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'Prayer was my only hope'

Longtime law enforcement officer recalls battle against cancer

By B. Scott Mohr
Editor

Being a consummate optimist, Bart McAtee had high hopes that everything was going to be just fine when he had a 4.5-pound tumor removed from his kidney in November 2014.

The cancerous tumor, the size of a football, had been detected during a CT scan when the longtime law enforcement officer was experiencing some trouble with his gallbladder. Because the tumor had not caused McAtee any discomfort, he didn't know he had one. The tumor was so large that an inside portion had died because blood could not get to it.

"My surgeons at IU Simon Cancer Center were awesome, and so was the staff. They saved my life. I just knew everything was going to be OK," said McAtee, who has a 23-inch scar as a memento of the occasion. "The center still uses tissue from the tumor. I said they could keep it because I

PHOTO COURTESY OF BART MCATEE
Bart McAtee (center) with his wife of 36 years, Denise, daughter Katie (left) and son-in-law Adam Gaff and son Jake and daughter-in-law Mary Jane.

sure didn't have any need for it."

And everything was fine until a follow-up CT scan revealed that the cancer had metastasized to his lungs, where 24 small tumors were discovered. Tumors had also developed elsewhere.

The doctors put McAtee on Nexavar, which was known to stop the growth of tumors but only for a while. "My disease was incurable and inoperable. There was no doubt in my mind that I was going to die. Short and sweet, prayer was my only hope. I started to plan on not being around for my wife (Denise); I started to get our finances in

order in July 2015."

Those prayers must have been answered because in mid-2016, McAtee was asked to participate in a clinical cancer trial conducted by AstraZeneca, a research-based biopharmaceutical company.

"I was hesitant at first because I had to stop taking Nexavar for several months," but McAtee said he didn't have much to lose.

After being on the new medication, which doesn't

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Bonding with sons through baseball

By Al Stilley
Senior staff writer

Father/coach Andy Bass and son T.J. Bass face an exciting but bittersweet spring as they get through their last high school baseball season together at Greenwood.

T.J. is a fourth-year varsity player for the Woodmen, and he will continue his career at Taylor University in the fall. His younger brother, Sam, is a sophomore and plays in the field for the Woodmen.

"We are excited that he is a senior and has the opportunity ahead at Taylor, but we want to savor every moment of this year because we know it's the last year that we're together doing this," coach Bass said. "Having two of your sons in the program at the same time is challenging, but it's a special feeling to get to spend two and three hours every single day out here with them and all the players."

T.J. has played a variety of positions, but mostly will be behind the plate this season. He has driven in 50 RBIs in his three previous seasons. He has played first and third and can pitch. His seasons of playing base-

SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLEY
Longtime Greenwood baseball mentor Andy Bass has the dual role of father and coach to sons T.J. (left), a senior, and Sam, a sophomore.

ball are a blur.

"It's hard to believe it's been three years, and here it is my senior year," T.J. said. "I look back on my freshman year and I cannot believe my senior year would be here this quickly."

"Baseball has created such a huge bond between us, on and off the field. I realize what he has accomplished as a coach for so many years. I'm happy to be part of it."

After games, mom Jenny tells the boys that they played great, but Dad has a tendency to look

at their play critically.

"There was a coach at Seymour who gave me the best after-game advice: 'When you get in the car with them, put on your dad hat,'" Bass said. "That part of it is harder than I thought it would be. Sometimes T.J. will bring something up and then I know it's OK to talk about baseball."

T.J. wasn't quite born with a baseball in his hand, but it was

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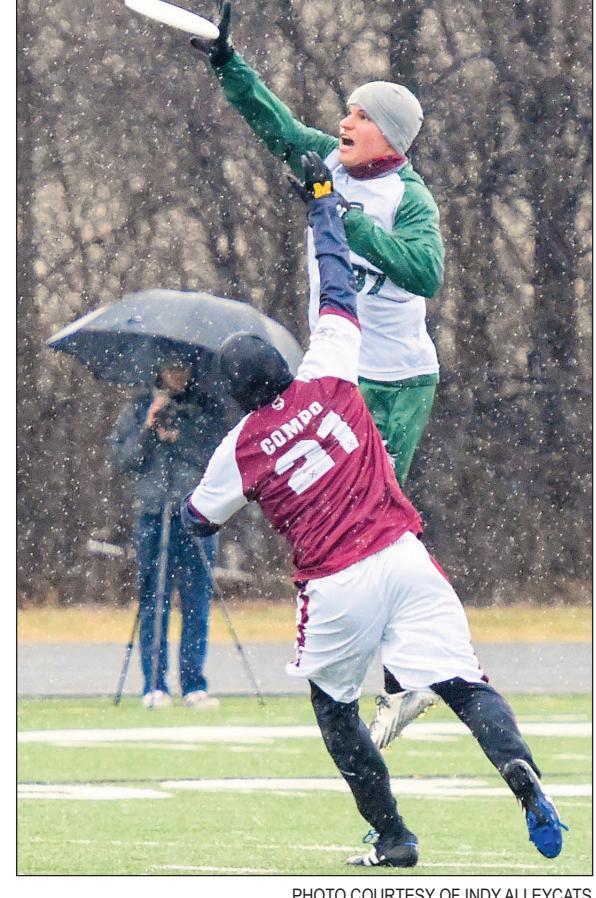
Known for their timeless songs, tight harmonies and flawless instrumentation, the Wright Brothers Band will bring four decades of showmanship to Franklin Central High School, 6215 S. Franklin Road, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 20.

Tom and Tim Wright and John McDowell will put on a performance that's sure to bring back memories and create new ones.

The band appeared in the movie "Overboard" with Kurt Russell and Goldie Hawn and has performed at the Grand Ole Opry and on "The Today Show."

Tickets are \$20 and \$25 and can be reserved at www.showti4u.com.

Ultimate disc team features Southsiders

PHOTO COURTESY OF INDY ALLEYCATS
Center Grove alumnus Travis Carpenter leaps for possession of the disc in the Indy AlleyCats' season opener against Detroit. The AlleyCats won 24-12.By Nathan Pace
Online editor

Indy's ultimate disc team will play two games on the Southside this month before moving to a new venue.

The Indy AlleyCats of the American Ultimate Disc League will open their home season at Roncalli Stadium Saturday.

"Fans can expect the chance to watch the most exciting sport on earth in an entertaining and family friendly environment," said Josh Fairbanks, vice president of AlleyCat operations. "The action is constantly moving and 'hold-your-breath' plays will have you on the edge of your seat."

The AlleyCats played their first season in 2012 at Roncalli before moving to Kuntz Stadium. The team returned to

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Kelly's Korner

By Kelly Sawyer, publisher
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Festival, barbecue competition will draw a crowd

Thousands of people are expected to attend Calvary Christian School's spring festival and barbecue competition, which serves as a qualifier for the state championship sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society. The festivities will run from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at 3639 S. Keystone Ave.

In addition to a kids zone with bounce houses, there will be games, arts and crafts booths and nearly 20 food trucks.

Continuous gospel music will be performed by Indiana Bible College, Praise, Chosen, Anthem, Quartets, Legacy, Good News, Tim & Adena Pedigo and other artists.

Admission and parking is free, and shuttle service will be offered from Primo Banquet Hall & Conference Center, Dollar General, Bedder Way Beds and the college. A \$5 valet option will be available.

About 50 teams are expected to participate in the barbecue competition, which is not accepting any more entries. The purse is \$5,000.

In the past a car show has been held in conjunction with the event, but the show has grown so big that it requires its own date.

In the event of inclement weather, all events will be moved indoors. Security and medical professionals will be on hand.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS FROM LAST YEAR'S FESTIVAL
Games and mouth-watering food await all visitors at Saturday's spring festival and barbecue competition at Calvary Christian School, 3639 S. Keystone Ave.



Beech Grove soldiers provide religious support to troops

Beech Grove residents and Indiana National Guardsmen Cliff Pappe and Aron Wetzel are providing spiritual support to members of the armed forces through their service with the 135th Chaplain Detachment, which was deployed to Kuwait in March.

Maj. Pappe, a chaplain, and his assistant, Sgt. Wetzel, were deployed in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

"It's a chance to serve soldiers and provide ministry to others," said Pappe during his deployment ceremony at Stout Field on the Westside. "We are not only representing our state and country, but also our community."

Pappe said the 135th is the only Indiana Guard unit with its members from the same hometown.

He and Wetzel will provide religious support to thousands of troops.

Lt. Col. Jim Staggers, the Guard's deputy chaplain, advised and reassured the two deploying soldiers during his speech. "Use your time during this deployment well. Focus on what you have and what you can do. I don't want you to ever forget who has your back. You're Indiana National Guardsmen; we will always get you back; we will care for your families."



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Maj. Cliff Pappe (left) and Sgt. Aron Wetzel have been deployed in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

SINGERS ARE STATE FINALISTS



Southport High School's Premium Blend, led by choir director Katherine Doty, earned a gold rating at the Indiana State School Music Association vocal jazz contest to qualify for the state finals March 16 at Franklin Central High School, where the group finished among the top eight ensembles.

The performers are (front) Samantha Beckham, Katherine Doty (Choir Director), Abigail Curtis, Alicia May; (middle) Aaron Gallagher, Haley Boger, Lillian Leslie, Camille Khelseau, Katelynn Foxworthy, Zach Smith; (back) Alyssa Hightower, Noah Nixon, Patrick Pranger and Aubrey Popovic.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Roncalli's Students of the Month for February were treated to a catered luncheon while receiving certificates of recognition for their efforts.

The honorees and their areas of excellence are (front, from left) Alleigh Wilham, science; Grace Woehler, math; Callie Runion; health and physical education; Rita Brockman, communications; (back) Nick Johnson, world languages; Ryan Zakowski; business and technology; Stephen Strevels, S.T.A.R.S Program; Jason Brown, fine arts. Not pictured: Chris Dobbs, English; Brandon Kern, social studies; Chris McKay, industrial technology; and Paige Moore, religious studies.

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Roncalli juniors (front, from left) Kaylee TenBarge, Joseph Schubach, Athena Tadas; (back) Miriam Maddox, Daniel Woodruff, Emily Wray and Kate McNulty earned perfect scores of 36s on sections of the ACT administered in February.

TenBarge, Tadas, Maddox, Wray and McNulty aced the reading portion; Schubach got a 36 on the science part; and Woodruff got a perfect score on the math and English tests.

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Exciting baseball season awaits area teams

By Al Stiley
Senior staff writer

Roncalli, Center Grove and Lutheran are among the state's top-ranked baseball teams, according to the Indiana Baseball Coaches Association's preseason poll.

In Class 4A, Roncalli, state champions in 2016, is No. 7, and Center Grove is among the top 25 teams. Lutheran, bolstered by three standout freshmen, reached the Jasper semistate last year and stands No. 8 in Class A.

Baseball fortunes on the Southside are on the upswing as Perry Meridian, Southport and Beech Grove – each with new coaches – appear to be improved. Greenwood, Franklin Central, Manual and Greenwood Christian Academy also show promise despite less experienced teams.

The new coaches are Jake Banwart at Perry Meridian, longtime assistant coach Mike Klopfenstein at Southport and Mark Ringham at Beech Grove. Banwart was the head coach at Liberty Christian last year and an assistant coach with 2016 state champion Daleville.

Roncalli and Center Grove squared off Saturday at Grand Park in Westfield in a key matchup with the Rebels prevailing 10-6.

The Trojans came from behind to tie the game at 4 and 6. Roncalli's Tommy Hansen slammed the go-ahead solo home run in the top of the seventh, which was capped by Chris Dobbs' one-out three-run homer for the final count. Trojans pitchers hit six batters and walked five players, which led to five of the Rebels' 10 runs.

The Rebels later lost 10-8 to reigning 4A state champion Cathedral.

Also at Grand Park Saturday, Perry Meridian staged a dramatic six-run seventh inning comeback to upset 3A No. 6 Brebeuf Jesuit 9-8.

Elliot Obermaier delivered the big blow, a grand slam. The Falcons later tried to come back against Lawrence North but fell 5-4.

The outlook for Southside teams with last year's won-lost record and statistics:

Class 4A

Southport (10-14) – Longtime assistant coach Mike Klopfenstein takes the helm ... team batting average was lowly .226 ... Cards dropped six games by one or two runs and lost all three extra-inning contests ... turnaround expected ... seniors are southpaw pitcher Kris Massey, infielder Patyn Pardue, pitchers Treg Olson and Dallas Matlock, catcher Scott Rippy, outfielder/pitcher Brenden Coomler ... junior hitters return with Jack Vanover (.294, 20 hits) at third and Avery Short (.250, 14 hits, 10 RBIs) ... junior outfielder Michael Fidler stole five bases ... sophomore Ryan Lezon returns at short ... junior transfer Tyler Rice bolsters infield ... leading pitchers are Short (4-2, 0.83 ERA), who throws 70 percent strikes, Massey (3-3, 198 ERA), and Vanover (1-7, 5.00 ERA) ... in middle of four straight road games ... return to Houlder Field April 17 against Perry Meridian.

Coach's comments: "We've had open-hitting sessions indoors all winter so that will be a key for us. We have changed our approach offensively and hope that pays off for us. We know our top three pitchers but need to find more depth there. We do have a lot of guys who can throw. This transition has been smooth. Many of our juniors are third-year starters. Our pitching is solid, and our hitting will improve. The guys are excited to get going. We like what we see."



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILEY

Southport returns with higher expectations and six seniors (from left) outfielder Dallas Matlock, infielder Patyn Pardue; (back), catcher Scott Rippy, outfielder Brenden Coomler, pitcher Kris Massey and outfielder Treg Olson.

Roncalli (18-10) – Rebels repeated as sectional champs ... graduated only two seniors ... all starters return except at catcher ... eight seniors ... coach Aaron Krull has confidence in Rebels ... expectations sky high after 2016 state championship and reaching Elite Eight last year ... outfielders Nick Schnell (.471, 36 hits, 25 RBIs), a University of Louisville commit, and junior Tommy Hansen (.396, 47 RBIs, six home runs) pack wallop ... Hansen set national record with three straight grand slams in same game ... heavy hitters: Harrison Koppenhofer

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Roncalli's key returnees include junior Tommy Hansen and seniors Nick Schnell and Colten Panaranta. (383, 19 runs); Chris Dobbs (.342); Mark Cobb (.333); Hayden Harper (.319, 23 hits, 30 runs); and Dylan Williams (.286) ... Colin Panaranta (4-2, 1.59 ERA) and juniors Max Lundy (3-2, 1.87 ERA) and Max Linton (3-3) lead pitchers ... Rebels at home today against Decatur Central and Friday against Carmel.

Coach's comments: "Having everyone back is really exciting for us. Working out in the weight room is paying off for our seniors; we're bigger and stronger. Fourth-year starter Nick, last year's new guy Colton Panaranta and Harrison Koppenhofer are leading us. Having a senior-laden team makes it easier to teach players; you're able to be more productive. We know we have to work hard each day to get where we want. Obviously winning state in 2016 did a lot for our program and we made it to the final 8 with a young group last year. We're in a good place."

Perry Meridian (14-13) – New coach Jake Banwart guides Falcons ... offense hurt by leaving 10 runners on base and nine strike outs per

game plus only 27 stolen bases ... nine seniors bring experience ... Eastern Illinois commit/pitcher Jess Wainscott (5-3, 1.76 ERA, 60 strike outs) headlines pitchers with sophomore Bayley Arnold (3-2, 1.96 ERA) juniors Vince Hickey, Charlie Joyce and Caden Reed (.304, 24 hits, 20 RBIs) ... infield consists of Joe Genier at first, Alex Morgan (.316, 24 hits) at second and Luke Arkins (.284, 25 hits) at short with Alex Hooten and Arnold battling at third ... Adam Taylor (.303, 27 hits, 23 runs, 13 stolen bases) lines up in center field with Wainscott, Hickey and junior Sean Thomas splitting spots ... Elliot Obermaier (.294) behind plate ... more depth from seniors Logan Dingess, Ethan Hardcastle and Holden Storm and junior Alex Horton ... up from junior varsity juniors Joyce, back-up catcher Conner Woods, Luciano Salemi and Dayton Jones ... last year in Conference Indiana ... at home against Columbus North on Tuesday.

Coach's comments: "The winter seemed so long, and the guys are excited to get going. And I'm anxious to see what their hard work has done for them. Baseball is a game of reps, so our practices are very structured. They have focused into owning their positions. We have focused

on pace and running bases, so we can get more runs in and limit our strike outs. Most starting positions are set. We plan on being two deep at every position. I can't give them enough credit for buying into this system. Instead of any pushback, they were ready to come out, play a different style and win more games. They are motivated."

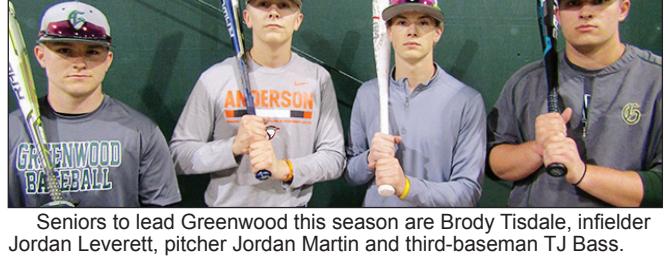


Perry Meridian has two senior outfielders in Jesse Wainscott and Logan Dingess. Wainscott is the Falcons' No. 1 pitcher and had a 1.76 ERA last year while striking out 60 batters.



Among veteran Perry Meridian players are infielders Ethan Hardcastle, Alex Morgan, Luke Arkins, Joe Genier and catcher Elliott Obermaier, who hit a grand slam Saturday in a 9-8 win over 3A No. 6 Brebeuf Jesuit. Not pictured: seniors Holden Storm and Adam Taylor.

Greenwood (8-17) – Veteran coach Andy Bass graduated 11 seniors ... returning Woodmen show promise ... fourth-year hurler Jordan Martin (3-6, 2.72 ERA) and catcher T.J. Bass (20 RBIs, 19 hits, four home runs) return ... senior infielders Jordan Leverett and transfer power-hitter Brody Tisdale, add to defense ... vastly improved junior Jordan Wright is at first ... featured sophomores are center fielder/pitcher Ben Sobriay, infielder/pitcher Oliver Rau, power-hitting first baseman/outfielder Peyton Newman, and infielder/outfielder Nick Duffey ... freshman pitcher Parker Jones and hitter Sam Jeffries to see playing time ... mound corps includes relief pitcher Alex Wise, soph Gunner



Seniors to lead Greenwood this season are Brody Tisdale, infielder Jordan Leverett, pitcher Jordan Martin and third-baseman TJ Bass.

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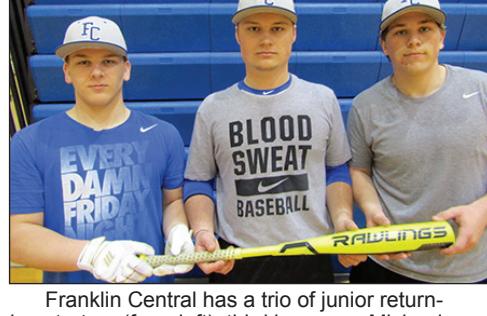
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Greenwood's team listens to veteran coach Andy Bass review their approach to hitting before a rare outdoor practice.

Garrison, soph infielder Sam Bass ... in Johnson County tourney this week.

Coach's comments: "We have a lot of youth, so we are using the early part of the season to sort things out. We have more experience than it looks; we had five (Sobieray, Wise, Garrison, Duffey and Rau) on a 16U team that went to Little League state finals. We have some guys with power. We will have to be aggressive on the bases. Defensively we will be somewhat inexperienced. Ultimately, it's the same game for the younger kids but it's a game at a higher pace, a quicker game. The key to our season will be how quickly the younger kids can mature and develop."

Franklin Central (8-19) — Lost first seven games last season then went 8-12 against rugged schedule ... veteran coach John Rockey has



Franklin Central has a trio of junior returning starters (from left): third baseman Michael Stonebraker, pitcher/catcher Cade Fitzpatrick and outfielder Jarod Gillespie. (325, 27 hits, 19 RBI) ... middle defense at second with senior Cole Rigsby on the inside track with soph Austin Carr at short ... young pitchers Kam Leah and Jack Smith up and down ... last season in Conference Indiana ... at home Tuesday against Southport and Wednesday, April 11, against Cathedral.

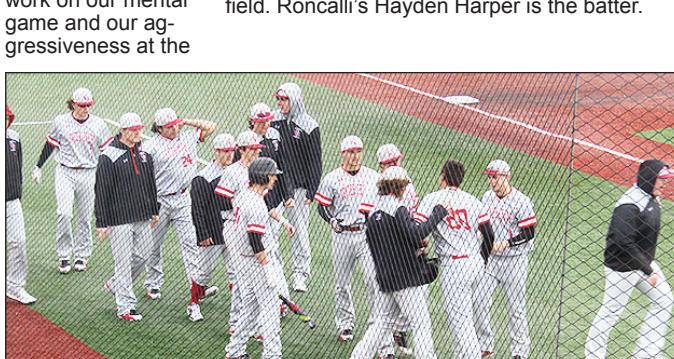
Coach's comments: "We closed last season by playing some pretty good baseball, so we're looking forward to this season. We have do have several starters back; our top six hitters return. I'm hoping that means our offense can get off to a fast start. We have good leadership. Our outfield has some speed and is solid. Our infield is set except for second base. We are solid on the mound and behind the plate. We should be able to compete with each team in the conference. I'm looking forward to some good competition. I like the lineup we will be able to put on the field."

Center Grove (18-9) — Most players return after 18 wins ... lost to Whiteland in first game of playoffs ... graduated only three seniors, lost only one starter ... coach Keith Hatfield's experienced roster has 14 seniors with seven in starting lineup ... ex-Perry Meridian coach John Carpenter new assistant coach ... seniors, third baseman Ryan Sauter (.380, 22 RBIs) and Mikey Wyman (.371, 26 RBIs), and soph shortstop Bryce Eblin (.369, 22 runs) return as leading hitters ... junior AJ Poynter is at second ... outfield includes Braden Parks in center, and (when not pitching) Jacob Johnson (4-0, 1.56 ERA) and Corey Daffron and junior Brian Gaffney (3-2, 1.47 ERA) ... Eli Lawyer-Smith opened behind plate with DH Kyle Winkler back-up ... mound corps includes Hunter Burnett, Bryce Tidd, Justin Tolle, Jonathan Baumert and Jacob Gilcrest and junior Josh Johnson ... CG site of county tourney Friday and Saturday.

Coach's comments: "We have good bats. We can mix it up with some power and other ways to produce runs. We still have to work on our mental game and our aggressiveness at the



Center Grove junior Brian Gaffney throws out the first pitch of the season to catcher Eli Lawyer-Smith on Saturday Grand Park in Westfield. Roncalli's Hayden Harper is the batter.



Center Grove players pat first baseman Mikey Wyman (20) on the back after leading off the second inning with a solo homer against Roncalli, which went on to win 10-6.

plate. We have a lot of returning players and that helps us get an early start on some things. It helps having so many seniors, everything is familiar. Our pitching should get better as we get deeper into the season; we have to throw strikes, though. When tournament (IHSAA playoffs) roll around, we need to be ready."

Class 3A

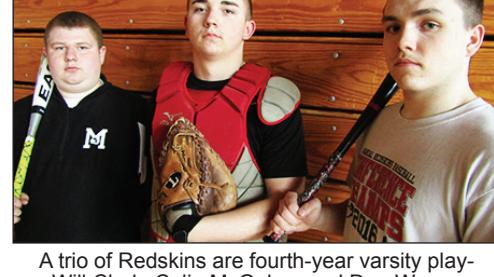
Manual (12-5) — Chasing third straight winning season under coach Matt Thompson ... hit .326 and stole 133 bases last season ... graduated seven players ... seniors back for third season are: 2017

Most Valuable Player Colin McGehey (.500) is behind plate but can play infield and pitch; shortstop/pitcher Dominique Werner (.385); and Will Clark in right field ... help comes from junior outfielder Ervin Crabtree, improved hitter, thanks to wearing glasses, and A.J. Breeding at first ... junior D'Angelo Dean, a speedster/utility player ... versatile leadoff hitter Christian Phillips, center fielder/power-hitter Braden Beers and shortstop Chris Deal are promising freshmen ... quick on the base paths again ... Beech Grove visits today.

Coach's comments: "Our past two seasons are a testament to the kids and how hard they work. We have some athletes from other sports that we are trying to turn



Manual expects several young players to continue the Redskins' winning ways. The players are junior Robert Rosales, freshman Christian Phillips, sophomore AJ Breeding and freshman Braden Beers.



A trio of Redskins are fourth-year varsity players: Will Clark, Colin McGehey and Dan Werner.

Coach's comments: "Our past two seasons are a testament to the kids and how hard they work. We have some athletes from other sports that we are trying to turn

into baseball players. Having two winning seasons in a row excites the rest of the students in the building. We are 12-0 in last two years in the IPSAC (Indianapolis Public Schools Athletic Conference) and with a lot of three-year veterans, we're looking to continuing that streak. Defensively we are as solid as we have looked in the last two years because we return so many players at spots. Hitting-wise, we don't have that

one big player who you know will have a big game every night. On the other side, we have guys who make us more balanced through the lineup. We have several pitchers who can throw strikes. We play some tough opponents right away."

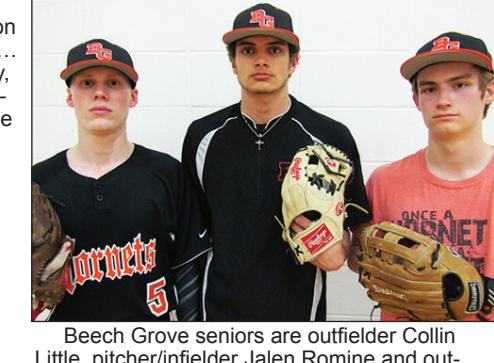
Beech Grove (6-15) — Coach Mark Ringham succeeds Nick Purchia (now at Danville) ... graduated four seniors, including top three pitchers ... six starters are gone ... room for improvement ... hit .226, had 5.52 ERA and .816 fielding percentage last year ... definitely rebuilding ... prime returnees are outfielder Collin Little, No. 1 pitcher Jalen Romine (.231; 2-1, 5.81 ERA) and junior catcher Nic Ancelet (four stolen bases) ... juniors Terrice Pope and Jordan Reel complete the outfield ... pitching rotation includes freshmen Garrett Esposito and Seth Walters, infield mostly new ... senior Cooper Stratton has spot in lineup ... visits Manual today, then hosts Mooresville Friday ... home games at Sarah T. Bolton Park.

Coach's comments: "I have had this program since February, so we are kind of behind the eight ball. We lost our top three pitchers to graduation and our best power hitter to a torn ACL. We do have good speed and good arms in the outfield. We will get a good look at what we have in our first two weeks of competition. Then we can get a set nine in our lineup when we get into conference play. We will have to create runs because we have lost some power. We are thin, but these kids have been working hard. We're going to be looking for gradual improvement along the way until we get to sectionals."

Class 1A

Lutheran (18-8) — Unexpected playoff run with young team to Jasper semistate ... graduated only three seniors but saw three sophomores move away ... veteran coach Dick Alter retooling lineup with some first-time senior players and JV grads ... Saints return with senior infielder/catcher Carson Thomas and juniors, catcher/pitcher Noah Wood (.382) and pitcher/infielder Matthew Alter (.294, 3-1, 3.74 ERA) ... juniors Jarod Sneed, Matt Holm and Brett Reid step into different positions ... up from JV, junior infielder and sophomore first baseman Jonas Akers ... outfielder Austin Bryant returns, joined by first-time senior outfielders Trevor Russell and Max Wirick ... Saints travel Thursday to Greenwood Christian Academy.

Coach's comments: "We have a strong nucleus. We have had more practices outside because of the artificial turf on the football



Beech Grove seniors are outfielder Collin Little, pitcher/infielder Jalen Romine and outfielder Cooper Stratton.



A trio of juniors brings experience to Beech Grove's lineup: catcher/shortstop Nic Ancelet, outfielder Terrice Pope and center fielder Jordan Reel.

field. Three of the freshmen who have moved away also were pitchers, so depth will be a challenge. We will have a whole new infield. Our season depends on how well some of our kids who have not played varsity baseball perform. The newcomers will man the outfield. We have enough to be competitive, but the question is: How many games can we win? We always try to develop a team that is ready to compete when sectionals begin."

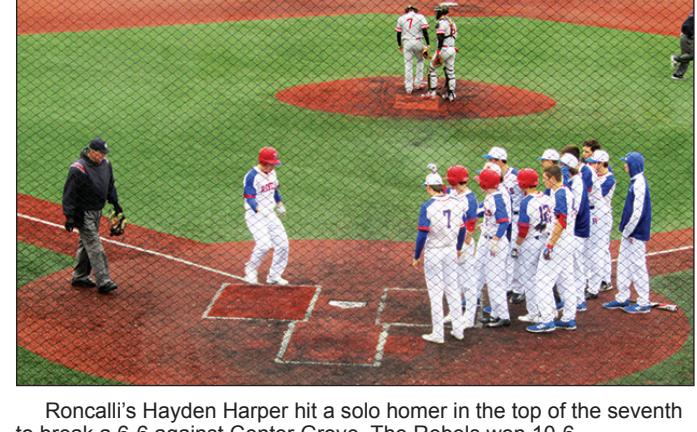
Greenwood Christian Academy (13-8) — sectional runner-up last year ... graduated Nolen Check (.432, 16 RBIs; 3-2, 2.17), Ethan Chupp (.380) and Camden Peters (14 RBIs) ... coach Doug Hagist has mix of newcomers, juniors and talented freshmen ... senior third baseman/pitcher Joel Stinnett and Kegan Owen in right field blend in ... counting on junior nucleus of center fielder Colton Crick (.492, 15 RBIs, 22 runs), second baseman Payton Modlin (.422), shortstop Griffin Huzinga (.265, 13 hits, 14 runs), and pitcher/first baseman Elliott Murray (3-1, 3.60) ... freshmen left fielder Dane Crick, catcher Jake Simmons and utility players Gabe Nelson and Garrett Wright counted on heavily ... look for improved pitching and solid defense ... home game Thursday against Lutheran.

Coach's comments: "Our 13 wins were outstanding because we played a very tough schedule. We made it to the sectional championship and into the fifth inning 0-0 against Edinburgh and ran into trouble. We were so young and hopefully our young players gained valuable experience. They are settling into their positions. We're expecting great things from our juniors in their third year on varsity, and we have a couple of freshmen who are swinging a big bat. The one piece we have been missing is a consistent catcher, and we are going to give a freshman a shot. We're going to go from having two No. 1 pitchers to a five-pitcher rotation, which should give us the opportunity to mix it up a bit. We are more mature and stronger this year."



Key players for Greenwood Christian Academy are seniors Kegan Owen and Joel Stinnett and juniors Colton Crick and Griffin Huzinga.

HAMMERIN' HAYDEN HARPER



Roncalli's Hayden Harper hit a solo homer in the top of the seventh to break a 6-6 against Center Grove. The Rebels won 10-6.

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JERRY G. BARTLEY, 78, children, Brian and Kelly Bartley, Jen Ann Thompson; stepdaughters, Melanie Bruce, Kim Brackett; siblings, Patton and Terry Bartley, Leah Roby; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

DENISE E. BATTIS, 54, daughters, Hollie and Courtney Batts; siblings, Mickey Allard, Bridgett Lahrmann, Dottie Witty, Tom, Michael, Pat, Jimmy, Joey and David Michael; four grandchildren;

BETTY J. FRITCH BOMASTER, 85.

FERN ELLEN CLARK, 81, widow of Kenneth Clark; children, Kenneth Lee, Patty, Terry Sue, Sharon, Gary, Clayton, Linda; sister, Nancy.

DAKOTA CORDELL (aka DENNIS HENDRICKSON), 69, daughters, Denise Norrington, Corissa Howell, Amanda Lerma; brother, Shawn Hendrickson; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

BARBARA ANN COURNEY, 84, husband, Robert; children, Karen Young, Michael, Larry, Paula and Bill Courtney, Nancy Bradley; sister, Phyllis Johnson; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren.

GEORGE RUSSEL COX, infant, parents, Shannon R. and Dr. Leanna M. Cox; siblings, Alice J. and Evan R. Cox; grandparents, Gary L. and Donna J. Ruf, Clifford L. and Wilma L. Cox.

MARJORIE ELLEN AM-BROSE DEALE, 94, widow of Dr. Hugh S. Deale; children, Julia Kay Deale, Gale Willis, Peggy Dickerson, Barbara Miller, Kenneth S. Deale; sister, Dorothy Hippenstein; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-grandson.

DONALD J. DOYLE, 83, widow of Rosalee A. Doyle; wife, Mary Doyle; children, Mark, Chris and Jeanine Doyle, Barbara Smith; stepchildren, Raymond and Rick Gist, Sharon Dietz; siblings, Charles "Bud" Doyle, Barbara Clark; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren.

ALMA JEAN GIBSON, 85, son, Gary Hall; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

CHARLES E. HALL, 89, widower of Elsie Florence Hall; children, Jack Hall, Linda Thompson, siblings, John L. Hall, Opal Roler; eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

BILLIE JUNE HELTON, 74, daughters, Naomi Gamble, Melissa Cure, Kimberly Helton; siblings, Richard and Steven Jones, Barbara Bean; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

FRIEDA MAE MEADOWS HOOTEN, 69, husband, Mark; children, Renae Schiefelbein, Tonya Davidson, Gary, Scott and Robby Meadows; brother, Thomas Faulk; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

MADISON ELIZABETH IDEMAN, 21, children, Rosalie F., Aria K.; parents, Kerry Ideman and George Ideman; brothers, Gavin Parker, Donovan Gabriel; grandparents, James and Joette Ideman; Patricia Grant-Goodspeed and Bill Goodspeed, Rodney Goodspeed; boyfriend, Steve Fitzpatrick.

JOHN LEROY "JACK" JENKINS, 80, wife, Bonnie; children, John Jenkins, Erin Gammon, Cheryl Lewis; stepchildren, Chearie Badders, Charlie Richerson, David and John Pyard; brothers, David Alfano, Michael Jenkins; 14 grandchildren; several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

HAROLD T. JOCKISH, 87, wife, Mary; children, Christopher and Joanna Jockish, Julie Catania, Jill Deak, Jane Young, Jennifer Carr; sister, Marjorie Kreuzman; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

AGNES IRENE KENWORTHY, 92, widow of Gene Kenworthy; children, Wilma K. Kenworthy Fisher, Donald B. Kenworthy; brother, Ernest Hughes; two grandchildren; one great-grandson.

ALICE JOAN KOPP, 89, widow of Dean Kopp; children, Mark and Dr. Michael; siblings, Lemoyne Myers, Dale Myers, Ruth Harrington, eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM "BILL" R. LAWSON, 62, wife, Jane Lawson; children, Joseph W., Lynde M. and Mya M. Lawson; mother, Ozora M. Lawson; siblings, Teresa, John, Helen and James "Art" Lawson, Linda Roberts.

JULIO M. LOZANO, 81, wife, Rosalina; sons, Emmanuel "Manny," Herningildo "Herm"; four granddaughters; one great-grandchild.

CARLOS ROBERTO MARTINEZ, 38, wife, Karma Martinez; stepchildren, Kenney and Kyndyl O'Day; mother, Christa Martinez; biological mother, Paula Martinez; sisters, Elizabeth Bushen, Andria Rathfon, Tammy Dittmor, Victoria McCloud.

REBECCA J. "BECKI" MATLOCK, 66, husband, Merrill Matlock; children, Michael and Jana C. Matlock; sister, Rita Arthur; five grandchildren.

EDNA M. MEHRINGER, 88, widow of Linus Mehringer; children, Gail Simpson, Susie Zeigler, Denise Eubanks, Michael Joseph and William Mehringer; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

ROHN L. MILLICAN JR., 53, wife Margaret A. Millican; son, Christopher L. Millican; mother, Helen P. Millican; father and stepmother, Rohn L. and Toni Millican; siblings, David C. Millican, Kelli A. Andrews; many stepbrothers and stepsisters.

VIVIAN L. MOUSER, 82, daughters, Bobbi Jean Powell, Robin Mouser, Angela "Angie Mouser" Johnson, Laura Harrell; siblings: Thelma "T.L." Crider, Marla "Bet" Fish, Steve Fleenor; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson.

VIRGINIA MAE "GINNY" NANCE, 92, widow of Thomas Nance; children, Chester, Thomas and Joann Nance, Jerri Lynn Wilson; seven grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren.

RICHARD ALLEN "DICKIE BIRD" REEVES, 75, wife, Edna Lenora Reeves; children: Teresa Izer, Joanne Carr, Richard A. Jr. and Curtis Reeves; stepchildren: Bradley McClain, Christina Percy; siblings, Delores P. Shay, Dorothy L. Mack, Judith K. See, Paula A. Reeves; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

XAVIER ORVILLE ROYALTY, 3, parents, Graham and Amanda Royalty; grandparents, Kenneth and Barbara Davis, Dale and Cheri Royalty; great-grandmother, Claudia Moss.

ROBERT CHRISTOPHER SIMPSON, 52, son, Gavin Simpson; mother of his son, Kathy Harris.

JOE D. SLAUGHTER, 80, wife, Marie; children, Jack Slaughter, Becky Weir, Robin Stephens, Eddie Watson; brother, Harold Slaughter; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

EVA SMITH, 86, widow of Everett L.E. Smith; children, Everett and Dennis Smith, Sheila Cruz; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

MARY ANN SMITH, 83, widow of Marshall Smith; siblings, Larry and Curtis Smith, Janet Hendricks, Nancy Sims, Kara Jones, Reta Schultz.

ANDREA ROSE SOBERALSKI, 32, husband, Joshua M. Soberalski; children, Hailey J. and Jeremiah Soberalski; parents, Robert and Ashley VanDriel; siblings, Andrew R. Leep, Joseph R. Walton, Joel R. VanDriel, Mikka Ferrell, Bradley Erickson.

CARL ROBERT "ROBBY" TAYLOR, 51, wife, Lachelle Taylor; children, Bridget Dowden, Jesse and Haley Taylor, Nicole and Kandas Tipton; mother, Nancy Schmidt; stepmother, Janice Taylor; siblings, Annie Luidhardt, Christy Schmidt, Nathan and Ryan Davis; four grandchildren.

EDWARD RICHARD "BUTCH" WESTERFIELD, 79, wife, Bonnie J. Westerfield; children, Dawn Weems, Eddie W. and David Westerfield; sisters, Vicki L. Unversaw, Sharon K. House; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

CRYSTAL C. CARPENTER WILLIAMS, 37, husband, Dan Carpenter Sr.; children, Shania, Breanna, Dan Jr., Peyton, Blake, Jake; four siblings.

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Personal Recollections

By Fred Shank

Several years ago I had one of those birthdays where the age number ends in zero. I was pleased that it was looking like a calm day. Our daughter, Michelle, and my wife, Lyn, had a day of shopping planned. I had been invited to spend the afternoon at Michelle's house to watch a race on television.

It was a scam. I was called home during the race because of a problem.

When I arrived

home I was

shocked to

find lots of

cars parked

all around

our house. A

surprise party.

The main gift

I received was

a rooster from

my daughter.

Jack the

rooster became

part of our

family. He

and I became

great friends.

He seemed disappointed when he discovered that some humans were

not so friendly.

Eventually, a petition was instituted to have him

relocated.

A couple of weeks ago I started working on a special Easter/April Fool's Day plan. I heard Lyn talking to Michelle on the telephone. I

asked Lyn to find out the birth date of Michelle's husband, Ben. We

were told it was in September. I didn't really care what the answer

was, I just wanted to get some thoughts going.

I then started putting my plan into motion. After Jack was relo-

cated, I was presented a beautiful stuffed rooster, which I call Jack II.

I drafted my stuffed rooster to assist in this spoof. I recorded some

rooster sounds on a cassette, and I found a tall cardboard box and put

some wood shaving in the bottom of it. I lifted Jack II into the box

and dropped in the cassette player. Then I placed a large towel over

the box. After practicing a few times I showed it to Lyn.

We had been invited to an Easter brunch with Michelle and Ben

and other family members.

Our waitress approached me with a small coffee cup and informed

me that it had been specially ordered for me. I must have been dis-

playing a confused look because she told me that it was coconut milk.

I had been ordered by our grandson, Trey, and his girlfriend, Diana.

They know that I hate coconut. I will start planning in the near future

to get even with them.

There were about 16 of us, and we had a good time. Pansorn, who

attends the University of Indianapolis and sings in the church choir

with Lyn, accompanied us. They helped me get through all those

crazy roundabouts near Noblesville. After brunch we all went to

Michelle and Ben's new home. They just downsized and many of us

were seeing their home for the first time.

When we parked on the street we noticed more than half of the

folks were still standing in the front yard. This seemed to be a great

time to carry in the box with the rooster. We turned on the tape player

and everyone could hear the rooster sounds.

I heard responses like, "What is that?" Someone else said, "He

didn't." We heard, "Oh no!" Once inside we were directed to the

kitchen, where family members came in one at a time to examine

what was in the box. Some were startled when I pulled back the towel

to reveal the rooster.

Later, they were discussing location to place the rooster in their

new accommodations. I told them that it was only an April Fool's

prank and Jack the rooster was coming home with us.



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY FRED SHANK
Jack II the rooster looks real.



Reminiscing

By B. Scott Mohr

A retrospective glance at the Southside

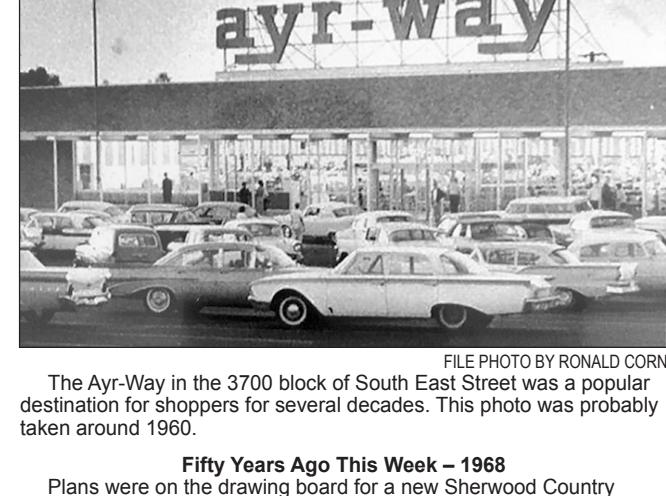
From The Spotlight archives
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Sixty Years Ago This Week – 1958

Floyd W. Van Fossen was elected president of the Southport Lions Club. Other officers were Lester L. Johnson, first vice president; George W. Jackson, second vice president; Maurice E. Winn, third vice president; Eldon M. Beghtel, secretary; and Joseph P. Davis, treasurer.

Indianapolis Archbishop Paul C. Shulte was going to officiate the dedication service for the new home of Monsignor Downey Knights of Columbus Council 3660, 511 E. Thompson Road.

William Sherman, a senior at Sacred Heart Central High School, won a \$50 savings bond for finishing first in the annual oratorical contests sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 3660.



FILE PHOTO BY RONALD CORN
The Ayr-Way in the 3700 block of South East Street was a popular destination for shoppers for several decades. This photo was probably taken around 1960.

Fifty Years Ago This Week – 1968

Plans were on the drawing board for a new Sherwood Country Club at 6500 S. Emerson Ave. Tom, Bill and John Weliever owned the present facility and had about 1,800 members between the ages of 15 and 20.

Joseph E. Walters, manager of the Madison-Thompson branch of Peoples Bank & Trust Co., took on the added responsibility of serving as an assistant cashier.

Margaret Comella, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Comella and a junior at Chartrand High, won a competition hosted by the U.S. Twirling Association.

Bethel Baptist Church relocated from Singleton and Iowa streets to 329 W. Banta Road and changed its name to Meridian Woods Baptist Church. The Rev. Jesse Hood was the pastor.

Forty Years Ago This Week – 1978

The winning exhibits at St. Mark Grade School's science fair were submitted by Mike Higgins, Chris Bowdon, John Fender, Theresa Evitt, Jenny Price, Christie Lee, Ed Hartman, Joe Morrison, Steve Michael, Marcia Lentz, Rob Huser, Mary Jo Boyce, Anne Mullin, Cathal O'Connor and Kurt Ihrig.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Kopetsky were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house. George, who owned Red Carpet Car Wash, and his wife, Pat, had six children, Kathy, George Jr., David, Linda, Laura and Steve.

Making plans for the spaghetti social at St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic School, 1009 E. Tabor St., were Marge McHugh, Ann Papesh, Cathy Lamperski, Robert Noe, Pete Coraso and the Rev. Harry Monroe.

Steve Tummers, Bill Joyner and Michael Humes were recognized as Eagle Scouts, the highest honor attainable in Boy Scouts. The boys were members of Troop 118.

Baseball (Continued from Page 1)

close. Soon after T.J. began walking, he would sit in the dugout and watch his dad's high school practices. When he ate, seated in his high chair, he would hold his fork like he was swinging a bat. When he was 3 he had a Greenwood baseball uniform.

Andy and Jenny took 6-month-old T.J. to his first major league game at Wrigley Field.

As dad tells it, T.J.'s biggest hit came at the age of 4 years in their backyard and with mixed emotions.

"When we were living in our first house we had a glassed-in back patio porch area. He threw the ball up to himself, trying to hit it with a bat and we didn't think much about it. But he hit

one – a line drive right through the window and shattered it. One part of me was upset, but the other part of me was ecstatic because he was 4 and old enough to throw the ball up and hit it hard enough to break a window. How do you get upset at that?"

T.J. hit his first home run for the Woodmen, a grand slam in 2016, against Martinsville.

Through the years the family has been to Great American Ball Park, Fenway Park, Busch Stadium, Detroit Stadium and Wrigley Field in addition to several minor league parks.

T.J. came through Greenwood Little League for six years and then began playing travel ball for the Johnson County Jaguars,

Indiana Venom, Indiana Bulls and Nitro.

T.J. and Sam have younger sisters, Mary, 10, and Claire, 8, who have developed their own interests. Mary is a cheerleader. Claire has played softball, enjoys playing basketball and soccer but has a passion for riding horses. And Sam is on the swim team and performs in school musicals and dramas.

A graduate of Franklin College, Andy Bass began coaching at Greenwood in 1998.

T.J. and Sam are part of a young team this season after graduating eight players from last year's squad.

"Last year we had a bunch of great guys; seeing them go was really difficult," T.J. said. "We have a lot of young guys who need to step up. I'm looking forward to having a big role in getting them to play together as a team. We need to work together as a team and not just as individuals."

T.J., like his dad, already is a leader.

Prayer (Continued from Page 1)

have a name, for two months, the tumors had shrunk by 50 percent. After six months they were virtually gone. Doctors have detected a small growth but they think it is scar tissue.

"I wouldn't say that I'm cured, but the tumors are gone. I have been told that the success rate for this drug is 25 percent," said McAtee, who receives monthly infusions without any side effects. "I know you have to be free of cancer for so many years before you are declared cancer-free, but the doctors are convinced that I am cancer-free. My only concern is that Astra-

Zeneca might quit manufacturing the drug.

"I know God played a role in this. Without his intervention I would not be here."

"I'm sure I have racked up well over a million dollars in medical bills. The insurance companies have been outstanding, and I don't have to pay to participate in the clinical trial."

McAtee also battles diabetes, and even though he has it under control, he thinks it will give him more trouble in the long run than cancer.

McAtee, who was employed by the Indianapolis Metropolitan

Police and Marion County Sheriff's departments before retiring from IMPD, is a lieutenant colonel with the Sheriff's Department and is the communications division commander of 911.

Law enforcement runs in his family. His father, Joe McAtee, is a former IPD Chief and Marion County sheriff; brother Bret retired from IMPD in January; and son Jake (Mary Jane) is a sergeant with the Speedway Police Department. Daughter Katie (Adam) Gaff teaches art at Center Grove High School.

No matter how optimistic Bart McAtee may feel about something, he knows that it's always good to have God on your side.

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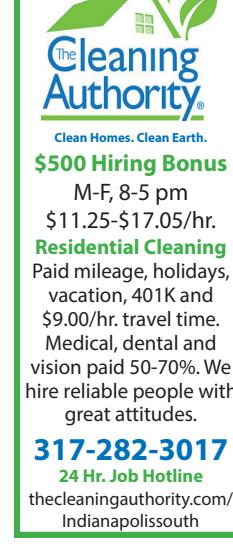
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Nativity enjoying banner year in sports

The sign in the lobby of Nativity Catholic School reads, "Love, Education, Achievement, and Development."

And unprecedented achievement is being experienced on the athletic field as well as in the classroom.

"Nativity's teams have had the right formula for success – athletic determination and great sportsmanship," said Principal Terri Bianchini.

It started with an undefeated season and a Catholic Youth Organization city championship for the third- and fourth-grade kickball team, which was coached by Ali Leffler and Lisa Agresta.

Next, the fifth- and sixth-grade girls basketball team under the tutelage of Jay Scheil and Seth Lindsey finished second in the city.

School history was made when the seventh- and eighth-grade football team won its first championship for coaches Nate Leffler, Brian Beckman, Bill Tucker and Scott Phillips.

The second half of the year started strong for the Titans as Scheil's high school girls basketball team was runner-up in the city tourney.

Basketball continued to be good for Nativity as the seventh- and eighth-grade A team won the city title. Then the team, coached by Nate Leffler and Brian LeBeau, made more school history by becoming the Titans' first archdiocesan state champions.

"We are very fortunate to have a great group of kids and families and some of the top coaches in all of CYO," athletic director Bill Babcock said.

The Rev. Pat Doyle, Nativity's pastor, praised the commitment of parents and other adults who volunteer as coaches. "They teach our student-athletes not only the necessary athletic skills, but more importantly, they model the values of our faith that will become the foundation of their lives."



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Nativity's third- and fourth-grade kickball team rallied together before winning the Catholic Youth Organization's city championship.

The squad featured Taylor Gregg, Allie Griffith, Elly Agresta, Callie Cromwell, Caydance Mills, Izzie Nill, Bennie Leffler, Sophia Agresta, Hailey Cronkhite, Leah Miller and Elliot Leffler.



Aidan Leffler intercepts a pass to clinch the city title for Nativity's seventh- and eighth-grade A football team while Ethan Hutt, Aidan Curtis, Hunter Burge and Giovanni Saavedra-Rios look on in excitement.



Nativity's Evan Koch, Dionte Stephenson, Aidan Leffler and Gabe Horn hustle back on defense during the seventh- and eighth-grade A team's title game.

SNAZZY BADMINTON CHAMPS



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Roncalli's Harrison Koppenhofer (left) and Mark Cobb won the school's 14th annual Let the Birdies Fly badminton tournament. In addition, they were named the best-dressed competitors.
Robert Thang and Tam Ha finished second in the tourney.

Winners of Basketball Blitz, St. Patrick's trivia

By B. Scott Mohr
Editor



When Villanova thumped Michigan 79-62 Monday night at the Alamodome in San Antonio to win its second NCAA championship in three years, it signaled the of *The Southsider Voice*'s annual Basketball Blitz, which paired teams in the tourney with advertisers.

The Wildcats (36-4) breezed through the competition, defeating all of its opponents by double digits. Their win entitles John Walke Garage Doors to free quarter-page ad valued at \$390.

The Wolverines (33-8) were paired with ASAP Payroll Service, which won an eighth-page worth \$210.

Cardinal Insurance Services and Sleepy Hollow Pet Ranch, paired with Loyola-Chicago and Kansas, respectively, also won eighth-page ads.

Brian Patton won a \$25 gift card in the *The Voice*'s March Madness trivia contest, and Marie Marcum won an Irish-themed gift basket for winning the St. Patrick's Day trivia contest.

Hornets coach English and Trojans Jackson-Davis part of Junior All-Star team

By Al Stilley
Senior staff writer

Beech Grove coach Matt English and Center Grove standout Tracey Jackson-Davis are a part of this year's Indiana Junior All-Star basketball team.

Jackson-Davis, a 6-9 power forward, is among six core players on the 24-member team. He helped in leading the Trojans to a 20-7 season and to the Seymour regional championship game against New Albany.

A prime contender for the 2019

Mr. Basketball honor, he is listed as the nation's 25th-ranked high school prospect in the nation by ESPN.com and No. 28 by Rivals.com. He is sought by several Big Ten teams, including Purdue and Indiana, as well as Butler, among others.

English, who also serves as athletic director, was named head coach of the team.

English completed his ninth season with a 19-6 record as the Hornets reached a 3A sectional championship game against Danville for the second straight season. English is 50-13 during his past three seasons.

The Junior All-Stars play the Indiana All-Stars June 6 and face the Kentucky Junior All-Stars June 1 in the Bluegrass State and June 2 in Indiana, sites to be determined.

He also was named an Indiana Basketball Coaches Association District 2 Coach of the Year. He has a 110-108 record at Beech Grove and previously coached at Huntington (Tenn.) and Seeger.

English, who continues to battle brain cancer, and wife Angela support Coaches vs. Cancer with an annual night to celebrate and honor cancer survivors at halftime of a home game.

The Marion County Basketball Coaches Association recently held an all-star game at Beech Grove to raise funds for Relay for Life.

Players named to all-conference teams:

- Indiana Crossroads – Kenny Washington, Jomar Seals, Jaylin Curry, Beech Grove.
- Mid-State – Jeffrey Reynolds, Brayden Kincaid, Eric Moenhaus, Greenwood.
- Circle City – Kellee Schreiber, Jack Hegwood, Roncalli.
- Conference Indiana – Sernaj Danley, Perry Meridian; Brevin Jefferson, Southport; Isiah Morgan, Franklin Central.
- Mid-State Coach of the Year: Joe Bradburn, Greenwood.

Disc team (Continued from Page 1)

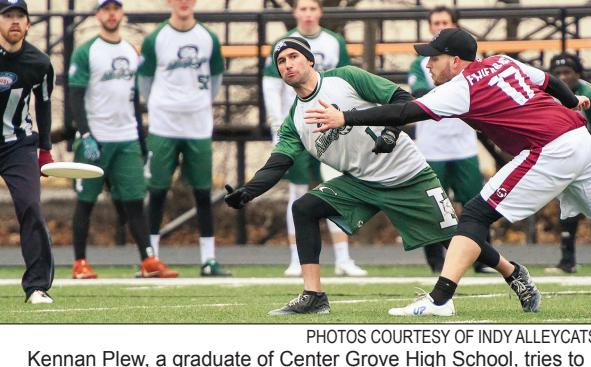
Roncalli in 2015 but will play most of its games this year at Westfield's Grand Park.

The move to Grand Park affords the AlleyCats the chance to play home games in one of the United States' premier indoor sports complexes while providing a one of a kind game day experience for fans, Fairbanks said.

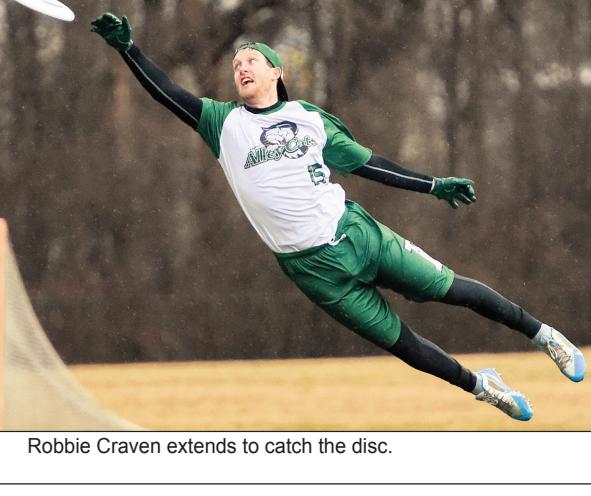
The roster is composed of local players, including a number of graduates from Center Grove High School in Keenan Plew, Spencer Loscar, Travis Carpenter, Donovan Triplett and Jesse Jenkins. The league has seen turnover as the AlleyCats' plays have been featured in SportsCenter's Top 10 segment.

"Indianapolis has some of the most dynamic and exciting players in all of ultimate, and we've had the chance to have that highlighted multiple times on the biggest name in all of sports," Fairbanks said.

Indy plays the Madison Radicals at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Roncalli and the Pittsburgh Thunderbirds April 21 before playing five games at Grand Park.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF INDY ALLEYCATS
Kennan Plew, a graduate of Center Grove High School, tries to find an open man around a Detroit defender.



Center Grove hoopster named Indiana All-Star

By Al Stilley
Senior staff writer



Center Grove basketball standout Cassidy Hardin is the fifth Trojan named an Indiana All-Star.

The 5-9 floor leader averaged 17.5 points per game, bolstered by 96 three-pointers, and averaged 4.4 rebounds and 2.9 assists as a senior.

Hardin, who will play collegiately for Purdue, helped in leading the Trojans to the Columbus East regional championship game and to a 21-7 record. The Trojans won 67 games and three sectional championships during her four-year career, in which she played in 103 games, scored 1,506 points, grabbed 402 rebounds and had 139 assists and 201 steals.

She scored a career-high 31 points against Pike but was known more for her defensive tenacity. She was the Johnson County Player of the Year and named to the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association/Subway Senior All-State Supreme 15 and IBCA All-Academic first team.

The Indiana All-Stars play an exhibition game against the Junior All-Stars June 6 before facing the Kentucky All-Stars at Bellarmine University in Louisville June 8, and at Bankers Life Fieldhouse June 9.

Hardin joins former Center Grove players as Indiana All-Stars: Lisha Robertson, 1979; Nikki Anderson, 1987; Jenny Martin, 1997; and Emily Butler, 1999.

Hardin, a junior last year, teamed with classmate Isabella Schoolcraft and won the 2017 girls doubles tennis state championship. The Hardin-Schoolcraft duo finished the season unbeaten.

The association also honored seven other players from Southside: Cameron Cardenas, Beech Grove; honorable mention: Katie Giller, Beech Grove; Sadie Hill, Perry Meridian; Sarah Mangan, Greenwood Christian Academy; Leah Moore, Greenwood. IBCA/Subway Underclass All-State honorable mention: Ella Thompson, Center Grove; Anna Vinson, Roncalli.

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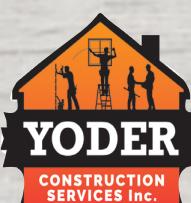
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