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"And the One sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then He said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true."



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Decatur Central names Co-Valedictorians, Salutatorian

Submitted article

Keegan Cox is the son of Callie

Bazley. He plans

to attend Purdue

attended the Blue

School. During his

football team for four

years, competing at

years at Decatur

Central, Keegan

played on the

in Computer

Science. He

Academy and Decatur Middle

"We are DecaturProud to present our top

academically-achieving students for the Class of 2023," the school announced in a press release. Keegan Cox and Ashlynn Leight are Co-Valedictorians, both with GPA's of 4.65. Alexis Petty is the Salutatorian with a GPA of 4.55.

Here's a look Keegan Cox



Keegan Cox

the varsity level as a junior and senior. He competed on the Academic Team for three years, winning second in state with the Math Team as a sophomore.

His best high-school memories include both challenges and successes during football playoffs, as well as excelling academically in Advanced Placement courses

"Thank you to my family for their educational presence," he said. "My Nana and Mom both went back to college and have been a great example and

support system for me with continuing ahead and my outlook.'

Keegan is also Decatur Proud, saying, "Because we have a great culture, one big family! There is nowhere you can go at this school and not be accepted; everyone is caring and willing to cater to vour needs.

Ashlynn Leight Ashlynn Leight and the daughter of Connie and Gray Morgan and the granddaughter of Kristina Long and Jesse Leight. She plans to attend Indiana Universitv Bloomington and earn a Bachelor's degree in Public Health or Biology, with the goal of then attending dentistry school to become a DDS and Orthodontist.

Ashlynn Leight

Ashlynn attended the Gold Academy, Stephen Decatur Elementary and Decatur Middle School. At DCHS, she participated in Choir for four years and Show Choir for three years. Ashlynn is the Head Dance Captain of the Varsity Mixed Goldenaires, a senior leader for the Football Hawk Block, and participates in Student Voice for New Tech.

Ashlynn says she is Decatur Proud because, "Decatur has created a safe place for me to be myself and always encouraged me to be me and stand out as proud of who I am.



When asked if she would like to recognize anyone

Alexis Petty

Alexis Petty is the daughter of Jammie Petty and Billy Petty. She plans to attend Rose Hulman University and pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering, with future hopes of entering the Aerospace Industry. Alexis attended

Valley Mills



School. While at Decatur Central, she was a four-year member of the Golf Team, as well as National Honor Society and Art Club. Her best high school memories were going to all the football games with her friend Isabel, participating in spirit days, and the Hawk Block.

"I would like to thank my parents for encouraging me to be my best and my siblings for challenging me and giving me competition," she said.

Alexis is Decatur Proud because, she says, "Decatur has given me so many opportunities to do what I wanted, like clubs. Kind teachers have helped me through things."

Hawks more than ready to move forward



By Steve Page Correspondent

> So much for showdowns. Decatur Central's softball and baseball teams would prefer to focus on their remaining seasons than remember last week's ill-fated Mid-State Conference series with Mooresville

The Hawks

for the Pioneers, with 9 strikeouts and 3 walks.

"Definitely a tough series and not what we were hoping to do," said DC coach Sean Winkelseth. "Great opportunity for some reflection and growth.

"We are a young team currently and we have a lot of learning to do, both about ourselves and about the game.

"That will be our message moving forward as we look to compete and grow with each series in our tough conference.

Both teams return to the rigors of the Mid-State Conference when they traveled to Greenwood on Tuesday, then play host to the Woodmen on Wednesday



By Lucie Winborne * Seventy-five percent of all sesame seeds grown in Mexico wind up on McDonald's hamburger buns.

* Earthworms in the northern part of North America are a non-native, invasive species and a major factor in forest deterioration

The last duel in Canada wasn't much of a fight at all, being between two men who were so terrified that one fainted and the other was seized by horror. As if that weren't enough, their guns were loaded with blanks.

* Michael Bay, producer of "Friday the 13th," walked out of the film's screening because it contained too much sex.

* Ever wonder why garlic is so anathema to vampires? One theory goes that it's an antibiotic, and since vampirism was often thought to be a disease, it was harmful to them. Another holds that it was believed to repel mosquitoes, and since they're both bloodsuckers, vampires would be repelled as well.

* Brazil has the largest Japanese community outside

of Japan. * A city in Sweden uses light therapy in bus stops to combat depression during the winter when 19 hours of the day are darkness

* Astronomers have dis-covered a cloud of fiery gas about 3,000,000 light years across that reaches temperatures in the tens of millions of degrees and gobbles entire galaxies as it moves along.

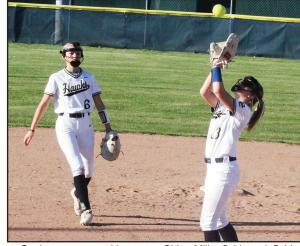
Thought for the Day: "Nature has given us all the pieces required to achieve exceptional wellness and health, but has left it to us to put these pieces together."

- Diane McLaren (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY STEVE PAGE) Kylie Vaseloff, a Decatur Central sophomore, slides home while Mooresville catcher Kendall Lowry tries to field the throw to the plate during Tuesday's Mid-State Conference game.



Decatur Central right fielder Ella Phillips reaches up to make a the catch while center fielder Kylie Vaseloff adjusts during Tuesday's home game with Mooresville.



Sophomore second baseman Chloe Miller fields an infield popup while Decatur Central shortstop Madisyn Padgett, a freshman, watches durinig the Hawks' home game with Mooresville

saw too much of Hogan Denny and his fifth-ranked Pioneer baseball teammates, who posted 19-8 and 12-1 victories. The do-it-all Denny was 5 for 6 at the plate with three home runs and eight RBI's. The softball Pioneers,

ranked seventh, swept their DC counterparts 10-5 and 5-1

respectfully to the Decatur Central name and competed," Hawk softball coach Don Ivev said. "We have a couple players missing from our lineup, which gave some opportunities for others to step up

and they did just that DC senior Ella Phillips went 2 for 3 in the opener, with a double and two RBI's. Sophomore Kylie Vaseloff was 2 for 2 and was also hit by a pitch. Though she surrendered nine hits in seven innings, pitcher Hailey Cruz allowed just four earned runs.

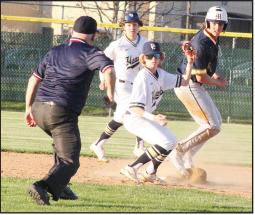
The same held true for Vaseloff, who pitched the second game. Only one of the Pioneers' five runs were earned. Josi Hair pitched a two-hitter for the Pioneers.

DC committed seven errors in the two games, prompting lvey to say, "Game 2 came down to a few errors from our side, and you can never do that against a Mooresville team or they will take advantage.

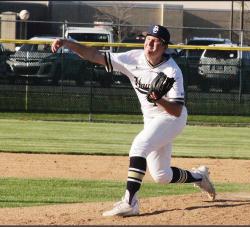
In the baseball series, Mooresville scored nine runs in its first at-bat in the opener and never looked back

Michael Garrison went 3 for 3 for the Hawks and scored a run in the opener, while Jaylan Yates hit a double and scored a run

In Game 2, junior Garrett Smith had DC's only hit, a double. Brendin Oliver pitched five innings



Decatur Central second baseman Michael Garrison shows the umpire the ball and teammate Triston Fidler backs up the play while the ump makes the out call against the Mooresville base runner during Tuesday's home game.



Logan Markus, a Decatur Central freshman, fires a high, hard one during Tuesday's game with Mooresville at the Phil Webster Baseball Complex.



Michael Garrison, a Decatur Central junior, lines a hit into the outfield during Tuesday's MSC game with Mooresville.

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Riley Leverington, a Decatur Central senior camps out under a fly ball in left field on Tuesday



By Kelly Sawyers, publisher kelly.sawyers@southsidervoice.com

RONCALLI STUDENT RECEIVES AWARDS

Roncalli High School junior Lily Lewen received a gold key for her short fantasy essay, "Would You Like a Flamingo," and honorable mention for her photograph, "Perfect Vanatas" in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition. Her essay qualified for national competition. Roncalli fine arts teacher Mark Stratton explained that Lewen's works show great detail, and skill and she is eager to try new mediums and techniques. Stratton stated, "I am not a bit surprised to see her achieve this honor, and I look forward to reading her published work for years to come." (SUBMITTED PHOTOS)





Lewen earned a gold key award for this photograph, "Perfect Vanatas'

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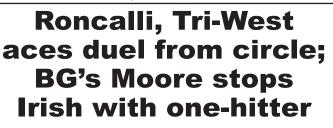
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By Al Stilley, Editor and Jim Pich, Historian

Two Southside pitchers – Roncalli's Keagan Rothrock and Beech Grove's Malone "Mo" Moore - claimed big victories from the pitcher's circle last week

Rothrock, a University of Florida signee, locked into a duel Thursday against Tri-West junior Audrey Lowery, an Oklahoma University commit. Rothrock, the 2022 Gatorade Player of the Year, won the duel among the state's top pitchers.

Class 4A No. 1 Roncalli defeated Class 3A No. 1 Tri-West, 3-0 Thursday on the Royals' home field.

This was a determined battle between the two pitchers who have been training

together for about nine years but this was the first time they collided in an IHSAA softball game.

(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Roncalli's Keagan Rothrock, a Florida

signee, struck out 11 batters and gave

up only three hits in game of dueling pitchers against visiting Tri-West of Hen-

dricks County. Roncalli won 3-0.

The Roncalli pitcher struck out 11 Bruins and gave up harmless singles in the first, fourth, and seventh innings. She is 4-0 with a 0.44 ERA with 65 strikeouts in six starts.

Lowry, a left-handed pitcher, struck out nine Royals, gave up four hits and one earned run (two of Roncalli's runs in the first were unearned due to fielding miscues). Lowry is 4-2 with a 1.24 ERA and 55 strikeouts in six starts.

"I feel okay," the Roncalli senior said afterward. "I was able to attack."

The host Royals (6-1-1) set the tone early when leadoff hitter Lyla Blackwell, a Virginia Tech signee, drew a walk, went to second on a wild pitch, then to third on a shortstop's error on teammate Abby Hofmann's grounder.

She then ran home on a miscue of Lauren Marsicek's grounder. Knowing runs would be valuable in this match-up, Blackwell leaped high in the air before landing on home plate. On the same night, Beech Grove's rising softball team upended

Cathedral, 6-0 as senior hurler Moore gave up only one hit, a triple in the third inning, and struck out 10.

Moore is joining the state's top pitchers with an impressive 6-0 record with a 0.40 ERA and 66 strikeouts. She also helped at the plate with a two-run homer in the first inning.

The Hornets had a 5-0 lead after three innings. Lillianna Jansen, Aubree Bailey, Mylee Boling, and Holly Garrett each had one hit. Boling drove in a run, and Carmen Edmaiston scored on a sacrifice fly.

Beech Grove ran its record to 9-0 Thursday by defeating Warren Central, 13-2. The Hornets pushed across nine runs in the second inning. Robinson and Jansen each had three hits.

Moore threw the first two innings and did not give up a hit; Edmaiston recorded the last nine outs

Beech Grove has outscored its first nine opponents, 107-14.



(PHOTO COURTESY OF BEECH GROVE – ATHLETICS.COM) Beech Grove senior Malone "Mo" Moore is taking her place among the state's best high school pitchers. She recently struck out 10 batters and gave up a lone hit as the Hornets defeated Cathedral, 6-0





OUR FRIEND, GEORGE

My family was going through some very interesting changes dur-ing my years in junior high and high school. My father had sold his daily pick-up milk route. This route en-

tailed him picking up milk from farms in the Acton / New Palestine area and delivering it to a milk processing plant in Indianapolis to be bottled. He was going to open a new Sunoco Service Station in the Edgewood area

During the time the business was being constructed, dad was in training at a company-operated service station on West Washington Street. It was a 24-hour station and in training he was required to work various shifts. I remember going to work with him a couple of times on the overnight shift.

During our school's construction process and when school was in session, I would get off the school bus at Epler and Madison Avenue in the afternoon and walk home with several classmates. If was exciting to watch the progress of our new family business.

During dad's time in training on West Washington Street, he met and became friends with George Frye. He was also in training to open a new Sunoco Service Station. George was a native of Loogootee, Indiana and was living in Brownsburg. His new station was located in Brownsburg.

Both of the stations opened at about the same time. We stayed in contact with George and several other Sunoco stations in the area. Bill Singer had one of the very first Sunoco stations in the city. White's Sunoco was also on Madison Avenue near the famous Teepee restaurant.

Several years later, George gave up his business and came down and worked with us. He was a great guy and we worked so well together. It's amazing to me the goofy things that we remember about someone. George had two types of work uniforms: one for warm weather and one for the cold days. There were two days a year that George made a big deal about changing from cool uniforms to warm ones and about six months later back to the cool ones. He had specific days marked on his calendar and it was a big deal. Once the change was made, he wore that type of uniform regardless of the weather. He would have still been wearing the warmer things had he been around and working last week

I had lunch with some friends last week and noticed that I was still wearing warmer clothing unlike most of the other folks in the restaurant. I quickly thought of George.

When we started building our small fleet of school buses in Perry Township, George obtained his license and became a school bus driver. He and his wife moved from Brownsburg to a home just off of Edgewood Avenue

A few years later, we relocated our business to a larger facility in downtown Southport. George stayed with us. I learned so much from him. The building that we operated from in Southport is now known as Long's Bakery.

Several years later, we sold our school bus fleet to Perry Township Schools and both George and my father went to work for the township and took care of the buses. They both retained those positions until they retired.

George and his wife moved back to Loogootee after they retired. I really miss both my father and George. I often remember something they taught me or helped me with, and those memories are so special.

A group of current and former township school bus drivers have a monthly breakfast. We really enjoy remembering our former friends and co-workers.

Shonk is a 1960 graduate of Southport High School, a '63 grad of Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis) and a retired bus driver from Beech Grove Schools. He can be reached through email at fdshonk@aol.com.



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(SUBMITTED PHOTO) Roncalli seniors Shay Shaunessy and Ian Peats were among participants in the annual blood drive event sponsored by the Roncalli Student Council. The drive welcomed 48 donors with a total of 41 blood units and four double-red cell units donated. Each unit of blood donated has the potential to save three lives. The blood

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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 - 1963

The Singer Sewing Machine Co., a newcomer in the typewriter business, lowered the price of its most expensive typewriter to \$99.95. That model and others could be seen at the company's store in Southern Plaza, 4200 S. U.S. 31.

Martin McDermott, the fourth generation in his family to own the M. Clune Co. furniture store, which was founded in 1854, opened Martin's Fine Furniture at 5410 S. Meridian St.

The route of the 500 Festival Parade would include Monument Circle for the first time in five years. The Circle had been off limits because its concrete pedestrian traffic islands - which were recently removed — hampered the movement of floats.

50 Years Ago This Week — 1973

"Music With the Animals," a children's Easter concert, was held at the Indianapolis Zoo, 3120 E. 30th St.

The annual Easter lily show at the Garfield Park Conservatory, 2450 Shelby St., featured more than 600 flowers.

A pharmacy opened in the \$13 million addition at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove.

The Masque and Wig Theatrical Group held auditions for Neil Simon's "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" at Bluff Cultural and Recreational Center, 555 W. Hanna Ave.

40 Years Ago This Week - 1983

Falcons Against Drunk Driving was launched by a group of Perry Meridian High School students to emphasize the dangers of drinking and driving. * * *

Sassy Brass, a 13-piece big band that cranked out lively tunes, performed at Barringer's, 2535 S. Meridian St., where the cover charge was \$1.

The Leisure, a new lounge located in the Zayre Shopping Center, 3825 S. U.S 31, featured shrimp cocktails for 99 cents, twofor-one drinks and daily dinner specials.

30 Years Ago This Week — 1993 Comfort Inn South desk manager Kimberly Miller was named the hotel's Employee of the Year.



King and queen candidates for Roncalli's prom were (in no particular order) Brent Carver, Emily Briggeman, Ann Williams, Devon Trackwell, Jennifer Kappes, Joe Spitznagel, Jim Cissell, Michelle Sauer, David Lauck, Marie Roy, Mark Mennel and Michelle Eckhart.



OBITUARIES

JANE EARLENE BURRIS, 86. She was a 1955 graduate of Emmerich Manual High School, where she met the love of her life Charles W. Burris. They shared over 64 years of mar-riage, love and life together. She is loved and missed by

her devoted husband Charlie; daughters, Brenda Uhalik; and Donna Jones and her husband Steve; one son, Dale Burris and his wife Peggy; her four adored grandchildren, Dale and Bran-don (Victoria) Uhalik and Rachel and Andrew Jones; her sister, Reba (Steve) Benson; sister-inlaw, Sherrie Bradstreet and one great granddaughter on the way. Jane was a beloved aunt and a friend to everyone she met. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Mark Uhalik and infant granddaughter, Dorothy Ann Uhalik.

Jane was a long-time mem-ber of Greenwood Christian Church and Order of the Eastern Star # 452. She was a devoted wife, mom and grandma and cherished time spent with her family. Jane & Charlie were winter members of New Hope Christian Church, Nokomis, Florida. They enjoyed wintering in Florida and were blessed to travel worldwide.

Visitation will be observed from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, April 21 at Greenwood Christian Church, 2045 Averitt Road, Greenwood, IN 46143 and from 9:45 a.m. -10:45 a.m. Saturday prior to the service.

The Celebration of Life will begin at 11a.m. Saturday, April 22 at the church. Jane will be laid to rest at The Gardens at Olive Branch Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Greenwood Christian Church or the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation.

EDWARD LEO EARLY, 87, Little & Sons, Beech Grove handled arrangements.

PATRICK MICHAEL CHEVY" FOLEY, 38, mother, Patricia Foley; siblings, Audrey Weiss; brother, Robert Foley. He graduated from Emmerich

Manual High School in 2003. He was employed by Metro Elevator where he served as a welder and fabricator. Chevy's hobbies included fishing, working on his cars and playing cards. He loved helping others. He enjoyed music, guitar, being a jokester and making everyone laugh. He was always the center of attention and the life of the partv

Newcomer Cremations, Funerals & Receptions handled arrangements.

MARY ANN HAUN, 90, husband Jack; children, Mark Haun (Dianna), Deborah Robinson; five grandchildren; three greatgrandchildren.

Mary Ann was a godly woman. She was a loving, kind and giving woman. After moving to Indianapolis, Mary Ann became the Secretary at Lutheran High School of Indianapolis for many years.

Forest Lawn Memory Gardens were entrusted with arrangements.

EVERETT G. KEEN, 71, children, Jessica, Don and Everett Keen II; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; siblings, Arvine and Brian Keen, Shanon Hoskins, Shawn Bowling.

He loved old Western movies. He was one to always aggravate you in a joking way He'd do anything in the world for people. When he was younger he enjoyed being a handyman. G. H. Herrmann handled arrangements.

LAURA ANN KHANNA, 66. She is survived by her daughter Erika Khanna; her brother John Shaefer (Kris).

Laura was preceded in death by her father John P. Schaefer and her mother Barbara M. Shaefer (Werner).

A memorial gathering for Laura will be held Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Little & Sons Funeral Home, 4901 E Stop Eleven Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46237

Prayers will be at 10 a.m. with Father Hunter of Saint Roch Catholic Church.

GLADYS MARIE MCCOL-LOM, 86, widow of William "Bill' McCollom; children, Shanda (Michael Cooper) McCollom, Mary Beth (Bill) Dabney, Sarah Gibbs, Kimberly (Ken) Thompson, Tommy (Liz) Bridges; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Gladys enjoyed watching the Indiana Pacers, working jigsaw puzzles, playing Bingo and going to the casino. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, April 13, 2023 at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Greenwood

PAUL MARTIN, 76. He married his wife, Carol, in 1971 and together they shared 52 years of marriage together.

Paul worked as a custodian for Center Grove High School and retired after over 25 years of service. Paul enjoyed driving his Trans Am and admiring other fine cars in his free time. He also enjoyed mowing his lawn and taking care of his land with great care. Paul liked to watch both Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune with his wife, Carol, every evening. Paul loved his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren deeply and will be dearly missed by those who knew him.

Paul is survived by his wife, Carol Martin; his children, Chris Martin, Derek Martin, and Dawn Martin; his grandchildren, Austin Chaney, Brittany Martin-Chaney, Jerrod Savage, and Rylan Martin; his great grandchildren, Maleah Lashbrook and Gema Lashbrook; his siblings, Raymond Martin, Andrew Martin, Phillip Martin, Leah Martin, and Maurine Short; his several nieces and nephews.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents; his grandson, Braydon Martin; his brother, Victor Martin.

A visitation for Paul will be held on Saturday, April 22, at Forest Lawn Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The funeral service will be on Saturday, April

WANDA RAE CHERRY, Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday, April 15, 2023. She was 86 years old. Wanda was born in Indianapolis, IN to her parents Bill and Opal Yount. She attended Manual High School and later earned her diploma. Wanda married her husband Mack Cherry in 1980 and they have shared 43 years of marriage together.

Wanda worked as the head of the spice room for Sexton's and retired in 1996 after 35 years of service. Wanda was very proud that her ancestors were instrumental in helping the Garfield Christian Church to be established in Indianapolis. She was a faithful member of Garfield Christian Church with her husband for several decades. Wanda loved caring for animals and raised her fair share of cats and dogs during her life. She loved to go fishing and hunting with both her husband and her father. Wanda enjoyed gardening in her free time. Wanda always put her family first; she loved to spend time with her children and grandchildren. The memories created will be cher-ished by those she leaves behind.

Wanda is survived by her husband, Mack Vancel Cherry; her children, Maryanne, Karen, Beth, and Ed; her numerous grandchildren; her numerous great grandchildren; her 1 great-great

-grandson; her numerous nieces and nephews. Wanda is preceded in death by her parents; her four sisters. A visitation for Wanda will be held on Monday, April 24, 2023 at Forest Lawn Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The funeral service will be on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Burial will immediately follow at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens at 2:00 p.m.

PAID OBITUARY

with PSI, Bob left to go work for an international engineering company (CT Main) for several years. In that job he lived in diverse places like Saudi Arabia, Alaska, and Nepal. Upon his return to the US, he went back to PSI for a few more years, and then retired in 2002.

He was a very easy-going, likable guy who was loved by all. One of his most outstanding characteristics was his quick wit. Even when dementia robbed him of his memories the last several years, his sense of humor remained fully intact until almost the end. He loved to "tinker" in the garage and yard, usually with a pipe in his mouth (oftentimes unlit). He loved taking flying lessons, and one of his proudest moments was when he soloed. He was an amazing father to his 3 sons. He read them to sleep every night when they were little, played pitch and catch in the backyard, took them on many camping and canoeing trips, attended all their academic and athletic events, and much more

Bob is survived by his wife, Carole Sue Stockton, and 3 sons by a previous marriage, Ken (Cally) Stockton of Fort



Collins CO, Steve (Chari) Stockton of Charleston WV, and Glenn (Jeannette) Stockton of Shutesbury MA, as well as 5 grandchildren (Ruth, Sam, Jane Ănne, Lucy, and Griffin). We all cherish our memories of him and are very grateful he was a part of our lives.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11:45 a.m., Thursday, April 20, at Greenwood Presbyterian Church, 102 West Main St. Greenwood, IN 46142. Friends may visit from 11 a.m. until the service time. A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. at Garland Brook Cemetery in Columbus, IN with military honors.

MARY EMMA STOREY, 93, children, Peggy Obergfell, Mark (Nancy), Dan (deceased) (Wanda), Matt (Janice) and Joe Storey (Claudia); brothers, Patrick (deceased), Jason Settles;18 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, 6 greatgreat-grandchildren.

Visitation May 12, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with Mass at 12 p.m. at Holy Name Catholic Church. Little & Sons handled arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of GARY ROESSLER (April 20, 1953 – March 15, 2022) FOR HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. Forever in our hearts, Love Mom, Alisa, Andy, Nancy, Kathy, Karen and families



EARLY VOTING SITES

Registered voters can vote before Election Day, Tuesday, May 2 selected Southside locations. The Franklin Township and Perry

MacArthur Elementary School's second-grade basketball team finished its season with a 10-0 record. The squad featured (front, from left) Mitchell Miller, Matthew Yagle, Keith Hatfield, Nathan Orem, Damon Acton; (back) coach Dan Hatfield, Brian Young, Brandon Marks, Craig Thomas, Jeff Manley and coach Jeff Thomas.

20 Years Ago This Week — 2003

KIPS (Kiwanis Improvement-Southport) scholarships, funded by Tom Dunham of Dunham Rubber, were presented to Southport High School students Veronica Eckstein, Brian Atkinson, Tarah Boone, Nick Buck, Kyle Exline, Marsha Hawes, Tyler Hussey, Jack Petty and Jessica Wiley.

Indy Parks ranger Phil Greene went over a safety checklist before igniting a controlled burn at Glenns Valley Park. The fire eliminated the build-up of thatch and dead plant tops, which inhibited plant growth, and gave fire departments the opportunity to train on fighting wildfires.

10 Years Ago This Week — **2013** David Blasé, a member of Phi Kappa Psi's 1962 Little 500 championship bicycle team, rode his bike 200 miles weekly.

Although cold weather didn't provide the ideal atmosphere for Southport Little League's opening day, Delvan Roehling, the organization's president, said he couldn't recall any that were more exciting * * *



Perry Meridian High School students (from left) Emily Gough, Jacquelyn Mead, Kennedy Byrd, Noah Eckstein, and Allen Abbott seen with Principal Rolland Abraham, were accepted to study abroad through the Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Languages.



George Blankenbaker, a freshman at Indiana University, was inducted into the school's Phi Signa Theta National Honor Society. He was the son of George Blankenbaker and Jean Foster and a 2012 graduate of School High School.

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ADAM CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON JR., 20, grandmother, Donna Johnson; uncle Joseph Johnson: grandfather. George Johnson; grandma Brenda Johnson.

Adam graduated from Purdue Polytechnic High School, and also attended Christal House Academy. He collected dolls and enjoyed spending time with online friends on Roblox. Adam's smile would light up the room. Adam was working very hard to become the man he was meant to be and touched so many lives. He was such a good person and will be missed. Adam worked at McDonald's on Madison Avenue and loved working with all his coworkers.

Norman F. Chance Funeral Home and Cremation Service handled arrangements.

TINA BELLE JOHNSON, 80, children, Teresa Morton (John), Barbara "Darlene" Perry (Albert), Anthony "Tony" W. Lake (Leanne), Jeffery L. Brake (Wendy), and Nicholas "Nick" D. Lake; siblings, Barbara Spears, Ronald "Ronnie" Brake, Deborah Copass; Sarah Strykowski, Charlie Brake Jr.

Service, April 16, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 PM, at Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

MARY CAROLYN JOHN-STON, 95. She was a teacher before becoming a mother. She was a member of Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church, and a member of the Keenagers Group. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She volunteered at Community South Hospital and Our Lady of the Greenwood.

Carolyn enjoyed baking, doing crosswords, traveling, and taking day trips, but her favorite pastime was spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 67 years James "J.T." Johnston, and brother Charles Fuchtman. She is survived by her children Lucia (Larry) Bégley, James (Tracy) Johnston, and Mary Jane (Dennis) Blackwell, 10 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial will be held at O'Riley Branson Funeral Service and Crematory, 6107 S. East Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Burial will be at Lawrenceville City Cemetery in Lawrenceville, Illinois

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church.

22, at 12:00 p.m. Burial will immediately follow at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens at 1:00 p.m.

DEBORAH LYNN KELLER-MEYER, 62, children, Heather White, Taylor and Michael Kellermever: sisters. Michelle (Chris) Danz and Tammy Dishman; father, Dennis Morris; two grandchildren.

She was a 1979 graduate of Whiteland High School. Debbie spent many years working with children in home health care. She enjoyed watching television, traveling with her family and friends and the many memorable trips to the beach and Dale Hollow. She liked to wear makeup, go shopping and have her daily coffee. Debbie loved her family and kept up with all of them through Facebook.

Newcomer Funerals and

Cremations handled arrangements.

TOMMY RAY MATHEWS, 80, wife, Marian Sue (Stufflebeam) Mathews; children, Karla and Mark Garrett, Kristey Hedges, Dave Flynn, and Mark Mathews, Alissa Boardman; sister, Janice (Gene Saunders); five grandchildren; three greatgrandchildren.

Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Indianapolis.

RONALD "RON" SEGER, 48, mother, Sylvia Seger; brother, Robert Seger; his caretakers, Melissa and John Johnson.

Ron worked as a vendor at trade shows, fairs, and festivals. He loved his country, talking to and meeting new people, animals, cooking, and collecting diecast cars and Looney Tunes characters.

A visitation will be Saturday, May 6, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Indiana Funeral Care, Greenwood Chapel, 2433 E. Main St., Greenwood, IN.

ROBERT (BOB) STOCK-TON, 93. He was preceded in death by his parents (Fred and Ethel), and his brother and sister (Sam and Jane).

Bob quit high school to join the US Marines, in which he served 5 years, including 2 years in Guam as a communications engineer. During his time in the Marines, he realized the importance of a good education. so upon his discharge as a Staff Sergeant, he enrolled at Indiana Tech, and ended up graduating at the top of his class with a degree in Electrical Engineering Upon graduation, he went to work for Public Service Indiana in Columbus Indiana (PSI later became Cinergy and then Duke Energy). After over 25 years

Township Government Centers are open for early voting: April 19-21, April 24-29, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; April 22-23, April 29-30, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The City-County Building downtown is open April 19-21, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; April 24-28, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; May 1, 8 a.m. to noon; and weekends, April 22, 23, 29, and 30, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There are two early voting sites in Greenwood at the White River branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., and Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., hours at both locations are: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until April 28; and Saturday April 22 and April 29, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also, the Johnson County Courthouse, 5 E. Jefferson St., Franklin is open: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until April 28; Saturday, April 22 and April 29, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Monday, May 1, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Voters must have an Indiana or U.S. government-issued photo identification. Municipal candidates elected May 2 advance to the General Election, Nov. 7.

PERRY TWP. STUDENT ART SHOW

Talented student artists, K-12, will have their artworks displayed for the public at the 61st annual Perry Township District Art Show, Thursday and Friday, April 21-22, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Perry Meridian High School. Admission is free. This is a great opportunity for the community to see a variety of student artworks, including paintings, drawings, pottery, and more. A special "chair-ity auction" will auction off artistically painted chairs for art-related scholarship funds.

METEOR SHOWER VIEWING

Adults and children can view the Lyrid meteor shower with NASA Solar System Ambassadors Fríday, April 21, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the White River branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. Info: 317-885-1330

COMPUTER BASICS CLASS FOR SENIORS

A computer basics class for senior citizens unfolds at the Garfield Park Library, 2502 Shelby St., Saturday, April 22, 11 a.m. to noon. The session provides instruction and resources to efficiently go over computer basics and how to safely navigate the internet to seek information and avoid scams. No experience with computers is needed. Info: indypl.org.

INDY READS BREAKFAST

Indy Reads will host its inaugural fundraising breakfast, "Unlocking our Potential," at the Fountain Square Theatre, Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 a.m. Indy Reads seeks to improve reading skills through English literacy, High School Equivalency, and workforce certification programs. Speakers include Indy Reads CEO Ruba Marshall and chair Chad Schenkel. Attendees also can meet some of Indy Reads current students. \$25 per person, 10-seat table sponsorships, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$7.500. To RSVP, visit: www.indyreads.org/Breakfast!

PLAY-BASED STEM ACTIVITIES

Play-based STEM and literary activities for children that can encourage learning in the home are part of a unique Child Care Resource & Referral Network program at the Southport branch library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road. The program for parents is Thursday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Info: indypl.org.

SOUTHSIDE QUILTERS GUILD

The Quilters Guild of Indianapolis Southside meets Thursday, April 27, 10:15 a.m. at Friedens United Church of Christ, 8300 S. Meridian St. Greenwood quilter Ann Ward will be showing her artistic quilts. Info: quiltguildindy.net.

BEECH GROVE PEACE WALK

Mayor Dennis Buckley and the Mayors Faith Based Roundtable invite Southsiders to walk the Franciscan Trail to stop the violence and promote peace. The Peace Walk will be Saturday, April 29, 11 a.m. at the trailhead of the Franciscan Trail in Sarah T. Bolton Park. Walkers will go to the third bridge and return to the trailhead for the complete walk. Info: beechgrove.com

CHRISTEL DEHAAN SALE ITEMS

Christel House at Manual is the site of a special fund-raising auction of items from the Christel DeHaan estate, Friday, April 28, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The school is at 2405 S. East Ave. Patrons may enter through Door 29. Hundreds of items available for purchase. Proceeds benefit all Christel DeHaan charter schools. Info: chindy.org.

BASEBALL SHOWCASE Roncalli, Southport and county champ Center Grove off to fast starts; GCA and Lutheran have plenty of speed with new season under way

By **AI Stilley,** Editor and **Steve Page**, Correspondent

Improved teams and three new coaches make up the Southside baseball landscape this season.

Some teams have seen modest success already as reigning sectional champs 3A Beech Grove and 1A Lutheran and defending Mid-State champion Decatur Central defend their titles.

MaxPreps No. 2 team in the state, Center Grove is the 2023 Johnson County champs after edging Whiteland, 1-0 and Franklin, 8-7. The Trojans are a perfect 10-0 after defeating Greenwood Friday in a CG home game at Greenwood. The game was moved from CGHS because the school was closed due to a phoned-in bomb threat.

In the Battle of Perry Township, Southport defeated Perry Merid-ian, 8-4 Friday night on junior relief pitcher Zachary Looper's triple that emptied the bases in the sixth for the Cardinals fourth straight win.

Beech Grove (3-3) snapped a three-game losing skid Saturday against visiting Purdue Polytech on Jackie Robinson Day as both teams wore commemorative jerseys that also honored the Negro League Indianapolis Clowns.

Ğreenwood Christian Academy is 5-3-1 without an on-campus baseball field; most home games and practices are at Indianapolis Sports Park.

Roncalli opened with five straight wins but fell at Carmel Friday and recovered to defeat host Franklin Central Saturday.

New Southside coaches include Patrick Antone at Řoncalli, Joshua Meanev at Lutheran and Fabion Ricks at Christel House Manual

Here's the outlook for Southside teams with last year's won-lost record and player stats:



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLEY) Beech Grove players and coaches wore identical uniforms with No. 42 in honor of famed Jackie Robinson at the Hornets' annual Jackie Robinson Day game Saturday morning. The uniforms also bore the team name Clowns in honor of the Negro League India-napolis Clowns. The Hornets defeated Purdue Polytech.



BEECH GROVE (3A, 13-14) – Brotherhood. That's the one word that coach Jacob Wickliff uses to describe this season's Hornets

"We have a group of seniors who have been playing together for a very long time," Wickliff said. "The young kids in the program have put their arms around them. They're prepared for something special

CENTER GROVE (4A, 25-3-1) - The Trojans are loaded with talent, depth and determination to atone for last year's sectional loss to Mooresville. Coach Keith Hatfield's squad has solid pitching, hitting, speed, defense, and experience.

A trio of NCAA Division 1 recruits leads the pitching staff: Ben Murphy (Indiana) 5-2, 3.10 ERA, 48 strikeouts; Caden Cornett (Purdue-Fort Wayne) 4-0, 1.49 ERA; and Jacob Murphy, 4-0, all right-handers. Senior Christian Brown and junior Connor Vander-Luitgaren add depth on the mound.

The Trojans are loaded at the plate with: shortstop Drew Culbertson (Missouri) .292, 32 runs scored; outfielder Garrison Barile (Miami, Ohio) .487, 43 RBI, 7 home runs; catcher Grant Sawa (Purdue-Fort Wayne), .281, 16 RBI; junior infielder Noah Coy (Cincinnati), .375, 33 runs scored; outfielder Evan Zapp (Queens), 389 avg, 24 RBI; and junior outfielder AJ Beggs, .414, 5 triples, 4 home runs.

The Trojans have one of the deepest lineups in the state with plenty of power and speed plus defense. And they are determined to go deep into the playoffs.

CHRISTEL HOUSE MANUAL (3A) - Eagles have first home game Thursday against city league foe Washington. Firstyear coach Fabion Ricks leads program that lacks depth and feeder system. Deshon Hollis and Dakota Long are only returning veterans. They are joined by Michael Cox, Zion Hudson, Kameron Prater, Marquan Ford, Nathaniel Lucas, Julius Walker, John Robinson, and Manual Martinez.

DECATUR CENTRAL (4A, 11-11-1) – After reloading in 2022 following the graduation of 10 seniors, the defending Mid-State champions enter the season with optimism.

"We have a good mix of ages and classes," third-year coach Sean Winkelseth said of the seven seniors, two juniors, four sophomores, and three freshmen on the roster.

Key players include: senior pitcher and slugger Kaden Barr (407 batting average, 555 slugging percentage; 1-1, 1.22 ERA); shortstop Brayden Coffey (.279, 18 stolen bases; 3-3, 3.95 ERA); senior catcher Alex Brawley (.980 fielding percentage); and junior third baseman Garret Smith (.250, 12 RBI).

Freshmen Bo Poston, a football quarterback, and classmate Logan Markus are promising newcomers.

Winkelseth bases his team's efforts on three pillars: the name on the front of the jersey, leadership, graduate - and win.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY STEVE PAGE)

Jaylan Yates, a Decatur Central sophomore, awaits the pickoff throw to first base from pitcher Logan Markus during Tuesday's home game.

FRANKLIN CENTRAL (4A, 6-17) – Flashes are eager to turn things around after seven straight losing seasons and battling Hoosier Crossroads Conference teams. Veteran coach Greg Schoettle faces an uphill battle against HCC foes.

The Flashes face a slow start after graduating most of their pitching staff, leaving behind junior Weston Harvey and a relatively newmound corps that already has experienced injuries. "We're pitching by committee," Schoettle observed. Otherwise, Schoettle added, "We compete hard, that's what I

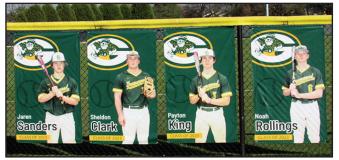
love about this team. It's a tight-knit group. This team doesn't quit and that's all I ask from them. They are fun to coach." The Flashes return with eight seniors, among them are: cen-

terfielder and leadoff hitter Max Thacker; Colin May who moves from the outfield to shortstop and No. 3 hitter, first baseman / third baseman Corbin Napier, a team leader and second-team allconference.

Nevan Tutterow bolsters the pitching and is at short with classmate Nate Schwark at second.

In conference play, the Flashes have yet to face Noblesville,

Zionsville, Brownsburg, Fishers, and Hamilton Southeastern. "It's such a grind in this conference, but that just makes us better," Schoettle observed.



Posters at the fence show banners of Greenwood's seniors from left, Jarren Sanders, Sheldon Clark, Payton King, and Noah Rollings

GREENWOOD (4A, 7-15-1) - Veteran coach Andy Bass and the Woodmen return with several returnees with goals of scoring more runs and cutting down on so many costly errors made in the field last season.

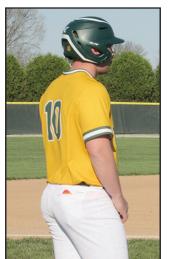
The Woodmen return with a solid nucleus and the promise of an improved diamond campaign. While having only four seniors, Greenwood has a strong junior

contingent that gained valuable experience last year. The juniors are third baseman Brendan Bailey (.409), shortstop Landen Smith (.385, 27 hits, 23 RBI), rightfielder Amare Middleton, outfielder Cade Kelly, first baseman Cooper Smith, outfielder Wyatt Flowers, catcher Cole Basey, infielder Spencer Fay, catcher Jackson Simms, and pitchers Micah Vessely (4.34 ERA), Logan Connor, and Oren Fiesel.

Senior Noah Rollins (.280) leads the class at second base, with classmate infielders Sheldon Clark, Payton King and Jarren Sanders

Sophomore centerfielder Ethan King and Mavrick Pauley add depth.

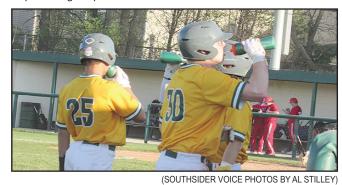
The Woodmen have speed and savvy for being a young team that's hungry for more wins.





Greenwood's Sheldon Clark (10) checks out the action while protecting bullpen.

Logan Connor (5) warms up in front of head coach Andy Bass after coming in as a relief pitcher in home game against Martinsville.



Greenwood's Amare Middleton (25) and Cooper Smith (30) take water break during home game.

The Hornets won the sectional last year and captured their first regional game before bowing out of the playoffs.

Eleven Hornets are back, including a handful from the 2022 3A state basketball championship team.

Seniors Logan Muffler (.346, 27 hits; 3.59 ERA) and Cam Brown (2.59 ERA), who moves to first base when not pitching, headline the long list.

Familiar Hornets in the infield are sophomore first baseman Griffin Matracia, seniors second baseman Chase Alford (.312, 24 hits), third baseman Jordan Ramsey, and shortstop Skylar Thacker (.330, 28 hits). Leftfielder Jeremiah Alexander also returns. Catcher Logan Stephens is back behind the plate.

Brown is joined on the pitching staff with returnees Muffler, Alford, Ramsey, Thacker, Chris Hammer, and Rylan Horen.

Newcomers, up from JV, include sophomore Brayden Cruse and juniors Tucker McDonald and Andrew Buerosse

The Hornets have speed with 235 stolen bases in the last two seasons and will be sprinting to set the single-season record for steals the third straight season

"When we get on base, we have to steal bases," Wickliff said. "We don't have the extra-base hitters, so we have to steal. Defense is part of our identity because our pitchers aren't overpowering. So we have to make plays.

Consider the Hornets as a "hidden gem" as they look forward to one of the program's best seasons.



Franklin Central sophomore Nevan Tutterow strides into a pitch during Saturday's home game with Roncalli.



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Franklin Central's baseball seniors are (from left) Colin May, Jeffrey Pang, Cooper Mills, Corbin Napier, Max Thacker, Landon Carlisle, Gage Hagerty and Jacob Morris.



GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (1A, 13-9) – The Cougars entered the season without a baseball field on campus.

They were able to use the field at the original south campus on the southeast corner of Worthsville Road until it was lost due to widening. GCA's home games are at Indy Sports Park.

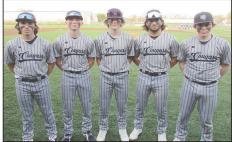
"We also use the park for our practices when it's available,' veteran coach Doug Hagist said. "At times, we've even used a parking lot to get in some practice

No matter where the Cougars practice or play, this is an interesting team with eight returning starters from last year's winning team. The key

returnees are: seniors, first baseman Eli Ellis (.479), shortstop pitcher Jake Potter back from a seasonending injury last vear. leading



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLEY) GCA's trio of seniors are, from left, are shortstop pitcher Jake Potter, third baseman Trey Harney, and infielder Eli Ellis. Each player is part of the pitching staff.



A talented junior class of athletes has a wealth of baseball experience at GCA. They are, from left, leftfielder Mason Wright, second baseman Wvatt Schlageter, rightfielder Cole Muhlhauser, centerfielder Charlie Overton, and catcher Clinton Flint.

pitcher and home run hitter Trey Harney III (10 home runs); juniors, catcher / third baseman Colton Flint, catcher Charlie Overton (50 runs), second baseman Wyatt Schlageter, and leftfielder Mason Wright, Sophomore pitcher/third baseman Caden Camden returns after starting every game last season.

Newcomers expected to make an instant impact are junior outfielder/pitcher Cole Mulhauser and sophomore pitcher Preston VanTil.

GCA again plays a demanding schedule that includes 4A Decatur Central, Greenwood, and Pike plus Brebeuf, Chatard, Scecina and Heritage Christian.

"We were a very good hitting team last year and will look to build on that," coach Hagist said. "With a year's worth of experience, we will be more confident in the field and on the mound. We play a very tough schedule in hopes that it will prepare us for the (IHSAA) tournament.'

The Cougars will be on the prowl with this group.



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BASEBALL SHOWCASE

LUTHERAN (1A, 22-9) – Sectional champ Saints reached regional championship game at Morristown before bowing out of playoffs. They return with new coach Joshua Meaney and potential for a deeper tourney run. "I would be shocked if we're not

"I would be shocked if we're not close to that (22 wins)," first-year coach Meaney said. "We are a better team, maturity-wise and experience. Our juniors have really good maturity and are helping our seniors lead. Most of our guys have played varsity for at least two years."

Seniors and team captains, shortstop Josiah King (.537, 26 runs, 29 hits) and centerfielder Micah Mackay (.457, 48 runs, 43 hits, 31 RBI, 27 stolen bases) have most of the clout at the plate.

Junior catcher Gehrig Whitlock (.295, 21 RBI, 3 home runs) has thrown more than 50 percent of runners out

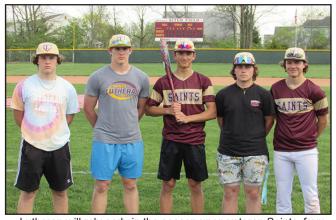
who have tried to steal against him. Sophomore Landyn Parker holds down second base and has speed and experience. Junior outfielder Jackson Brandenburg (.308, 23 hits, 23 runs) adds punch.

Pitching is solid with junior Ryan Jeffers (4-1, 1.38 ERA) and sophomores Ryan Redding (3-0), Owen Lecher (2-0, 0.84 ERA), and Nate Hughes, who missed most of last season due to illness

The team's main identity is their ability to steal bases. The Saints attended a clinic on strength and fitness at Purdue University and returned with more speed and agility techniques.

"Honestly, we're faster than last year's team," Meaney said. "Overall, we want to be clean with the glove (defense), throw strikes, keep opponents of the bases, and be solid all the way through the lineup at the plate."

And the roster is loaded with freshmen who are eager for varsity experience.



Lutheran will rely early in the season upon veteran Saints, from left, seniors, catcher Gehrig Whitlock, centerfielder Micah Mackay, and infielder Josiah King, and juniors, middle infielder Ryan Jeffers and outfielder Jackson Brandenburg.

PERRY MERIDIAN (4A, 14-16) – Coach Jake Banwart firmly believes the Falcons baseball program is making progress. "We have just had some pieces in the past," Banwart said.

"Now, they're all coming together for us." PMHS is coming off a 14-win season that featured an 8-6 record in rugged Mid-State Conference competition.

"We're excited to be in that (conference competition. "We're excited to be in that (conference) mix," Banwart added. Seniors, ace pitcher Jake Phillips (6-2, 2.02 ERA, 55 strikeouts in 59 innings) and all-conference infielder Gavin McBeath (.253 batting average, .387 on-base percentage, 15 RBI, 4 home runs),

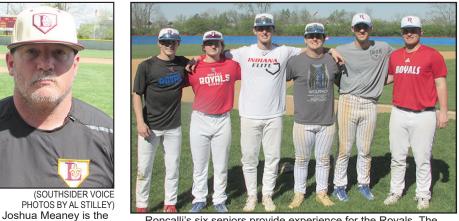
batting average, .387 on-base percentage, 15 RBI, 4 home runs), are the leading players. Phillips also hit .348 with 19 RBI. Infielder / pitcher Michael Carter (.377, 19 runs, 16 stolen bases) adds speed and a big bat to the lineup.

And shortstop Specer Gayheart returns after recovering from an injury that limited him to only nine games. He hit an impressive .464 with 10 RBI, a .519 slugging percentage, and a fielding percentage of .939 in a limited season.

Seniors Lane and Brock Allison and sophomore catcher / pitcher Aiden Kerr can hit; senior Kolton Wright and sophomore Jackson Lamkin have shown speed on the bases.

"Our focus will solely be on ourselves," Banwart contends. "We're dealing with what we can control. We want to be in control all the way and be happy (because) we're playing baseball."

RONCALLI (4A, 11-11) – Royals have gathered with new coach Patrick Antone, who was hired in early September. Antone has worked feverishly to develop a team that is passionate about baseball, especially how to perform at each position depending upon the situation. He comes to Roncalli after successful coaching stints at Columbus North, a state championship at Boone Grove,



Roncalli's six seniors provide experience for the Royals. The seniors are, from left, outfielder / catcher Michael Schafer, middle infielder Kyle Walker, pitcher Shaun Byrne, shortstop / catcher / pitcher Andrew Baugh, centerfielder Hayden Scott, and pitcher / first baseman Tanner Hudspeth.

To say the least, Antone is a student of the game. "The game is really hard, not only skillwise but mentally as well" Antone philosophized. "You have to be able to understand the objective at any moment, the situation, and what type player you are. You have to be mentally tough to handle to ups and downs, the struggles, the disappointments. Long range, we want them to be a better person because they went through the baseball program." After a rare .500 season, the Royals are poised for another win-

ning campaign.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY STEVE PAGE) Zach Chambers, Southport's junior designated hitter, takes a cut during Saturday's home game with Pike.

SOUTHPORT (4A, 8-17) – Coach Brendan Dudas has a handful of key returnees and several promising young players who gained valuable experience last season by design.

"As a first-year coach last season, I made it my goal to get many of our freshmen and sophomores into the lineup early and often," Dudas said. "While they went through growing pains last year, I think this will pay dividends as these players reach their junior and senior seasons.

Dudas observed, "Our team is very young, but our youth has experience."

The Cardinals graduated two solid pitchers Zach Shepherd and Max Shelburn.

Senior catcher/first baseman Drew Youmans (IU-Kokomo signee) leads the returnees with a .277 batting average with eight doubles and 15 RBI.

Seasoned sophomores who are now juniors include pitcher / outfielder Bryce Calvert (.286, 11 RBI; 3.21 ERA), and infielder Calvin Miller (four doubles, three triples). Sophomore pitcher Nick Godsey led the team with a 3.06 ERA in 16 innings last season as a freshman. Returning junior Ramon Martinez and Mikey Takacs will help on the mound and at the plate.

Senior Zach Chambers, the 2022 "best teammate," returns after missing last season due to injury. Junior catcher / infielder Nolan Roll and sophomore Peyton Phoenix will see more playing time



Starting pitcher Ramon Martinez strides into a delivery during Saturday's 7-3 victory over Pike at Holder Field.

WHITELAND (4A, 11-16) – Tornado-stricken Whiteland continues to recover from the E3 tornado that struck just east of the high school on March 31. The disaster meant an extended spring break for stu-

dents, including the Warriors baseball team that helped residents clean up debris.

The Warriors, just like the community, are trying to get back to some normalcy. "We ended up

"We ended up having an extended spring break, by a week, with school not open," veteran coach Scott Sherry said. "We're trying to get back to school, practices, and games. So it was a tough week."

Whiteland returns to the diamond with five seniors: Peyton Emberton, Ethan Shipp, Brayden Roy, Kevin Denham and Donavin Woodall.

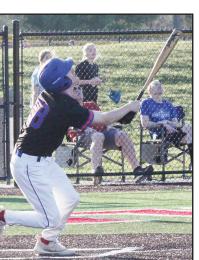
Donavin Woodall. "These seniors have been in the program for four years; they're baseball kids," Sherry said. "This is a good group. They support each other. And

Sherry said. "This is a good group. They support each other. And that makes for good team chemistry when guys get along. They bring energy and leadership qualities and they're all key guys." Sherry provided the following evaluation of some of his key players: Shipp is a senior with good offensive numbers and is good at putting the ball in play, being a sparkplug; Drew Helton is a third-

at putting the ball in play, being a sparkplug; Drew Helton is a thirdyear player, one of our top pitchers and hitters; Maalik Perkins is a sophomore centerfielder with lots of speed; and Peyton Dickens has pitched really well and is hitting well, an up-and-coming player. "We'd like to compete every night, be in every ball game,"

Sherry said. "In this conference (Mid-State), that's a hard thing, to be in it day in and day out – that's the challenge. The conference setup is great. If you lose, then you can come back right away with a second conference game. It's good to get the bad taste out of your mouth sometimes."





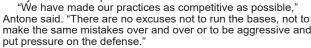
Whiteland designated hitter Ethan Shipp watches his high popup, which eventually fell into short right-center field for a double in Wednesday's game at Plainfield.

and an assistant at Chesterton, Andrean, and Westfield.

"With two new jobs (teaching and coaching) and getting moved, it's been a hectic school year already, but in a good way, it's been a challenge," Antone said honestly. "These players were used to doing things a certain way; even though it's different, they have responded really well."

The Royals lost six seniors to graduation but return six seniors: pitcher/outfielder Tanner Hudspeth, centerfielder Hayden Scott, pitcher Shaun Byrne, shortstop / catcher /pitcher Andrew Baugh, outfielder / catcher Michael Schafer; and middle infielder Kyle Walker.

Junior pitcher JJ Prendergast and promising sophomore Maddux Haworth add depth to the mound corps. Sophomore Drew Nelson is at third. Junior newcomer Parker Dougherty adds power at the plate. Junior Dylan Henry is behind the plate.



this season as fulltime varsity players.

Newcomers include juniors, outfielder Espy Ralston, pitcher Zach Looper, and infielder Jacob Rodriguez; sophomores, pitcher Austin Van Velse and outfielder Max Terrell and freshman pitchers Riley Matlock and Ty Duncan.

To improve hitting, the Cardinals competed against each other in live at-bat sessions that were tracked.

"As a program, we totaled totaled 422 live plate appearances and an average of 26 plate appearances per hitter," Dudas said. "We see that as nearly seven games worth of live reps; I hope that preparation allows them to feel more comfortable in the box.

"At the plate, we're focused on the three B's: barrels, bases, and bunts," Dudas observed.

Overall, the coaching staff also seeks improvement in fielding, preventing the "compounding" error, and pitching.

Dudas summarized, "Our goal as a program this year is to play hard, earn each other's trust, and be a tough opponent for any team that steps on the field with us."



Freshman Austin Van Velse of Southport shows he still has the ball after making a diving catch in shallow right field during Saturday's game at Holder Field.

After taking a strike from catcher Peyton Emberton, Whiteland shortstop Blake Riddle applies the out tag to prevent a Plainfield base runner from stealing second on Wednesday.



Whiteland's baseball seniors are, from left, Peyton Emberton, Brayden Roy, Kayden Ferguson, Ethan Shipp, Kevin Denham and Donavin Woodall.

The Southsider Voice wishes all teams a fun and great season!



Patrick Antone, forme

Columbus North, is the new

coach of the Roncalli Royals.

head baseball coach at



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: • •

Moderate A Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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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: N equals S

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careful not to let your own emotions get injured. Try to maintain a safe balance

BORN THIS WEEK: Yours is one of the most emotional signs of the zodiac. You are empathetic and have a deep spiritual core that gives you your great strength.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS SEE PAGE 10 King Crossword

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ing promises could be Your strength ir others to follow catching up with you. You need to reassure a certain someone in HOCUS-F your life that this time you'll keep your word. Good luck CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Watch your tendency to be overcautious in your personal relationships. Give people a chance to show who they are, not who you assume

them to be. LEO (July 23 to Au-gust 22) Aspects favor closer attention to family matters, especially where it concerns older

ARIES (March 21

offers new opportunities

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May 20) Your big break

is about to happen in

the workplace. Expect

Meanwhile, enjoy some much-needed fun time.

GEMINI (May 21

to June 20) Your past

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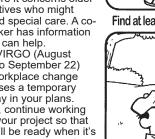
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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Stick with your plans despite pointments. Persistence

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