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### Funny quote of the week:

Usher: "Bride or groom?"  
Wedding guest: "It should be perfectly obvious I'm neither!"

– Four Weddings and a Funeral

## History on April 6

**1931:** Following the growth of popularity of radio, the first late afternoon radio series for children (Little Orphan Annie), was transmitted and drew a huge following.

**1997:** NASA aborted the latest space shuttle Columbia mission after problems with defective fuel cells were found. The mission was scheduled to last more than two weeks, but was aborted after four days and returned to Earth.

**1998:** The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 9,000 points for the first time.

**2012:** A US Navy F-18 crashed in a residential area in the Virginia shortly after taking off. The two crew members (a student and an instructor) were ejected safely and luckily nobody was seriously injured. There were no known fatalities. The cause of the crash was unknown.

**2013:** Nelson Mandela was released from the hospital after dealing with a recurring lung infection at the age of 94. Mandela was South Africa's first black president and led the struggle against apartheid in the country.

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

[thepeoplehistory.com](http://thepeoplehistory.com)

# SOFTBALL Showcase

## NEW SEASON HAS STARS, NATION'S NO. 1 TEAM



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)  
Roncalli coach David Lauck and senior Kylie Freije are running toward back-to-back state championships.



Roncalli junior pitcher Keagan Rothrock earned two gold medals with U18 Team USA softball team during the summer. She returns to the high school season as the 2021 national Gatorade Player of the Year along with several returning starters for the reigning 3A IHSAA champion Royals.



Several members of Roncalli's softball team were all dressed up for the winter formal at RHS. The Royals are, from left, Carley Keller, Abbey Hofmann, Anne Marie Meek, Keagan Rothrock, Kylie Freije, Tori Candler and Courtney Keller. The Royals have an early-season showdown today (Wednesday) at Center Grove.

**SOFTBALL SHOWCASE**  
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## BGHS OPENS FIRST ON-CAMPUS BASEBALL FIELD



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLEY)  
Sports historian and P.A. announcer Jim Pich, middle, is with Perry Meridian coach Jake Banwart, left, and Beech Grove coach Jake Wickliff before Hornets first game on new home field.



Perry Meridian coach Jake Banwart hits to Falcons during pre-game warmup.



Beech Grove baseball players break huddle before taking the field for home opener.

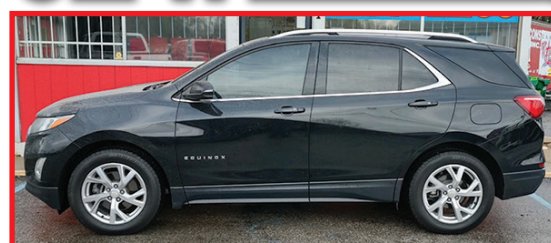


Beech Grove first-baseman Griffin Matracia warms up at first base with Hornets infielders.



Country singer Collin Hawk, a Beech Grove native and Roncalli High School alum, looks over Hornets home field before singing the National Anthem.

# HOT DEALS on WHEELS



SEE PAGES 11-12!

## Groundbreaking launches new BG police station



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLEY)  
Beech Grove Deputy Chief Robert Mercuri, right, acknowledges police officers in attendance, background, during groundbreaking ceremonies for new police station at Main Street and Emerson.

By Al Stille  
Editor

Nearly 100 city officials, police and residents took in a ceremonial groundbreaking Friday for a new two-story, 15,000 square foot, \$6.4 million Beech Grove police headquarters at Main Street and Emerson Avenue.

"The City of Beech Grove is not defunding police; it is empowering the police," proclaimed city attorney Craig Wiley, son of the late revered police chief and mayor J. Warner Wiley whom the new building will be named after.

Craig Wiley and members of the Wiley family were the first foursome to shovel dirt at the ceremony held on a chilly, blustery morning.

Construction is expected to begin in 30 days and the building should be completed in 15 months.

The current police headquarters at 340 East Churchman Avenue was completed in 1973 and was designed for 15 officers and a small support staff. Beech Grove police now number 36 officers and a larger support staff.

Police Chief Robert Maurice believes the new headquarters will help in recruiting new officers and foster more growth on Main Street.

Standing in front of many police officers, Deputy Chief Robert Mercuri praised, "This has always been Beech Grove - law enforcement at its finest."

The new headquarters will feature intake processing, interview rooms, officer's offices, and lockers on the ground floor, plus a courtroom, judge's chambers, police administrative offices, evidence storage, defensive tactics room, records storage, testing room, and conference room on the second floor.

And the building will be named in former Mayor Wiley's honor as is the current police station.



Family members of late police chief J. Warner Wiley are the first to shovel dirt at police headquarters groundbreaking. They are, from left, Jeannie Doyle and Bryan, Craig and Mike Wiley. Those in attendance were invited to turn dirt later after the ceremony.

**"The City of Beech Grove is not defunding police; it is empowering the police."**

– Craig Wiley

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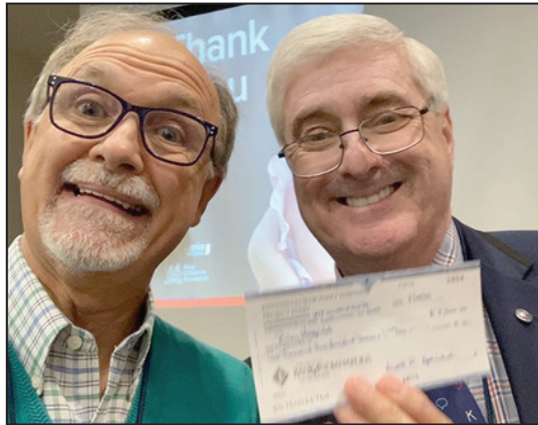
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## PERRY KIWANIANIS ACTIVE ON SOUTHSIDE



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)  
Kevin Wheeler, leader of the Kiwanis Club's Read Aloud program, reads to Jane Fletcher's second-grade class students at Homecroft Elementary School, top photo. Wheeler read the story of Balto, a Siberian Husky who led his team in the 1925 Alaska Iditarod sled dog team race and shared photos of his visit to Alaska. Wheeler has hiked on Exit Glacier near Seward. The reading program is among many community activities supported by the Southside organization. In lower photo, Perry Kiwanis co-president Scott Splichal, left, presents a \$2,500 donation to Riley Hospital for Children to past Kiwanis Indiana governor Terry White during the recent Kiwanis Indiana District Mid-Year conference. The club also begins raising funds Saturday, April 23 by opening its concession stand for Baxter YMCA's spring soccer games this season.



# Perry Perspectives

Perry Township Schools

By Elizabeth Choi  
Communications Director

It's spring break at Perry Township Schools. Not all kids had the luxury of being at home. Many had to report to class this week. As it turns out, they're having a lot of fun while learning.

Perry Township Schools third grader Teddy, is wise beyond his years.

"You get to choose what you want to do. If you want to do something...you can do it. Whatever you put your mind to," said Teddy.

Maybe that's why he doesn't mind being at school, during spring break. Teddy is one of hundreds participating in intersession. It's a voluntary program for teachers and students. Glens Valley Elementary School teacher Mrs. Joi Troyer enjoys volunteering to teach during intersession.

"It's a good time for teachers to try something different. You get more interaction and more hands-on stuff. It's more relaxed. It's not so structured. It's smaller groups, so we just have a classroom of eight to 12. So, you're able to meet the kids at their speed and their level," said Mrs. Troyer.

Intersession does a couple of things. Students who are behind, can get up to speed. Students who are excelling, can come for enrichment. This session, third graders were invited as well as middle and high schoolers. Next session, a new group will be invited to participate.

"Anything that they learn here, during this time, only puts them a step closer in the end. They're not home sleeping in. They're not home watching cartoons. They're not home doing video games. They're here learning," said Mrs. Troyer.

For kids like Teddy, there's no place he'd rather be. "It's like extra learning. You only have to go for a week. It's very fun. It's only a few hours long. It's not like normal school because you rotate classes and stuff. It's super fun," said Teddy.

Next intersession will take place during fall break. As far as what grades will participate, that is to be determined.



Children enjoy intersession time during Spring Break.



### Community Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday April 9th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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This free event is open to all and includes the Easter Egg Hunt, a petting zoo, puppet skits, bounce houses, food, and fellowship.

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# Personal Recollections

By Fred Shonk

## STUART GREET'S CHRISTI

About two months ago, our therapy dog, Stuart made his way across the rainbow bridge.

I have spent many hours thinking about Stuart taking up his new part-time position as a canine greeter at the rainbow bridge. I'm sure he has also enjoyed reconnecting with friends and family that crossed prior to his arrival.

I have a feeling that he was both shocked and excited last Wednesday evening. I'm sure he was on-duty at the bridge when he spotted his long-time girlfriend, Christi. She had resided at the Majestic Care of Southport nursing home. But last Wednesday she walked across that bridge and reconnected with Stuart.

Stuart and I met Christi over 10 years ago. Stuart and I were walking down a hallway in that nursing home when a lady stepped out of a room and ask if that cute doggy could stop in and visit her daughter. We entered the room and that special friendship began.

We learned that Christi grew up in central Indiana. She had been back to Indianapolis on a family visit when she suffered a terrible stroke. Christi's home at that time was in Louisiana. She had been a semi-professional volleyball player. The stroke caused Christi to lose the use of her left arm and leg. It also affected her vision and speech. Because of these disabilities, Christi was often very depressed.

Stuart and I started visiting Christi each time that we were visiting that facility, previously Manor Care. Stuart would always hop up onto the bed and curl up beside her. Their bond got stronger with each visit.

One Saturday afternoon, I got a telephone call and was informed that Christi was having a terrible day. She was crying and screaming. She was also calling for Stuart. I got off the telephone and quickly grabbed Stuart's leash. In about 20 minutes we were walking into her room.

I placed Stuart on the bed with Christi. I quickly noticed that her right leg was having spasms. Stuart noticed that also. He very calmly moved around Christi and laid down with his head on that leg. We saw no more spasms. It was truly amazing. In about 15 minutes things were fine.

I received a hand-written note from Christi to Stuart. She thanked him for always being there when she needed him. It is a beautiful note and I still have it. I got it out a couple of days ago and read it. I experienced the same results: I always have tissues handy when that little note comes out.

Christi and I also became pretty good friends. I loved just sitting in a chair beside her while she and Stuart were reconnecting during each visit. When it was time for us to get going, Christi and I would arm wrestle. She had a very strong right arm. Somehow, she always won. I even told her that I took arm wrestling lessons. She would just smile. As Stuart and I were leaving her room each time, I would point at her and tell her "to behave." She would smile and point back at me and say, "No, you behave" We then might go back and forth for several minutes.

On occasion, some of her friends and probably volleyball players from Louisiana would come up for a visit. Stuart and I enjoyed meeting them.

I started discussing with Christi about Stuart's health problems over his last couple of months. We made a couple of extra visits that made them both happy. The nursing home staff also knew that Stuart's time was getting short. We all were trying to ease Christi's pain.

I remember stopping in by myself after Stuart had passed. Christi and I both shed some tears; we didn't arm wrestle or exchange "behaves."

Our new family member is a canine named Simon. He has been with Lyn and I for about a month now. We are about to start his therapy dog training. He behaves so much like Stuart.

He and I stopped into the nursing home and met most of the staff. I asked if we could go and make a quick visit to see Christi. They said that would be great.

I'm so glad that Christi and Simon got to meet each other. It seemed that they had the same connection that Stuart had. It was a very special visit.

I now can close my eyes to see Christi and Stuart having fun. I also am certain that a couple of his other nursing home friends (Jo and Danny) are with them.



Christi with Simon on a recent visit.

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# Reminiscing

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

### 60 Years Ago This Week - 1962

Monte's Pizza opened at 1712 E. Minnesota St. and served 14-inch, four-topping pies for \$2.25; extra toppings cost 25 cents each.

With C.C. Leady retiring as principal of Southport High School, Albert Theil was named his replacement. Theil had served as the school's vice president for the past four years.

The new Indianapolis Public School near Indiana Central College was named in honor of Raymond F. Brandes, a deceased civic leader who had served on IPS' Board of School Commissioners.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Ray Fiddle and Mrs. Robert Humphry, Brownie Troop No. 673 from Southport and Homcroft departed Indianapolis' Union Station for a daylong outing to Greensburg, Ind.

### 50 Years Ago This Week - 1972

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Arnborst and Mrs. and Mrs. Ralph Milburn celebrated their 25th wedding anniversaries.

Manual juniors Phyllis Yocum, Jodi Hassfurter and Lynn Janke were chosen to attend Indiana Girls State. The program, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, promoted the duties, rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizenship.

Indianapolis police officers James Brewer and Leo Blackwell were recognized for their courageous service.

Army Pvt. Bonnie Shackelford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shackelford and a 1969 graduate of Southport High, completed basic training.

### 40 Years Ago This Week - 1982

The archives from 1982 were destroyed when The Spotlight's lower level was flooded in the early 1990s.

### 30 Years Ago This Week - 1992

A letter to the editor by Ray Mayer thanked yours truly for writing an article that detailed why a concrete recycling company should not be constructed in the 4300 block of South Meridian Street.

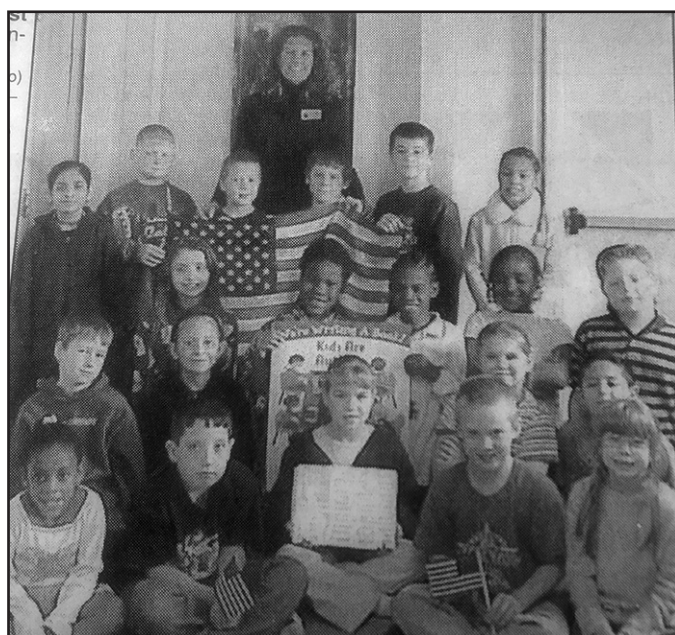
NFL legend Walter Payton was scheduled to address Gleaners Food Bank during its annual meeting.

Bynum's Steakhouse, 3850 S. Meridian St., offered \$5 off all dinners.

Mike Bradley was honored for 25 years of service with UPS. He and his wife, Lori, had three children, Andrea, Jason and Colin.

### 20 Years Ago This Week - 2002

Vacant for six years and a haven for the homeless, drug dealers and rodents, Clearstream Gardens, a public housing facility built in 1968 in the 2000 block of Kitley Avenue, was being razed.



Students in Carrie Shappell's second-grade class at Clinton Young Elementary School wrote a book titled "When I Look at the Flag," which was dedicated to those who died in the terrorist attack on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

Jill Fortuna was engaged to Carlos Jose Garcia.

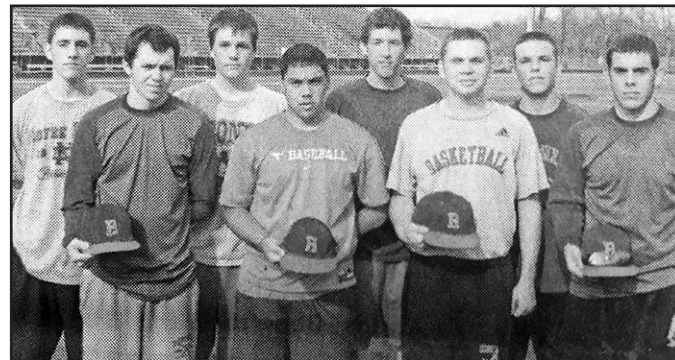
A 7.81-carat diamond was marked down from \$22,900 to \$16,447 at Page & Co. Jewelers in Southern Plaza.

Charles and Sandra Edwards opened Master Hair Design at 3961 S. Meridian St., where basic cuts and perms cost \$7.95 and \$18.95 respectively.

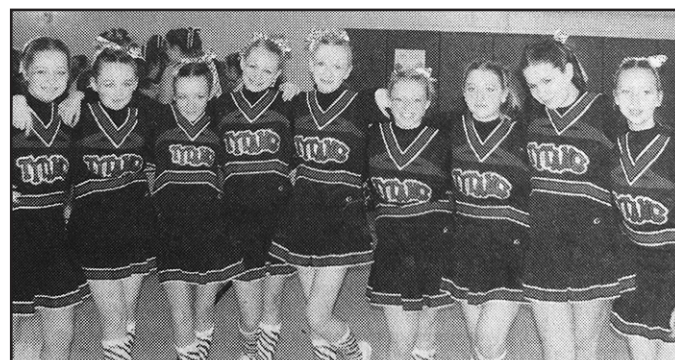
Joshua Laker, son of Bernie and Debra Laker and a senior at Southport, earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor attainable in Scouting. Joshua planned to join the Air Force and pursue a career in law enforcement.



### 10 Years Ago This Week - 2012



Roncalli's baseball team was anchored by seniors (front, from left) Jason Simpkins, Jordan Reesor, Bradley Fey, Joe Aridzzone; (back) Kevin Schubach, Nick Wright, Chase Steinbrunner and Colin Hawk.



Nativity Catholic School's seventh- and eighth-grade cheerleading squad won the Spirit Stick Award during a competition at Holy Name School. Coached by Barb Clegg and Debbie Horvath, the team featured Cassidy Mattingly, Paige Clegg, Tiger Pluckebaum, Arin Walke, Allie Stiffler, Mary Schneider, Ally Horvath, Murphy Nickell and Alexis Clowers.

# OBITUARIES

GEORGIA HOTTELL left this world at the age 78 to live with her Lord on Sunday, March 27, 2022. She was born in Louisville, KY and moved to Georgetown, IN at an early age. Following graduation from Georgetown High School, she attended the University of Indianapolis earning both Bachelor and Masters Degrees. She taught as a substitute teacher while raising three children, returning to the classroom full time to complete 22 years of service with Perry Township Schools. Following retirement, Georgia completed the Master Gardener course at Purdue Extension. Her passion became gardening, volunteering with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Downtown Inc., and her favorite, the gardens at the President Benjamin Harrison Home where she designed gardens and appeared every Wednesday for 20 years to tend the gardens.



Georgia is survived by her husband of 58 years, Kendall, and children Scott (Anne), Todd, and Lora (Adam), seven grandchildren, Mason, Madison, Abby, Luke, Cooper, Olivia, and Reagan, and her first great-grandchild, Colson, to be born in early April.

Visitation was held at Singleton and St. Pierre Funeral & Cremation Services, 7602 Madison Ave. Indianapolis. A Celebration of Life was held on Friday, April 1 following visitation at University Heights United Methodist Church, 4002 Otterbein Ave. Indianapolis. Memorial contributions may be made to the "Hotell Family Endowed Scholarship," University of Indianapolis, 1400 E. Hanna Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46227.

PAID OBITUARY

WILLIAM JOHN ALDERSON JR., 69, passed away March 28; wife, Carolyn Scott Alderson, children Amanda Ann, William John III, Jason and Andrew Alderson. Luke and Joshua Lewellen; sisters Nora Hall, Sharon Noel, Katherine Muse; twelve grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

PAUL JOSEPH MAYER, 61, passed away March 31; daughters, Angela Evans, Stephanie and Ella Mayer; one granddaughter; siblings, Kathy Delpha, Richard Mayer, Margaret Mayer, Ann Marie Mayer, Mary Lou Mayer, and Patty Ralston.

STANLEY DEAN ANDERSON, 57, passed away on March 28, wife, Theresa; children, Joseph, Jammie, Ashley, Bill and Johnny Anderson, Donna Salas; several nieces and nephews.

ALLEN DWAYNE BOWMAN, 63, passed away March 23; wife Sandra Bowman; children Josh, daughters, Chrissy, Cynthia, and Charlotte, 12 grandchildren, brother, Michael, sisters Jenny and Lisa.

LYLE KITCHEL CLARK, 93, passed away March 28; wife Beatrice (Bea) Clark; children, Barbara Lock, Linda Burchett, Diana Meadows; stepchildren, Steve Massing, Jeanine Thompson, Terri Laker, Suzie Dearholt, Kevin Massing, Joyce Mappes; 22 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren.

LORRAINE DIMICELI, 93, passed away April 1. Widow of Salvatore (Sam) Dimiceli children: Annette Showalter, Tina Dimiceli, Paul Dimiceli, Eva Rose Clements, Christopher Dimiceli, and Julie Newman; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; sister, Beatrice McGinty.

MARINDA HELTON ELLIS, 58, passed away April 1; children, Hailey R. Ellis and Alexis S. Ellis siblings, Larry and Darrell Helton, Malinda Kayler, Wayne Helton, and Melissa Capien.

WELBY DALE GRANT, 73, passed away April 1; sister, Barbara J. Mock; nephew, Dean Mock; niece, Kimberly Heggie; half-brother, William Grant.

MARY RUTH MCCLINTOCK, 84, widow of Dennis R. McClintock, passed away March 31; children, Jackie Medcalf and Mark Carter; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; siblings, Otis "Bud" Johnson and Rick Johnson; several nieces and nephews.

BONNIE DARLENE MILLER, 86, passed away March 27; husband, David L. Miller; children, Bryan, Mark and Rebecca Miller, Diane Pennycuff; six grandchildren; siblings, Vicki Newell, John Reynolds, Carol Ann Kaufman, Joe Reynolds.

WENDY ELLEN SECREST, 41, passed away March 29; sons, Jaylin, Jayden and Jaraughn Bertram; siblings, Alisha Secrest, Fredrick Mitchell, Betsy Mitchell, Jamie Roberts and Shawn Mitchell; four grandchildren; step-father, Michael Mitchell.

WILLIAM CLAY 'BILL' WILSON, 65, passed away March 30; sons, Joe, Ralph and Robert Wilson; six grandchildren; sisters, Emily Hudson-Burch and Judith Homsher.

REBECCA (BECKY) JEAN WITT, 60, passed away on March 31; husband, Kevin Witt; children, Chelsea H. Kidwell and Logan R. Witt; sisters, Susan (Tony) Agresta and Annette O'Neil.

SHANNON "SHANE" WOODWARD, 54, passed away March 31; wife, Kathryn Woodward (Polly); children, Steven and Corey Woodward; two granddaughters; mother, Carol Carmical; brother Paul Woodward; sister Erica Jones; nieces and nephews.

# King Crossword

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**ACROSS**  
1 Dillon or Damon  
5 Greek vowel  
8 Heap  
12 Cooling drink  
14 Smell  
15 Execrate  
16 Island gardens  
17 Sch. org.  
18 Not quite upright  
20 Big name in California wines  
23 Soreness  
24 Do as you're told  
25 Wide ruffle  
28 Conk out  
29 Lead the way  
30 Playwright  
32 Beat decisively  
34 Follow closely  
35 Manitoba native  
36 Tending (to)  
37 Lecherous observer  
40 — carte  
41 Off the base, for short  
42 Proclaim  
47 Toy block name  
48 Washington Monument

**DOWN**  
1 Central  
2 High card  
3 Roman X  
4 Doubly thick  
5 Sicilian volcano  
6 Sleuth, briefly  
7 212 or 718, e.g.  
8 Allergy sufferer

er's woe  
9 Concept  
10 Pork cut  
11 Formerly, formerly  
13 Car  
19 Actress  
20 Deity  
21 Somewhat  
22 Sly look  
23 Carroll heroine  
25 Solemn occasions  
26 "Arrivederci"  
29 Mentor

31 Beer cousin  
33 Spotted wildcat  
34 Emotional upset  
36 Trudge on  
37 Crooner Jerry  
38 As yet unpaid  
39 Boo-Boo's companion  
40 "— Karenina"  
43 Siesta  
44 Run-down horse  
45 French vineyard  
46 — out a living

# CryptoQuip

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

Clue: A equals L

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IFX YJWYAJ XJAA QJ RX'E WOAK

M NRBCX WN NMOTK.



### GREENWOOD BAND SPRING CONCERT

The Greater Greenwood Community Band kicks off its 2022 season with a "Springtime Soundscape" concert at the Greenwood High School auditorium, Sunday, April 10, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The 80-plus all-volunteer band presents uplifting marches, melodies, and springtime ballads in celebration of spring. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free, donations are accepted. Info: <https://GreenwoodBand.org>.

### CPR/AED TRAINING AT GPL

An American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) course covering adult, child, and infant CPR, choking, and AEDs will be conducted Monday, April 11, 5:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at the Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. Courses are for participants 13 years and older. A certification card will be issued to all students who pass the written and practical exams. Cost for testing materials and certification is \$12 (cash or check), payable in class. Greenwood Police Det. Rex Saltsgaver will provide instruction for free. Registration required, call 317-991-9347 or online, [greenwoodlibrary.us](http://greenwoodlibrary.us).

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Master gardener Dick Huber presents ways to have a healthy lawn Thursday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. Patrons may bring a weed sample from their lawn to learn more about weed control. Huber will cover fertilizing, crabgrass control, and timing to plant. Registration suggested online [atgreenwoodlibrary.us](http://atgreenwoodlibrary.us) or call 317-881-1953.

### MEET THE ARTIST AT SALI

A reception for abstract and digital artist Paula Jessup will be Friday, April 8, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at a Southside Art League open house. Refreshments served, no registration needed. Jessup is the featured artist this month at the gallery, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. The Hoosier native specializes in abstract fluid art inspired by her travels and nature. Her works are on display beginning today (Wednesday). Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### GREENWOOD BREAKFAST WITH EASTER BUNNY

Families can have breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the Greenwood Community Center, Saturday, April 9 at 8:30 a.m. (first session) or 10 a.m. (second session). Breakfast will be served and followed by an Easter Egg hunt and photos with the Easter Bunny. Cost is \$40 per table, maximum of six people. The center is at 100 Surina Way. Registration and info: [greenwood.in.gov](http://greenwood.in.gov).

### MAKE A POCKET FELT BUNNY

The upcoming craft in The Studio at the Greenwood Public Library is creating a custom bunny out of felt Wednesday, April 13 at 1 p.m. Intermediate skills in hand sewing and basic embroidery. Participants also will decorate an Easter egg. Registration required. Info, call 317-881-1953.

### FRANCISCAN TRAIL RIBBON CUTTING

The City of Beech Grove's ribbon cutting to formally open the Franciscan Trail is Friday, April 15, 1 p.m. at Sarah T. Bolton Park, 1300 Churchman Ave. The trail is a major addition the trails being developed by the Beech Grove Parks Department. Info: [beechgrove.com](http://beechgrove.com).

### BAXTER YMCA EGG HUNT

Baxter YMCA is having its annual spring festival with an Easter egg hunt and a visit with the Easter Bunny for kids Saturday, April 16. The festival is 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., with crafts, games, and donuts. Cost is \$5 for members, \$7 non-members. Baxter Y is at 7900 Shelby St. Registration and info: [INDYMCA.org/Baxter](http://INDYMCA.org/Baxter).

### PERRY KIWANIS THURSDAY 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 speakers for upcoming meetings features: April 7, Perry Kiwanis member and state Sen. Jack Sandlin; April 14, Lisa Rovner, senior manager of development for the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption; and April 21, Tracy McQueen, assistant Indiana victim advocate. Info: [kiwanisperrytownship.org](http://kiwanisperrytownship.org).

### GRAB 'N GO KITS

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# SOFTBALL SHOWCASE

## Southside teams ready for success

### Royals rank No. 1 in nation; CG and FC return with many veterans for new season

By Al Stilley, Bob White and Steve Page

The 2022 softball season for a dozen Southside teams overall could top last year's campaign.

Roncalli, ranked as the nation's top softball team by MaxPreps, leads the pack with several teams expected to improve upon their 2021 season. The Royals are led by the nation's 2021 player of the year Keagan Rothrock, who earned two gold medals on U18 Team USA during the summer. The defending 4A state champs also have several returnees.

Most Southside teams have good experience and many seasoned young players.

Here's the outlook (with 2021 records and statistics):

**BEECH GROVE (3A, 15-4)** Hornets last two weeks of regular season was cut short due to quarantine before sectionals began.

With coach Kacy Ferrell, they swept Indiana Crossroads games for first league title in 16 years.

They also led the ICC in pitching and catching states and had multiple Hornets at the top of all hitting and fielding categories. And they showed great power with a massive 18 home runs.

It was also their first season on their sparkling new home field, the Jim Hensley Field of Dreams, a big uptick for the program.

BG graduated only three starters but come back with a young well-seasoned team led by sophomore pitcher Malone "Mo" Moore, ranked 20th in her class by Extra Innings, and all-conference classmates, catcher Lillianna Jansen (.443, 21 RBI) and power hitting centerfielder Kylee Robinson (.391, six triples, two home runs).

Moore was 13-4 on the mound with a 1.09 ERA and 192 strikeouts, including 12 games with 10 or more strikeouts, four shutouts and

two no hitters. The multi-sport student-athlete also hit .446 with 25 RBI and five home runs.

Also returning are senior first-baseman Destiny Ham and sophs, second-baseman Holly Garrett and leftfielder Amira Mills. Blend in freshmen shortstop Mylee Boling, pitcher Carmen Edmaiston and third-baseman Andi McHugh and coach Ferrell has a young but potent nucleus.

"We made history for the softball program," Ferrell recalled of the 2021 season before looking ahead to the new campaign.

"We are very young with a lot of talent," she observed. "The girls have been working hard at conditionings and in the weight room, and have been super coachable, competitive, supportive of one another, and pumped for each activity to come."



Kylee Robinson



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLEY) Flashes are ready for new season, from left, Brenna Fink, Hanna Engel and Abigail Madere.

**FRANKLIN CENTRAL (4A, 22-6)**

The Flashes return as the reigning Marion County and Hoosier Crossroads Conference champions. Kathy Stricker, the program's only head softball coach, graduated six seniors that hit .300, but has four starters back with more returnees and newcomers.

Returning starters are seniors, catcher Brenna Fink (35 RBI, 4 HR), centerfielder Abby Madere (.528, 47 hits, 33 RBI, 6 HR) and Raigan LaMar, and juniors, second baseman Kasey Hickie and shortstop/catcher Kalee Roberts.

Returning players include: seniors, infielder Karen Raters, pitcher Shelby Hayes, catcher / third-baseman Madi Kriech, outfielder / catcher Karissa Cox, outfielder Hannah Engel; junior pitcher / infielder Ella Clouse and sophomore Jenna Thompson.

Clouse and Hayes appeared in a combined 19 games on the mound where graduated Josie Newman (19-2, 1.28 ERA) dominated.

Varsity newcomers are: juniors Kallie Buschere and Regan Harvey; sophomores Malory Stinson, Jenna Thompson and Taylor Hameson; and freshmen Kaylie Grayson, Adelaide Hubbard, Jadyn Tinsley and Abbie Kirsten.

The Flashes have depth, good power and experience - a dangerous combination.

"Last year was a great year (HCC and county champs)," said Stricker. "We are fortunate in that we have a lot of girls who love softball. We should be a strong defensive team as well as a pretty solid hitting group. I feel our girls are excited for the season to begin."

In her 43rd season, Stricker has guided the Flashes to 11 sectional and seven regional titles and to state championship games in 2008 and 2013.

**GREENWOOD (4A, 8-9)** Woodmen won eight games, tying for the most wins in four seasons and avoided a double-digit loss campaign for first time in five campaigns under co-coaches Greg Norwood and Nataley Raker.

Greenwood has seasoned pitchers with junior Taylor Dick and sophomore Courtney Hankenhoff. Senior Anna Pritchett leads. Returnees include seniors Samantha Garrett and Macy Wylonis, juniors Sophie Markowicz and Dominica Wheatley, and soph Avery Kraesig.

Norwood believes that the Woodmen can push across runs. Defense and depth will have to improve as the season continues. Greenwood's last winning season was 2016.



Lillianna Jansen



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS) Trojans junior infielder Haley Fuhr (2) has her eyes on the ball at the plate.



CG senior Sydney McConnell (27) if off to a good start with the bat.

**CENTER GROVE (4A, 21-9)** Trojans are primed for another 20-plus season and to make a deep run in the playoffs in the fourth year under coach Alyssa Coleman, who mentored the Trojans last state championship team in 2019.

The Trojans graduated only two starters off last year's team. Returning starters include seniors Lexi Warner at third base, outfielders Sydney McConnell and Jazi Cangany and Maya Netter at first base; juniors Ashlynn Wolf, a Washburn commit, at shortstop and Payton Shimanisky, a Columbia University commit, behind the plate; and sophomore pitcher Riley Henson and classmates Riley Janda at second base and Hannah Haberstroh in the outfield.

Henson can take ownership of the mound. Freshman Sydney Herrmann is an impact player.

"Our girls are hungry to compete and are extremely talented," Coleman said. "I'm excited for them to be able to keep growing and maturing on the field."

"Their experience from last year is invaluable and they are more prepared than ever for the challenges ahead. Our athleticism, defensively and offensively will be our greatest strengths, and the mound will only keep getting stronger in years to come."

The Trojans have a championship legacy with seven state championships in 11 title games.

**CHRISTEL HOUSE MANUAL (3A, 4-1)** Combining two teams in all sports for first time continues with softball team under combo Christel House and Manual, coached by Christel House's Peyton Jaynes. Program should see some daylight after not fielding a team for last year's IHSAA playoffs.

**DECATUR CENTRAL (4A, 19-6)** Veteran coach Don Ivey returns in good health and with a solid foundation for a promising season.

Four seniors are college commits, including pitcher Kylie Eads (Southern Indiana), Morgan Boswell (Indiana South Bend), Kylee Hyatt (Lincoln Trail), and Ben Davis transfer Katelynn Fox (Harper College). Boswell (.316, six doubles) and Hyatt (four home runs) are team captains along with senior designated hitter Alexis Garrison and junior outfielder Ella Phillips.

Junior Laci Boggs (.481) is back. Ivey contends the Hawks, runner-up in Mid-State last year, are solid defensively and at the plate but is looking for more.



(SUBMITTED PHOTO) Beech Grove's Malone Moore is among top sophomore pitchers in Central Indiana and the U.S.

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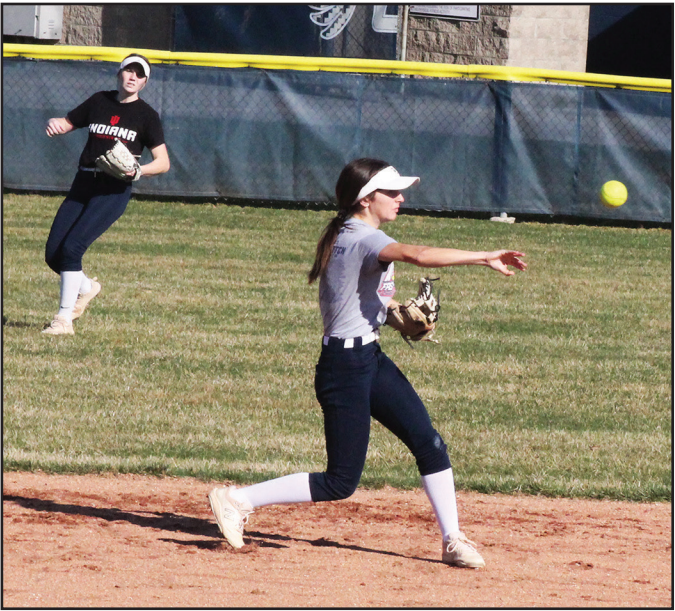
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**GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN (1A, 5-8)** Cougars have new field on a new campus (GCA North) and a familiar look with coach Tami Haynes and daughter / pitcher Hailey Haynes, .519 at the plate and struck out 121 batters from the mound.

Haynes is one of four returning starters, including senior catcher Karis Goins (.271, on-base percentage of .609) and senior infielder / outfielder Madie McDaniel and junior first-baseman Sophie Keller. Haynes and Goins are a veteran battery.

With the graduation of five starters, coach Haynes has holes to fill. Cougars will be counting on newcomers, junior Brooklyn Collins and sophomore Sophia Doyle.

"We have a lot of leadership and experience from all of our upper classmen and I think they will do a lot of great things this season," said Haynes who is in her eighth season at the helm. "We have a great group of girls who are teachable and work hard and who love the game. I expect us to improve a lot throughout the season."



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLEY)  
GCA's Cougars have a mother/daughter duo with head coach Tami Haynes and senior pitcher Hailey Haynes. They have been a softball duo since Hailey began playing in fifth grade.

**LUTHERAN (1A, 11-14)** During an indoor practice, coach Kevin Schmidt had the Saints sprinting the length of bases; the Saints are fast and getting faster. Saints will rely on speed and continual improvement so they can hit the playoffs at their peak.

"We're relatively young but experienced at the same time," Schmidt said. "Having six sophomores that were starters last year helps our rotation and our experience factor."

The returning experienced sophs are pitcher Maddie Geminden, catcher Aubree Bailey, infielders Caitlyn Brooks (Indiana Crossroads all-conference) Taylor Gasvoda, fleet Bella Locklear (courtesy runner), Brooklyn Ormsby, and Alaya Whitney plus outfielders Mystic Means and Delaney Cassinelli.

Senior Kathryn Gardner and junior Cora Dean complete the outfield. Newcomers who can crack the starting lineup are sophomore catcher / third-baseman Kayla Burns (New Castle transfer) and freshman pitcher Brooklyn Barger. More depth comes from freshman infielder Brooklyn Holtscaw and first-baseman Catlyn Rose, and sophomore utility players Alaya Whitney and California move-in.

Schmidt also can choose from senior Sydney Redding and sophomore California move-in Grace King.

"We should be able to move our lineup around; we are two-deep in our infield," Schmidt said. "I'm looking for big seasons from Caitlyn (Brooks), Mystic (Means) and Aubree (Bailey). Mystic, at lead-off, can slap, bunt and hit it out. Caitlyn and Aubree can hit in the gaps."

"We've been harping on this because we had an ungodly amount of errors last year," Schmidt said. "We had 80 errors last year and that cost us in our close games that we lost. We have to improve our defense and I believe we have taken those necessary steps."



Lutheran seniors, outfielder/first-baseman Kathryn Gardner and catcher Sydney Redding, are prepared for their final high school season.

**PERRY MERIDIAN (4A, 6-19)** After winning only six games last season, the Falcons have the hitting and pitching to win more games this time around.

First-year coach Megan Eder, a PMHS alum, has seven returnees, including seniors, Eme Estes (.400, 16 RBI, three stolen bases); Kaitlin Gwin (.329, 14 RBI, four home runs), a Ball State University signee; and Rachel Schmidt. Estes is a signee to bowl at the University of Indianapolis.

Juniors Kaylen Garland, Mt. St. Joseph commit (.400, 16 RBI, three stolen bases), Paige McPhearson (.465, 28 RBI, eight stolen bases), and Grace Morrison (.250) return. Sophomore Grace Kendall brings power and speed after hitting .465 with 29 RBI and 15 stolen bases.

It's a good nucleus that could surprise with newcomers, senior MacKenzy Angle, a Louisburg College signee; sophomores Addison Berry and Lucy Richardson, and freshmen Alivia Neace, Aliysa Baird, and Karsyn Naue.

The mound corps is deep with Richardson, Angle, Schmidt, Garland and Estes.

"I believe our bats will carry us this season and we are looking at more girls hitting above .300," Eder said. "We have a deeper pitching staff than prior years, each girl brings a different speed and spin to the table. Our team is fresh and ready to get started with a new coaching staff."



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)  
Solid hitting Grace Kendall sophomore, left, is part of Falcons' youth movement that also features classmates Addison Berry and Lucy Richardson.



Greenwood Christian Academy's softball team practice indoors during inclement weather after the high school moved to GCA North (formerly The Gathering Place). The Cougars gather in a circle at the end of an indoor practice at GCA North campus.



Three of the 10 sophomores at Lutheran are, from left, centerfielder Mystic Means, second-baseman Taylor Gasvoda, and shortstop Caitlyn Brooks who slammed two home runs last season.



Front row, from left, Caitlin Harris, Alivia Neace, Lucy Richardson, Addison Berry, Eme Estes and Kaylen Garland. Back row, from left, Karsyn Naue, Aliysa Baird, Paige McPhearson, Grace Morrison, Rachel Schmidt, Grace Kendall and MacKenzy Angle.



GCA is counting on Cougars, from left, Sophie Keller, Madie McDaniel, Hailey Haynes, Sophia Doyle, and Karis Goins.



Seniors MacKenzy Angle, Rachel Schmidt, Eme Estes and Kaitlin Gwin provide experience for the Falcons.



Newcomers to the Saints are, from left, sophomores, catcher Kayla Burns from New Castle and outfielder/shortstop Grace King from California, and freshman pitcher Brooklyn Barger.



Falcons are solid with, from left, Karsyn Naue, Aliysa Baird, Kaylen Garland, Paige McPhearson, and Alivia Neace.

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## RONCALLI ROYALS SOFTBALL TEAM IS ALL IN GREEN



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY GREG ROTHROCK) When it's St. Patrick's Day, it is extremely appropriate for Roncalli's softball team to wear green for the day instead of Royal blue and red.

**SOUTHPORT** (4A, 12-15) Veteran coach Scott Montgomery has seven returning starters to build the Cardinals around. The biggest bat belongs to senior centerfielder Haley Matlock (St. Xavier University signee) who set school records with 49 hits and 27 stolen bases. Matlock hit .527 and scored 45 runs.

More returnees include: seniors, shortstop / pitcher Nevaeh Pender, .511, five doubles, four triples, 36 RBI; first-baseman Misty Kern, her third different position in three years; and middle infielder Naomi Chan recovered from a season-ending injury; and juniors, catcher Haley Kiefer (.286, 17 RBI), third-baseman / centerfielder Marianna Martinez, also back from a season-ending injury, and second-baseman / right-fielder Breanna Reed, a utility player last season.

Newcomers are senior outfielder Emma Meredith; juniors, outfielder Kari Mendel and catcher/third-baseman Sami Trahan; sophomore pitcher Molly Hodge, and freshman outfielder Addie Mosley.

"Seven starters return but only two are at their same positions from last season," Montgomery pointed out. "We return only 22 of 159 innings pitched. Kiefer, Pender, Matlock, and Chan form a strong middle defense. Mendel and Trahan will help provide the offense. As a group, we look to gel as a group and improve to be playing our best softball in May."

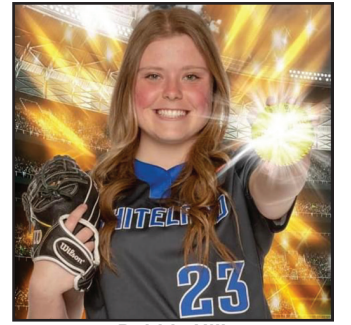


(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY GRACE ELDER) Southport Cardinals return with veteran coach Scott Montgomery and seniors, from left, Haley Matlock, Emma Meredith, Misty Kern, and Naomi Chan.

**WHITELAND** (4A, 15-10) Veteran coach Katie Mitchell and the Warriors return with a solid nucleus of experience, power at the plate and solid pitching and defense.

Returnees are Senior Debbie Hill (.346, 27 hits, 20 RBI; 11-8, 2.70 ERA), Trinity Borders, Haley Wilkerson and Tara Watson; juniors, Emma Piercy (.425, 32 runs, 26 RBI, 14 stolen bases) and Haile Nett; and sophs Josslyn Harbert (six stolen bases), Madison Myers and Ava Smith.

"We're excited about the upcoming season," coach Mitchell said. "We will be competitive through non-conference, conference and tournament play. We look to use offensive strengths with aggressive base running and power, paired with solid defense and quality pitching for a competitive season."



Debbie Hill

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**RONCALLI** (4A, 31-2) The Royals are chasing unique back-to-back state championships with two different nicknames. Last year, athletic director / coach David Lauck guided the talent-rich then-named Rebels to the program's fourth state title.

The new name fits because they are softball royalty, indeed, with the nation's player-of-the-year Keagan Rothrock and a nucleus of nine returnees. At the outset, Lauck will need to develop some depth. By late May, all the pieces should be in place for another deep playoff run.

Roncalli returns with five talented seniors: Tori Candler (.280), Kylie Freije, (.353, 30 hits, 31 RBI), Mt. St. Joseph commit Courtney Keller (.444), Cate Lehner (.419, 26 hits), and Ally Walesky (.319).

University of Florida commit Rothrock (24-2, 0.13 ERA, .442 BA, 37 hits) leads a solid corps of juniors, Virginia Tech commit Lyla Blackwell (483.43 hits, 30 runs), Abbey Hofmann (462), and Lauren Marsicek. Junior newcomers include Kaitlyn Leister, Anne Marie Meek, Georgia Reed, and Abby Willis. Yearling Carley Keller rounds out the varsity.

Also athletic director, Lauck also upgraded an already challenging schedule by bringing in Midwest powers, Illinois Marist and Ohio Lakota West plus nationally-ranked New Palestine and state-contender Floyd Central. They will travel to face rivals Franklin Central and Center Grove. And the Royals also will take aim at the one prize that avoided them last year - the Marion County tourney championship.

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Petty Officer 3rd Class Jacob Mattingly, a 2020 Perry Meridian graduate, is serving the U.S. Navy aboard one of the world's largest warships, the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford.



Petty Officer 3rd Class Jacob Mattingly

Mattingly joined the Navy last year and is a mass communications specialist. He is among nearly 5,000 sailors on the self-contained aircraft carrier.

"I joined the Navy to gain the education benefits to further my future civilian career," said Mattingly.

Mattingly, who grew up on the Southside, relies upon skills and values similar to those found in his hometown and at PMHS to succeed in the military.

"I learned to enjoy what you have; everything is based on perception," said Mattingly. "There's always good days and bad days and you learn to embrace the good."

Those lessons have helped Mattingly while serving in the Navy. Serving in the Navy means Mattingly is part of a team that is taking on new importance in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

Mattingly and the sailors he serves with have many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during their military service.

"I went through the aircrew program; I was very proud to finish that," said Mattingly. "Part of that is Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) school. It prepares you for being captured by a hostile force, so a simulated prisoner of war."

As Mattingly and other sailors continue to train and perform missions, they take pride in serving their country in the United States Navy.

"The Navy means being a part of a community," added Mattingly. "Getting recognized for getting people recognized and helping to shape the Navy's history."

With more than 90 percent of all trade traveling by sea, and 95 percent of the world's international phone and internet traffic carried through fiber optic cables lying on the ocean floor, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity and security of the United States is directly linked to a strong and ready Navy.

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(Note: This edited article was written by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Patricia Rodriguez, Navy Office of Community Outreach.)

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The FC Singers of 62 members also received a caption award for best vocals and capped a successful 2022 season. They were first runner-up at the Fishers Spotlight Invitational, Pike Music Fest and Brownsburg Bulldog Spectacular and grand champion with captions for best vocals and choreography at the Ben Davis Giant Spectacular and at the Heart of America Nashville where they also earned best soloist in show.

Electric Mayhem is FCHS' show choir band



The FC Singers of Franklin Central High School finished their season as grand champion in a division of the ISSMA State Show Choir competition.

consisting of instrumentalists and accompany FC Singers and High Voltage. Electric Mayhem won best band at every competition this year at Pike, Ben Davis, Brownsburg Bulldog Spectacular and Heart of America Nashville.

Electric Mayhem has won best band at every competition awarding the category of the 2022 season. Pike Music Fest Best Band with both FC Singers and High Voltage, Ben Davis Giant Spectacular with both FC Singers and High Voltage, Heart of America Nashville with FC Singers. Info: www.fcchoirs.org.



FCHS' Electric Mayhem also capped its successful season in the same ISSMA competition.

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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Love rules the week for single Bovines seeking romance. Attached pairs also find new joy in their relationships. Friday should bring news about a business opportunity.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Home becomes the center of a new social whirl, as you show your talent for hosting great parties. You can expect to impress a lot of people who've never seen this side of you.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child might have to raise those

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**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Hold off trying to fix the blame for an apparent mishandling of a work situation. A full investigation could reveal surprising facts on how and why it really happened.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your ability to find details others might overlook gives you an advantage in assessing a possibly too-good-to-be-true offer. A trusted colleague has advice.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Expect to be called on once again to act as peacemaker in a long-sim-

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**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your organizational skills help you line up your priorities so that you get things done without added pressure. The weekend could hold a special surprise.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) New ventures are favored. But don't launch yours before rechecking all facts and sources. Also, be sure you can rely on support from certain people.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Don't be pushed into renegotiating an agreement, even though it might help avoid a potential

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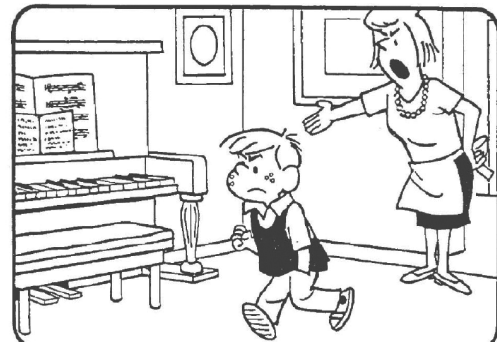
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Helping others is what Aquarians do so well. But this time, someone wants to help you. Expect to hear some news that will both surprise and delight you.

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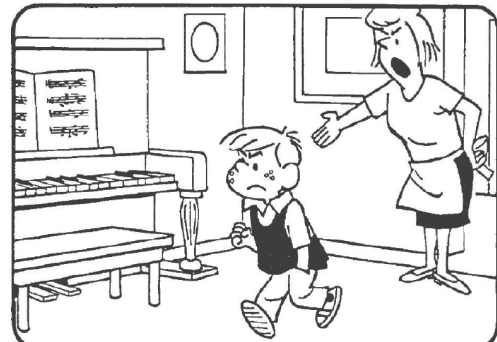
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