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## Greenwood's Nuhfer overcomes obstacle to swim in college



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Grace Nuhfer has swam with the Greenwood Gators from the beginning, and has also had an impressive four-year career at Greenwood High School.

By **Cody Kluge**  
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Greenwood High School senior Grace Nuhfer first entered the pool at age 7, and she hasn't slowed down since.

Now, her impressive ability will take her all the way to a collegiate swimming career with the University of Akron.

However, her journey to becoming a college athlete has been a bit different than most. When she was around 3 years old, Nuhfer – along with her younger sister – was diagnosed with brittle cornea syndrome, a rare genetic disease involving the connective tissue in the eyes. As a result of the syndrome, the Greenwood student-athlete is legally blind.

"It's really rare and the fact that both my sister and I have it is really crazy," Nuhfer said. "We definitely grew through it and

*"I'm definitely proud of myself for all those accomplishments but I know that without a strong support system behind me, none of that would have been possible. As much as swimming is an individual sport, it's definitely a sport that needs to be done together and I'm grateful for everyone that has been a part of my swimming career."*

– **Grace Nuhfer**

you can't take the little things for granted. We have to make sure we're enjoying life even if our lives aren't the same as everyone else's."

Although Nuhfer can't do certain things such as drive or play sports that involve a ball or racquet, she has never known anything different, and hasn't let the syndrome affect her.

"I don't know any different, so a lot of people will look at it and think that it's special that I've been able to achieve all these athletic accomplishments even though I can't see very well," Nuhfer said. "I think it's cool, but for me, it's not too special. I'm training hard like everyone else and working hard in and out of the water like everyone else."

With her options limited when she was younger, swimming came to the forefront as one of the top sports that she could compete in.

She began swimming locally with the Greenwood Gators in the 50- and 100-butterfly, and she never turned back.

When she was little, Nuhfer claimed she was ready for an Olympic swimming career. Perhaps part of that came from watching one of her role models in the pool.

Nuhfer has always looked up to Elizabeth Beisel, who has competed on Team USA in the

last three summer Olympic games. she has met Beisel and has developed a relationship.

"I've attended a few leadership summits where she has been one of the speakers," Nuhfer said. "At this point, we're actually really good friends, too."

The 18-year-old has been with the Gators for 11 years, but competing at the high school level was an adjustment as a freshman. She reached the IHSAA State finals unexpectedly as a sophomore. One year later, she was fifth in the 50-yard butterfly at sectionals and 12th in the 100-butterfly at state.

Her senior season saw limited fan presence and team bonding due to Covid restrictions.

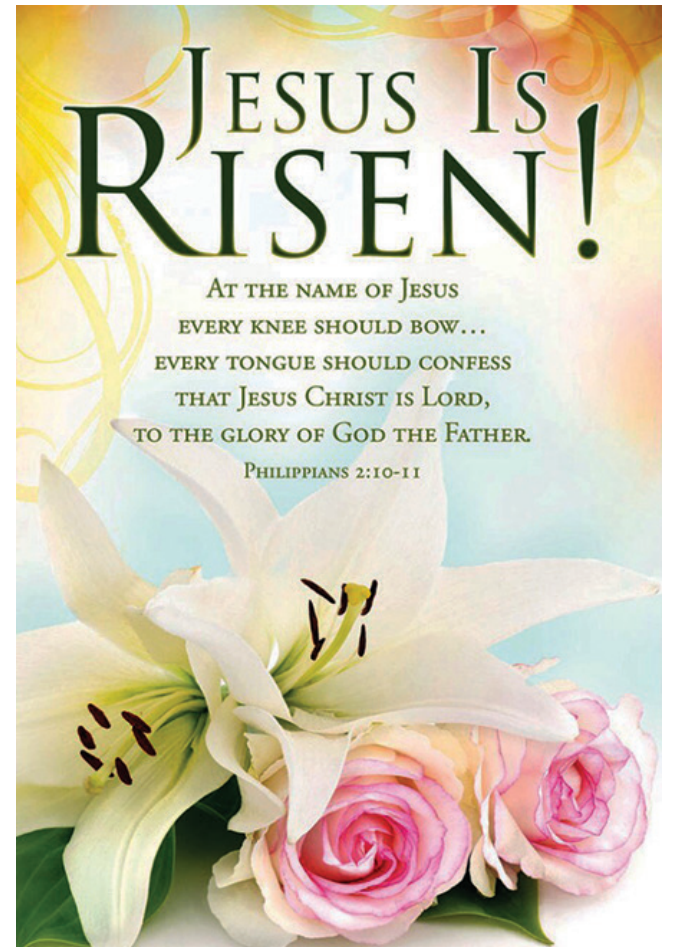
Nuhfer's high school career

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Grace Nuhfer will go on to have the Division I collegiate swimming career she dreamed of since she was a kid at the University of Akron.



## Happy Easter!

## Basketball Blitz

Advertisers, teams contend for NCAA title

Southsider Voice advertisers, (All American Lawns) and (Beck Service Center), advanced to the Final Four as No. 1 seed Baylor and No. 2 Houston, respectively escaped the Elite Eight Monday night in the NCAA men's basketball championship.

Tuesday night (*too late for deadline*), No. 1 seed Gonzaga (Duane Lytle Landscaping) squared off against underdog No. 6 Southern California (Shelby Upholstering) and No. 1 Michigan (Sleepy Hollow Pet Ranch) faced upstart No. 11 UCLA (IU Credit Union) to see which teams move on to the Final Four.

Michigan, representing the Big 10 that originally had nine entries, remains as the only team east of the Mississippi River in this year's unprecedented and somewhat unpredictable tourney.

The Final Four unfolds Saturday at Lucas Oil Stadium with the first of two games at 5 p.m. and the 2021 championship game, Monday at 5 p.m. All games are on the CBS network and at one site after being on multiple networks and at several sites in Indianapolis and Purdue and Indiana universities.

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## FIRST GAME SATURDAY AT BG'S FIELD OF DREAMS



Beech Grove High School's varsity baseball team opens its season Saturday against Perry Meridian with the dedication and first pitch at the Jim Hensley Field of Dreams, the Hornets first on-campus baseball field. The Hornets had played for several years at Sarah T. Bolton Park. The artificial turf field will be named in honor of the late James R. Hensley, who passed away Feb. 17, 2011. A sports and youth advocate, Hensley coached American League baseball, was an original member of the Beech Grove Hornet Athletic Club, and a Beech Grove Little League Hall of Fame inductee. He also was a founding member of the Beech Grove Education Foundation. Ceremonies begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with the first pitch by the Hensley family. Game time is 10 a.m. The field was made possible by voter approval of a recent referendum, that also enhanced academic facilities.

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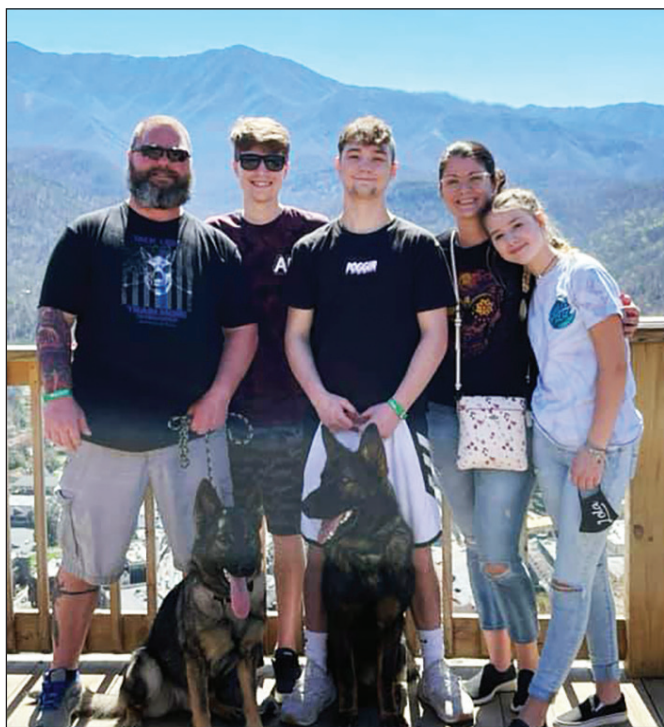


# Kelly's Korner

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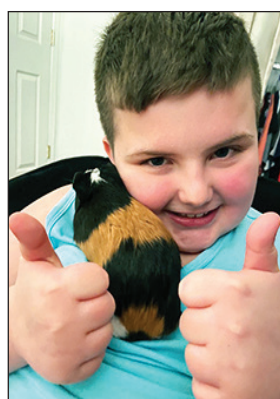
## Southsiders enjoying Spring Break



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS) The Sparks family (Chris, Austin, Kyan, Ashley and Lola) from Franklin Township spending spring break in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Their dogs, Michonne and Yadi, are along for the adventurous trip of hiking and exploring Tennessee too. They are pictured on the Gatlinburg Skybridge.



The Keller family (Eddie, Jaci, Sammy, Emma and Annabel) enjoying Spring Break '21 at Universal Studios and Anna Maria Island. Here they are at Platform 9 3/4 at the King's Cross train station.



AJ Smith is thumbs up about spring break. He did a variety of things with family members, but his favorite was getting his new guinea pig, Milo.



Who needs a beach when it's 75 degrees outside and you have a tire in the back of a pickup truck? Having fun are Jackson and JJ Bullock, front, with friend Phoenix Davis.

## STATE HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING RUNNER-UP



(SUBMITTED PHOTO) The Franklin Township girls high school bowling team finished second in the Indiana High School Bowling championships Saturday in Fort Wayne. Team members are, from left, front, Corrine Walker and Macie Hadley, holding trophy, back row, coach Randy Barnhart, Hunter Sullivan, Hannah Messersmith, Alyssa Perry, Lori Bauerle, and coach Glenn Brunker. The team went unbeaten in the regular season. They claimed championships in the regional at Kokomo and semistate in Anderson before advancing to the state championships. Franklin Township finished third in the state in championship in 2019. The tournament is sanctioned by the Indiana Bowling Association.

## Southsiders' Bulletin Board

**VACCINATIONS FOR 16 YEARS AND OLDER**  
Effective today, all Hoosiers 16 years and older are eligible to be vaccinated. Also beginning Tuesday, April 6, statewide mask mandates, business restrictions, and venue capacity limits are lifted by state order, except in Marion County, where restrictions continue. In Marion County, capacity for outdoor dining is at 100 percent, retail stores and indoor dining at restaurants remains at 75 percent with bars and gyms at 50 percent. Social gatherings are limited to a maximum of 50 persons unless a risk mitigation plan is filed with the county health department. Johnson County is following the state's lifting of mandates, while city government buildings in Greenwood remain closed to the public. State and county health authorities continue to urge Hoosiers to wear masks indoors, continue safe distancing and wash hands regularly.

**IMS TO BE SITE OF MASS VACCINATIONS**  
To continue mass vaccination of Hoosiers, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway will partner with the Indiana Department of Health and IU Health in April. The multi-day vaccination clinics, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., are Thursday-Saturday, April 1-3, and April 13-18 and April 24-30. A single dose of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine will be used; only Hoosiers 18 years or older are eligible at the site. Registration is required in advance at: <https://ourshot.in.gov/opens>, or by calling 211. More info at: [www.ourshot.in.gov](http://www.ourshot.in.gov).

**BG TOWN HALL MEETING**  
The Professional Firefighters Local 416 supports a fire service inter-local agreement between the City of Beech Grove and Indianapolis. An informal and informative town hall meeting will be held to discuss the proposal Tuesday, April 13, 6 p.m., at the Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave.

**AUTISM COMMUNITY CONNECTION FUND DRIVE**  
A month-long drive to raise funds in April for the Autism Community Connection through four Greenwood area restaurants begins Friday, April 2, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Vino Villa, 200 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. Patrons may also donate to the Autism Community Connection in Greenwood: Tuesday, April 6, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Chick-fil-A, 155 Marlin Drive; April 13, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Arni's, 1691 Curry Road; and April 19, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Campbell's Highland Grille, 1001 N. State Road 135. The drive during Autism Awareness Month also includes various levels of honor donations, \$15 to \$250, for a video, "Love you to Pieces." Funds will be used to support those with autism through services and resources. Info: email [info@autismcc-in.org](mailto:info@autismcc-in.org) or go to [autismcc.org](http://autismcc.org).

**GPL CITIZEN SCIENTISTS FOR HUMMINGBIRDS**  
Greenwood Public Library has launched a public program with the Audubon Society to help feed and observe hummingbirds. Participants can make a do-it-yourself hummingbird feeder during a session on Wednesday, April 21. The feeders then serve as nectar sources and observation sites. Citizen scientists may spend just a few minutes each day collecting data to be entered on an Audubon website. The project continues through May. The adult craft for April is the hummingbird feeders; kits are available Monday, April 5 at the library, 310 S. Meridian St., for residents 18 years or older. Citizen scientists may register on the program calendar at: [greenwoodlibrary.us/citizenscientist](http://greenwoodlibrary.us/citizenscientist).

**'A MATTER OF BALANCE' OFFERED**  
"A Matter of Balance," is an award-winning program designed to help seniors manage falls and increase activity levels. The sessions begin Thursday, April 15. All classes are held at Franciscan Health ESSC, classroom 1, 421 N. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. Classes continue through June 3 and are open to those who are concerned with falls. Space is limited, and participants must register in advance by calling 317-528-4713 or [CIRFranciscanWellcare@franciscanalliance.org](mailto:CIRFranciscanWellcare@franciscanalliance.org).

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## Personal Recollections By Fred Shonk

### AN INTERESTING WEEK

Last week was very interesting due to three happenings.

**Katie Gearlds**  
The main subject of a big sports story concerned a young lady that I first met when she was a student at Beech Grove High School. Katie Gearlds became the best girls' player ever at the school and the best in Indiana in 2003.

After high school, she studied at Purdue and continued playing basketball as her skills always improved. She then played professional basketball for a few years with the Seattle WNBA team, and then played overseas.

I enjoyed watching her play. It was also fun to connect with her when she was back home in Beech Grove. We mostly passed each other on the streets as I was driving the school bus and she would be driving her bright yellow Mustang. We would laugh and wave.

Katie served as the women's basketball coach at Marian University for several years, winning two NAIA national championships.

It was announced late last week that Katie will be the next head coach at Purdue University. She will be associate coach next season with coach Sharon Bersyp who is to retire after the 2021-2022 season. I think that it is so cool for them to be able to work together and have a year of transition.

### My old house, the Longacre Bar



I began receiving cellphone calls from friends informing me that my "old house," the Longacre Bar and Grill, was on fire. Stuart and I jumped into our car and drove up to see what was going on.

It was a bit scary. We pulled up and found a safe place to park; the entire parking lot and street were filled with fire trucks. I quickly found out that an electrical fire in the basement had been contained. The business is undergoing an ownership change and quite a bit of remodeling and maintenance was going on.

I was told that it might be a few months before the bar and grill may be able to reopen. Lots of work needs to be done. It was sad for me to look inside the front door and see a hole chopped into the floor. The firemen needed to do that to get a water hose to the basement.

### Visiting our friend Christi

I'm very happy to say that Stuart and I made our first visit inside a nursing facility in more than a year due to Covid-19 restrictions. With lesser rules, we were invited to visit Manor Care Health Services where a lady, Christi, resides and is known as Stuart's girlfriend.

This visit, we met with Christi and her mother, Pam, in a large family room. Stuart sat on my lap and we sat close to Christi. It was so special to see their reaction to reconnecting with each other.

We were allowed to visit for about 15 minutes. Due to Covid-19, the only way we could see each other before was through her room window. This visit was much better.

Always at the end of each of our visits before, I would try to have a stern look and then I would tell Christi to behave. She would always say, "No!" That happened again last week.

She also demanded that we arm wrestle. Over the years, we have done that many times but it was always my idea. This time it was her idea. The results of the battle were exactly the same. She always wins.

Stuart and I both so very much enjoyed our visit and we hope that it will happen again real soon. Thanks to Christi, Pam, and the Manor-Care staff.

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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 - 1961

As part of its Easter promotion, Murphy's department store gave away baby chickens to its young customers.

The brand-new Southern Plaza Shopping Center, 4202 S. U.S. 31, boasted many businesses, including Kroger, J.C. Penney, Kay Jewelry, Roselyn Bakery, Hook Drugs, First Federal Savings & Loan, Kimmel Shoe Repair, Tuchman Cleaners, Lyric Record Shop and American Fletcher National Bank. There were enough parking spaces for 3,000 cars.

Grocery specials of the week included two 12-ounce bottles of ketchup for 25 cents; whole chickens, 29 cents a pound; eggs, 39 cents a dozen; and 3 pounds of hamburger, \$1.

### 50 Years Ago This Week - 1971

Confirmants at Immanuel Church of Christ were Linda Nordholt, Michael Mills, Cindy Kirkoff and Carla Borkes.

Joyce Flight, Roger Gale and William Cunningham were planning Perry Township's Easter Sunrise Service at Southport High School.

Orme's Carpets and Linoleum, 5505 S. Meridian St., celebrated its 27th anniversary.

### 40 Years Ago This Week - 1981

Dr. Ray Parker relocated his optometry practice from Southern Plaza to Madison Village Shopping Center.

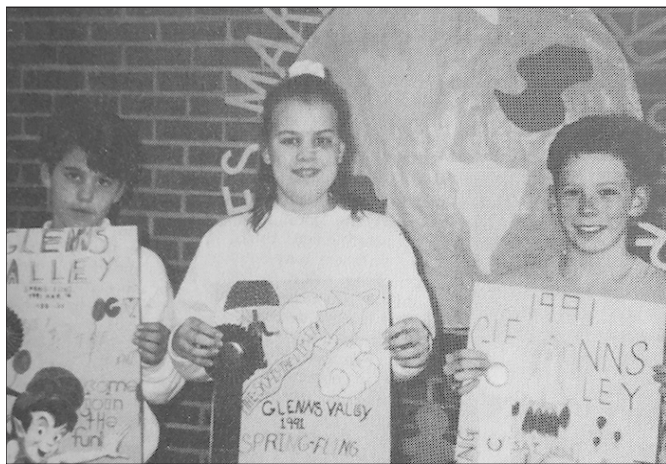
Perry Meridian junior Kipp Nelson attended the Indiana State Police career camp.



The Indianapolis Swim Club's Michelle Miller, (from left) Kristaan Kane, Cindi Wooden and Christy Doss finished first in the freestyle and medley relays of the Indiana Junior Olympic U.S. Swimming Championships.

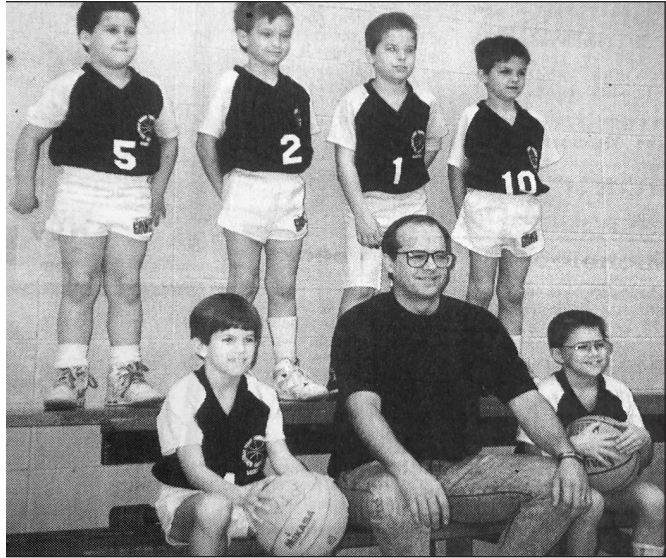
### 30 Years Ago This Week - 1991

Roncally teacher Deborah Sachs was a semifinalist in the Tandy Technology Scholars program.



Glens Valley Elementary fifth-grader Justin Striby (left) took first-place honors in the school's poster contest to promote its spring fling. Second place went to Chrissie Ewing (center); Luke Zigovits finished third.

The Holiday Inn Southeast at I-465 and Emerson Avenue served an Easter buffet for \$8.95. Ham, roast beef, fish, chicken, vegetables and salads were available.



The second-grade basketball team at Burkhart Elementary finished its season 10-0. The squad featured (front) Brent Moore, coach John Webb, Ryan Linneweber; (back) Justin Pannel, Josh Dill, Adam Webb and Nicholas McKeenan; not pictured: Zach Fink.

### 20 Years Ago This Week - 2001

This issue is missing from the archives.

### 10 Years Ago This Week - 2011



Fred and Lyn Shonk enjoyed the chili dinner hosted by the Perry Township/Southport Historical Society.

(Pictured right) Beech Grove High School senior Katie Wolf, daughter of Ross and Beth Wolf, was a finalist for the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award.

Manual graduate Chrishawn Hopkins helped propel Butler to the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament. The Bulldogs had knocked off No. 3 seed Old Dominion, No. 1 Pittsburgh and No. 2 Florida to reach the semifinals.



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE FOR APRIL 14, 2021

The City of Indianapolis' Department of Public Works (DPW) will hold a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6 p.m. EST. The purpose of this meeting is to offer area residents, stakeholders and other interested persons an opportunity to learn more about DPW's South County Line Road Project (Des. No. 2002553). The intent of the project is to improve safety, mobility and operational efficiency along the County Line corridor between SR 37 and SR 135. The project includes added travel lanes in both directions and a continuous center turn lane from I-69 to SR 135. Pedestrian mobility along the corridor will improve with the addition of a new 10-foot-wide trail on the north side and a new 6-foot-wide sidewalk on the south side of the roadway.

This meeting will be held via WebEx virtual conferencing and no in-person attendance will take place. To attend the meeting, go to <https://bit.ly/3vDxpV9>. The event password is: CountyLineRd\*21. Participants may also join by phone by calling 1-855-797-9485. The access code is: 131 281 6843. This meeting will be covered live on Indianapolis Government Channel 16 on the following cable providers and channels: X-Finity Channel 16, Spectrum Channel 340 and AT&T Channel 99. The meeting can also be viewed via Livestream at: [https://indianapolis.granicus.com/player/camera/5?publish\\_id=4&redirect=true](https://indianapolis.granicus.com/player/camera/5?publish_id=4&redirect=true). The public can also request a link to the meeting by emailing [kescott@hntb.com](mailto:kescott@hntb.com), or scan the following QR code to access a link to the live event.



Participants are encouraged to submit questions and comments ahead of the meeting by email to [kescott@hntb.com](mailto:kescott@hntb.com) with the subject "County Line Road Project." The public will be able to submit comments and questions during the meeting via the WebEx chat function or by email to [kescott@hntb.com](mailto:kescott@hntb.com), both of which will be monitored by the project team during the event. Meeting comments will continue to be accepted via email through May 3, 2021.

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed to them. Please contact Kelly Scott at [kescott@HNTB.com](mailto:kescott@HNTB.com) or 317-636-4682 for information.

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## SOUTHSIDE DEATHS

**KEITH ALAN ARTHUR**, 48, children, Kasie and Branden Arthur; five grandchildren; sister, Kimberly Carnes.

**CHERYL SUE BASEY**, 72, husband, James Basey; sons, Cavin Deppe, Toby and Scott Thompson, Vincent Basey; sister, Deborah Shelby; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

**LINDA JANE CASHE**, 71, husband, David Cashe; daughters, Kimberly and Julie Cashe; seven grandchildren; siblings, Donald McAuley and Sandy Faude.

**ALLEN CRAIG**, 53, wife, Karen Craig; children, Amber, Samantha, Tylor and Alena Craig; 14 grandchildren; siblings, Randy Craig, Cindy Lamb and Anita Mills.

**FLOYD DUNNAVANT**, 85, wife, Georgia; children, Regina Wagner and Greg Dunnivant; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

**JERRY OWEN EACRET**, 78, wife, Anne Eacret; children, Debra Linton and Jerry Eacret, II; brothers, Clyde Jr. and Eugene Eacret; two grandsons; one great-grandson.

**PATRICIA KAY WAYMAN FRISON**, 73, daughter, Dawn Schopp; sister, Judy Hampton.

**DANNY L. GARNER**, 65, wife, Dawna Garner; children, Kimberly Lamb and Brenda Garner; four grandchildren; siblings, Doug, Jeff and Chad Garner, Martha Mason, Marlene Napier, Nancy Smith, Angela Abney.

**MICHAEL "MIKE" B. GILLESPIE**, 84, wife, Diane; daughter, Laura Johnson; brother, Gary; many grandchildren.

**SAMUEL RAY HAMILTON**, 69. **MARGARET PARRISH HARSTON**, 85, widow of S.C. Harston; children, Mark, Rebecca and Matthew Harston, Melissa Shy; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

**ANGELA RAE "ANGIE" HAYES**, 42, sons, Holden and Aidan Palmer, Kevin and Tristan Keefe; mother, Debra Dudas; father, Benny "Bill" Hayes; siblings, Christy Jennings, Michael, Jimmy, Linda and Patrick Hayes, Brendan Dudas; step-siblings, Rob Murphy and Tammy Brees.

**MICHAEL J. IRVIN**, 39, parents, Robert "Jeff" and Dianna Irvin; daughter, Nevaeh Irvin; grandparents, Robert Irvin and Margie O'Harrow, Jimmy and Constance Bartholomew; siblings, Alan Irvin, Tracy Berry.

**MICHAEL E. KELLY**, 87, sisters, Norma Spencer and Rosella Rodger.

**SCOTT ALLEN KIEFNER**, SR., 65, children, Scott, Jr., Sara and Josh Kiefner; stepchildren, Tonya Osborn, Hodge and Greg Hasty; 15 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; mother of his children, Sheila Hasty; brother, Tom Peterson.

**AVONELL RUTH LANE**, 84, widow of Bobby Lane; children, Russell Lane, Vickie Arthur and Beverly Bailey; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; several brothers and sisters.

**HAZEL F. LEWIS**, 92, widow of Robert Lewis; daughter, Cheryl Boas; sister, Viola Crowe; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; two step-great-great-grandsons.

**CAROL M. MAPPES**, 83, widow of Joseph Mappes; sons, John, David, Eric and Scott Mappes; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

**CAROLYN JEAN BURKHART MCCLAIN**, 91, widow of Jay McClain; children, Marsha Gray, Michael and Mark McClain; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.

**CAROLYN JEAN STINSON MILLER**, 81, widow of James Miller and Eldon Lynn; children, Bobby and Jeff Lynn, Connie New, James Miller, Helen Inman and Kay Miller King; siblings, Vestal "Butch" Stinson, William "Rusty" Vire, Ruby Rambo, Patricia "Patty" Gilchrist; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson.

**TAMMY MICHELLE PARKER**, 50, father, Larry Parker and his wife, Betty; brother, Garry Parker.

**SARA BETH PITCHER**, 92, widow of Dean Pitcher; children, Dulcena and Daniel Pitcher; sister, Elladine; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

**BARBARA "BOBBI" LOUISE WRIGHT POLLITT**, 73, children, Scott Wright, Renee Powell; sisters, Joyce Webb, Jo Pollitt; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

**MARY HELEN DEWBREW QUINTANILLA**, 88, husband, Felix Quintanilla; children, Monica Stratton and Marcus Quintanilla; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; siblings, Thelma Frye, Clint and George Debrew.

**BONNIE JOAN "EADS" RIDENOUR**, 72, daughter, Nicole Kiefer; three grandchildren; siblings, Gary Meece, Edwina Griffith, Richard Eads.

**RAYMOND EUGENE SANTI**, 89, wife, Catherine "Kay" Santi; sons, Dave and Tom; many grandchildren.

**CHERYL SMITH**, 71, husband, Wallace Smith; children, Erin Beckman, Eric Smith; brother, Michael Cloncs; two grandchildren.

**MILDRED ALINE KEY SPALDING**, 91, widow of James Spalding; children, James "Jim Denny", Rita and Joe Spalding; one grandson.

**MARY L. TATUM**, 86, widow of Thomas Tatum Sr.; children, Jim, Ronnie and Donnie Tatum, sister, Francis Tatum; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

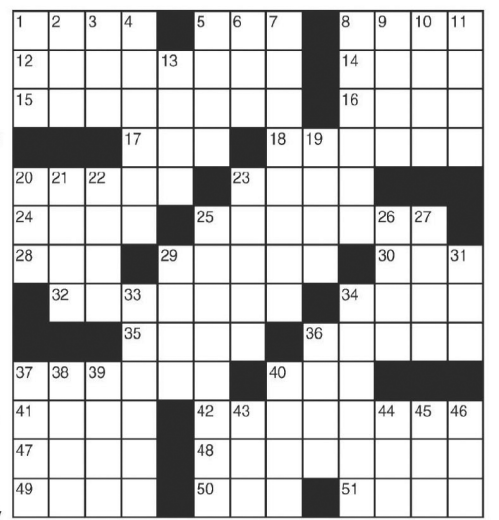
**LENORA ELLEN WILLIAMS**, 85, widow of Robert "Bob" Williams; daughter, Evelyn Bush; two grandsons; six great-grandchildren; stepchildren, Robert Edmondson, Donna Noel.

**LORA FLORENCE WYATT**, 87, widow of Taylor Wyatt; sons, Roger, Richard and Gregory Wyatt; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Dean, Wayne and Junior Simpson.

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

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



### DOWN

- 1 Central
- 2 High card
- 3 Roman X
- 4 Doubly thick
- 5 Sicilian volcano
- 6 Sleuth, briefly
- 7 212 or 718, e.g.
- 8 Allergy sufferer's woe
- 9 Concept
- 10 Pork cut
- 11 Formerly, formally
- 13 Car
- 19 Actress
- 20 Deity
- 21 Somewhat
- 22 Sly look
- 23 Carroll heroine
- 25 Solemn occasions
- 26 "Arrivederci"
- 27 Ireland
- 29 Mentor
- 31 Beer cousin
- 33 Spotted wildcat
- 34 Emotional upset
- 36 Trudge on
- 37 Crooner Jerry
- 38 As yet unpaid
- 39 Boo-Boo's companion
- 40 " - Karenina"
- 43 Siesta
- 44 Run-down horse
- 45 French vineyard
- 46 - out a living

## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: A equals L

R ZWFAU AWGJ XW IJ M  
CJMGKZJRBCX TCMQY EWQJUMK,  
IFX YJWYAJ XJAA QJ RX'E WOAK  
M NRBCX WN NMOTK.

## Nuhfer

(Continued from Page 1)

may be over, but she left some impressive marks. The swimming standout is part of seven school records, including three relays, and the 200, 100, and 50 freestyles as well as the 100-butterfly.

"We are the team that completely rewrote the records which is crazy," Nuhfer emphasized. "I'm definitely proud of myself for all those accomplishments but I know that without a strong support system behind me, none of that would have been possible. As much as swimming is an individual sport, it's definitely a sport that needs to be done together and I'm grateful for everyone that has been a part of my swimming career."

Part of that support system comes from Nuhfer's mom, Tami, who has been an assistant coach on the team. Her dad, Adam, played tennis on some of Greenwood's better teams and was the P.A. announcer for Greenwood High School's boys' basketball games while in school. Grace's sister was on the swim team this season.

Nuhfer's mom, a former track and field athlete at Purdue University, helped Grace's athletic growth.

"My mom was a crazy good athlete," Nuhfer said. "She learned so much being a college athlete and her experiences have definitely helped me know what I'm looking for in a college."

Ever since she began swimming, Nuhfer knew she wanted to swim in college at the NCAA Division I level. Now, that dream is about to become a reality.

"Everything I had been looking for in a program was at Akron," Nuhfer said. "Akron was a lot closer to home for me but just the team atmosphere was that family feel that I had with my club; I'm confident that will be the same if not better there. I'm looking forward to having a team of girls that will just help one another be the best versions of ourselves."

Nuhfer hopes to make an immediate impact at Akron and help the team with hopes of competing at the NCAA championships.

Academically, Nuhfer will follow in the footsteps of her parents and study business at Akron with an emphasis on marketing. She already has started a couple of her own entities through the years, including a photography business.

Regardless of where her future takes her, Nuhfer has already defied the odds with a truly impressive swimming career. She's left a legacy at GHS, and her story can only get better at Akron.

(Editor's note: This article was reprinted with permission and has been edited for local interest and brevity. Kluge's full story about Nuhfer is online at: [www.mvbsports.com](http://www.mvbsports.com).

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Answers  
Solution time: 21 mins.

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CryptoQuip

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

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

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**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Things go so swimmingly that you're tempted to take on more tasks. Best advice: Finish what you have now, then enjoy a well-earned relaxing weekend.

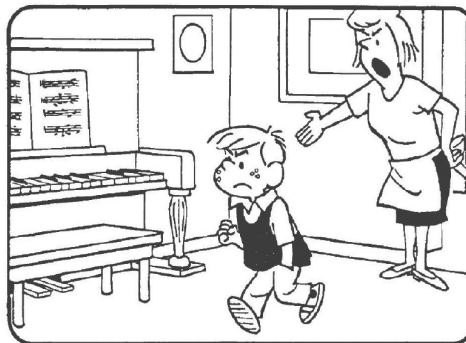
**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your understanding of human nature helps you make wise decisions that are appreciated by all. You would make a fine judge.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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# BG's Katie Gearlds going home to Purdue

By Al Stille  
Editor

"Honestly, it just feels like I am coming home."

With those words, Katie Gearlds beamed about being named as associate

women's basketball coach at Purdue University. The Beech Grove native joins head coach Sharon Versyp in her final season and then will be her successor beginning with the 2022-2023 campaign.

Sharing in the announcement with coach Versyp, Gearlds stated, "I am thoroughly excited for the opportunity to help put Purdue back on the national scene. I believe we will accomplish great things in the years ahead, and am looking forward to being a part of the next chapter in Purdue women's basketball history."

Gearlds returns to Purdue where she starred as a third-team All-American and helped lead the Boilermakers to four consecutive NCAA tournament appearances (2004-2007), capped by reaching the Elite Eight.

An opportunity that she could not pass up, Gearlds added, "Purdue is the next step for me, and it's a step I feel like I was born to take...it's going to be a fun ride."

Purdue University is one of three homes for Gearlds.

Her first home is Beech Grove, where she was born. She shot hoops in her parents' driveway, played youth, amateur, middle school, and high school basketball, turning down invitations to play for a private high school.

Gearlds led Beech Grove High School to the 2003 IHSAA 3A state

**"I am completely jacked for the opportunity to help get Purdue back on the national scene. It's going to be a fun ride."**

**- Associate head coach Katie Gearlds**



**Katie Gearlds**

championship. The march featured an unforgettable double-overtime semistate win against North Harrison when she hit three straight free throws with no time on the clock in the fourth quarter to push it into overtime at the

Southport Fieldhouse.

She was Indiana's Miss Basketball in 2003 as well as Gatorade Indiana Player of the Year and a Nike/WBCA All-American. Gearlds ranks No. 6 in all-time Indiana girls' career points, capped by her senior year average of 30.1 points per game, 9.4 rebounds, 5.4 assists, and 5.1 steals per game. She also was a Nike/WBCA All-American and the Gatorade Indiana Player of the Year.

During an interview last week, she acknowledged her family and longtime friends who have always "had my back."

Of course, Purdue University is her second home where she played for coach Versyp in her first year at the Boilermaker helm. Gearlds hit new heights her senior year, scoring a record 41 points against Wisconsin and tying the single-season record of 707 points.

She is fourth in all-time points scored at Purdue with 1,974. The Boilermakers also won two Big Ten Tourney championships with Gearlds. She was the 2004 Big Ten Freshman of the Year and four-time All-Big 10 selection.

During her pro career, she played for Seattle in the WNBA for three seasons and overseas before retiring as a player.

Gearlds third home became Marian University, where she established a

championship coaching pedigree.

She just completed her eighth and final year at the helm by mentoring the Knights to a seventh NAIA tourney appearance in eight seasons. The Knights were national champions in 2016 and 2017. Gearlds' teams won 82 percent (228 wins, only 50 losses).

She is a three-time NAIA National Coach of the Year. The Knights also captured six consecutive Crossroads League season and four tourney championships. And she helped develop 12 NAIA All-American nominees, capped by the 2021 NAIA Player of the Year Imani Guy.

Gearlds will go full-bore into the transition with Versyp, whom she conferred with numerous times after graduating from Purdue. Such a transition is reminiscent of the men's basketball program when Matt Painter was named associate head coach during Gene Keady's final season in 2004-2005. This transition promises to be just as successful.

Versyp goes into their 16th and final season at the helm as Purdue's winningest women's basketball coach with 301 games won which she can add to next season. She had posted nine 20-plus win seasons.

"Katie was one of the hardest-working players I've ever had the good fortune to coach," Versyp said. "Her character and leadership embodied everything we wanted in a student-athlete to represent our program."

Meanwhile, Gearlds is eager to make the transition from coaching an elite NAIA program to an NCAA Division 1 program in the ultra-competitive Big 10.

It promises to be as smooth as hitting those three straight free throws like she did in 2003 in the playoffs against North Harrison.

# Speedrome opens Saturday with 75-lap Figure-8

By Al Stille  
Editor

The Indianapolis Speedrome opens for its 80th season Saturday night with the Wayne Arnold Memorial Fast Start 75-lap Late Model Figure-8.

Racing begins at 7 p.m. with Factory FWDs, Faskarts, and Legends cars in 25-lap features on the one-fifth-mile paved oval. The track is at Brookville Road and Kitley Avenue.

Interest is high for the new season, especially after a year of

health restrictions due to the Covid pandemic. Health protocols will be followed by fans and participants Saturday night.

"We will continue our rise from 2019 and what was anticipated for 2020 before Covid," track president Jonathan Byrd II added. "Our fans, like everyone, have been pent-up and are ready for the excitement of the Figure-8."

Last year, owner Kevin Garigus added amenities to the historic short track and this season the Speedrome expands its reach. The Speed Sport Network has a

five-year marketing agreement with the Speedrome for production, technology, business services, equipment support, and marketing for the full schedule. The pact also includes non-national touring series events at the expanded Circle City Raceway dirt track at the Marion County Fairgrounds.

"This is a great beginning, a partnership with media, podcasts, website and what we can do together to bring Figure-8 racing to the world," Byrd said Saturday. "They (Speed Sport) are excited about Figure-8 racing and we are

among 'favorite nation' status with them. That's the really big thing coming this season."

Byrd said that more details of broadcasts will be announced later.

The second-generation motorsports enthusiast also pointed out that interest is growing among all divisions.

Byrd emphasized that the Speedrome has great entertainment value for all sports fans throughout central Indiana.

"You can't have better pricing for any event in the city," Byrd said. "Our ticket prices are the lowest for any event in town, children are free, and parking is free."

Racing is on Saturday nights with many special events: Demolition derbies; school-bus and trailer Figure-8s; winged 410 sprints; and \$5,000 "Rumble for the Track Record," an Indiana shootout to set a track record on the oval; fireworks extravaganza; and World Figure-8 three-hour endurance race.

The Speedrome has been open for registration and practice for three consecutive Saturdays. The interest and turnout for all divisions has been impressive.

Southside drivers on hand for the third practice included Figure-8 drivers Mark Tunny and Mike Riddle Jr. of the Southside and Southport alum Larry Hahn, one of the track's top Stock class competitors.

"I have a new car and a new outlook," said Riddle, who began Figure-8 racing in 2012. "We

didn't have a good year last year, so we need to get back to making the racing fun again."

Tickets on opening night Saturday are \$10, ages 13-64 years; \$8 for seniors, military, and first responders. Kids 12-and-under free with an adult. There is special pricing for special events.

Info: call 317-353-8206 or online at [www.speedrome.com](http://www.speedrome.com).



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLE) Various cars and teams were on hand Saturday for the third day of registration and practice.



Greenwood's Mike Riddle Jr. tested new No. 12 Figure-8 car Saturday.



Popular Legends Cars driven by Ashton Murello and Drew and Austin Evans are aligned side-by-side in pit area.

## Eskenazi Health to Assist During Special Health Insurance Open Enrollment Period



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A special open enrollment period for 2021 health insurance plans started in February providing the opportunity for those needing coverage or wanting to explore the myriad of health insurance options to secure a better deal, the opportunity to improve their situation.

President Biden signed an Executive Order that a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for the Health Insurance Marketplace be officially available to consumers in Indiana and the other 35 states that use the HealthCare.gov platform beginning on February 15, and will continue through Saturday, May 15.

year and after that everyone is locked in place unless there is a life changing event. In 2020, the open enrollment period occurred from Nov. 1-Dec. 15.

This special opportunity is available for those who are uninsured, under-insured or already enrolled in a plan through the Marketplace and wanting to switch to a different plan. Eskenazi Health has a team of knowledgeable and highly-trained financial counselors ready to help secure the best health insurance policy for everyone.

In providing the safest environment for all during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, highly experienced and knowledgeable Eskenazi Health navigators will be meeting by appointment only 1:1 with patients both in-person while using social distancing guidelines, and virtually.

During this open enrollment period, Eskenazi Health will provide Financial Counseling services at:

• Eskenazi Health Center West  
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• Eskenazi Health Center Forest Manor, Mon.-Fri.: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Virtual appointments may be scheduled through MyChart, which can be accessed at [EskenaziHealth.edu](http://EskenaziHealth.edu). In-person and virtual appointments can also be made by calling 855.202.1053.

This invaluable opportunity to enter the Marketplace will also help people who lost their jobs and health insurance benefits perhaps due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and those that have too large of an income for Medicare/Medicaid.


The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected millions of people throughout our nation, and many Americans remain uninsured or underinsured and need access to affordable health coverage. This Special Enrollment Period allows individuals and families to enroll in the specific health plan they need and Eskenazi Health is ready to provide the very best health care insurance expertise and advice.



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