

Kelly's Korner

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

Keenan-Stahl Boys & Girls Club joins the Southside and the nation in celebrating Black History Month in its clubhouse this month, emphasizing the diversity and culture of the club's core programs. Club members Angel De La Cruz, left, and Layla Powell admire the wall of African-American Achievers. Other exhibits emphasize different Black historical figures and their contributions to the world with discussions and activities to help club youngsters learn about their significance. The 8-12 collaborative exhibit provides middle or high school students with valuable information about historically Black colleges and universities. Students from each grade also can create an exhibit to share. Each week a new Black history fact and trivia question is shared by the front desk staff. The club is at 1949 E. Troy Ave., open Monday through Friday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., for all ages.



Club member Dreon Sanders reading the "Who Am I?" cards on the wall.

MARIAN UNIVERSITY'S STEWART PLAYER OF WEEK



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Marian University senior Christian Stewart was named as the Crossroads League Player of the Week, as announced on Jan. 31 for his collegiate basketball achievements. The honor is the first of Stewart's career, and second overall for the Knights this season. The former Roncalli High School standout dominated the scoring column in Marian's games against Grace and Taylor universities. Since Jan. 11, Stewart has averaged 25 points per game and has raised his points per game average by three points. The Knights have three consecutive road games and return home to face the University of Rio Grande on Thursday, Feb. 17.

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Perry Perspectives

Perry Township Schools

Perry Township Schools commitment to its students



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Students benefit from in-school instruction versus E-learning.

By **Elizabeth Choi**
Director of Communications

Like most school districts around the nation, Perry Township Schools has faced challenges throughout the pandemic. But what makes Perry different is, its commitment to stay open. That commitment is proving to be beneficial to students.

To say the future looks bright for Perry Meridian High School senior Logan McCleese, would be an understatement.

"I currently have three Congressional nominations by both my representatives and my two senators to West Point," McCleese said.

But the future didn't always look so bright. Logan struggled during the beginning of the pandemic.

"I was like, how do I maintain these grades? They're super difficult to maintain even when I'm in-person in school," the Falcons senior remarked.

Logan isn't alone. Like most school districts around the nation, Perry Schools has faced many challenges throughout the pandemic. But what makes Perry Schools different is its commitment to stay open; a commitment that is proving to be beneficial to students, including McCleese.

According to Perry Schools Superintendent Pat Mapes, there was a learning gap, or a discrepancy between what kids learned and what they were expected to learn during the 2020-21 school year. Students fell behind about 16 percent on average in math and English.

"When our students are virtual e-learning, the quality of instruction is just not as good and our students don't learn as well," said Mapes.

As a result, Mapes has focused on keeping the district open this year which proved to be challenging. Bus driver shortages are causing drivers to double up on routes. Teacher shortages also are an issue. It's an all hands-on deck approach. Instructional assistants, administrators and other staff are covering classes so that education and academic progress can continue.

Although too early to know by exactly how much, the learning gap is closing, Mapes emphasized.

"When you are in-person, it's much easier to close that gap because we can do small groups with our instructional assistants and give that individual education that our students need," said Mapes.

Back in the classroom, McCleese is on track and looking forward to his bright future.

"It's a military service academy; hopefully, I'll be going there," McCleese said. "It's looking really great."

There are some circumstances where Mapes will go to e-learning. For example, Perry recently closed during last week's inclement weather to keep students safe.



Personal Recollections

By Fred Shonk

FUN IN THE SNOW



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY FRED SHONK)
Stuart, walking with Lyn, watching Harry the cat.

We found ourselves fairly deep into winter without having to deal with many of the problems that sometimes our coldest months provide.

Until last Thursday, I had not needed to get reacquainted with my snow shovel. Usually, we start having some winter experiences with slick streets, yucky parking lots and snow-covered driveways.

Lyn and I did a few things away from home early in the week. She needed to be at Anna's House on Wednesday where she has volunteered for many years. They prepare food and supplies on Wednesday to be passed out on Saturday to help local neighbors in need.

Wednesday evening, we checked to make sure we didn't need anything of importance in our house. We then settled in to watch television and updates about the approaching winter weather. I felt very comfortable that neither of us had anything on our calendars until the weekend.

Lyn's first time away from home was on Saturday. She again traveled to Anna's House to help distribute the groceries and supplies. This is done by loading the packages into cars in the drive-thru line. It was very cold Saturday morning. I am very proud of my wife, Lyn and the entire staff at Anna's House. They do so much for that neighborhood and I know that Lyn has become friends with many of the neighbors and volunteers that she's worked with.

For the last couple of years, we have had a next-door neighbor clear snow from our driveway. He has a big snow-blower and takes care of his neighbors on both sides. I appreciate he and his wife looking after us. It is a special pay-it-forward thing to do. I have memories of places that I lived in my much younger days. In both of those neighborhoods, a couple of us younger families looked out for and supported the senior folks.

I thought about several of those neighbors and some of the wicked snowstorms. I was very pleased to be sitting in my recliner chair and not having to think about traveling 80 miles to provide training to a new employee. Also, driving a charter bus or a school bus in the days during or following a bad snow storm.

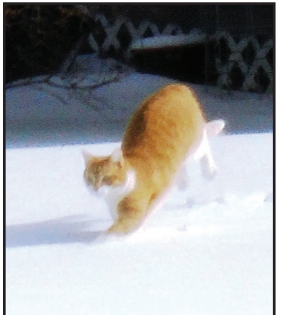
It was also interesting watching Stuart the dog and Harry the cat when I opened the door the first time after the snow started last week. Stuart is older and knows about snow. Harry was shocked and it took him awhile to make his adjustments. Soon, he was running through the snow and having fun.

Our chicken girls seem to want nothing to do with snow. Wind had blown snow almost everywhere in their fenced-in area. They had one clear area about six-foot square. If they came outside their coop, that was the area they huddled together waiting for a tasty treat to be tossed their way.

As I watched the local news coverage of the weather and the streets, sometimes there was something shown that I really enjoyed watching. I looked up to the television and was surprised to see Channel 13 sports director Dave Calabro riding in the back of a pickup truck. The truck driver was driving on the snow-covered Indianapolis Motor Speedway. But that's not all. The truck was pulling track president Doug Boles, who must have tons of energy, on a snowboard.

They were quickly travelling down the frontstretch. Doug was sliding from side to side and waving to no one in the stands. It was amazing and good TV.

It's always good to have some fun in the snow.



Harry the Cat playing in the snow.

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(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLELY)

This is one of the signs inside Jimmy's Diner that makes patrons feel right at home. The diner seats about 50 patrons who can enjoy a relaxed and friendly atmosphere during each visit - just like home.

Jimmy's Diner (Continued from Page 1)

the daily special named JJ's. "Jimmy and Jessica met at a nearby diner on the Southside where he worked and were married July 31, 2009.

She is a lifetime Southsider and is a Perry Meridian graduate, Class of 1982. Her parents, Jim and Norma Montgomery owned Montgomery Machine and Indy Machine. She worked at the family businesses and became CEO before her dad passed. The family business was sold in 2001.

Born in LaPorte, Jimmy has lived on the Southside for all but 10 years. He attended Perry Meridian and has worked in several restaurants: the former Sap's and Ground Round in Greenwood, Ponderosa, and for 10 years doubled up, at Uno's Pizzeria and Joe's Diner.

They have five daughters and 10 grandchildren. Amazingly, Jimmy's Diner survived all the Covid-19 restrictions, never closing, and existing solely by serving to-go items at the front door.

Jessica and Jimmy are so thankful for their customers. And the couple gives back in a unique way.

The menu has an item called a "boobie-burger" with one dollar from each sandwich purchased being donated to women who are battling breast cancer with the funds presented each year at the diner in October.



(SOUTHSIDER PHOTO BY AL STILLELY)

Diners inside Jimmy's Diner enjoy good food and conversation as well as a down-home atmosphere. The eight-seat table in the middle of the diner is for family dining or for individuals to be seated. It's always friendly on the inside.

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
The newest members of the Thespian Club at Southport High School were Suelynne Childers, Roger Cook, Suzanne Darko, Carole Dampier, Pamela Heiney, Nina Henry, Karen Hollingsworth, Karen Kautsky, Sharon Klatte, June Linkel, Jerry and Larry Lynch, Stephen McGee, Herbert Neidenberger, Karen Shephard, Keith Smart, Sharon Stegemoller, Jon Thomas, Susan Thompson, Dianne Todd, Terry Volpp and Judi Utterback.

Lincoln Elementary Principal Keith Brown led a series of meetings to discuss the school's policies.

Skip's Food Market in Fountain Square sold a dozen eggs for 19 cents; a pound of bacon for 29 cents; three quarts of milk, 89 cents; and five loaves of bread, 99 cents.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1972
Roncalli's annual candy sale was spearheaded by the Rev. Fred Schmitt, Superintendent Pam Evans, Principal Bernie Dever, Michele Heid and Steven Stewart.

Karla Deardorff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Deardorff, and Margaret Chastain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Chastain, finished third and fourth, respectively, in candy sales for District VI of Camp Fire Girls of Central Indiana.

Em-Roe Sporting Goods was preparing for its grand opening in Southern Plaza.

Homes in Colonial Meadows, an upscale edition being developed off Fry Road between State Road 135 and U.S. 31 in Greenwood, were priced around \$38,000.

40 Years Ago This Week - 1982
The archives from 1992 are missing.

30 Years Ago This Week - 1992
Baptist Temple High School, 2700 block of South East Street, dedicated its "new" gym floor. The floor, purchased for \$250, came from the old Lutheran High and was originally laid in a Franklin Township school on Post Road in the mid-1930s. One contractor wanted \$77,000 to take it up, lay it and refinish it; volunteers from Baptist Temple performed the job for about \$15,000.

Stephen Maple, an associate professor at the University of Indianapolis and an attorney, announced his candidacy for the Perry Township School Board.

The new Sisters' Restaurant opened at 215 Terrace Ave., with "Baldy" and "Buddy" Nordholt and "Mom" Richter being the first customers. The trio was diner's original patrons when it opened in 1983 on Shelby St.

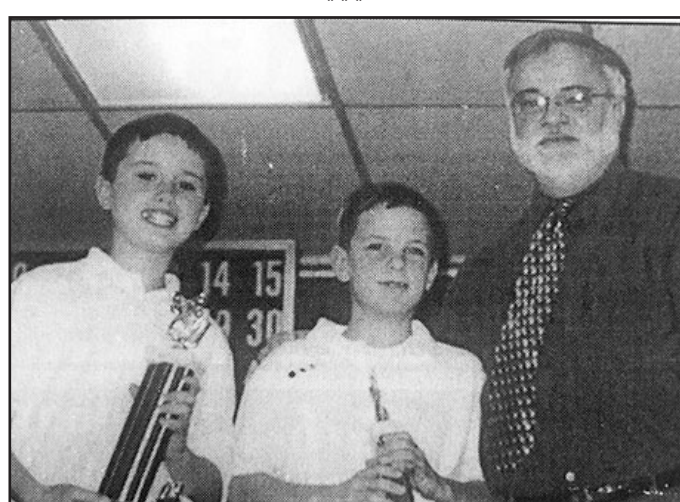
Dr. Robert Hignite, a drug education instructor at Manual, was named Indianapolis Schools' Teacher of the Year. Other finalists were Lynn Noel, Jean Fritsch and Roberta Hannon.

Gloria Dock, a 17-year real estate agent, joined ReMax Preferred Realtors. A graduate of Indiana Central College, she was a two-time finalist for Indianapolis' Realtor of the Year.

20 Years Ago This Week - 2002

Ted's Feed Store in Beech Grove and Edgewood Feed & Seed, 5518 Shelby St., celebrated their 55th and 75th anniversaries, respectively. They combined to sell more than 340,000 pounds of bird seed annually, and Ted's sold about 600,000 pounds of horse food on a yearly basis.

Perry Meridian senior Erin Massie took grand-prize honors in the mystery story writing contest sponsored by Hershey's Chocolates, in which he was awarded a \$5,000 savings bond. Other winners from the school were Katie Merida, Alexis Sisko, Jessica Cleary, Heidi McKenzie, Shelby Nelson, Rob Cravens, Alvin Lange, Miriam Huck, Morgan Dotts, Matt Ashmore, Amanda Ferrand, Janette Taylor, Tom Bryant, Emma Cahill and DeAnna Pflum.



Holy Name School's spelling bee was won by Greg Armant (left); Dave Eckert was the runner-up. They are seen with Principal Kent Schwartz.



Perry Meridian eighth-graders Katie Dill and Matthew Fultz served as pages for Rep. David Frizzell during a session of the Indiana General Assembly.



St. Barnabas' fourth-grade basketball team won a tournament at Nativity. The squad featured (front) Matthew Eckert, Matthew Neylon, Connor Mathias, Cody Basch, Sean McNamara; (back) assistant coach Paul Clark, Curtis Reeser, Blake Stasik, Ethan Brothers, Matthew Zieles and coach Jim Zieles.



10 Years Ago This Week - 2012
Florence Henderson, left, who portrayed Carol Brady as the TV mom in "The Brady Bunch," was named spokeswoman for American Senior Communities, the largest provider of health care for elders in Indiana.
Drs. Carole and Rob Thoman were known for providing excellent dental care at their practice, Paradox Dental Center.
The Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce's board of directors were: Melody Stevens, president; William Fennema, vice president; Ed Aide, treasurer; Dawn Whalen, secretary; and Ben Brown, board adviser.

WEIR BECOMES INFECTION PREVENTION MANAGER

Sherry Weir, right, is the newly-appointed manager of infection prevention for Franciscan Health Central Indiana. She will oversee all programs and protocols designed to protect the health of patients and staff at hospitals on the Southside, Mooresville and Carmel. She is a National Healthcare Safety Network expert, monitoring and tracking real-time communicable disease data to share with clinician and public health agencies. She has served as a member of the Southside hospitals infection prevention team since 1994 with a variety of responsibilities. She is board-certified in infection control and earned her undergraduate degree at the Indiana University School of Nursing.



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Southside OBITUARIES

JOHN ABEL, 79, wife, Sue Ann Abel; children, Scott, Angela, Debbie, and Patricia; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

JACQUELIN SUE ADAMS, 83, widow of James Edward Adams; brother, John W. Oberlies, Jr.

SHIRLEY "BETTY" ELIZABETH (LEDFOURD) BERTRAM, 80, widow of Charles "Chuck" Bertram; children, Beth Boone, Sonny Bertram, Thomas "Bud" Bertram and Mandy Bryan; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

GENEVIEVE "GINNY" BOUCHIE, 90, widow of Cyril "Bud" Bouchie; children, Joseph Bouchie, Doris M. Carson, Brenda Shafer, Deborah Bouchie, James Bouchie, Catherine Beyersdorfer, John Bouchie, David Bouchie, Rosalie King; 18 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren.

JOHN E. CRUMLEY, 84, wife, Betty.

MARI KAY DARCHE, 85, son, Scott Darche; daughters, Stephanie Smith, Susan Stephens; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

ROSE L. DICK, 90, widow of Rufus Dick; sons, Alan, William, Thomas, Kenneth and Michael Dick; daughter, Susan Franklin; 16 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren; sibling, Dennis Moeller.

JOHN ANTHONY FILLENWARTH, 78, daughter, Susan Day; sons, Stephen, Matthew, Jacob and Sister Joseph Fillenwarth, SP; seven grandchildren.

MARY ELIZABETH "BETH" (HERMANN) FINNEY, 70, husband, Jack C. Finney; children, Michael, Erin, Jacqueline and Timothy Finney; mother, Marianne Hermann; sisters, Donna J. Williams, Dolores Thie; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

MARTHA ANN BOGER FULLER, 85, daughters, Deborah Miller, Myra Chartrand, Pamela Fuller and Judy Hallford; sisters, Geraldine Boger Sullivan and Margaret Shreve; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

PAUL "DAVID" HEATH, 75, wife, Barbara Heath; brother Steve; children Ed, Amy, David, and Shawn; four grandchildren.

PATRICIA JEAN HOWINGTON, 79, sons, Billy D. McKay, Steve Bewley and Tom Bewley; son-in-law, William Tharpe; brother, Charles Cheatham; sister, Judy Williams; nine grandchildren; several great-grandchildren.

CATHERINE BOWMAN JANNICHE, 83, husband, Roy O. Janniche; children, Shawn Noe and Roy Christian Janniche; many grandchildren.

NANCY "MAMA OR EEMAW" EVERSON MARTIN, 51, husband, Joseph Alan Martin; daughter, Kylie Martin Kidwell; son Dustin Alan Ray; brother, Bart Everson; one grandson.

ALBERT MICHAEL MCCAULEY, 78, dear friend and mother of his children, Janet Hunt; sister, Patricia Wilson; children, John McCauley, Mark McCauley, Ruth Andres and Stephen McCauley; 14 grandchildren.

STEPHEN EDWARD NORDHOLT, 72, significant other, Becky Doyle; sister, Pam Nordholt; children, Bradley Stephen Nordholt and Kristin Nordholt Arnes; step daughters, Lisa Cook and Angie Turner; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

MARTHA LEA ORMAN, 94, widow of Harold Wayne Orman; children, Jennifer L. Barratt, Janet O. Browning, David W. Orman; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

JAMES CALVIN PARKER, SR., 91, widow of Barbara Parker; children, Lyn, Jim, Mike; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren.

JOHN HARRY PREY, 79, wife, Erica Grommeck Prey; children, Jennifer Wargel, Michael Prey, Michelle Corbin, Robin Lanford; brothers, Mark and Paul Prey; five grandchildren.

JIMMY DAVID REDMON, 77, widow of Sheila M. Redmon; son, John Redmon; siblings, Ruth Brown, Carolyn Grider, Alvin Redmon, Sharon Tiller, and Kenneth Redmon.

JIMMY GARNER REED, 89, widow of Lucy Reed; daughters, Cathy Orme and Gail Kempf; two granddaughters.

HAROLD "ANDY" SAUER, 80, wife, Leta (Wilson) Sauer; children, Dennis Sauer, Christine Schwartz, Kevin Sauer, and Becky Coutinho; stepchild, Jonathan Fogleman; sister, Nancy Keene; seven grandchildren; one step grandchild; four great-grandchildren.

RITA KATHLEEN "KATHY" SPEER SAYLOR, 75, widow of Joe Edward Saylor; brother, Charles "Chuck" Speer Jr.; sister, Shirley A. Spitz.

THOMAS ALLEN SHADOWENS, 72.

SANDRA "SANDY" K. (HELT) SLATER, 78, husband, Wayne Slater; children, Connie Allen and Scott Slater; two grandchildren; two step grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

RHIANNON "REE" S. STAVROULES, 34, daughters, Hailey Rosenkoetter and Julian Bruning; mother, Michelle S. Garner; father, Mark Stavroules, Sr.; siblings, Mark A. Stavroules, Jr., Stacy Dixon and Joseph Garner; grandparents, Marty Kell, Roberta Johnson and Sally and Lonzie Garner; father of Hailey, Daniel Rosenkoetter; father of Julian, Justin Bruning; adopted brother, Dusty Petros.

JEANETTE LOUISE TAYLOR, 65, husband, David Taylor; daughter, Janny Royalty; sons, Matt and Todd Joseph Taylor; eight grandchildren; sister, Terry Shrum.

GARY MARK WHITE, 66, wife, Janice Siegfried White; daughters Carrie Likens, Caryl Watts; son, Sean Lowell White; mother, Imelda White; sister Renee McKee; brothers Barry and K.C. White; 13 grandchildren.

MADONNA D. WHITEFORD, 80, sister, Carolyn Berry.

KEVIN YORK, 69, wife, Cindy York; children, Todd and Tabitha York; six grandchildren; two great-grandsons; sister, Linda Greeson; brothers, Michael, Deny and Richard York.

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"LFFE FHKU LP ZLQ."

Southsiders' Bulletin Board

MEMORIAL ART EXHIBIT
The artwork of Greenwood's John Manicke, 93, who passed away Oct. 17, 2021, will be displayed through Feb. 26 in the Off Broadway Gallery of the Southside Art League, 299 E. Broadway, Greenwood. The memorial exhibit honors the longtime SALI member and artist whose detailed portraits earned more than 45 awards nationally, including the inaugural Art for the Ages competition in 2016. Nearly 30 paintings and sketches are displayed. Proceeds from the sale of his artworks will benefit the art league. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays. Info: southsideartleague.org.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE AT BGHS
The drama department at Beech Grove High School presents Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* on stage in the auditorium on campus Thursday-Saturday, each night at 7 p.m. Tickets for the student production are \$5 each, available at the door each night.

RECYCLED VALENTINES
Children, ages 4-10 years, can take part in the fun of making Valentine's Day cards from recycled materials at the Garfield Park Conservatory, Saturday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$5 per child. Registration required. Info: call 317-327-7183.

VALENTINE'S ART NIGHT OUT
A Valentine's art night is a unique way to spend an evening with a spouse or partner at the Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive. This non-traditional Valentine's Day event is Saturday, Feb. 12, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Info: gpacarts.org.

HAPPY HEARTS PARTY
A Happy Hearts Valentine's Day party will be held at the Hornet Park Community Center, Saturday, Feb. 12, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The party includes crafts, games, prizes, snacks and loads of fun for adults. Children 12-and-under must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. Cost is \$5 per person. Advance registration is required at: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com.

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE
Join the Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy in Greenwood for 90 minutes of song and dance romance Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 12-13, 6:30 p.m. "All You Need Is Love," a selection of modern love songs, is presented by members of the student leadership team with support from directors and staff. Performances are at the academy's Studio One in the Greenwood Park Mall, northside entrance between BJs and the Cheesecake Factory. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students. Info and tickets: cgfinearts.org/2022-valentines.

WHERE'S THE FUN?
A new get-together, Midweek Meet and Eat, unfolds Wednesday, Feb. 16, 6 p.m., at the Hornet Park Community Center in Beech Grove. This is the first of the monthly events on the third Wednesday and features free dinner, bingo, and prizes. The center is at 5245 Hornet Ave. Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com.

PERRY KIWANIS BREAKFASTS
The Kiwanis Club of Perry Township meets each Thursday at 7 a.m. at the IHOP restaurant, 7521 U.S. 31 South, Visitors are welcome. The lineup of guest speakers for this month: Feb. 10, Lindi Kochler, education coordinator, Indiana Farm Bureau; Feb. 17, Tim Griffin, special education teacher, Beech Grove High School; and Feb. 24, John Brandon, president, Marion County Commission on Youth. Info: kivanisperrytownship.org.

MAKE & TAKE FROM THE STUDIO
Two Make & Take projects are available this month from The Studio at Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Patrons may pick up a dinosaur dig kit Monday, Feb. 14 and Leprechaun hats with paint and ribbon for tabletop or hanging decorations Monday, Feb. 28. Projects are available until supplies run out. Info: 317-881-1953.

LIBRARY LOVER'S DAY ONLINE
A unique one-hour illustrated virtual lecture that explores the history of libraries in recognition of Library Lover's Day is online Monday, Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Zoom event is open to adults, educators, and senior citizens and is available through the Indianapolis Public Library. Registered attendees will receive the Zoom link via email about 24 hours before the event. Info: call 317-275-4100. To register, visit: attend.indypl.org/events.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time, so that you know just where you are at any given point.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to go on that fun getaway you've been planning. You'll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) What goes around

comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with you.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.
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Nathan Smith of Southport (top) controls Julian Roll of Perry Meridian before pinning him in Saturday's 106-pound regional match in the Falcons' gym.

Wrestling



Roncalli senior Drew Willis works to escape the hold of Beech Grove junior Ethan Thompson as they battle in the 132-pound championship match in Saturday's regional. Willis posted a 3-2 decision.



Bryce Lowery (right), Roncalli's unbeaten junior at 138 pounds, uses his head to gain traction against Franklin Central senior Cayden Shelton in Saturday's Perry Meridian regional championship match. Lowery won by technical fall.

A Royal effort: Roncalli pins down regional title



Roncalli wrestlers and coaches pose with the trophy after totaling 205.5 points to win Saturday's IHSAA regional at Perry Meridian.

By Steve Page
Correspondent

With more teams competing than in last week's sectional tournament, Saturday's IHSAA wrestling regional at Perry Meridian was going to be quite the challenge for Roncalli.

No problem. The Royals won six weight championships and racked up 205.5 points to outdistance the 14-team field, including runner-up Perry Meridian (123) and third place Warren Central (116.5).

"It was awesome, really," said first-year Roncalli coach Shaun Richardson, whose team won the sectional as well. "We out-performed what I thought we could do for the second week in a row, which is awesome."

Perry Meridian coach Matt Schoettle, whose Falcons won three championships, was not surprised.

"Overall, it's kind of what we expected," he said. "Give credit to (Shaun). They've been kicking butt all year; nothing has changed."

The top four finishers in each weight class advanced to the semi-state Saturday at New Castle.

In noting his wrestlers' efforts, Richardson included Justin Lewis.

"Justin at 220 was third in the sectional and won today," Richardson said.

Lewis credited his coaches, saying, "Last Saturday, I sat down with coach (Richardson) and said, 'What do I do?'"

"Sam, my partner, was a big help all week. I just practiced real hard. I give all my thanks to our coaches for coaching me every day."

Lewis decided Warren Central junior Greg Johnson 5-3 in the championship match.

Of going to semi-state as a No. 1 seed, Lewis said, "It's great; very good! Obviously, I was a little nervous going into the finals, but I knew I had the ability to win. I just put it all out there."

Roncalli's other champions were sophomore Braden Getz at 106 pounds (16-0), senior Drew Willis at 132, unbeaten junior Bryce Lowery at 138 (33-0), unbeaten senior Kody Glitherow at 152 and junior Luke Hansen at 182.

Glitherow, now 33-0, expressed a similar sentiment after decisioning Warren Central senior Tyler Jones in the title tilt.

"I was off to a little bit of a rough start in my final match," he noted. "After that, I just wrestled my match. Going as a No. 1 is big! Anything can happen at New Castle, so I've got to keep with the grind."

Schoettle also liked the way his wrestlers competed.

"We have a sophomore at 160 (Zachary Huckaby) who stepped up and won it," he said. "We have a freshman at 106 (Julian Roll) who stepped up as well (runner-up)."

Also winning championships for the Falcons were junior Keaton Morton at 126 and senior Matthew Koontz at 145 (35-0).

"It's pretty awesome," Morton said. "It was a good day. It started off really good. It's like a train - keep it going. I've never been a one seed. So that's a big deal. I'll get a good draw, a good seed. I'm ready."

Unbeaten senior Nathan Smith of Southport (43-0) won the 106-pound title by pinning Perry's Roll. Smith breaks the Cardinals' single-season and career win record for an individual wrestler with his 43rd win Saturday.

Among those advancing for Franklin Central were senior Aataevon Jordan at 195 and junior Andrew Just at 285. Jordan survived a rally by Jacob Tweety by decisioning the New Palestine senior 5-3 in overtime. Just managed an escape near the end of the second overtime to decision senior Luke Swartz of Roncalli 3-2.

Warren Central had champions in sophomore Kyrrel Leavell at 120 and sophomore Anthony Cashman II at 170.



Zachary Huckaby, a Perry Meridian sophomore, works from the top against Roncalli senior Andrew Stuck as they battle for the 160-pound championship in Saturday's PM regional. Huckaby won by pinfall.



Franklin Central junior Andrew Just works to establish control against Roncalli senior Luke Swartz in Saturday's 285-pound regional championship match at Perry Meridian. Just escaped near the end of the second overtime to win by decision.



Perry Meridian's Matthew Koontz works from the top against fellow senior Zach Wilson of Roncalli in the 145-pound championship match during Saturday's PM regional. Koontz won by decision.

Roncalli Salutes Our Wrestling County, Sectional & Regional Champions



The Roncalli wrestling team, under the direction of head coach Shaun Richardson, captured both regional and sectional titles after winning the programs first Marion County championship title. The Royals had six regional, eight sectional and four county champions. Regional, sectional and county champs: junior Bryce Lowery, senior Kody Glithero, senior Sam Peebles and junior Luke Hansen. Regional and sectional champs: senior Drew Willis and sophomore Braden Getz. Sectional champs: senior Andrew Stuck and junior Luke Swartz. Roncalli advances 12 wrestlers to semi-state.

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Runner-up Center Grove came up 26.5 points behind champion Brownsburg at Saturday's Mooresville Regional. The final count was 232-205.5 points.

CG junior Royce Deckard III (32-5) won the 220 class with a 2-1 decision against Franklin senior Nolan Skaggs. Trojan senior Hayden Watson (35-1) won at 145 when Brownsburg's Blaze Garcia could not wrestle due to an injury in his semifinal match.

Trojans Eddie Goss (116), Reese Courtney (120), Andre Merritt (152), Noah Clouser (170), and Drake Buchanan (182) reached championship matches before losing to Brownsburg wrestlers.

They are among all 14 Trojans who qualified for the Saturday semi-state at Evansville Reitz.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class from the semi-state qualify for the state finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse downtown Feb. 18-19. Info: ihsaa.org

GCA dominates Lutheran to reach 1A Sweet 16 for fourth straight year

By Al Stille
Editor

Extra defensive emphasis in practice last week paved the way for Greenwood Christian Academy to capture the IHSAA 1A girls' basketball sectional championship trophy for the fourth consecutive season Saturday night at Lutheran.

The Cougars' quickness and balance on offense and defense enabled them to knock out the host Saints, 57-33 and reach the 1A Sweet 16 for the fourth consecutive campaign.

GCA's defense featured numerous deflections and helped pressure the Saints into 27 floor errors. Coupled with many fast-break opportunities, the Cougars kept the hosts reeling.

"Going into this tournament, we worked a lot on defensive drills, over and over again," GCA senior Ellie Bigelow said. "Our defense hasn't been like that all season; ultimately, defense wins you the game."

The 5-7 backcourt ace connected on her third 3-point field goal when play was stopped in the fourth quarter to honor her as the fourth Cougar to exceed 1,000 career points.

Bigelow scored a game-high 17 points with classmate Dani Simon adding 13 points. Nine of 10 Cougars eventually scored.

"Our goal this season was to get out and basically out-run teams and that's what we did tonight," Bigelow said. "We have different scorers and each of us has had our big games."

The host Saints never led although they tied it at 8-all on senior Bekah Caston's back-to-back field goals. GCA led at the first stop, 17-9.

Then the Cougars put it away in a dominant second quarter by handcuffing the Saints, 20-2



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLE)

Greenwood Christian Academy won the IHSAA 1A Sectional at Lutheran High School Saturday night. Ellie Bigelow, holding poster, becomes the fourth Saint to surpass 1,000 career points. Bigelow celebrates the championship with, from left, front, Ellie Sloan, Chloe Grider, Lauren Peterson, back row, Adeline Jolley, Dory O'Dell, Sydney Waldron, Kayla Chapman, Dani Simon, and Kristen Carlson.

to lead at the half, 37-11. Grace King's first field goal was the only points on the board for the Saints in their fateful second quarter.

Meanwhile, the Cougars' defense helped the Saints make 17 turnovers while six players scored in the second period.

"Defensively, our quickness was paramount and that had a big impact on what they (Lutheran) were trying to do," GCA coach Alan Weems said. "Also getting the ball out had a huge impact on the game. Our kids did a great job of finding each other with the ball, especially in the first half."

Weems proudly added, "We're one of the smaller schools in the

state, so for us to be in the final 16 four years in a row is kind of sweet."

The Cougars (14-9) now face Bethesda Christian (13-7) in the opener of the Southwestern Regional at 10 a.m. Saturday. The lower bracket will be determined in postponed sectionals Tuesday with 1A No. 1 Waldron (20-1) and No. 5 Jac-Cen-Del (18-6) favored to reach the noon game. GCA defeated Bethesda 55-45, but lost to Waldron 70-40 earlier this season.

The Cougars are the only Southside team to advance.

Greenwood fell to 4A No. 2 Franklin in the 4A sectional title game at Franklin Central, 65-44. The Woodmen finish 13-10 for their first winning season since 2015-2016 and first under fourth-year coach Justin Bennett. Greenwood has only one senior, Quinn Kelly on this season's squad. Center Grove (11-10) fell to Franklin, 56-49 for the third time this season Friday. At Perry Meridian, Roncalli (12-11) faltered against Ben Davis, 53-41 and the host Falcons (5-15) were dominated by Pike, 55-27 in semifinals Friday. The Falcons reached that round Tuesday by downing township rival Southport, 45-33, avenging two losses to the Cards (10-12) this season, and Roncalli kept Decatur Central at bay, 44-34.

Beech Grove finished 4-17 after eventual 3A sectional champion Speedway defeated the Hornets in the first round at Indian Creek.

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