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Funny quote of the week:

"I'm not insane. My mother had me tested."

– Sheldon Cooper (Jim Parsons) The Big Bang Theory

History on March 2

1933: The Original King Kong movie had its world premiere in New York.

1944: The Academy Awards are presented as part of a televised variety show with Jack Benny as master of ceremonies for the event.

1949: The First nonstop world flight was made by a B-50 Super fortress "The Lucky Lady II" led by Captain James Gallagher.

1949: The first automatic street lights were installed in New Milford, Connecticut. Up to that point a man would have to go to each streetlight every night at dusk and physically turn them on and at sunrise turn them off.

1965: The movie version of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer in the lead roles had its world premiere in New York. A few of the most well known songs from the musical/movie: "Climb Ev'ry Mountain" "Do-Re-Mi" "Edelweiss" "My Favorite Things" "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" "The Lonely Goatherd"

2005: The Boston Red Sox baseball team was congratulated by President George W. Bush on this day. This was the first time that the Red Sox had won the World Series since 1918.

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

THE MADNESS BEGINS Greenwood native Davis facing busiest time of year



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS) Ryan Davis relaxes before recent NCAA men's basketball tourney in St. Louis.

By Al Stillely Editor

Greenwood native Ryan Davis has his busiest days of the collegiate athletic season ahead.

As assistant commissioner of communications for the Missouri Valley Conference, Davis is preparing for the annual MVC women's basketball Hoops in the Heartland tournament, March 10-13, in Moline, Ill., that decides the league's automatic birth in the NCAA Division 1 tourney.

The MVC consists of 10 teams in four states, including Indiana State and Valparaiso universities.

"It's really a lot of fun," said Davis, a 2000 Greenwood High School graduate. "The tournaments are hectic. Sure, it's stressful and you're sometimes in the moment, too."

In his sixth year with the MVC, Davis' duties are best described as enormous; there is so much multi-tasking to be done.

He is the primary media relations contact for baseball, volleyball, men's soccer and women's basketball that includes pre-event releases, game recaps, stats, media guide content and design, championship press kits and website maintenance. And he assists with the league's in-house television package of MVC telecasts. Davis also is an integral part of MVC's new #OneValley social justice initiative.

"You have to keep ahead of the game," said Davis with no pun intended. "The key is to be organized and know what needs to be done; if not, you are always reacting. You really rely on a lot of people to get it all done."



Ryan Davis, right, was on hand for MVC's Loyola Ramblers stunning march to the Final Four in 2018.

"The key is to be organized and know what needs to be done; if not, you are always reacting. You really rely on a lot of people to get it all done."

– Ryan Davis



Greenwood native Ryan Davis with wife Kristin and adopted children, Nolan and Caroline, at the beach.

Davis is the son of Jeff and Peggy Davis of Greenwood. He has learned his craft down through the years as a sports media specialist, although he dreamed of a broadcast career as a 10-year-old sports enthusiast.

He earned a bachelor's degree in sports communications at Indiana University where he was involved in radio broadcasts of I.U. baseball and basketball games for WIUS. Before his junior year, he enjoyed an internship with the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference with headquarters in Greenwood with commissioner Tom Daeger.

"I learned what to do in terms of communications with an athletic conference," Davis recalled. "We only had a staff of two people."

After graduating from I.U., Davis was an anchor and producer for ESPN 950 AM for two years where he continuously worked with broadcaster Greg Rakestraw. He returned to the HCAC as assistant commissioner for communications, handling media relations for the league's 18 sports.

Davis expressed his admiration for Rakestraw, Daeger and former HCAC commissioners Tom Bohlson of Greenwood and Chris Ragsdale plus Rose Hulman assistant athletic director Kevin Lanke.

His first two years with the MVC, Davis worked remotely and also helped on-site with the MVC men's basketball Arch Madness and NCAA prelims in St. Louis.

One of his best memories was being at the Final Four in 2918 as MVC member Loyola (Ill.) made its run that ended in the Final Four semifinals with a 69-57 loss to Michigan.

Davis, an avid sports enthusiast, is one than pleased that fans are back in the stands, especially after the 2020 men's tourney was cancelled.

"March madness was among the last sporting events before everything shut down," Davis recalled. "We were fortunate that we got it in, but the women's tourney in Moline was to begin and the following week we were to host the men's tourney. We started out with no fans and within 24 hours, it was cancelled; everything was shutting down around us."

He has earned several awards, including five awards for the MVC Women's Basketball Media Guide and other writing awards by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Davis has lived in the St. Louis area for several years with wife Kristin, whom he met at a friend's wedding while attending I.U. They have adopted two children, Nolan 9, and, Caroline 6. They also cherish their puppy, Rosie.

MADISON AVENUE BRIDGE CLOSED



The six-month closure of the Madison Avenue bridge over I-465 on the Southside began earlier this week for demolition and replacement. The preferred detour will follow Thompson Road and Keystone and Hanna avenues. I-465 traffic should seek alternate routes and expect ongoing nighttime delays for the next few weeks in both directions between State Road 67/Kentucky Avenue and I-65. Demolition of the Madison Avenue overpass also requires closing U.S. 31/East Street on-ramps to I-465 eastbound between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. Crews will close I-465 lanes between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. and stop traffic for up to 20 minutes between 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.

HOT DEALS on WHEELS



SEE PAGE 8!

MEET THE WACKY ADDAMS FAMILY AT GREENWOOD HS



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLELY)

Greenwood Public Library patrons enjoyed a sneak preview Saturday of The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy to be performed Thursday-Saturday, March 10-12 by music department students in the auditorium at Greenwood High School. The students performed "When You're an Addams," and "Full Disclosure" at the library. The Greenwood High School's production of The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy, a lively and entertaining feast, embraces the wackiness of this beloved family. In photo above, Greenwood performers and their roles are, from left, seated, Eva Dean as Wednesday Addams (the ultimate princess of darkness), Joshua Sirkin as Gomez Addams, Angela Stigall as Morticia Addams, Emily Loper as Pugsley Addams, back row, John Gries as Lurch, and Dylann Mann as Fester. The musical comedy has new music, tons of comedy, and fun dance sequences. The students also are providing the Southside with the opportunity to support live theater. Tickets are now selling and can be purchased online by going to www.woodmenchoir.com, and also can be reserved by contacting Lisa Knartzler at lknartzler@gws.k12.in.us or 317-889-4000, ext. 3407. Tickets are \$12 for preferred seating, \$10 for adults, and \$8 for students. All seats are reserved. Tickets will be available at the door.



Morticia and Gomez Addams, portrayed by Angela Stigall and Joshua Sirkin, dance to "When You're an Addams" at the Greenwood Public Library as part of a sneak preview of the musical comedy to be presented at Greenwood High School. The cast and ensemble will be in full costume on stage March 10-12 as The Addams Family takes to the stage for three consecutive performances at 7 p.m. The show includes an ensemble of Addams Family ancestors, several student production crew, and a live student pit orchestra.



Most of the cast and ensemble of The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy prepares to play the tell-all game of "Full Disclosure" as deep secrets of the family are revealed. They took part in a sneak preview Saturday at the Greenwood Public Library. The cast also includes Aurora Arthur as Grandma, Lilly Mull as Alice Beineke, Kurtis Poynter as Lucas Beineke, Anderson Mull as Cousin It, and Grace Allen and Raegan Rosebrock as Flora and Fauna Amor. The production staff includes, not pictured, director/choreographer Dan Boms, assistant director / Playbill designer Jennie Simms, pit orchestra conductor Caitlin Lincourt, auditorium director / set designer / production manager Scott Young, make-up designer Patrick Houde, rehearsal / performance accompanist Betsy Cox, costume designers Katelyn and Bekah Van Es, and set painting / artwork Sunny Gullery.

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Kelly's Korner

By Kelly Sawyers, publisher
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Positive growth

For the last couple of years I've received numerous calls from Decatur Township residents stating they love our paper and wished we would cover their community.

The last six months, Editor Al Stille and I have discussed this and knew sometime within the next year, we would move forward. Decatur is in one of those uncovered news pockets in the metro area.

Why did we move so quick to get this awesome zoned edition on the streets? *American Classifieds* shut down their shopper on February 17. One of their sales reps, Jeanne Piersall, asked to meet me the next day to discuss the possibility of her joining *The Voice*. Many of her accounts are in Decatur and she was so worried about her clients.

After an hour into our meeting, I knew that I was going to launch a zoned edition in Decatur Township on March 2, 2022, just 12 days later. I wanted Jeanne to be able to show her clients that she has their backs.

Jeanne was a co-worker of mine when I first worked at the *Perry Township Weekly* in 1983, the summer after I graduated from high school. We then worked together again at *The Spotlight* years later.

Here we are, 39 years later, joining up and merging our styles into one product. News and ads on my end, and the shopper look on her end. Another bonus is, her co-worker, Doris Mays, is joining us too. I shared with the ladies that I'm a pretty easy boss. I like to have fun. No goals just do your thing. Jeanne is hopeful in doing a humor column every once in a while, like she did when she was at *The Spotlight*. Between the three of us, there won't be a dull moment, I can guarantee that.

Whiteland has been wanting to be included too, but they fall into our Southsider name, so they're going to be incorporated, rather than a zoned product.

I really take it as a compliment when other areas are wanting to be a part of us. So Decatur and Whiteland communities, you are being covered and we're as excited as you are. They say that newspapers are dying, and indeed many are, but our readers love us and each week, our papers get picked up and are gone when we deliver the next week. An awesome problem to have.

I am so blessed to work with such a great group of friends. I truly have the best staff a girl could ever ask for. I'm sure they think I'm crazy for taking on two new areas, but when it all comes down to it, our youth need to stand out in every community. We're proud of them and we're going to share the positives. That's how we roll.

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Enjoy the newspaper and have a great rest of your week!



Perry Perspectives

Perry Township Schools

Celebrating Chin National Day



By Elizabeth Choi
Director of Communications

Saturday was Chin National Day and if there is one thing the Chin population knows how to do, it's celebrate. Celebrate they did. Hundreds of people came out to Chin Evangelical Baptist Church (CEBC) in Indianapolis, to fellowship and show their support.

It was famously said that music is the universal language of mankind. One that unifies. It's a sentiment the Chin Community of Indiana is in tune with. There was no shortage of music inside the auditorium at CEBC: from speakers who shared inspirational messages, to dance routines where movement didn't just come from the feet, but from within and a runway show with models wearing brightly colored and intricately designed traditional clothing. It was an impressive celebration.

More important than the celebration, however, is the reason for celebrating: Chin National Day. Chin Community of Indiana's Peter Thawngmung helped organize the event. He says it's the biggest celebration his community has annually.

"Chin has a lot of tribes. We are very diverse. And on the day of Chin National Day, back in 1948 our leaders got together to unite as one," said Thawngmung.

They unite for freedom, justice and democracy. But they also unite people as well. Thousands around the world celebrate Chin National Day. In Perry Township, which has the largest Chin population in the country, hundreds of people came out on Saturday, including Southport Mayor Jim Cooney, Southport Police Chief Tom Vaughn and Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett.

"We want to make sure that they know how welcome they are, how much we value their commitment to this community," said Hogsett.

Perry Township Schools also values the Chin community. As a premier school district, there are programs in place to accommodate a variety of needs. For example, Perry has one of the most robust English Learner programs in the state.

"It's a great school. You can see by their performance. I don't need to say more. The numbers speak," said Thawngmung.

Loud and clear, kind of like the music, the Chin population is planning another big celebration in July, celebrating 20 years as a community in Perry Township. Details will be available closer to that time. It will be open to the public.

If You Ever Test Positive, Long COVID Remains a Serious Concern

By Sarah Stelzner, M.D.
Eskenazi Health



Sarah Stelzner, M.D.

With all the various information floating around these days about whether or not COVID-19 numbers are going up or down, one thing that never changes is long COVID is a serious debilitating condition.

Long COVID is a condition that arises after acute infection and often includes shortness of breath, fatigue, and "brain fog," but can also involve a wide range of incapacitating problems in the heart, brain, lungs, stomach and other organs.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), most people with COVID-19 get better within weeks of illness, but others experience post-COVID conditions, with a variety of symptoms that people can experience for as long as a month or perhaps much longer.

Although some or all of these symptoms may first appear during an initial infection, they may linger or return after a month or more. It's also possible that new symptoms may develop lasting for weeks, months or more than a year.

Anyone of any age, may be afflicted with long COVID. Although post-COVID conditions appear to be less common in children and adolescents than in adults, long-term effects do occur in

children and adolescents. CDC studies have reported long lasting symptoms in children who had both mild and severe COVID-19, including children who previously had multisystem inflammatory syndrome.

There is still much to learn about long COVID, and the CDC continues efforts to pinpoint how common post-COVID conditions are, who is most likely to get them, and why some symptoms eventually improve for some people and may last longer for others.

Experiencing post COVID conditions can be confusing and frustrating. To determine the most helpful steps you can take to help those afflicted with long COVID, first listen with compassion and ask questions about what they need.

This CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/howrightnow/resources/index.html>

provides helpful tools for navigating conversations about the type of support someone with post-COVID conditions may need. The CDC suggests employers can support their employees with post-COVID conditions by offering flexible leave and work schedule policies, and by providing access to employee assistance programs.

The best way to avoid long COVID is to do everything possible to prevent acquiring COVID-19 to begin with. For people who are eligible, getting vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as you can is the best way to prevent getting COVID-19 and can also help protect those around you.

People who believe they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their health care provider immediately. If you are ill with flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, please call your health center or clinic before coming to your appointment. If you are an Eskenazi Health patient, please call 317-880-7666 before coming to your appointment. *Health care professionals are available 24/7 to answer questions on symptoms and direct you to the most appropriate care. It is important to first call before arriving at Eskenazi Health.*



Personal Recollections

By Fred Shonk

WITH KIDS MY AGE

I lived on Madison Avenue when I was a very young boy. Madison Avenue was a two-lane state highway at that time. Because of traffic and no sidewalks, I was required to just play in our yard. There were no other children around my age near us on our side of the street. I pretty much learned how to play outside by myself.

So, other than cousins, my first experiences with other kids my age came when I started attending Mrs. Huntington's kindergarten that was located on Epler Avenue between Shelby and US 31.

Her kindergarten was located in her house for half-day sessions with no meals provided. The house is still there. I don't remember how I traveled back and forth to those classes. My dad was working and mom didn't drive. I first met some of my grade school and high school classmates at that kindergarten.

The next school year, I began first grade at Edgewood Grade School. I remember my classroom and teacher very well. I was still the young boy who didn't have many friends at that time. There might have been three or four kids in my first-grade classroom that I knew from kindergarten.

There was a girl in that classroom that I was very impressed with. She sat on the opposite side of the room. I enjoyed hearing her answer questions and making comments. She was cute and had a wonderful personality.

I personally didn't respond much in class and had not developed a personality yet. I'm fairly sure that I never ever had a conversation with her. Her name is Sharon Brinkoetter-Kinder and we are now friends. We have stayed connected through class reunions and class lunches.

During my first-grade year, I was adopted by a young second-grade girl. We hung out together during recess and lunchtime. I owe so much to Helen Hardigan, now Hardigan-Moeller after marrying Fritz Moeller. They owned Moeller's Grocery in Southport.

When I moved on to second grade, the James Whitcomb Riley building opened to accommodate first- and second-grade students. Helen and I could only visit by standing at the edge of the dividing line that separated the two schools' recess areas.

Helen and I reconnected a bit when my father and I had a vehicle repair garage that was located on the other side of the street from Moeller's Grocery.

Sharon Kinder and I enjoy sharing things using e-mail and Facebook. We generally attend our monthly class lunches. Sharon has had a tough year and she has missed a few of the lunches during this time. Everyone was so happy to see her getting better and able to join us again for our lunches.

A few weeks ago, I received a message from one of her daughters who said that Sharon had a birthday coming up. She was planning a surprise birthday-card party. Having a real live party during this pandemic didn't seem like a good idea. So, many of her family and friends are sending her a birthday card.

Some will arrive a few days early. Some will arrive on exactly the proper day and probably a few will show up a bit late.

I mailed mine last Friday. Her birthday is March 1. Our monthly lunch is the very next day, March 2. This edition of *The Southsider Voice* will be available also on March 2. I hope Sharon will be able to attend this month. We are going to have fun.

Happy Birthday, Sharon. I bet you are going to enjoy being 30!



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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

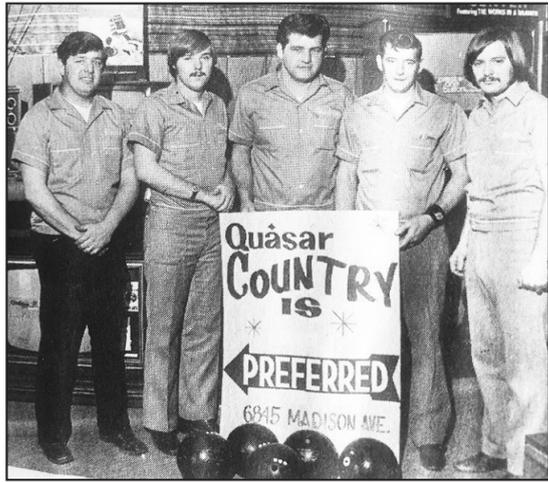
Preliminary plans for a \$400,000 addition to Manual High School were approved by the Indianapolis School Board of Commissioners. The project called for more classrooms, print and auto shops and an enlarged library.

Beech Grove resident H.M. Grenoble was named manager of the Merchants Bank that opened at Hanna Avenue and Shelby Street.

J.C. Penney in Southern Plaza, 4200 S. U.S. 31, held a celebration to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the company's founding in Kemmerer, Wyo., in 1902. The gala featured special sales, style shows, a hot dog and a soft drink for 10 cents and free carnival rides.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1972

Plans were unveiled for the Keystone South Racquet Club, which would include a tennis center and handball courts.



The bowling team sponsored by Preferred TV, owned by Lorn and Ivan Kidwell and located at 6845 Madison Ave., was in first place in the Thompson Auto Supply League at Sport Bowl. The squad featured (from left) Marion Williams, Paul Cummings, Marvin Williams, Jim Long, Mike Young and Dave Roberts; not pictured: Dave Roberts.

Manual High School students Patricia Walker, Connie Hill, Brenda Chaszar, Janice Gordon, Suzanne Nicks and Debbie Murray earned gold keys in the Scholastic Art competition. Those receiving honorable mention were Faith Housam, Rowena Bush, Margo Dale, Daniel Lucas, Carol Komann, Terry Bevers, Joan Kriese, Calvin Davis, Carlos Inman, Donna Kirby, Michael Jent, Dianne Newport, Bill Reading, Debbie Murray and Russell Lindsey.

40 Years Ago This Week - 1982

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

30 Years Ago This Week - 1992

Don Horton and Dave Strietelmeier announced their candidacies for the Perry Township Board of Education.

Dr. Sandra K. Norman, who worked out of the South U.S. 31 Veterinary Clinic, was elected to serve as treasurer of the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association.

The boys basketball team at Southport High School was seeking its sixth consecutive sectional championship. Coach Bill Springer's squad featured Aaron Baker, Mike Ausbrooks, John Rhodes, Mike Metzger, Jared Franklin, Damon Miles, Andy Moore, Rick Nickels, Leon Northern, Phil Huck, Chris Robertson, Daniel Scott, assistant coach Bruce Kalb and student managers James Brandt and Mark Bristol.

20 Years Ago This Week - 2002

Human rights activists and city leaders marched on 16th and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. streets to Monument Circle to highlight the plight of the homeless. Organizers had anticipated a large turnout, but a wind chill factor below zero kept many people away (I recall freezing my butt off while covering the event).



Glens Valley Elementary students Kevin Black, Josh Hicks and Cody McGrath, seen with physical education teacher Dianna Hall, raised the most money in the school's fundraiser for the National Heart Association. They and their classmates collected nearly \$10,000.

The Kiwanis International Foundation awarded its Robert P. Connelly Medal to Sharon Beeler for saving the life of Brandon Green, who nearly drowned in a retention pond near U.S. 31 and Epler Avenue.

Perry Meridian senior Katrina Gossett was awarded an \$8,000 grant from the Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis for achieving academic excellence while facing many hardships.

Perry Meridian won its first boys swimming and diving sectional title in 18 years. Team members were Ross Baron, Aaron Cantrell, Rafel Chomicz, Brian Vurtis, Ronak Desai, Mark Ellis, Josiah Ewing, Robert Funk, Russel Heath, Geoff Kamp, Stephen Kempf, Eri Kohlmann, Brett Lauerman, Greg Lynn, Shawn Meyer, Adam Moss, David Papineau, Patrick Riedl, Jeff Ringer, Manual Sexauer, Daniel Slightom, Chris Stumpf, Peta Tashev, Cameron Taylor, Charles Walker, William Wolfe and coaches Julie Carey, Chris Hiller and Erin Tracy.



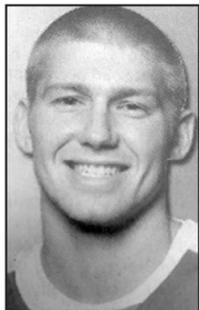
Katie Burke was among the many students who displayed their artwork during the Perry Township Education Foundation's art show and benefit dinner, which raised more than \$23,000.

10 Years Ago This Week - 2012

Steve and Sharon Coffman purchased Eckstein Shoes and Repairs in Beech Grove. The business, established in 1923, would be managed by their son, Jim.

Beech High School swimmer Richard Conway was recognized for his athletic and academic achievements.

Hanover College basketball player Mike Case, son of Dianna and Tim Case and a graduate of Southport High School, was named a second-team Academic All-American. Case, a physiology and kinesiology major with a 3.88 GPA, was just one of 15 NCAA Division III players to earn the distinction.



Mike Case

OBITUARIES

BARBARA ANN DUNCAN (Daringer) passed away peacefully on February 25, 2022, in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was born July 1, 1939. Barb was an avid yard sale and auction house shopper over the years. She loved to haggle and make everyone laugh. She was preceded in death by her dear husband of 62 years Larry Duncan who passed on December 14, 2021. Her parents Freda and Everett Daringer, and her brother Ron Daringer. She is survived by her three children Beth (Tim) McAllen, Barbs (David) Pharr, and Larry (Bud) Duncan. Her six grandchildren are John (Katherine) McAllen, Kerry (Jonathan) Hart, Austin Duncan, Celina Pharr, Samatha Duncan, Katelyn Duncan. Her siblings Paula Stewart, Judy Innizzi, and Raymond Daringer. There will be a private celebration of life on Monday, February 28, 2022. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in her memory to the American Cancer Society.



PAID OBITUARY

GARNET COOK, loving husband, father, son, nephew, uncle, and friend to many others, entered into eternal rest at the age of 45 on February 22, 2022. A resident of Indianapolis, IN - he was born on March, 1976 in Indianapolis, IN to Garnet Cook and Veronica Kays. He was a proud graduate from Decatur Central High School in the class of 1994. Garnet owned and worked at Gems Auto Sales where his business flourished through hard work and dedication of many friends and family members. He enjoyed family, friends, and fun. If it isn't a night in the garage hanging out eating something good off the grill, it may be a night of catching up whilst playing cards talking about old times. From playing cornhole out on the sidewalk, singing karaoke in the garage, or watching a Colts game; Garnet Cook was the sun in which his friends and family group would revolve around and gravitate towards. His personality and willingness to selflessly give and be there for all was unprecedented. Garnet leaves behind to treasure his memory many family and friends including but not limited to, his wife, Dana Cook; sons, Garnet, Elijah, Christopher; daughters, Ashlyn, Kaitlyn, Sidney, and Emily; step children, Scotty and William; parents, Garnet and Veronica; sister, Paige; brother, Mark; granddaughter, Charlotte; along with many other family members both blood and not blood. Visitation was held Saturday at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135, Greenwood, Indiana, and funeral services were held on Monday. Memorial contributions may be made to <https://www.gofundme.com/garnet-cook-memorial-fund>. Please share memories, photographs and online condolences with the family at www.ghherrmann.com



PAID OBITUARY

BARBARA BOGUE ANDERSON, 99, daughter, Lynne Tanksley; one grandson; two great-grandchildren.

ANNE APPLAGATE WOLFE BEDAN, 86, husband Jack Bedan, Sr.; children, Jack Jr., Kevin, Gregory and Kathryn Bedan; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; siblings Carol Lee Woods, Lynne Rude, Jan McKnew.

DONNA JEAN BENEDICK, 73, husband, John Benedick, Sr.; children, Gloria Mills, Tammy Donovan, John Benedick, Jr., Linda Ellis, Kim Brydges, Bruce Benedick, Cathy Smith, Shannon Thinner and her bonus son, Brian Hyde; sisters, Diana Cox, Judy Pfaffenberger and Sue Caldwell; 19 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

EDWARD DEAN BYLSMA, 73.

JAY PATRICK "PAT" CALVERT, 81, widower of Rita M. Calvert; children, Lisa Sutton, Jay Calvert, Andrea Sanders, Angela Calvert; 11 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; sister, Sue Wincel.

DONALD RAYMOND CORN, widower; children, Richard Corn and Donna Pierce.

KENNETH RAY CURRY, 91, wife, Sandra Curry; daughter, Tamara Story.

DeeAnn Mae Edwards, 40, children, Abigail and Logan; her mother Ramona Sapp; father Howard Edwards; siblings Lori and Sabrina.

AARON W. HOBSON, 49, mom, Wanda Phillips; siblings Jonathan Jaye (JJ) and Robin Lynn Mills.

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JOSEPH SCOTT KELLERMEYER, 56, children, Taylor and Michael; siblings, Steven, Scott, Terri Moyer; one granddaughter.

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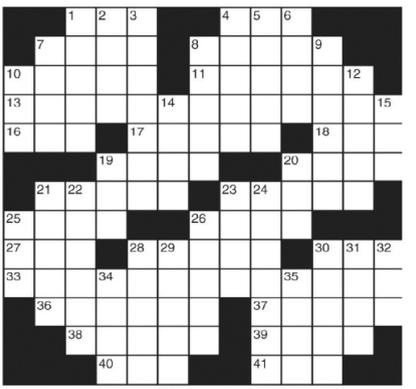
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ACROSS

- 1 Chaps
- 4 Insane
- 7 Location
- 8 Skeptical sort
- 10 Original "Trivial Pursuit" edition
- 11 Traitor
- 13 Benedict
- 13 Monopoly avenue neighboring "Go"
- 16 Winehouse or Poehler
- 17 Wooden strips
- 18 I love (Lat.)
- 19 Big party
- 20 Always
- 21 Fischer's game
- 23 Cloys
- 25 "Hey, sailor!"
- 26 Legend
- 27 - de Janeiro
- 28 Occurrence
- 30 Hot tub
- 33 1970s TV hospital drama
- 36 Ending that may be grand
- 37 Point-and-click device
- 38 Follow
- 39 Bridge, in Brest



DOWN

- 1 TV's "The - Project"
- 2 Needle case
- 3 Gets snug and cozy
- 4 Gift from a wise man
- 5 Paquin and Pavlova
- 6 "My Heart Will Go On" singer
- 7 Appear to be
- 8 - blanche
- 9 Stick firmly
- 10 "Today Show" rival, for short
- 12 Knighted women
- 14 Chows down
- 15 Neither mate
- 19 "30 Rock" star
- 20 Biblical verb ending
- 21 Main
- 22 Sweatshirt that can cover you
- 23 Harmonization
- 24 Try
- 25 Upper limb
- 26 Brawl
- 28 PayPal
- 29 currency
- 29 Neither
- 30 "Beat the Clock" challenge
- 31 Nuisance
- 32 Exist
- 34 Quaint stop-overs
- 35 Middy

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: Q equals T

MH O FUDOWQMP PUBVYN HFUD
JOFAOJ NWR BY LNQQMWL
ANYOFOQNR, XUB DMLKQ AOX
QKNX OFN YUVNA OYOFQ.



Bulletin Board

IN-PERSON STORYTIME RESUMES

In-person storytime returns to the Beech Grove branch library, 1102 Main St., Thursday, March 3, at 11 a.m. Storytime with stories, songs and fun is for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers and their parents or caregivers. No registration. Info, 317-275-4560 or visit: indypl.org/locations/beech-grove.

SENSORY CELEBRATION AT GPL

The Greenwood Public Library kicks off its sensory celebration week with a family program featuring pediatric therapist and author Stephany Jenkins, Monday, March 7 at 6 p.m. This family-friendly event is open to families and children. Patrons can enjoy a music session with Dynamic Music Services, Inc., afterwards. Today's Champions will be on hand to give away backpacks on a first-come, first-serve basis. The library is at 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Info: 317-881-1953 or visit, greenwoodlibrary.us.

GCA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR

Christian colleges and universities will have representatives at a Christian College Fair, Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Greenwood Christian Academy High School, 1495 W. Main St., Greenwood. The fair is open to high school students and parents. Info: ChristianCollegeFairs.com.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

A five-week Lenten Series of sharing and discussion begins Tuesday, March 8, 10 a.m., at the Benedict Inn, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. The first session is titled, Attitude and Gratitude. The series continues March 15, Grace in the Moment; March 22, All is Grace; March 29, Trust-The Bridge to Joy; and April 5, Empty to Full. Cost is \$100 for the series or \$25 per session. Patty Moore is the facilitator. The series is based on One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp. Journals provided. Info: 317-788-7581 or visit, www.benedict.org.

STORYTIME AT DECATUR LIBRARY

Children through five years old and their caregivers can enjoy stories at the Decatur branch library, 5301 Kentucky Ave., Wednesday, March 16, 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. After storytime, children and caregivers can stay for play time and literacy activities. No registration. Children, 2 years and older, and adults are required to wear a mask. Stay after stories are finished for some literacy activities and play time. No registration required. Info: 317-275-4330.

MIDWEEK MEET AND EAT

The next Midweek Meet and Eat at the Hornet Park Community Center is Wednesday, March 16 at 6 p.m., and features a not-so-typical movie night, "The Wizard of Oz." Patrons can dress as their favorite character from the movie and dance, sing or act along with favorite songs and scenes. The evening includes dinner, popcorn, and more goodies. Also, important severe weather safety information will be available with activity sheets for kids. Info: hornetparkcommunity-center.com.

PAINT YOUR 'ART' OUT

Teens are invited to try the abstract art technique called paint scraping and create unique and eye catching art pieces at the Decatur branch library, Thursday, March 17, 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Supplies provided. Register and info: 317-275-4330 or online at www.indypl.org/locations/decatur.

PRACTICE, RACE-DAY STAFF OPENINGS

Whiteland Raceway Park is making preparations for the 2022 season of outdoor cart competition. The facility is seeking to add personnel to its daily practice and race-day staff for the new season. The track is at 654 N. Front St., Whiteland. If interested and to set up an interview, call 317-800-1648 or email customers@racewrp.com.



Solution time: 25 mins.
Answers
King Crossword

If a romantic couple from Warsaw end up getting separated, you might say they are Poles apart.
answer
CryptQuip

"Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans."
- John Lennon

SPORTS

CG'S CRIST CLIMBS PODIUM FOUR TIMES



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Center Grove senior sprint swimmer Garrett Crist capped his high school career by climbing the podium (top eight) four times Saturday in the IHSAA swimming and diving state finals at the IUPUI Natatorium. Crist, shown during his signing with the University of Southern Indiana, was eighth in the 200-yard intermediate and the 100 backstroke. He also was on two seventh-place relay teams with teammates Connor Conkin, Ben Clarkston, and Evan Hernandez in the 200 medley relay. Crist was the anchor on the 200-freestyle relay with Clarkston, Hernandez, and Harrison Hite. In veteran coach Jim Todd's final meet as the Trojans' coach, CG was eighth with 75 points. Carmel won its eighth straight state title with 381 points.

CG'S BUCHANAN RECEIVES SPECIAL AWARD



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Center Grove senior Drake Buchanan, who won the IHSAA state wrestling championship in the 182-pound class Feb. 19, is the recipient of the Ward Brown Mental Attitude Award during ceremonies after the title matches at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. Buchanan is with parents Joel and Martha Buchanan and an Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance representative who presented a \$1,000 scholarship to CGHS in honor of the state champion wrestler. This is the first time a Center Grove wrestler has received the award and the first recipient from a Southside high school since 1970.

BG, Whiteland collide in thriller before facing sectional opponents

By Al Stille
Editor

Back and forth it went in the fourth quarter – this regular-season finale Friday night as two league champions – Indiana Crossroads champ Beech Grove and Mid-State champ Whiteland – collided in a nail-biting sectional tune-up in Glenn Ray Gymnasium.

Beech Grove pulled out a come-from-behind thriller, 62-60 on a 3-pointer by junior Jeremiah Alexander and a free throw by senior Damon Thompkins. A final drive to the goal and shot by Whiteland's Wyatt McLaughlin hung on the rim but fell off.

The tight contest actually left both coaches, Beech Grove's Mike Renfro and Whiteland's Nate Cangany, somewhat grateful for this final pre-sectional tension that ended the regular season. Beech Grove (15-6) opened Tuesday night in the 3A Speedway Sectional. Whiteland (14-9) faces either Shelbyville (12-11) or Franklin (8-14) in the Friday semifinal at the 4A Greenwood Sectional at 7:30 p.m.

Seeking a fourth straight sectional championship, BG's Renfro explained, "All the games from here on out are going to be tight; so playing a close game like this does nothing but prepare you better for the tournament.

"We're not hunting any more; we're the hunted," Renfro remarked. "There's a big bullseye on our back so we're going to get everybody's best shot. Tournament time always has a different feel, a different flavor - we're going to play the best we can."

Whiteland's Warriors are Mid-State and Johnson County champions for the first time in the program's history. With four seasoned seniors, the Warriors will chase its first-ever 4A sectional trophy at Greenwood. Their last title came in 3A at Greensburg in 2002.

"Honestly, the last game of the season, I think I want the test," Whiteland coach Cangany said after its last home game. "I want us to have to play like this and have that feeling of a close game, to get after it to be successful versus getting that false hope of beating somebody 25 to 25 points."

The third-year Warriors coach continued, "Obviously we wanted the win. We've played two tough teams in our last two games (New Palestine and Beech Grove); we'll learn from it and move on."

The Warriors enjoyed a six-game winning streak before dropping three of their last four games. Whiteland enters the Greenwood Sectional with the only winning record among the six teams in the field.

"We know we can do something special this week," Cangany said. "It's been a special season so far; for now, it's the next goal. We have to have a championship week of practice to win the championship at the end of the week."

At Whiteland Friday, the Warriors controlled the first 21 minutes until the Hornets launched a 9-0 surge and closed to 45-43 to end the third quarter. Senior Kyson Jones pushed the hosts ahead 47-43. BG's Anthony Ball put the Hornets ahead (48-47) after rebounding his own missed free throw for a short fielder with 5:40 left.

That's when the combatants swapped the lead four times and tied it three times - until Alexander hit a go-ahead 3-pointer for a

Whiteland Warriors seniors



Dylan Gross Drew Higdon Kyson Jones Max Sullivan



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLE) Mike Renfro huddles with the Hornets.



Whiteland coach Nate Cangany urges the Warriors.

61-60 lead. The Hornets later came up with a steal and Thompkins hit a free throw with six seconds. McLaughlin rebounded Alexander's second free-throw attempt to set up Whiteland's last shot.

Ball, who came off the bench, led the Hornets with 18 points and seven rebounds with 12 points from Alexander and two valuable 3-pointers among his eight points.

Junior Austin Willoughby paced Whiteland with 16 points and seniors Drew Higdon added 15 points and Max Sullivan had 12 points and six rebounds.

SECTIONAL TITLE GAMES

Perry Meridian and Center Grove are in IHSAA playoff action for the first time Friday. Each team drew a bye and did not play Tuesday. The Falcons (8-13) meet either Southport (12-11) or Pike (14-8) in a semifinal title at 6 p.m. at Ben Davis. CG (10-12) meets Franklin Central (8-13) or Greenwood (9-13) also at 7:30 p.m. at Greenwood. Friday night winners advance to championship games Saturday night.

Beech Grove played Tuesday in the Speedway Sectional and Greenwood Christian (15-9) and Lutheran (15-5) met different opponents on opening night Tuesday.

WHITELAND HONORS 1944 INDIANA ALL-STAR



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLE)

Descendants of the late Jay McClain honor the 1944 Indiana All-Star from Whiteland High School in on-court ceremonies Friday at Glenn Ray Gymnasium. McClain's sons, Mike and Mark, hold their father's commemorative jersey that will be on display at the high school. The all-star team was named but never honored due to World War II until 25 years later by the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Ceremonies were conducted before the start of the Beech Grove-Whiteland basketball game.

BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM SHARES MID-STATE



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

The Whiteland Warrior Boys Basketball team added another title to its 2021-2022 resume. Their win over Martinsville Friday, Feb. 18, earned them a share of the Mid-State Conference title for the first time since 2002.

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Mayor Myers praises Greenwood's 'strongest financial position'

By Al Stilley
Editor

Retired quarterback Tom Brady's favorite motivating statement to his teammates is: "Let's go."

Greenwood Mayor Mark W. Myers re-emphasized Thursday that his favorite is: "Let's go to work."

That's how Myers concluded his 11th State of the City address to more than 200 business leaders, community advocates and residents Thursday at The Nest Event Center in Greenwood.

The annual speech recapped his administration's decade-plus history of strong balance sheets, disciplined fiscal approach, infrastructure improvements and quality-of-life investments.

"Quality of life isn't just about our public amenities," Myers said. "It is also about our low tax rate, low crime rate, our continued economic development and strategic investments, and our improved infrastructure."

Myers continued, "We pride ourselves on investing in and delivering the best quality of life to residents and visitors. I am proud to report to you that we are in our strongest financial position ever."

Myers emphasized Greenwood's municipal tax rate is the lowest among all Indiana municipalities of 10,000 residents or more. He also spoke to the city's strong economic development progress since he came to office in 2011, including creation of 4,400 jobs and the establishment of new businesses, such as ERMCO, which moved its headquarters to Greenwood last year.

In addition, Myers reported that the city's public safety team is fully staffed and bolstered by new crime-fighting technology.

Most notably, he detailed the use of the Greenwood Police Department's four new license-plate reader cameras deployed throughout the city. In 2021, these strategically placed cameras resulted in the recovery of 25 stolen vehicles, four missing persons and four wanted persons.

On infrastructure, Myers described construction progress on the Greenwood Fieldhouse, which is approaching completion, and development of The Madison, an \$83 million redevelopment project that will include residential units, commercial development and a 500-space parking garage in the heart of downtown.

He further highlighted the completion of vital city projects including the Tracy Ditch lift station and Lakeview gate valve and aeration system.

The mayor, who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's, re-emphasized that his health is good and that his medical regimen and kickboxing activities are helping him to feel better.

He also used the occasion to announce that he will seek a fourth term as mayor in the upcoming municipal primary elections



(SUBMITTED PHOTO) Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers appears comfortable while putting the finishing touches on his state-of-the-city address that he delivered later Thursday in front of 200 civic leaders.

"We pride ourselves on investing in and delivering the best quality of life to residents and visitors. I am proud to report to you that we are in our strongest financial position ever."
- Mayor Mark Myers

this year.

The state-of-the-city event was hosted by Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance and sponsored by Duke Energy and Van Valer Law Firm plus Johnson Memorial Health and GCG Investments.

Myers concluded his address with his familiar call to action to move forward: "It's year 11; let's get to work."

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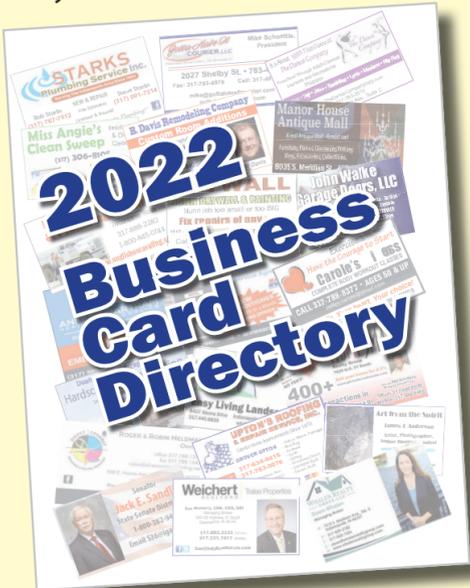
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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The bold Bovine could find a new opportunity too intriguing to be ignored. But don't charge into it. Go slowly so you see how things develop as you get more involved.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might try to soften your stand on that important issue. A little more flexibility actually could get you what you're looking for. A new friend enters the picture midweek.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your inner

voice is on the mark when it advises you to tackle that family problem now! The sooner you're able to come to terms with it, the better it will be for everyone.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Someone reveals important news about a longtime associate. But before you decide how to deal with this information, make sure it's reliable, and not simply self-serving.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some intensive soul-searching early in the week can help you reach a decision by week's end that should please both you and the other person involved. Good luck.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The possibility of a career change is intriguing.

Learn more about what it can offer and what it cannot. Weigh everything carefully. And ask questions.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Work is your priority this week as you try to make up for lost time. Expect help from someone who cares about you. Things take a welcome turn by the weekend.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A health problem causes some anxiety early in the week. But prompt medical attention soon eases everyone's concerns. Enjoy an arts-filled weekend.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) As much as you might resent it, a changing situation could require you to adjust your

plans accordingly. The good news: An associate agrees to cooperate.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) That old problem is finally resolved, just in time for you to take on a new work-related project. This one could be the super door-opener you've been looking for.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The early part of the week presents some difficult hurdles. But once you get over them, you can start to focus on matters that are more important to you.
BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and your dedication to doing the right thing, no matter how difficult that might be.



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