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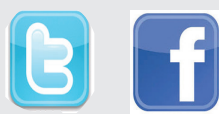
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## GCA reaches Final Four



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY NATHAN PACE)

Greenwood Christian Academy players, from left, senior Alexis Mead and juniors Savvanah Frye and Izzy Reed, lift high the IHSAA Semistate trophy at Southwestern (Shelby County) High School, Saturday night with the approval of cheering teammates, sophomores Chloe Grider and Ellie Bigelow. The Cougars play No. 1 Loogootee at 4 p.m. Saturday in Jasper with the winner advancing to the 1A state championship game, Saturday, Feb. 29.

By Al Stille  
Editor

A miracle finish and a gritty performance Saturday propelled Greenwood Christian Academy's girls' basketball team to the IHSAA tournament Final Four.

The determined Cougars came from behind against different Class A opponents to capture the program's first regional championship at Southwestern (Shelby County)

High School.

In their first game, the Cougars trailed Jac-Cen-Del by 11 points late in the third quarter but miraculously outscored the Eagles, 24-3, for a 61-49 win.

Then in the nightcap, gritty GCA with two players in foul trouble answered every threat by North Central in a tense second half and pulled away for a 74-65 triumph.

Afterward, GCA's lone senior Alexis Mead explained the theme

of the day: "We did not want to go home."

Simply put, the Cougars reached deep within to keep this history-making ride alive Saturday.

They survived with two comebacks and will play No. 1 Loogootee (25-2) at 4 p.m. Saturday in the Jasper Semistate. An historic win Saturday sends the No. 8 Cougars to

See "Final Four" Page 6

## Retired WWII veteran helps Westwood students read

By Al Stille  
Editor

Westwood Elementary School third-grader Ramon Harris sits down at a table in the school library, opens a book and begins to read.

With an infectious smile, he stops before turning the first page and puts on an oversize white-and-red hat. Harris, who was a newcomer at the westside Greenwood school this year, is not sitting alone.

The hat belongs to retired World War II veteran Tom Foster, who has lived on the Southside for most of his life. Foster looks at Ramon and they look at the book, "Fly Guy and the Frankenfly." Ramon starts reading. Foster occasionally interrupts him and makes sure he knows how to spell some of the words.

Foster, 95, is in his 16th year as a volunteer mentor at Westwood where he helps youngsters read. He volunteered through



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLE)

Retired World War II veteran Tom Foster, 95, reads with third-grader Ramon Harris at Westwood Elementary School in Greenwood.

See "Students read" Page 6

## Books & Brews: new concept for food, drinks and fun

By Al Stille  
Editor

What better way to enjoy an afternoon or evening than playing a board game, enjoying comfort food and a craft beer?

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Fechtman, who is finishing his third children's book, experienced Books & Brews for the first time a few years ago in Broad Ripple with his young daughter Paisley.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLE)

Books & Brews South Indy co-owner Keith Fechtman takes a break at location near the University of Indianapolis.

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## 12 Southside wrestlers aim at state titles

By Al Stille  
Editor

Twelve wrestlers from five Southside high schools will compete in the IHSAA State Finals at Bankers Life Fieldhouse downtown Friday and Saturday.

Roncalli qualified four wrestlers, including four-time semistate champion Brayden Lowery, 126 pounds, and 2017 state champion and four-time semistate winner Alec Viduya, 145 pounds. Freshman Bryce Lowery won the 106-pound semistate title at New Castle.

Viduya and Bryce Lowery are undefeated. Senior teammate Sam Slivka, third place at New Castle, also qualified for the State Finals.

Perry Meridian is sending a trio of semistate champions to the "big show" downtown.

In all-Southside title matches at New Castle, sophomore Matthew Koontz, 132 pounds, defeated Southport junior Luke Goodwin, 5-1, and junior Aiden Warren, 182 pounds, defeated Lutheran's Hayden Filipovich, 5-3. Goodwin and Filipovich also qualified for the State Finals.

Perry Meridian junior Alex Cottey, 113, also won at New Castle.

Roncalli was third and Perry Meridian was fifth in team points.

Three Center Grove wrestlers qualified for state from the Evansville Semistate.

Sophomore Hayden Watson, who has lost only one match this season, won the 132-pound title. Teammates, sophomore Drake Buchanan, was runner-up in the 182 finale and junior Riley Rust was fourth in 145. The Trojans were fourth in points at Evansville.

The state finals begin Friday at 6 p.m. Quarterfinals begin at 9:30 a.m., Saturday with championship matches at 7:30 p.m.

The 132-pound class features three Southside wrestlers.

Undefeated Viduya seeks his second state title. "Alec did a great job staying aggressive and persistent in executing his offensive style of wrestling," Roncalli coach Wade McClurg said. "He is excited for the opportunity ahead of him."

McClurg also praised Brayden Lowery for pinning opponents at New Castle, Bryce Lowery for his improvement and gritty performances against quality opponents and Slivka for qualifying from a rugged semistate class.

Admission to the State Finals is \$10 per session or \$20 for both days.

Info: www.ihsaa.org.  
(Note: Roncalli sports information director Rob Brown contributed to this story.)

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# Kelly's Korner

By Kelly Sawyers, publisher  
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## PARTNERSHIP WITH BUBBA'S 33



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY KELLY SAWYERS)

Bubba's 33's general manager, Doug Lunnemann, left, and Sarah Clark-Carson, legendary store marketer, right, have partnered with Bob White, center, board president of Keenan-Stahl Boys and Girls Club and community outreach representative of *The Southsider Voice*. The three entities will be hosting a food drive the month of April at Bubba's 33, 7799 S. U.S. 31. For each canned food or non-perishable donation, individuals who donate items will receive a FREE appetizer for their next visit.

## SELLING GIRL SCOUT COOKIES IN THE SUNSHINE ON SATURDAY



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY KELLY SAWYERS)

Anna Faucett and Braeleigh Mazalouskas, of Franklin Township, Troupe 735, were selling Girl Scout cookies, outside of Rural King on Saturday. Luckily for them and their moms, it was sunny and 45 degrees.

## KINDNESS AT CLINTON YOUNG SCHOOL



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Staff members at Clinton Young Elementary School used Valentine's Day as a reminder to students to show love throughout the community and be the "I" in "kind" every day. Staff members are, from left, front row, Lauren Smith, Shannon Petree, JoHanna Finneran, back row, Jackie Phelps, Randyn Payne, and Kathleen Spencer.

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## Perry Township Schools

### Butler Scholarships at PMHS

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It is our hope that, upon graduation, every student will pursue a plan: postsecondary education, employment, or military enlistment. We strive to send educated, capable young adults into the world regardless of the path they choose. As we approach this year's commencement, it's truly a joy to see our students' plans starting to take shape.

To continue their dream of a college education, Perry Meridian High School seniors Victor Barona and Amy Dilley were surprised with full academic scholarships to Butler University from its assistant director of admissions Whitney Ramsey and mascot Blue.

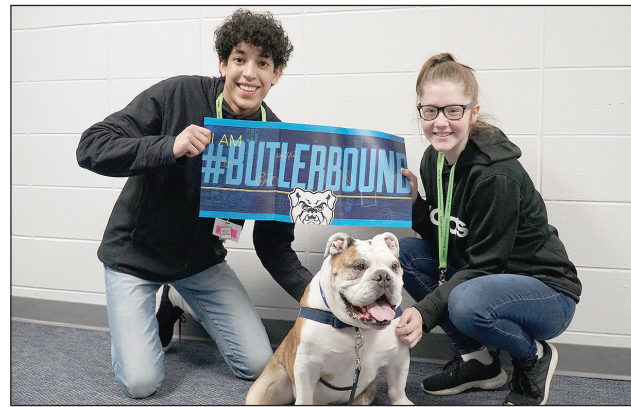
Ramsey surprised each student, as they sat in their classrooms, with the big news. Shocked, the scholars learned of their good fortune with the cheers of classmates, teachers, parents, and administrators. They also received the approval of Blue who wagged his tail with approval.

Barona is the recipient of the Dr. John Morton-Finney Leadership Scholarship, whose namesake was an alumnus of Butler and earned 11 degrees and practiced law for 53 years. He retired two years before his death at the age of 108, making him the oldest practicing attorney in Indiana. Dr. Morton-Finney believed in education and served the Indianapolis Public School system for 47 years as a teacher and administrator. Notably, he was also the oldest living member of the World War I Army unit of black soldiers known as the Buffalo Soldiers.

While academic performance is considered, the scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate an active leadership role to promote diversity and inclusion through high school and community activities. They must also engage in professional development opportunities. Barona plans to study accounting at Butler's Lacy School of Business. He is one of only five students, out of nearly 800 applicants, to receive the Leadership Scholarship.

Dilley's scholarship surprise came in her calculus class. She received the Butler Tuition Guarantee, which provides full tuition each year when combined with all federal, state, and University scholarships and grants. It's available to Marion County students who have a solid academic record, as well as participation in high school extracurricular activities and community service projects. Dilley also plans to study business at Butler's Lacy School. Dilley is one of 10 students to receive the award.

Postsecondary is a critical component of civic engagement, economic security, and success. We are thankful for the institutions and organizations that make education more accessible for those who desire to pursue degrees or special certifications.



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Perry Meridian seniors and Butler University scholarship recipients Victor Barona, left, and Amy Dilley meet Blue, the Butler mascot, at the high school.

## PLTW HONORS SOMMERS



Rosa Parks Elementary School teacher Kelli Sommers receives the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Outstanding Teacher Award from PLTW president and CEO Vince Bertram. Sommers was honored for her achievements with the PLTW Launch STEM program at the Perry Township school. She has promoted STEM instruction in the state, district and school and has encouraged students and teachers to work together and become problem solvers.

(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

## ECA VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Early Childhood Academy students, from left, Chloe Combs, Julie Thinhempar, Grayson Buesking, and Arella Austin surprise Perry Schools Supt. Pat Mapes, middle, with Valentine's Day cards.

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# Personal Recollections

By Fred Shonk

## MICHAEL'S SPECIAL T-SHIRT

Stuart and I have visited Madison Health Care to be with residents and staff members for over 11 years.

A couple of weeks ago on a visit, we started down the main hallway and noticed a wall poster in recognition of a resident of the month.

One of the residents that Stuart and I always enjoy visiting is Michael H., an Army veteran and a Colts fan, who was the resident of the month. He moves around in his wheelchair and always is in a good mood. He enjoys the programs at the health care center and spends time with Stuart. I was surprised to read on the poster that one of his dreams is to own a Hooters Restaurant.

Stuart and I continued down the hallway to the activity room where many of the residents were anxious to see and pet Stuart. Michael was in the activity room. I spoke loudly to the staff members and loudly asked who was the resident of the month?

From the far side of the room, Michael proudly shouted, "it's me, it's me!" I then asked him about his dream, and he answered, "Own a Hooters!" Residents and staff filled the room with laughter.

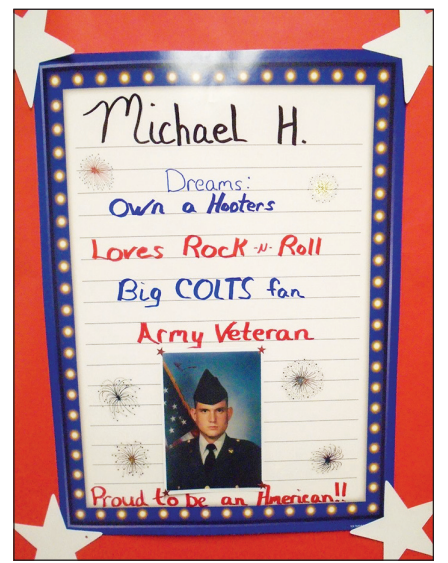
The following day, I was out and about on the Southside running some errands. I recalled the fun we had during that visit to Madison Health Care. I drove to the Hooters Restaurant on U.S. 31 and met the manager. I told him about Michael H. and his desire to own a Hooters. We talked and laughed a bit and then he walked over to a display where various Hooters apparel and items are for sale to customers.

He picked out a very nice Hooters T-shirt and said he would have all the lady servers sign the shirt. I was told to return in a couple of days and pick up the shirt. Stuart and I returned to Madison Health Care and told them about the shirt. They said the upcoming Valentine's Day party would be the ideal time to present the shirt.

On Valentine's Day, Stuart and I returned to the health care center for the party in the main dining room. Staff members helped me get everyone's attention. Stuart and I located Michael H. in the room and moved to him. I pulled the autographed Hooters T-shirt from the bag and handed it to him. His smile was immediate and amazing.

Together, we looked at the signatures and messages on his new shirt on a very special afternoon.

I'd like to again thank the folks at Hooters for all they did to make this possible. On our next visit, I want to see Michael H. wearing his new shirt.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY FRED SHONK)

Wall poster at Madison Health Care recognizes Michael H. as its resident of the month.



Michael H. shows off his Valentine's Day party surprise - an autographed Hooters T-shirt.

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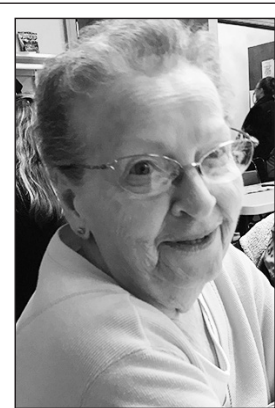
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# SOUTHSIDE DEATHS



PAID OBITUARY

**BARBARA J. WRIGHT, 87,** died Feb. 10. She was born June 28, 1932 in Indianapolis to Mary and Harlan Tucker. Barbara enjoyed cooking, taking care of her family and playing bingo. She married Robert C. Wright Feb. 12, 1949. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert; children (twins) Connie Jo Tibbetts and Donnie Wright; siblings, Betty, Charlotte and Nancy. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Robin and Robert Graves; siblings, Thelma, Charlie and Martha; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**COLTON (COLTIE BOY) ANDREW MATTHIAS, 24** of Indianapolis passed away February 16, 2020. Colton was born April 17, 1995 in Beech Grove, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his father, Mark Alan Matthias. He is survived by his mother, Debbie Harmon and his brother, Logan Alann Matthias. Memorial services are 11a.m. Saturday, February 22, 2020 at University Heights Christian Church, 4050 Shelby Street, Indianapolis, IN 46227.



PAID OBITUARY

**MICHAEL "MIKE" ANDERSON, 52,** widower of Kathryn Anderson; children, Cassandra Coulter, Tim Sinks, Steven Layman; father, Joseph Anderson; 20 grandchildren.

**MICHAEL DAVID CLOSE, 77,** wife, Candy; children, Patty Close, Jeff; siblings, Pat Knuppel, Ron Cook, Mark Close; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**RUTH ANN COOMER, 84,** widow of Vertrees Coomer, George David Hall; children, David and Bobby Hall, Sharon McKinney; eight siblings; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

**BARBARA KAY COYNER, 71,** husband, Father Alan Keith Coyner; children, Kevin A. Junken Coyner, Sarah E. Dorothea Bui-tendyk; sisters, Anita L. Stokes, Janet Junken Richardson; six grandchildren.

**MARY LOUISE DAEGER, 98,** widow of Roland Daeger; children, Thomas, Stephen and Greg Daeger, Barbara Tillman; sister, Betty Kocher; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren.

**HUGH DAVIS, 55,** children, Aaron Davis, Sara Smith; mother, Nancy Davis; sister, Nancy Ruf; three grandchildren.

**RICHARD CLIFTON DECKER, 36,** wife, Susan; children, Richard Decker II, Michelle Holt; siblings, Albert Decker, Rebecca Merriman, Cindy Whitaker, Janna Ottinger, Arlene Nicodemus; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

**DELORES J. DELON, 85,** widow of Donald C. Delon; children, Jeffrey Delon, Valerie Paul; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

**CHRISTINE LOUISE ERNST, 32,** mother, Joann S. Rosenbaum Ernst; brothers, Gary R. and Lonny A. Ernst.

**MARTHA W. FRANCIS, 96,** widow of Robert W. Francis; son, David W. Francis; one grandson; one great-granddaughter.

**MARCELE ANN MARIE "MARCY" GOLDMAN, 65,** sons, Sean and Tim Cox; two grandchildren.

**JAMES LLOYD GOOD, 84,** widower of Ruth Good; children, Connie Bowman, Kimberly Wise, Dawn Williamson, Nancy Hiatt, Natalie Wilkins, Jeff and Bryan Good; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson.

**FRANCES JUANITA HIX, 82,** widow of William Thomas Hix; daughter, Pamela Lunt; sister, Cheila Griffiths; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

**CHARLES HOLT, 80.**

**FRANK LEE HUBER, 80,** wife, Judy; children, Laura Barber, Kelli Bryant, Mark; two granddaughters.

**RODERICK W. "ROD" LAMBERT SR., 70,** wife, Pamela; children, Rod W. Jr., Tim and Michael Lambert, Sheila Barger, Brandi Pace; sister, Janice Williams; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

**VIRGIL J. LLOYD, 73,** wife, Danna K. Lloyd; children, Tonda Wells, Casey Lloyd; sister, Mary Jane Stump; six grandchildren.

**PAUL C. "PAPPY" MANGUS, 74,** wife, Diana; children, Kevin and Kathy Mangus, Kelly Hawk; twin sisters, Madonna Carter and Paulette Sanders; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

**THERESA MARIE MEYER, 93,** widow of Henry James "Bud" Meyer; children, Martin P., Gerry A., Sherry M. and Nancy A. Meyer, Lynn S. Baumann, Mary Beth Servie; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

**MARCELINO NICOLAS "MARCE" QUINTANA, 56,** mother, Maria Ochoa Quintana; siblings, Jesus Jr., Juan, Rolando, Carlos, Daniel, Maria; half siblings, Libby Ann, Nic, Tina, Angela, Luis.

**JOHN ALFRED RIVERA SR., 76,** children, Johnny A. Jr., Ronnie D., Angela M., Belinda R., Brandon M. and Joshua G. Rivera; siblings, Albert, Arnold, Fidel, Gilbert, Rose, Alicia, Mary, Amy, Rose; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; former spouse, Rose Rivera.

**SHELBY JACOB SCHAFFER, 99,** widower of Betty Boehm, Marian Stoelker; daughters, Shelby Peckinpaugh, Catherine Schutte; stepchildren, Barb Hassey, Rich Rowe; three granddaughters; one great-granddaughter.

**WILLIAM T. "WILL" SIMMERMAN, 46,** wife, Dawn; sons, Caleb and Ozzy; parents, Diane Simmerman and Billy D. Simmerman; sister, Osia Wallace.

**DARREL GALE TOWLES, 95,** widow of Pauline Towles; children, Max and Phillip Towles, Diana Ward; 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

**MARY E. WICKER, 81,** husband, Robert J. Wicker; children, Joseph A. Wicker, Elizabeth McCoy, Katherine Elmer; siblings, James, Thomas and Dr. Michael J. Deal; one grandson.

**CHARLES "BIG CHARLES" WILSON, 72,** children, Angela, Charles L., Brian, Anna; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

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# Reminiscing

By B. Scott Mohr  
A retrospective glance at the Southside  
From The Spotlight archives  
Courtesy of Perry Township/Southport Historical Society

**60 Years Ago This Week - 1960**  
Mary Annee was having a blast ice-skating until falling and breaking her arm.

A new electric washer and dryer cost \$298 at Verdie Harrell & Son, 4130 Madison Ave.

**50 Years Ago This Week - 1970**  
Charleston Apartments South, 8201 Madison Ave., leased two-, three- and four-bedroom apartments for \$175, \$210 and \$255 a month, respectively.

A pair of bell-bottom jeans cost \$1.94 at G.C. Murphy's in Fountain Square, where 30 Pampers diapers were 99 cents.

St. Catherine School elected eighth-graders George Berry and Gloria Jordan as its Valentine's Day king and queen. Their court included Joellyn Papesch, Geri DeHoff, James Cook and Joseph Walsh. Also pictured are teacher Mrs. Hernly and Sister Serena, principal.

**40 Years Ago This Week - 1980**  
The Metropolitan Development Commission was going to hear a zoning proposal that -- if successful -- would allow the construction of multifamily residences in the 4000-4200 blocks of South Meridian Street. *Spotlight* Publisher Jerry Cosby blasted the idea, citing that projects spearheaded and subsidized by Housing and Urban Development were known to result in blight. Just look at Raymond and Riley streets, 3200 Carson Ave. and Perkins and Raymond, he said.

The Fireside Shop in Southern Plaza, 4200 S. East St., had marked down all of its fireplace products by at least 25 percent.

McCarrel's Jewelers, 2610 Madison Ave., offered free ear piercing with the purchase of earrings.

Wisconsin Cheese on Wheels was selling 5-pound blocks of mozzarella and swiss cheese for \$9.95 and \$11.75, respectively, at the Zayre's parking lot on the Far Southside.

## 30 Years Ago This Week - 1990

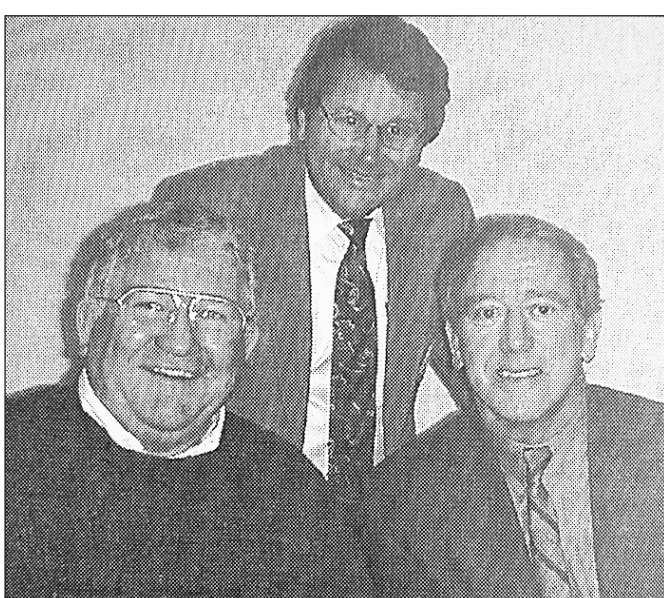


Now I lay me down to sleep. ... Amy Lakes lulled her brother Brian to sleep during a reading program at Indianapolis Public School 39.

Christine Collins, a seventh-grader at St. Mark and a member of the Indianapolis Children's Choir, was selected to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

## 20 Years Ago This Week - 2000

Southport High School senior Dan Houchin had his sight set on making the 2004 U.S. Olympics cycling team. He recently returned from a two-week training camp in Colorado Springs.



The Indianapolis Oldtimers Club named John "Wirty" Wirtz (left) as its Man of the Year for his longtime career in athletics and education as a participant, coach and high school teacher. He is seen with Archie Manning (right), who was the guest speaker at the club's annual dinner, and presenter Fritz Gantner.

Ilze Henkels Bye announced her candidacy for the Beech Grove School Board.

Marty's Restaurant & Lounge, 4066 Keystone Ave., was going to serve cajun prime rib, and red beans and rice for its "Marty" Gras celebration.

Roncalli senior Mike Hyde signed a letter of intent to play football for the University of Indianapolis.

## 10 Years Ago This Week - 2010

The Indianapolis Department of Transportation was going to re-surface 41 lane miles of roads on the Southside. The project included parts of Meridian and Raymond streets, Thompson Road and Edgewood Avenue.



Perry Meridian's freshman basketball team finished its season by defeating Ben Davis 39-19 to win the Marion County tournament. The squad featured (front, from left) Abi Corbett, Jessie Hsieh, Kelsey Mills, Elizabeth Schultheis, Lauren Spencer, Katie Kelly; (back) coach Andrea Hagenmaier, Kylie Mennel, Aspen Lovejoy and Olivia Annee.

Beech Grove senior swimmer Kelly Boyle was presented a certificate from coach Lori Wright for eclipsing the school record in the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 1 minute, 7.75 seconds.

Center Grove's girls swim team finished second in the state meet behind the efforts of Emma Schoettmer, Michelle McKeenan, Kristen Nunnally and Allie Day.

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# King Crossword

**ACROSS**  
1 See 12-  
12 Across  
5 Scoundrel  
8 Mine entrance  
12 With 1-  
Across, have trouble  
13 Bullring cheer  
14 Pianist Peter  
15 Fermi's bit  
16 Time on Earth  
18 Summer-house  
20 Deviating off course  
21 Albacore, e.g.  
23 - Aviv  
24 Help on "... Millionaire"  
28 Pealed  
31 Commotion  
32 Nuptial announcement  
34 Dead heat  
35 Legal wrong  
37 Shipwreck aid  
39 Bill and -  
41 Sea eagle  
42 Cover the cost up front  
45 Adjective modifier  
49 Organism  
51 Concept  
52 Finished  
53 Regret  
54 Whirlpool

**DOWN**  
1 Carpet style  
2 Silents  
actress Naldi  
3 The gamut  
4 Reproductive cell  
5 House style  
6 Boxer Muhammad  
7 Challenge  
8 Reply  
9 Remove hair

10 Persia, now  
11 Chinatown  
17 Dine  
19 Closed-up tulip  
22 Sandy's mistress  
24 Long, crosser  
25 "What can - for you?"  
26 Made to consume  
27 Put in a border, as a photo  
29 Zero  
30 Obtain  
33 Remit  
36 Drunkards  
38 Groups of quail  
40 LummoX  
42 Winter truck attachment  
43 Split  
44 Bygone times  
46 Icelandic epic  
47 Cincinnati team  
48 Chesapeake et al.  
50 Scoot

# 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: Y equals N

QEJY TFA'WJ YJRW JYFAUE  
CF WAY RWFAYH PY CEJ WRQ,  
P WJBLFY TFA'WJ QPCPEY  
OCWJRLPYU HPOCRYBJ.

**Southsiders' Bulletin Board**

**SUPPORT FOR GRIEVING YOUNGSTERS**  
Death is a part of the life cycle, but it's difficult for children and teens to grasp and make sense out of it. That's why Franciscan Health Hospice offers Caterpillar Kids, a free program that provides learning experiences for youths who have experienced the death of a loved one. Classes, including one for adults, will meet from 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesdays, April 1-29, at Christ United Methodist Church, 8540 S. U.S. 31. Registration is required. Info: Karla Riggs Norton at 317-528-2636.

**TEENS CAN LEARN ABOUT HEALTHCARE**  
Eskenazi Health is accepting applications for its VolunTeen Summer Program, which provides teenagers the opportunity to experience volunteerism in a healthcare environment. The initiative places a special emphasis on mentoring youth and preparing them for a future in healthcare. Participants will complete mock rotations throughout clinical and business offices. Four-week classes start June 1 and July 31. Info: Scott Lawson at 317-880-3311 or http://www.eskenazihealth.edu/about/volunteer/volunteer-application.

**KIDS DAY OUT WITH ROBOTICS**  
The Southport High School Robotics Team is host to a kids day out Saturday, Feb. 22, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at Southport Park, 6901 Derbyshire Road. Youngsters can drive robots, learn a craft and become interested in robotics. Info: 317-786-5489

**COMMUNITY DINNER AND FAMILY FEUD**  
The free community dinner at Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove features a fun evening of Family Feud. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. with the popular contest afterward. Teams may consist of various attendees, not necessarily families. Info: 317-803-9086.

**PAINTING ARCHITECTURAL LANDSCAPES**  
Artists Mark Millis and Vivian Gladden present a show devoted to Indiana architecture March 4-18 at the Southside Art League off Broadway Gallery, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. "If Walls Could Talk" is the title of the show. The artists will be at an open house at the gallery Sunday, March 8, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with light refreshments. Millis is an emerging artist who recently retired from teaching and school administration. He paints complete scenes with architectural elements that blend in with local landscapes. Gladden is a professional artist who paints Indianapolis scenes and buildings. Exhibition hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: 317-882-5562.

**FAIRBANKS SYMPOSIUM AT UINDY**  
The seventh annual Richard M. Fairbanks Symposium on Civic Leadership, hosted by the University of Indianapolis on Friday, March 6, will explore the impact of women in civic leadership both regionally and across the country. Female leaders throughout the nation will take part, including keynote speaker, author Prof. Jennifer Lawless of the University of Virginia. "At the Crossroads: Women in Civic Leadership" is the title of the symposium that is open to the public. Registration is required. Panel discussions are at 10:15 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. Cost is \$10 with no charge for UIndy students. Info: www.uindy.edu.

**SOUTHSIDE COLLEGE FAIR**  
More than 80 colleges and universities will be represented at the Greater Indy Southside College Fair, Monday, March 9, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the University of Indianapolis dome. The event is open to all high school students who can learn about financial aid, scholarships, athletic eligibility, college majors and minors, campus housing and financial aid. UIndy and area high schools are hosts; sanctioned by the Indiana Association of College Admission Counseling.

**PAPER SHREDDING AND APPLIANCE RECYCLING**  
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## Final Four *(Continued from Page 1)*

the IHSAA 1A state championship game Feb. 29 at 10:30 a.m. in Bankers Life Fieldhouse against Blue River Valley or Morgan Township. GCA's massive fourth-quarter comeback propelled them to the regional title game. The Cougars trailed North Central 17-10 before regrouping, making a comeback and falling behind 46-42. The ball-hawking Cougars turned it around. Ellie Bigelow and Mead hit 3-point shots, and then Bigelow stole the ball and connected with Frye for a lay-up and a 52-48 lead.

The celebration began with hugs, holding the championship trophy high in front of cheering fans and cutting a piece of the net. "They (North Central) hit some outside shots," Izzy Reed said of the Thunderbirds early lead. "We never gave up; we wanted it and when we want something we go after it."

Mead got in foul trouble early against North Central that handcuffed Reed in the third quarter after scoring 18 points in the first half. Reed picked up her fourth foul with 3:55 to go. Young 5-4 Chloe Grider and 5-10 Dory O'Dell stepped up and scored four points each that enabled the Cougars to keep a slim third-quarter lead, 56-52.

GCA pulled away on a 14-4 run that was capped by Reed's two free throws.

The Cougars never panicked in either game.

Reed had 26 points and 12 rebounds in the title game, her second double-double of the day. Savannah Frye added 12 and Mead 10. O'Dell wound up with eight points with Bigelow and Grider, each scoring six points as the trio of undergraduates showed maturity under pressure in the nightcap.

The Cougars dominated the boards against North Central in the second half and connected on 20 free throws on 24 tries in the game.

GCA's basketball program began with partial programs in 2002-2003 and played its first full season two years later.

They have six straight winning seasons (101-56) with 15-year coach Alan Weems and they have a program record 23 wins this season. The Cougars are riding a 13-game winning streak. Last year, they reached the regional championship game before bowing to University.

Mead understands how the expectations have grown.

"My sophomore year, all we wanted was the sectional," said Mead who has scored more than 1,000 points in her career. "We just kept building and now we have a regional championship."

Along the way, the Cougars' confidence has grown, too.

"There's not a team in the state we can't play with," Frye said.

In the 4A regional at Columbus North, Franklin Central led East Central 23-18 at the half. Alexis Mobley's 3-point shot put the Flashes ahead, 26-20, then the Trojans shut down FC 12-0 for the next six minutes. The Flashes came no closer than six points in the fourth quarter.

Rachel Loobie, an Indiana All-Star candidate, finished with 22 points. The Flashes improved from only two wins last year to 15-13 and their first sectional title since 2014 this season.

*(Note: Online Editor Nathan Pace and Indiana SNR broadcaster Steve McClure contributed to this article.)*



Junior Savannah Frye scored 18 points in the regional final after dropping 13 points in the win earlier Saturday in the day against Jac-Cen-Del.



Izzy Reed celebrates a made 3-pointer by a teammate. Reed led the Cougars in scoring and rebounding in both games.



Sophomore Kirsten Carlson (right) celebrates with senior Alexis Mead after winning the regional title.



Senior Alexis Mead scored 17 in the win over Jac-Cen-Del including five 3-point field goals.

For GCA video coverage, go to [www.southsidervoice.com](http://www.southsidervoice.com)

## Swimming Greenwood's Nuhfer, Southport relay among top 16

Greenwood's Gracie Nuhfer finished 12th overall in the 100-yard butterfly and Southport's 200-freestyle relay finished 15th Saturday in the IHSAA girls' swimming and diving state championships at the IUPUI Natatorium downtown.

Nuhfer, a junior, had a time of 57.32 seconds and was third in the consolation swim Saturday. Southport's relay team of Emme Egan, Sophie Mitchell, Madeline Jarvis and Caroline Reinke was seventh in the consy at the "big show." Egan was 25th Friday night in the 50-freestyle, and Greenwood's Alayna Kenworthy was 25th in the 200-individual medley.

Greenwood's 200-medley relay was 23rd and 400-freestyle relay 18th.

Center Grove's 200-medley relay was 25th and 400-free relay 19th.

Center Grove diver Kinzie Mills reached the semifinals Saturday and placed 19th in one-meter diving.

## Students read

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an Oasis program. He admires Ramon for his willingness to learn and has worked hard to upgrade his reading skills. His reward for helping the kids read is simple.

"Seeing this kid smile makes it all worthwhile," Foster said. "He has a big smile and big eyes; he's adopted me."

Foster recalled that Ramon was timid at first; somewhat because he was a new student this school year at Westwood. He's made new friends and enjoys his new surroundings.

"Sometimes I read to them, but mostly they read to me," Foster recalled. "We go over the alphabet; but I follow what the teacher wants done 100 percent."

Foster is also at home at the school and throughout the Southside. He and his late wife, Iva, have one son, Ronald, and two granddaughters. His wife died in 2008. He is a retiree of Decca Records, packaging department, and Mayflower Transit, where he audited invoices from its drivers to customers.

Foster was at Mayflower during the Colts historic and secretive move from Baltimore to Indianapolis and recalled that "it created a lot of buzz in the offices after it was learned the moving vans had arrived in the city."

Foster served in the U.S. Army at Camp Wolters, Texas, that also was an internment camp in World War II. He was among a select group of servicemen who were sent to Northwestern University to study the Japanese language and their customs. He finished his service to the nation at Fort Harrison and was discharged in 1946. The base was deactivated in 1973.

Foster studied at a business college in Bowling Green, Ky. In the late 1940s, not too far from where he grew up in Christian County. The college later was incorporated when Western Kentucky State College became Western Kentucky University in 1966 which explains Foster's cap that Ramon playfully put on.

Foster was born on Aug. 22, 1924, when Calvin Coolidge was President, Wrigley Field was built, the Teapot Dome scandal became public, a first-class stamp cost two cents and Washington won the World Series.

Ramon is improving his reading skills with a military veteran who has lived through nine decades of history.

## Books & Brews

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They built a memorable evening by playing a board game, enjoying father-daughter dances to live music and having tasty food.

"There was no other place where I could do that with my daughter," Fechtman recalled. "It was a unique experience and we had the time of our lives. It also struck me that others should be able to enjoy special times like that."

His conversations with founder Jason Wuerful and later with Southsider Dave Christy led to a partnership that opened Books & Brews South Indy at 3808 Shelby Street in October 2018.

The variety of food, fun, entertainment, books and ale makes Books and Brews South Indy a destination.

Entertainment and special nights have featured magic shows, live music, trivia nights, sports nights including NCAA tourney selection night, author appearances and signings and a harpist on Valentine's Day.

Books can be purchased for \$3 each with 10 percent supporting the non-profit Indy Reads.

Upcoming fun includes a Leap-in party (over 21), 8 a.m. to midnight, Saturday, Feb. 29; Pinball "Dementia Friends" fundraiser, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Feb. 28-29; second annual Harry Potter vendor fair, March 7; and Indy Jazz Nights, March 19 and April 9.

The Books & Brews menu is equally interesting with selections like frankenstein, finnegans nachos, dante's inferno, the hemingway, the slaughterhouse-five and sam I am (for kids).

The flagship ales on draught share literary identities - Nancy Brew, Clifford the Big Red ale; Cream & Punishment, Charlie Chocolate and Shogun Soba plus in-house ales Stout of Monte Cristo, Winnie honey brown, and Three Hopsketeers.

Books & Brews South Indy is the largest of eight Indiana locations with 4,700 square feet, maximum seating for 175 patrons, an outdoor patio and spacious parking. The Southside site and Massachusetts Avenue are the only Indy locations.

"It's really fun to see the reactions when first-time customers walk in," Fechtman said. "It reminds me of my first visit and means that they can build memories, too."

Fechtman also has written children's books, "Malina's Zoo Adventure" and "Malina's Farm Adventure," with a third book, "Malina's Ocean Adventure," to be published soon. He did not know he had dyslexia when he wrote his first book 10 years ago for fun but finally published it in 2017. The books, with colorful illustrations by Eric Erickson, are excellent for reading by dyslexic youths.

Fechtman also earned Bachelor's and Masters degrees at neighboring UIndy.

Books & Brew South hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to midnight; and Sundays (kids eat free), noon to 8 p.m. Info: call 317-438-5151 or online at [booksandbrews.com/south-indy](http://booksandbrews.com/south-indy).

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