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"Ned, I would love to stand here and talk with you – but I'm not going to." – Phil Connors (Bill Murray), Groundhog Day

#### **History** on March 23

**1909:** Former President Theodore Roosevelt left for a hunting trip in Africa to collect specimen's for the Smithsonian Institution on the steamer Hamburg

1913: A series of tornadoes near Omaha, Nebraska and in lowa killed 115 people.

**1966:** For the first time in more than four centuries, heads of the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches met in Vatican

1983: President Ronald Reagan proposed that the United States start a program to develop antimissile technology that would make the country nearly impervious to attack by nuclear missiles often called the Strategic Defense Initiative

2009: The Mount Redoubt volcano in Alaska erupted again, and sent a cloud of ash to around 50,000 feet. The volcano, which was 103 miles from Anchorage, had erupted on the evening of March 22, and four more explosions took place on this day.

**2013:** The popular band My Chemical Romance from New Jersey, announced that they would be splitting up after performing together for twelve years. The alternative group had reached their peak of mainstream popularity in the mid-2000s in the USA and worldwide.

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

## **Beech Grove buzzes for** state finals-bound Hornets

'WeB4Me' believers defeat Sullivan in OT to reach 3A championship game Saturday

By Al Stilley

Beech Grove High School has been down this path 19 years ago.

That's when the girls basketball team brought home the program's first 3A IHSAA state championship in 2003. Led by eventual Miss Basketball Katie Gearlds, the Hornets brought the community together in support of the team. The Hornets didn't let their students or the community down as the Hornets dominated South Bend St. Joseph's. City signs at entry points to Beech Grove proclaim the 2003 championship.

A few years later, the Beech Grove community banded together for a far different reason. Beloved and courageous boys basketball coach Matt English passed away in December 2018 after battling brain cancer for several years. The outpouring of the community's respect was evident at a public "celebration of life" with his family and friends The line virtually snaked through the school hallways. And the tribute was complete with English's two trademarks: a hard hat and lunch pail and the inscription "we before me" on the basketball court that was named in his honor a couple of months

And now, the mantra Grove's own Mike Renfro and his hearty band of Hornets are making sure that the foundation set by English reaches new heights.

Saturday afternoon inside historic Hatchet House in Washington, the Hornets defeated Sullivan in overtime to earn the program's first-ever trip to the state finals. When the Hornets downed old nemesis Danville a week earlier tor their very first regional title at Greencastle, Renfro teared up. This time, he stepped over to hug his dad in the grandstands and held the 3A championship trophy high above for all Hornets fans to see

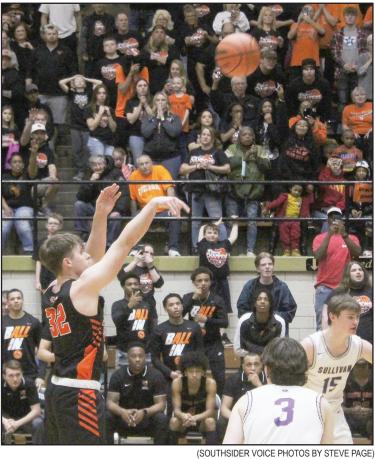
The surging unranked Hornets (21-6) take a 10game winning streak into Gainbridge Fieldhouse for the 3A IHSAA championship game Saturday at 6 p.m. against No. 8 Mishawaka Marian (24-3)

"Like I tell our kids, you have to dream big," Renfro said on the court in an interview with media members. "For anybody who I've coached who has worn the orange and black uniform, this if for those guys. This

is for Beech Grove. Likewise, the community is for Beech Grove. It was evident before the semistate matchup with signs around town, particularly at Burger King at Hornet Drive (the main access to the campus), O'Gara's Irish Pub and City Hall on Main Street.

"The community on its own has gotten behind our team," Renfro praised. "You go around Beech Grove now and you'll see signs of support. Their ears are perked up. There's a buzz going round."

Inside the Hatchet House Saturday, purple-clad Sullivan fans were predominate inside but the Hornets crowd made more noise. The "WeB4Me" throng was bois-



Rylan Horen, a Beech Grove junior, launches the game-clinching free throw in overtime of Saturday's semi-state game



Beech Grove junior Jeremiah Tate puts up an offensive rebound for a key basket in the overtime of Saturday's semi-state victory over Sullivan in Washington's Hatchet House.

> terous throughout as residents joined the student body with cheers and eventually the joy of a first-time semistate championship.

So for the third straight weekend, how does Renfro keep the Hor-

nets from outside voices that may play with their psyche? "First, they're level-headed," the former Marion County basketball player of the year offered. "Most of all, they finally have figured out what it takes to win: to be unselfish, a great teammate and be what you can be to be the best at what you can do; the small things that

add up to big things in the end." The Hornets are in line for a day to remember Saturday at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, the home of the Indiana Pacers. The confident 10-deep Hornets include only two seniors (Damon Thompkins and Damonte Henderson) and eight juniors who are playing like seasoned

This may be new territory for the Hornets, but they are on solid



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MARION COUNTY COACH OF THE YEAR CUTS THE NET FROM SEMISTATE VICTORY



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY STEVE PAGE) Beech Grove head coach Mike Renfro celebrates cutting down the remainder of the nets following Saturday's semi-



#### Sweet 16 decided, 11 advertisers in running for prizes

By Al Stilley

There's a reason it's called March Madness

Who would have imagined that tiny No. 15 St. Peter's University would have defeated fabled No. 2 Kentucky (although it was on St. Patrick's Day) and later handcuffed a dangerous No. 7 Murray State to reach the Sweet 16.

U.K. was one of several high seeds that fell by the wayside in the NCAA tourney's first round, including defending national champion No. 1 Baylor, No. 2 Auburn, No. 6 LSU, and No. 3 Wisconsin.

For those interested in the latest Cinderella, St. Peter's is only the third No. 15 seed to reach the Sweet 16 after Oral Roberts last year and Florida Gold Coast in in 2013. The small university (enrollment under 3,000. They are the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference champions. (MAAC). Their two tallest starters are 6-7, while Purdue can go with 7-4 Zach Edey and 6-10 Trevion Williams but not at the same time. Seeing super-slick Boiler guard Jaden Ivey goa against

the Peacocks backcourt will be interesting.
Purdue and Michigan State are the only two Big 10 teams left from nine entrants. The conference count going into the Sweet 16: Big 12, ACC, each three; Big 10, Pac 12, Big East, each two and West Coast, SEC, MAAC, AAC, each one.

I.U.'s late surge ended Thursday against well-rested St. Mary's in

Portland, Oregon. The Hoosiers were plagued with flight problems and did not arrive in Portland until 7 a.m. after playing Tuesday night in Dayton. Coach Mike Woodson made no excuses, but the Hoosiers had no gas left in the tank. Likewise, Notre Dame played at Dayton but didn't play until late Friday afternoon.

Looking over the Sweet 16 regions, the West is the only one that follows the form chart with the top four seeds remaining. Although most bracket sheets have been torn up, Southsider

Voice advertisers have a high interest in the tourney as the Final Four receive advertising prizes. Here's the advertisers still in the running: Shelby

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And among the four "experts," Emma White, daughter of our community outreach representative Bob White, is slightly ahead of the foursome with eight teams left. IHSAA referee Ted Lobdell, Southsider Voice editor Al Stilley, and White have seven teams left

Sweet 16 games are Thursday and Friday with the Final Four decided Saturday and Sunday.

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

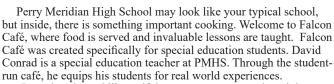
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Perspectives Perry Township Schools

By Elizabeth Choi



"It teaches them skills, so if they were to go out and work in a restaurant, they would already have the skills," said Conrad.

The café offers breakfast and lunch to PMHS staff. Meals cost around six dollars. On average, students prepare 25-30 meals a day. Each day, staff place orders. Students then cook or prepare meals with Mr. Conrad's support.

"They learn how to prepare and how to problem solve. Whenever they forget an item, what should they do? We can help support them and give them ideas on what they can do. So, they learn from that,"

The lesson doesn't stop there. After meals are prepared, the food is packaged for students to deliver to staff.

"It helps them create and start socializing, starting a conversation with someone. So, it helps them in so many different ways," said

There is something in it for Conrad as well, "It's nice to see them use those ideas later on without even having to prompt them. That is very rewarding.'

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(SUBMITTED PHOTO) Special education teacher David Conrad with his Falcon Café staff.

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Indianapolis Fire Department retired firefighter JJ Jones, 85, rings the bell on the fire engine in Thursday's St. Patrick's Day parade. His longtime friend, Dink Watson is in the background. Jones retired from station 29 after 25 years working on the aerial truck. Jones is a longtime Southsider. He and his wife, Shirley, are the parents of five children and have 10 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

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(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY JEANNE PIERSALL) James (Jim) Coffman of Beech Grove has been the general manager of Eckstein Shoe and Repair through the past 10 years. On Jan. 1, Coffman and wife, Jennifer became new owners of the longtime Southside business. Coffman takes pride in his customer service and shoe selection. The shoe store is located at 620 Main St. Coffman has supported civic and community activities and projects in Beech Grove for several years.

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#### **MARCH MADNESS**

week for the followers of Beech Grove High School Basketball.

The boys' basketball team will be making their first trip to play in the state finals. They won an overtime contest last Saturday against Sullivan High School. That game was in southern Indiana inside the historic Hatchet House in Washington. The final score was 62-58.

They will be playing for the Class 3-A state title. This team and coach have been honoring former coach, Matt English. Matt lost his battle with brain cancer in 2018.

Mike Renfro, the current boys' basketball coach, graduated from Beech Grove High School in 1995. He was an assistant coach with Matt. Teams coached by Renfro have won four straight sectionals and first regional and semistate championships. I have been so impressed that the coach and the team have

continued to remember and honor Matt English. He always taught his players that they were a team. "We before Me" was one of coach English's favorite things to say to his players - it is also inscribed on the Hornets home court. I felt very honored to be a friend to coach English. I am certain he is very proud of this team.

This is not a Beech Grove basketball team's first trip to a state basketball championship game. The Hornets memorable girls team won the 3A state basketball championship in 2003. The team was coached by Dawn McNew and featured Katie Gearlds, the 2003 Miss Basketball. Katie went on to become and All-American at Purdue and was a pro player for several years. She later coached eight years at Marian University and captured two NAIA national titles.

This is Katie's first year as head coach at Purdue University. Her players accepted her and had a really great year and an enjoyable season. Center Grove product Cassidy Hardin helped lead the Boilers this season as a senior. She will be allowed a fifth season due to the

This team was invited to play in the WNIT Tournament. They won their first game last week and, by the time this edition of the newspaper is available on Wednesday, they will have competed in their second-round game. They will have played Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I know that all of Beech Grove and the entire Southside will be pulling for Katie and her team.

It has been so much fun to follow and cheer on local high school and college basketball teams. I enjoy remembering the good teams with special players. Southport teams that were a few years ahead of my class had some special players. My class had some really good players. I'm still friends with several of them.

Just a few years behind my high school class was a really good Southport team. One of that teams' best players was Louie Dampier who later starred at the University of Kentucky and in the ABA. We are still good friends.

March is so busy with basketball tournaments. I think it might be a good idea if there was a little more time between the Big10 tournament and the NCAA Tournament. In the final contest that IU played, they appeared exhausted after playing five games in eight days.

Right now, I'm rooting for Beech Grove and Purdue. What a big exciting week coming up. Enjoy the games. Cheer for our neighbors

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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

Brothers Dale and Paul Hendricks, both Boy Scout leaders and veterans of World War II, opened an insurance agency at 2934 Madison

The Southern Plaza Merchants Association, 4200 S. U.S. 31, held its inaugural meeting and elected James Schroeder, Milton Hall, Roger Jacobson and Robert Elder as board members; Lyle White, president; Frank Bixler, vice president; and Emil Kuhn, treasurer.

Kelly Sales, a Chevrolet dealership in Greenwood, was celebrating its 37th anniversary. Owner Fred Kelly boasted that his staff had more than 332 years of experience.

The PTA of Lincoln Elementary School hosted a roller skating party at Fox's. 3432 Madison Ave.

#### 50 Years Ago This Week - 1972

H.H. Gregg Appliances, 5501 Madison Ave., opened.

Just in time for Easter, baby bunny rabbits cost \$2 at G.C Murphy in Fountain Square.

Porky Lane Supermarket, 1229 Kentucky Ave., advertised pork roast for 33 cents a pound; whole chickens, 49 cents a pound; a gallon of milk, 89 cents; six loaves of bread, \$1; and 3 pounds of bacon,

40 Years Ago This Week - 1982
The archives from 1982 were destroyed when The

Spotlight's lower level was flooded in the early 1990s.

30 Years Ago This Week - 1992 Perry Meridian senior Daniel

Webb and Franklin Central senior Jolie Weise won Prelude Awards for their excellence in the performing arts.

Perry Township Families in Action elected its board members: Steve McGee, executive director; Carolyn Niehaus, president; Lynnn Carnin, secretary; Robin Moore, membership secretary; and Merri Lee Martinez, treasurer.

Referred to as a "bevy of beau-

ties" by Spotlight Publisher George

Cafouros, Manual students (front, from left) Susie Capps, Vicky Bur-

ton, Kim Burnette, Faith Housam;

Debbie Walden and Cindy Surber

Revue," which featured satirical

skits, songs and dances.

performed in the school's "Redskin

(back) Mary Hall, Gerri Dehoff,

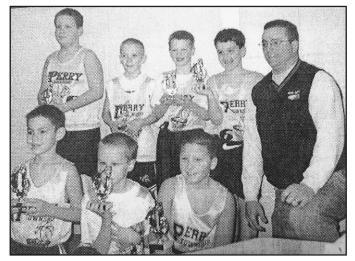
The auxiliary of St. Francis Hospital was selling Easter baskets. Those assisting with the sale were Madelyn Chohany, Marie Sage, Doris Ebbeler, Emma Gene Pierson, Hellen Ragsdale, Barbara Cox, Rita Keiter, Mary Sanders, Micki Fallowfield, Alberta Lossin, Ruth Dresslar, Kathryn Massing, Gussie Brinker, Juanita Hensley, Etta Atchison, Ruth Goldman, Jean Kuebel, Gayle Shaw and Dorothy Allen.

Perry Meridian High School's Harold Hickman, a 19-year coach of boys cross country, and Jan Borradaile, who spent the same amount of time mentoring the girls volleyball team, announced their retirements Borradaile led the Falcons to six Marion County championships, 12 sectional titles, two regional crowns and one semistate title

20 Years Ago This Week - 2002 Gas cost \$1.21 a gallon.

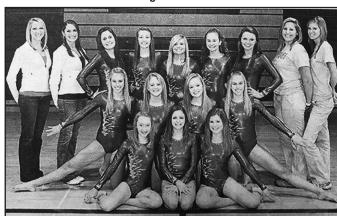
Sacred Heart Church's famous arched ceilings, nearly destroyed by a fire in early 2001, were nearing the final stages of reconstruction.

Jessica Davis from St. Jude Grade School took first-place honors in the Catholic Youth Organization's science fair for her "Watt a Bright Ideal" project. Eric Lovell also represented the school.



Lincoln Elementary's second-grade basketball team finished its season 8-1-1 in the Perry Township Athletics league. The squad featured (front) Alex Kibby, David Schimmel, Bryce Opel; (back) Buddy Summey, Steve Sullivan, Brent Timmons, Thomas Smith and coach

#### 10 Years Ago This Week - 2012



Roncalli's girls gymnastics team finished fourth in the Indiana state



Perry Meridian High School faculty members Craig Potter (left) and Jacquelyn Sheenan were recognized as National

Teachers of English for their work on a literary magazine. They are seen with Perry Township Schools Superintendent Thomas Little.

Right at Home Indianapolis South named Martha "Mo" Niehaus as its Caregiver of the

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Martha "Mo" **Niehaus** 

## **OBITUARIES**

RAYMOND L. "RAY" JENSEN (August 4, 1930 - March 14, 2022) Ray was married to the love of his life Phyllis J. (Hill) Jensen. Ray is an Eagle Scout, and he graduated from Arsenal Technical High School in 1948, and attended Indiana University in 1948. He was a Veteran of the Korean War, where he served as a Sergeant in the 122nd Fighter Wing. He worked for Western Electric in the 1950's, and was a Partner and Past President of A.H. Jensen & Sons Insurance Agency from 1957 until retiring in 1996. He was a member of Prospect Lodge #714 F &



AM since 1952, and a 32nd Degree Mason. Ray was initiated into the Sahara Grotto in 1953 and served as Monarch of the Grotto in 1979. Ray was Past President of the Drum and Bugle Corps. a member of the Horse Patrol, and held the Office of Treasurer in 1982. He was a member of American Legion Post #0252, member of Friedens United Church of Christ, and Past Church Council President. Ray was a Charter Member of German-American Klub, and had the honor of receiving the Key to the City of Indianapolis in 1978 from Mayor William Hudnut. As an avid bowler since 1955, he traveled the United States bowling in numerous tournaments. Ray bowled four 300 games, and he received the Certified Silver USBC Bowling Open Championship recognition for 55 years of participation. He was also a former Perry Meridian High School Bowling Coach. He is survived by his wife of 66 years Phyllis (Hill) Jensen. Four children, Sheryl (Kevin) Manning, Lisa (Don) Tynes, Trela (Kurt) Herman, Thomas (Penny) Jensen. Six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters Carolyn Cambridge, Judith Walden, and his brother Gerald (Beverly) Jensen. Ray was preceded in death by his father August H. Jensen and mother Catherine I. Jensen. Visitation was held Monday, March 21, 2022, with a Masonic service following visition at at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Avenue, Indianapolis, IN. Additional visitation was held on Tuesday, March, 22, 2022 at Friedens United Church of Christ, 8300 S Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN, with the service following. He was laid to rest at Washington Park East Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Friedens United Church of Christ. Please share memories, photographs and online condolences with the family at www.ghherrmann.com

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THERESE ANN MAXWELL, 86, siblings, John, Michael, Mary Jane Biro, Paula Koch, and sisterin-law Carron Maxwell.

HELEN M. PHILLIPS, 94, son, Michael Hedges.

DELORIS "MAXINE" ROBIN-SON, 88, children Tim and Pam; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; siblings, Betty, RuthAnn, Marti, Phyllis, Larry and

ANASTASHA "STACY" MARIE RODRIGUEZ, 38; children, Kayla, Kyra and Chayse; father David Rodriguez; mother Brenda Finch; brother David M Rodriguez; half brother Nicolas R Barron; step brothers Joshua M Settles, Josh Finch and step sister Latasha Finch.

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RUTH ANN (McCORMICK) WODARCYK, 63, husband, Robert Wodarcyk; mother, Lillie McCormick; children, Kyle and Kelli Stout; step-children, BJ and Chris Wodarcyk, and Christina Isaacs; eight grandchildren; siblings, Steven Joseph McCormick and Lisa Houze.

PAULA R. CHAMBLIN, 66, husband, Don Chamblin; sisters Carol Rodenbeck and Janet

BERNARD STEPHEN PER RY, 72, wife, Catherine Perry; daughters Desiree Perry, Dawn Ruffer, and Danielle Bowman; five grandchildren; siblings, Robert, Chris, Ed, and Mike Perry; sisters Mary Swanson, Teresa Henry, Kathy Huser, and Julie Phelan.

CLARENCE "ED" MC-CORKLE, 84, wife, Charlena "Nada" McCorkle; daughter, Sandra Blythe: seven grandchildren: nine great-grandchildren.

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Entries for the Going Green in the Grove Art Contest are being accepted. The new Franciscan Trail is the inspiration for this year's theme, Nature Walk. Contestants may create any art piece that depicts what can be seen while taking a nature walk. Any resident who lives in Beech Grove or any student in a Beech Grove school may enter. Deadline for entries is Tuesday, April 22. Going Green in the Grove will be celebrated on Arbor Day, Sunday, April 30, noon to 4 p.m. at the Hornet Park Community Center. Artwork will be on display April 27-30 at the center. Info for entries: https://www.hornetparkcommunitycenter. com/arbor-day-art-contest-2021.

#### **GPL FAMILY MOVIE MARATHONS**

The Greenwood Public Library is having family movie marathons Thursdays, March 24 and March 31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. during spring break. The family-style event on March 24 features Pixar movies: Finding Nemo, 10 a.m.; Toy Story, 2:30 p.m.; Luca, 4:30 p.m.; and Monsters Inc., 6 p.m. Movies based on classic books on March 31 are: Mary Poppins, 10 a.m.; Charlotte's Web; 12:45 p.m.; The Borrowers, 2:30 p.m.; and Matilda, 4:15 p.m. The library is at 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Info and registration, greenwoodlibrary.us.

#### INDYPL'S SEED LIBRARY PROGRAM BEGINS

The seed library, a program that allows patrons to check out and take home a large variety of free vegetable, herb, and flower seeds, is now available at five library branches on the Southside. The program has expanded locations and includes a core collection of seeds designed to address issues of food equity. The program is at 17 branch libraries and includes dozens of selections, including flowers, herbs, and vegetables. The Southside branch locations are at: Beech Grove, 1102 Main St.; Decatur, 5301 Kentucky Ave.; Franklin Road, 5550 Franklin Road; Garfield Park, 2502 Shelby St.; Southport, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road; and West Perry, 6650 S. Harding St. More than 155 community volunteers from several corporations and civil organizations assisted in converting bulk seeds into small seed packets. Info: indypl.org.

#### **LUNCH FOR VETERANS**

A Veterans appreciation event will honor veterans with a free lunch Saturday, March 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. The event is co-sponsored by the Samuel Bryan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the community center. Veterans and their immediate families are invited. The event also will honor Vietnam War veterans. Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com.

SOUTHSIDE ART LEAGUE'S PLAYFUL PAPER
A one-artist show, Playful Paper: Mystery and Magik, presented
by Sonja Lehman is on display through Wednesday, March 30 at the Southside Art League, 299 E. Broadway Ave., Greenwood. Her original artwork collection includes paper wall and window hangings, bendable paper objects that emit light, small orgami works, and luminaria. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: call 317-882-

#### **QUILTERS GUILD AT FRIEDENS CHURCH** "Motion in Quilts" is the topic of Pam Durant's presentation at the

Quilters Guild of Indianapolis meeting Thursday, March 24 at 9:30 a.m. at Friedens Church of Christ, 8300 S. Meridian St. Quilters will have meet-and-greet time afterward. Info: quiltguildindy.net.

FRUITS OF OUR FOOD The influences of Cuba and

South America on foods in the U.S. is the presentation of the Marion County Public Health Department Wednesday, March 30, 2 p.m., at the Southport branch library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road. The spice trade of the 18th century also will be discussed. Info: indypl.org.

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CLASSES Central Nine Adult Education is

offering free high school equivalency classes in partnership with the Hornet Park Community Center. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. Info: text or call, 317-883-9148.



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# sectional, regional & semistate champs ARE STATE BOUND

## Hornets refuse to lose in 'dog fight' to earn first semistate trophy

By Al Stilley and Steve Page

There was no hiding the Beech Grove Hornets joy when the final buzzer went off.

Adding to their string of firsts, the Hornets collected their initial IHSAA semistate championship Saturday afternoon by edging Sullivan, 62-58 in a tense overtime game that BG coach Mike Renfro called "a

Players jumped and hugged each other. They held the trophy high. Then one by one, they climbed the ladder to cut down a piece of the net inside the fabled Hatchet House in Washington.

They will face No. 2 Mishawaka Marian (24-3) for the IHSAA 3A state championship Saturday at 6 p.m. iat Gainbridge Fieldhouse. But back to the celebration.

"I love it; I love games like that," remarked 6-0 junior guard Jeremiah Tate whose main assignment was to guard Sullivan's leading scorer and Indiana All-Star candidate Randy Kelly, a 6-0 senior guard. "This feels really good to know that we did it."

Junior Rylan Horen, who hit a free throw to extend the lead to four

points with four seconds left, exclaimed, "We're happy to win this thing; I can't wait to get there (Gainbridge).'

Junior Jaleel Alexander, who led the Hornets with 16 points, added, "We knew we could pull it out...it's amazing - we're going to state." And finally, coach Renfro said, "It's a refuse-to-lose attitude, we before me, and that's what we will carry with us on Saturday (state

The Hornets (21-6) overcame many obstacles to win their 10th

consecutive game Junior Anthony Ball, a force around the basket, got in foul trouble early, picked up his fourth foul on the opening play of the third quarter, and fouled out in a rebound scrum under Sullivan's basket with 4:39 left in regulation. Ball still wound up with a team-high eight rebounds.

The Hornets hit a horrid four of 14 free throws during a late fourth quarter and early overtime stretch. Fortunately, Alexander hit his first of two free throws for a 51-49 but Sullivan senior Rocco Rochel sent it to overtime with a layup to lead.

The Hornets missed back-to-back free throws but Tate slipped in front for a put-back and a 53-51 lead to start the OT with a lead that BG never gave up.

"I saw the ball come off the rim and I went for it," Tate recalled. "I knew I just had to get it."

Sullivan coach Jeff Moore went for the percentages in OT but the Hornets hit a perfect six of six free throws as Tate hit four and Alexander hit two for a 61-58 lead that left it up to Horen to hit one of two tosses for a clinching four-point lead and win.

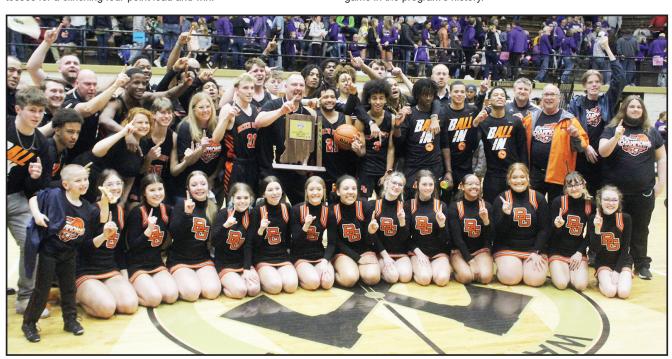
The Hornets trailed 41-35 early in the fourth guarter but tied it at 41-all on Ball's two free throws, Edwards' short field goal, and Brown's two free throws within one and one-half minutes.

Beech Grove opened the game with a fullcourt press for a 22-14 first-guarter lead, but the Golden Arrows adjusted and led 39-35 at halftime. In the second half and overtime, the Hornets mixed a 3-2

zone occasionally that took away Sullivan's momentum. Renfro played 10 Hornets with the bench contributing 10 points and a stout defense as Brown played most of the second half in place of Ball.

"Any guy we bring off the bench is going to contribute," coach Renfro said. "Cam (Brown) did a good job defensively and rebounding, and Rylan (Horen) sealed the deal with his free throw. The rest is

The preparations began Monday for the Hornets most important game in the program's history



Beech Grove players, coaches, cheerleaders, family and friends celebrate with their first semi-state trophy following Saturday's dramatic overtime victory over Sullivan





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#### STATE **FINALS GAMES**

Saturday, March 26 Gainbridge Fieldhouse

10:30 a.m. - (A) North Davies (26-3) vs. Lafayette Central Catholic (20-9). 12:45 p.m. - (2A) Providence (20-6) vs. Central Noble (28-2).

Session 2

6:00 p.m. - (3A) **BEECH GROVE** (21-6) vs. Mishawaka Marian (24-3).

8:15 p.m. - (4A) Cathedral (25-6) vs. Chesterton (29-0). Admission: \$15 per person per session; all tickets digital only through mobile phone via Ticketmaster.com. Telecast on Bally Sports Indiana (BSI). Radio broadcast on IHSAA Champions Network affiliates.

#### DOUBLE-TEAMING ANTHONY BALL



Sullivan players spent much of the afternoon double-teaming Beech Grove scoring threat Anthony Ball.

**Good luck** at State! The **Southside is** cheering for you! GO **HORNETS!** 





## THANK YOU TO OUR FANSI



Coach Mike Renfro, class of '95, is with his family members after the semistate win Saturday. Many are Beech Grove graduates. Their support is huge and they will follow Renfro and his team to state finals Saturday.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY STEVE PAGE Beech Grove students turn out in tropical force for Saturday's semi-state game with Sullivan at Washington's Hatchet House.

## HORNETS ARE FLYING AFTER OT VICTORY



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY STEVE PAGE)
High-flying Hornets rush the floor at the conclusion of Saturday's overtime victory over Sullivan in Washington's Hatchet House.

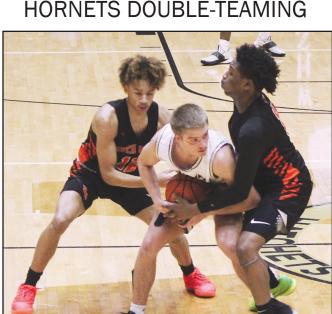
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Owner, Bill Davis, is a 1982 Roncalli graduate

on making school history!

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(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY STEVE PAGE)
Jeremiah Alexander (12) and Jeremiah Tate double team a Sullivan
player during Saturday's semi-state game at Washington.





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## SOUTHSIDE

#### Roncalli captures two more tournaments; Southport falls in thriller against Trojans

Since winning their own Roncalli Showcase, the Royals boys volleyball team captured Cathedral and Fishers tournaments on back-

Undefeated Roncalli went 4-0 at Cathedral on March 12. The Royals defeated No. 10-ranked Cardinal Ritter 2-0 (25-10, 25-15), beat Kentucky's No. 2-ranked Louisville Trinity High School 2-0 (25-20, 25-21), downed No. 3-ranked Fishers 2-0 (25-20, 25-16), The Royals clinched the title by sweeping No.4-ranked North Central 2-0 (25-20, 25-14). For the day, Roncalli was 8-0 in all matches and never lost a set. They were led by Andrew Mayer who finished the weekend with 70 serve receptions for a 2.5/3.0 rating and added 27 digs from the back row. Brendan Louthain had 18 aces, 53 receptions, 53 kills, and 21 digs.

Roncalli also won the JV championship at Cathedral. On March 19, the Royals also went undefeated in four matches

and won the Fishers tournament. Roncalli, ranked No. 1 in the state and No. 7 in the U.S., beat Brownsburg 2-0 (25-15, 25-10), No. 6 Cathedral 2-0 (25-14, 25-11), and No. 5 Hamilton Southeastern 2-0 (25-16, 25-23). Then they downed Fishers 2-0 (25-20, 25-18) to earn their third tournament championship in nine days. Andrew Dial finished with 56 assists at Cathedral, and Louthain scored 43 kills while hitting 0.597. Again, the highly-touted Royals went undefeated and never lost a set,, winning each set by a dominating average of 11 points. **SOUTHPORT STANDS 5-5** 

Facing rugged competition in the Noblesville tournament Saturday, Southport captured the first set in its third match against Franklin Central as the Flashes took the second and third sets for a 2-1 triumph. It was the third loss in a row for the Cardinals (5-5).



Roncalli's Varsity Volleyball team won back-to-back tournaments at Cathedral and Fishers

Earlier, the Cardinals opened against Franklin and won the first set but dropped a close second set and went a bit overtime before falling in the deciding third set, 16-14.

In Southport's second match, the Cardinals fell to determined Noblesville that came up with points on crucial plays and won 2-0. Earlier last week, the Cardinals fell to Center Grove (2-1) March 16 in a tension-filled third set, 25-23. The Trojans kept their momentum after winning the second set.

Facing New Palestine's first-ever boys volleyball team March 15, Southport prevailed sweeping the match, 3-0.

#### CITY CHAMPIONS



St. Roch Catholic School's fourth-grade volleyball team captured the city championship last week. Team members are, from left, front, Carter Beckham, Colin Eagan and Easton Baumann. Back row, coach Jenna Beckham, Quinn McCoy, Drew Burton, Leon Moses, Oliver Jennings and coach Shannon Burton.

## **Keenan-Stahl Boys & Girls Club**





Club kids created a "Can't Hide Our Hornets Pride" poster for Beech

Grove Hornets basketball team.

Wishes club members, Jeremiah Tate and Anthony Ball, and their team members and coaches the best at State! We're so proud!!!!

#### SIMS BECOMES ROYALS' **HEAD COACH**



Jason Sims, in team huddle, will lead the Roncalli High School girls basketball program as its head coach for the 2022-2023 season. Sims served as the interim head coach for its last 22 games of the previous season. He posted a 12-10 record and an undefeated championship campaign for the Royals third straight Circle City championship. Sims also serves as assistant athletic director. He formerly served as head girls basketball coach at Eminence with a 53-12 record. He played basketball at Vincennes University and at Marian University.









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## Roncalli names valedictorian, salutatorian for Class of 2022

nne Ameis is the valedictorian and Katrina Gangstad is the salutatorian for the Class of 2022 at Roncalli High School.

Ameis will graduate with an Academic Honors Diploma with Distinction. Throughout high school, she earned four A's with the remainder A-pluses while completing 36 credits of honors courses. She has been the outstanding student of the year in pre-calculus accelerated, AP chemistry, geometry honors, and chemistry honors. She is recognized by the Indiana Association of School Principals as a Rising Star of Indiana.

Ameis served her community as an executive board member of the South Deanery Dance Marathon for Rileys Children's Hospital, volunteered at Eskenazi Health Hospital, and assists at

Roncalli valedictorian Anne Ameis, left, and salutatorian Katrina Gangstad set the highest academic achievements

throughout their high school careers.

the Saints Francis and Clare's Harvest Food Pantry.

She spearheaded the Roncalli recycling program, takes care of the school garden, provides food to shelters, and distributes flowers to the homebound.

She attended Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi Catholic School and plans to major in biology on a pre-medical track. She is the daughter of Michael and Marie Ameis.

Salutatorian Gangstad is an AP Scholar with Honors and is a Rising Star of Indiana. She is a Carson Scholar nominee and participated in the Lugar Symposium for Future Leaders.

Gangstad accrued nearly 430 hours of service during her high school career. She sorted and distributed food and supplies at food pantries, supported young student-athletes in summer sports camps, and interacted with and cared for animals through a local humane society. She co-founded a Roncalli club that strives to make an impact in the community through planting a garden, donating that produce grown to local food pantries, and sorted recycling materials.

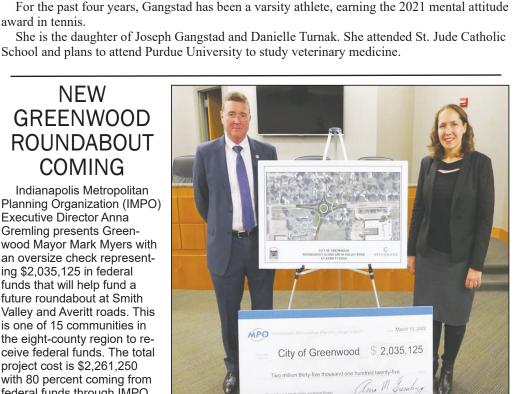
award in tennis. She is the daughter of Joseph Gangstad and Danielle Turnak. She attended St. Jude Catholic

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Everyone has an opinion on how to handle a recent business suggestion. Thank them for their advice. Then go ahead and follow your own fine instincts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While home is your main focus this week, new issues in the workplace need your attention as well. Take things step by step. Pressures ease in time for weekend fun.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Be less rigid when handling a relationship problem. You might believe you're in the right, but try to open your mind to the possibilities of

facts you're currently not aware of. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas run at a hectic pace throughout much of the week. But by the weekend, the Lions' Dens become a purrrfect place for you Fine Felines to relax in. VIRGO (August 23 to Septem-

ber 22) Change is favored early in the week. This should make it easier for you to reassess your plans for handling a troubling professional relationship. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A suggestion from a colleague could give your professional project that long-needed boost. Meanwhile, someone close to you still needs your emotional support.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before complying with a colleague's request, check to see that the action benefits all, not just one person's agenda. Continue firming up those travel plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your social life is on the upswing, and the only problem is deciding which invitations to accept. Enjoy yourself before settling down for some serious work next

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your creative aspects on high, you might want to restart your work on that novel

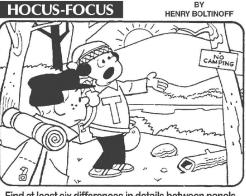
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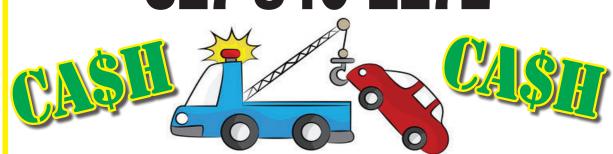
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