," Schrader said. "Last spring, Mr. Niewedde and some of the girls planted a garden on campus to donate to local food pantries. When he left, Mr. North and I became the new moderators."

The discontinuation of recycling last year caused Earth Club to take action and change this. Junior Katrina Gangstad, a founder of the club, explains what Earth Club is all about and offers an explanation for why the club wanted to bring back the bins.

"Earth Club is an organization that is dedicated to making Roncalli more eco-friendly," Gangstad said. "Our main goals are to increase recycling, grow local produce in the garden, and raise awareness for the environment."

Gangstad also explains simple ways the community can get involved to reduce waste.

"The main way Roncalli can improve environmental sustainability is to encourage students to recycle plastic bottles and paper," Gangstad said. "Although these seem like simple actions, when the whole school recycles, it has a significant impact."

Club members encourage everyone to become familiar with what can be recycled by referring to signs above the bins in classrooms. Junior Anne Ameis, another Earth Club pioneer, builds on the club's plans and their fruitfulness.

"Right now we are focusing on recycling, but in the future, we would like to continue the garden at Roncalli," Ameis said. "Both require dedication and hardwork, but the results are quite rewarding."

While current projects are in motion, service opportunities will also be available to any student interested in helping the



(PHOTO BY KATHLEEN AMEIS)
PLANTY PROJECT: Pictured above are Earth Club's on-campus garden and its tenders. This work provides for the community and encourages green living.

environment for their hours.

"We are interested in doing off-campus service projects and activities, such as hiking, once there are no more restrictions," Ameis said.

In addition to providing a means of service hours, helping take care of the environment aligns with the beliefs of the pope. Schrader noticed the connection between Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato si'" and the dedication she saw from Earth Club on November 6th.

"Their passion in fulfilling the work of mercy, caring for the earth, is inspiring," Schrader said. "Caring for creation is what we are called to do as Christians."

With the hopes of making the community more aware of its impact on the environment and to promote sustainable lifestyles, Earth Club will continue to develop their green thumbs and do God's work one recycling bin at a time.

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Falcons, Trojans capture sectional wrestling championships

By Al Stille
Editor

Perry Meridian and Center Grove claimed IHSAA sectional wrestling championships Saturday.

The Falcons dominated the Southport Sectional with nine individual title-holders with Roncalli second, 317-218, with Beech Grove fourth.

Center Grove edged runner-up Franklin, 241.5-222.5, with four individual champions. Greenwood was ninth in points.

Franklin Central finished second to sectional host Warren Central, 315-214. Lutheran was sixth with 81 points.

Twenty-one wrestlers representing eight different high schools also brought home individual championships. Overall, 68 wrestlers qualified Saturday for regional action.

Reigning 113-pound state champion Alex Cottey of Perry Meridian advanced as well as teammate and 2020 state runner-up Matthew Koontz. Lutheran's Hayden Filipovich, ranked No. 2 in the state, won the 195-pound weight class title at Warren Central.

Among coaches pleased with their team performances, Roncalli coach Wade McClurg stated, "Overall, we thought our guys did an outstanding job. We ended up getting all 12 of our wrestlers through

to regional competition and finished above our seed in a few weight classes."

Regionals are Saturday with the top four in each weight class qualifying for semistate competition, Saturday, Feb. 13. Southside wrestlers who qualified from Warren Central and Southport sectionals advance to the Southport Regional and qualifiers from the Mooresville Sectional return to Mooresville for the regional. No spectators are to be admitted due to health protocols.

REGIONAL QUALIFIERS From Southport Sectional

BEECH GROVE (7) – Champion: Max Comado, 285. Second: Alex Murray, 195. Fourth: Jacob VanHook, 113; Alex Hernandez, 132; Ethan Thompson, 138; Aeden Crawley, 182; Nate Thompson, 220.

EMMERICH MANUAL (1) – Fourth: Michael Church, 126.

PERRY MERIDIAN (14) – Champions: Toby Billerman, 106; Alex Cottey, 113; Keaton Morton, 120; Matthew Koontz, 152; Jakob Sheets, 160; Jajuan Dale, 170; Aiden Warren, 182; Ronin Hammond, 195; Jeffrey McClure, 220. Second: Brady McKivitz, 145; Kevin Lian, 285. Third: Joseph Kam, 126; Jamason Roll, 132; Ronald Bik, 138.

RONCALLI (12) – Champion: Bryce Lowery, 126; Zach Wilson, 145. Second: Drew Willis, 132; Kody Glithero, 138; Andrew Stuck, 152; Luke Hansen, 160; Sam Peebles, 182; Justin Lewis, 220; Third: Braden Getz, 106; Tim Oo, 113; Patrick McGinley, 120. Fourth: Hadyn Ball, 170.

SOUTHPORT (11) – Champion: Bryce Pardue, 132; Luke Goodwin, 138. Runner-up: Nathan Smith, 106; Josh Foxworthy, 113; Braden McMillan, 120; Keegan Logan, 126. Third, Andrew Goodwin, 145; Daunte Hon, 160; Gage Nelson, 170; Ceu Thang, 220. Fourth: Evan Hammond, 152.

From Warren Central Sectional

FRANKLIN CENTRAL (10) Champion: Aataveon Jordan, 220; Antone Alexander, 285. Second: Ayden Harper, 113; Kyan Sparks, 126; Cayden Shelton, 145; Chase Coleman, 160; Johnny Weisheit, 202. Third: Cole Dewell; Ernest Mosconi, 170. Fourth: Gauge Clark, 106.

LUTHERAN (2) – Champion: Hayden Filipovich, 195. Second: Clayton Hughes, 106.

From Mooresville Sectional

CENTER GROVE (11) – Champions: Charlie LaRocca, 106; Hayden Watson, 145; Riley Rust, 152; Dale Buchanan, 182. Second: Hyatt Yeager, 120; Michael Tharpe, 126; Noah Clouser, 132; Bryce Crump, 195; Owen Green, 285. Third: Reese Courtney, 113. Fourth: Mason Crump, 160.



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

Perry Meridian's wrestling team celebrates the program's 26th sectional championship and 22nd in a row Saturday at Southport. In front with the Falcons' latest trophy are individual sectional champions, from left, Alex Cottey, Keaton Morton, and Aiden Warren as they are surrounded by teammates and coaches.



Center Grove claimed its fourth consecutive IHSAA wrestling sectional championship Saturday at Mooresville. The victory celebration included, front row, Ava Hood, Reese Courtney, Xaier Flores, Michael Tharpe, middle row, Gracely Clouser, Charlie LaRocca, Mason Crump, Riley Rust, Drake Buchanan, back row, Sam Howe, Bryce Rayner, Bryce Crump, Owen Green, Hayden Watson, Hyatt Yeager, Noah Clouser, and Sam Hesser. Individual champions are holding their bracket boards.



Southport's Luke Goodwin, far right, is the Southport Sectional 138-pound champion. Goodwin is with wrestlers who placed second through fourth, from right, runner-up Kody Glithero of Roncalli, third-place Ronald Bik of Perry Meridian, and fourth-place Ethan Thompson of Beech Grove. The foursome qualified for regional action.



Perry Meridian's Matthew Koontz, far right, captured the 152-pound wrestling championship Saturday in the Southport Sectional. Koontz is with, from right, runner-up Andrew Stuck of Roncalli, third-place Trevor Waters of George Washington High School, and fourth-place Evan Hammond of Southport.

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Greenwood sweeps three games; Lutheran upsets Hornets

By Al Stille
Editor

Last week was a mock "tourney week" for Greenwood's boys basketball team.

That's the way the Woodmen looked at three games in four days, Wednesday through Saturday, when they faced and defeated host Bishop Chatard, 58-44, and then Perry Meridian, 43-37, and holding Roncalli to an all-time low output Saturday by edging the Royals, 25-22.

Greenwood coach Joe Bradburn figured it would mimic the sectional with that type of schedule. Greenwood came through with its patient offense and stiff defense, limiting three teams to an average of 34.3 points.

Against Chatard, Greenwood opened with a press, gained an early 23-13 lead and never looked back.

Two Southside rivals – Perry Meridian and Roncalli – presented different challenges. Greenwood faced 6-4 Butler commit Jayden Taylor, who scored 21 points, including three consecutive steals and runaway dunks in the second quarter. Four teammates combined for 16 points. Down the stretch, Greenwood hit 11 of 14 free throws in the final 2:32.

Greenwood senior Rasheed Elemikan, who scored a team-high 18 points, also drew coach Bradburn's praise for his physical game against Taylor. Scoreless for three quarters, junior Noah Apgar scored eight points in the fourth quarter. The Woodmen were efficient on offense, hitting 10 of 18 field goals.

And then against Roncalli that scored 89 points Friday against Ritter, the Woodmen showed an effective zone defense that prevented the Royals from dominating from the 3-point line. The 25 points were Greenwood's lowest since losing to Center Grove, 32-22, in the 2019 sectional.

Greenwood held Roncalli scoreless in the fourth quarter while only scoring on a field goal and free throw by soph Carter Campbell, who led the Woodmen with 10 points. Apgar came up with the defensive play of the game by blocking a Roncalli shot with 3.2 seconds left.

"We were in tune defensively all week," Bradburn said. "Our guys are in synch and aware of what's expected; they're hearing it and doing it."

Greenwood is 11-2, while Roncalli dropped to 7-7. Perry Meridian is 8-6 and visits Southport Tuesday night.

SAINTS EDGE BEECH GROVE

Giant-killer Class A Lutheran defeated visiting Beech Grove, 57-55, Friday for the Saints fifth straight win and sixth against a higher-class team this season. Earlier, the Saints edged 4A Roncalli 56-54 in a Marion County tourney opener.

Lutheran's Kameron Patterson hit the game-winning basket with 16.5 seconds left against the Hornets. Joe Faubion had seven points, seven rebounds, five assists and two steals. Patterson finished with 13 points for the Saints who were led by junior guard Montasi Clay's 18 points.

Senior Gavin Mitchell had a "double-double" of 14 points and 10 rebounds along with teammate Jadyn Curry with 11 points and 11 assists.

This was Lutheran's first win in 10 years against their neighboring rival and the Hornets first conference loss of the season. Lutheran is 15-3 and Beech Grove is 10-4. Beech Grove is idle until Saturday, Feb. 6 when Roncalli visits "The Hive" in an afternoon tip-off at 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS SECTIONAL

Perry Meridian warmed up for this week's IHSAA sectional action with a 56-33 triumph Friday at Greenwood. The Falcons jumped to a 9-0 lead and led 15-2 at the first stop.

Senior Sally Mortensen led the Falcons with 12 points as seven more teammates also scored.

"We came out aggressive as we have all season," first-year PM coach Jessi Johnson said. "We have played against many tough teams. When we defend, have effort, and spread our offense, the results have been good."

The Falcons took an 8-13 record last night into the 4A Ben Davis Sectional opener against Decatur Central, a team the Falcons defeated twice during the regular season. Roncalli met Pike in the nightcap. Southport awaits the PM-DC winner at 5:30 p.m., and host Ben Davis meets the Roncalli-Pike winner. Title game is Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

In the 4A Franklin Sectional, Franklin Central meets the Center Grove-Whiteland winner and Greenwood meets the Franklin-Shelbyville winner Friday night with the championship Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Two-time sectional champion Greenwood Christian Academy and 1A sectional host Lutheran played last night and are in opposite brackets. The Cougars and Saints play different opponents Friday night and are expected to collide in the final game Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Regionals are Saturday, Feb. 13.
(Note: Sports historian Jim Pich contributed to this article.)



Perry Meridian senior stand-out Jayden Taylor (10) hangs on after the last of his three consecutive second-quarter dunks Friday against Greenwood.



Perry Meridian senior guard Reggie McDonald (12) tries to make a pass against Greenwood's air-tight defense Friday.



Perry Meridian's Ali Dale scores on a fast break against Greenwood.



Greenwood's Brooklyn Bell (22) pulls up for a shot against Perry Meridian's Ali Dale (25) in Mid-State contest Friday at Greenwood.

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