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## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Walesky's record home runs, 16 strikeouts by 'The Rock' help Roncalli raise fourth state championship trophy



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY GREG ROTHROCK) Ally Walesky, left, is congratulated by teammates Cate Lehner (19) and Chloe Parks (16) after hitting her first of two home runs Saturday.



Sophomore pitcher Keagan Rothrock, right, is congratulated by battery mate Ally Walesky (14). Roncalli's softball team holds the coveted state championship trophy after defeating Lake Central.



By Al Stilley  
Editor

"We did everything we needed to do as a team and more."

That comment by Roncalli sophomore pitcher Keagan Rothrock sums up the IHSAA Class 4A state championship game Saturday night against Lake Central at Center Grove High School's Russ Milligan Field.

They needed to defeat the state's No. 3-ranked team from St. John in northwestern Indiana and that's exactly what the Royals did, 4-1.

Here's "more" that Roncalli accomplished in front of a boisterous sea-of-red supporters:

- The program's first Class 4A softball state title and fourth overall.
- First school in IHSAA softball history to win a state championship in three different classes (2A in 1999 and 2001 and 3A in 2011).

- Roncalli junior catcher Ally Walesky hit a record two home runs in a class state championship game, matching the single-class two home runs in 1990 by Angie Lightfoot of Elkhart Central.

- Roncalli's 31 wins this season breaks the team record of 28 wins set by the 2011 team.

- The 24 wins by Rothrock, nicknamed "The Rock," is a single-season team record.

Anxious but laser-focused, Roncalli struck early in the first two innings against the uneasy Indians, who had won 31 games and outscored five playoff foes 41-2.

Speedster Chloe Parks led off with her fifth triple of the year and scored on a bad throw to first base on Rothrock's grounder to short. Rothrock reached third on a misfielded drive by junior Kylie Freije to centerfield but was stranded when the next two Royals struck out.

Then in the second inning, Walesky, who had hit only two home runs all season, slammed a rise pitch over the leftfield fence with Cate Lehner on second base for a 3-0 lead in the second inning.

Then in the fifth, Walesky made IHSAA multiple-class softball history by slamming her second home run in about the same spot for a 4-1



The sign says it all: The last ride for the old school nickname and also the first for the newly-named Royals.



The Royals received a great sendoff around 5:30 p.m. by enthusiastic fans at the high school for their short trip to Russ Milligan Field in northwestern Johnson County.

## Indy Parks history becomes part of library's digital collection



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS) Proud young swimmers show their trophies that they earned in 1961 in the annual city parks series of meets sponsored by The Indianapolis Times at a special ceremony. *Southsider Voice* Editor Al Stilley was a Scripps-Howard intern who covered the city parks meets in 1963, 1964, and 1965 during the summers for the newspaper.

Historic photos and documents of Indianapolis parks are now available to view on the Indianapolis Public Library's website following a public launch earlier this month at historic Garfield Park.

The digital Indy Parks and Recreation collection contains more than 16,000 photos, videos and historical documents and is the final addition in a five-year project funded by a \$1.8 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to the Indianapolis Public Library Foundation. The digitized content may be printed or downloaded free for personal use, study or research.

"The history of our city parks is the history of Indianapolis and with today's announcement, residents can explore that history

like never before," Mayor Joe Hogsett stated at Garfield Park. "These items now in the Digital Indy collection give us a better understanding of who we are, what lessons we can draw from the past, and how we can strive for a better tomorrow."

The new Indy Parks collection includes photographs of 86 parks and golf courses, videos of historic events such as the U. S. Women's Olympic Swimming Trials at Broad Ripple Park, rebuilding of the damaged Garfield Park Conservatory, and board meeting minutes ranging from 1908-2017. Community events, performances, and groundbreaking ceremonies make up the bulk of the collection.

Long-time Indy Parks and Recreation employee Rupert Daily, recorded, saved, and organized thousands of photo negatives and slides when he worked for Indy Parks between 1945 and 1993. The files were donated to Ball State University Libraries to be housed in the Andrew Seager Archive of the Built Environment and shared with the Indianapolis Public Library to be scanned and uploaded to Digital Indy.

Indy Parks director Linda Broadfoot stated, "Our city's parks remain a popular destination for fitness, special events and programs, free meals, and for individuals and their families to spend valuable time together."

Broadfoot also expressed her appreciation for Lilly Endowment Inc., Ball State University and the Indianapolis Public Library for



IndyParks director Linda Broadfoot addresses attendees at breakout of digital history during a ceremony at Garfield Park.

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Mayor Joe Hogsett looks over enlarged photos that are part of the Indianapolis Public Library digital collection of city parks during the announcement at Garfield Park.

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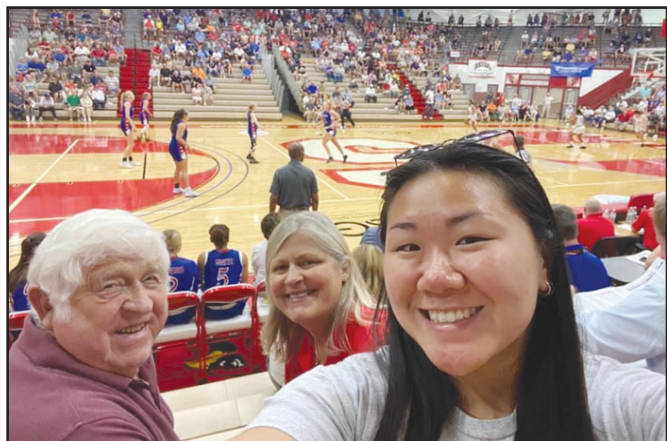
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# Kelly's Korner

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## CARDINALS IN THE HOUSE



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Three generations of Indiana basketball players, Harold Metheny, left, daughter Amy Metheny, and granddaughter Grace Branson, right, were together to watch the Indiana-Kentucky All-Star games held at historic Southport Fieldhouse for the first time. Harold is a 2020 inductee into the Indiana Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and is to be honored with this year's inductees due to last year's cancellation due to the pandemic. He coached summer basketball for girls throughout central Indiana, including the formation of a Baxter YMCA league that attracted the area's top girls. Amy is a member of the 2005 Silver Anniversary team. She was an Indiana All-Star and was on Southport High School's 1980 state championship team coached by Marilyn Ramsey. Amy later starred as a player at Indiana University. Amy was recognized during a pre-game ceremony and threw out the game basketball to the referee.

## NAWC ARCHITECTURAL WINNERS



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Roncalli High School senior Hannah Cushing, middle, earned first place and a \$500 award in the National Association of Women In Construction (NAWC) architectural design central Indiana regional competition. Her winning plans and design for a Brooklyn style row house advanced her from regionals to the national finals where she was the runner-up among all students. She is with Roncalli seniors, Tommy Brownfield, left, and Colin Prior who earned second (\$300) and third place (\$200) regional honors, respectively. Jim Ratliff, instructor of drafting and architecture engineering, is their teacher at Roncalli.

## PLAYING AT HIGHLAND GRILL



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## ROTHROCK'S SUNFLOWER

By Al Stilley  
Editor



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY GREG ROTHROCK)

Roncalli sophomore pitcher Keagan Rothrock has raised the standard this season for first-year high school pitchers not only at the Southside school but throughout the state.

Rothrock, like all players last season, did not have the opportunity to play due to IHSAA spring sports being cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

So when "The Rock" took to the pitcher's circle this season, her yellow sunflower hairpiece was quite visible.

Last Saturday while still celebrating Roncalli's fourth IHSAA state championship, she explained that she wears the sunflower partly as a University of Florida commit but mostly because it represents the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation and the Gator softball team's commit.

"It's yellow and that is a softball thing each year because they have an annual Yellow Game," Rothrock said. "It has to do with cancer and kids."

This season, the fifth annual Yellow Game in Gainesville (Fla.) was against rival Louisiana State University (LSU). Fans wore yellow and the Gators wore special yellow uniforms.

Yellow was the favorite color and the sunflower was the favorite flower of Heather Braswell, who died of brain cancer at 17 years in 2014. Fans also wear special T-shirts with a sunflower on the front. Braswell was a fixture in the team's dugout for several seasons and is beloved to this day by the Gators softball program.

So, the simple answer as to why Rothrock wears the sunflower is that it represents youngsters who are fighting cancer and in memory of those who did not survive their battle.

## BOLTON RECEIVES HUMANITARIAN AWARD



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Beech Grove's Tiffany Bolton, left, receives the first-ever Beech Grove Promoters Club Humanitarian Award from organization member Dawn Garrigus. The inaugural award recognizes Bolton, a Beech Grove City Schools bus driver, for her unselfish commitment to helping area residents during the height of the recent coronavirus pandemic. She created and distributed 3,000 facial masks through October 2020. She dug out her grandmother's sewing machine and began sewing the masks. She had to solicit donations when elastic was scarce. Bolton continuously reached out to local businesses and community members to turn in orders for masks that she later distributed. She made patriotic masks for the Samuel Bryan Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution as well as child-sized masks in superhero fabrics. Bolton is the mother of two sons. The plaque commemorates her accomplishments.

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Just about a month after my 21st birthday, Perry Township Schools started and I became a school bus driver. I have an August birthday and schools started just after Labor Day.

I was assigned an elementary school route that connected with Edgewood Grade School. That was the grade school that I attended and I knew many of the teachers and the principal.

One afternoon after dropping off my last students from my Edgewood route, I was heading toward the junior high for my next route when something interesting happened.

I was stopped on Madison Avenue to drop off my last three riders. As I began to pull away, an unmarked state police car pulled past me and blocked my path.

I was flabbergasted and clueless as to why I was being stopped. I just continued sitting in the bus and waited to see exactly what was going to happen. From the angle that the police car was parked, I could not see the driver.

After what seemed like an hour, he raised his left hand out of the driver's side window and displayed a very recognizable hand signal while yelling "Ol' Bean." He then quickly drove away. I knew that I had been had.

My good buddy, Steve "Clyde" Lovellette was back in town. Not only was he back, he had also purchased a used Indiana State Police car at an auction.

He (well, maybe we) had a lot of fun with that car. I remember going with him to a retail uniform store on the near-Southside and purchasing one of those big round hats that state troopers wore. It was amusing to spot Clyde wearing that hat and holding a hair dryer out his window while sitting in his blue Plymouth on a small cross street to US 31.

On occasion, we would circle the Tee Pee Restaurant where we would occasionally spot some of our younger friends who were out past their curfews.

If we could chat with them in an unlit location, we might chat with them from the car. The person sitting in the passenger (shotgun) seat with Clyde would shout at the younger guys through the driver's window. The driver would stay silent and maybe adjust the big round hat.

The younger fellows would be reminded of their curfew and after a few "Yes, sir" responses, they would disappear for the remainder of the evening.

My recommendation for anyone purchasing a used police vehicle now is to not follow Clyde's example.

Lovellette and his wife Sandy live in Florida now. We had a great telephone conversation last weekend. After that call, I sat and laughed as I remembered those days in that blue Plymouth former state police vehicle. I bet Clyde still has that big ol' round hat.

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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your time is devoted to career demands through much of the week. But Venus, who rules your sign, might be planning how (and with whom) you'll spend your weekend.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Don't be put off by the surprising turn in the way your project is developing.

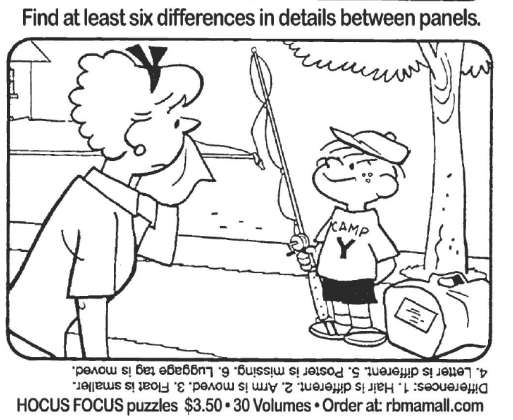
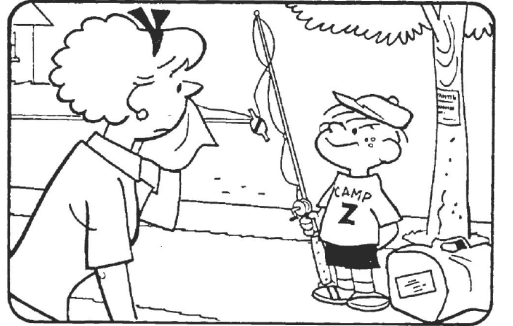
You've invested enough time in it to know how to make all the necessary adjustments.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The work week goes smoothly for the most part. But a weekend visit to a place in your past could hold surprises for your future, especially where romance is involved.  
**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A sudden attack of shyness for the usually loquacious Lion could be a sign that deep down you're not sure enough about what (or whom) you had planned to talk up in public.  
**VIRGO** (August 23 to

September 22) Deal with that job-related problem on-site -- that is, at the workplace. Avoid taking it home, where it can spoil those important personal plans you've made.  
**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) It's a good time to let those favorable comments about your business dealings be known to those in a position to be helpful. Don't hide your light; let it shine.  
**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Avoid added pressure to finish a project on deadline by steering clear of distractions. To put

it somewhat poetically: Time for fun -- when your tasks are done.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You might be uneasy about an offer from a longtime colleague. But before you reject it, study it. You might be surprised at what it actually contains.  
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Deal firmly with a difficult family matter. It's your strength they need right now. You can show your emotions when the situation begins to ease up.  
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A recent

dispute with some co-workers might not have been completely resolved. But other colleagues will be only too happy to offer support of your actions.  
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# SPORTS BRIEFS

## GOLF STATE FINALS

Center Grove's golf team and Beech Grove's Jason Schulz qualified June 10 for the two-day IHSAA state finals that wrap up today (Wednesday) at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel.

Center Grove is chasing its second state title. The Trojans have finished second three times since 2015.

Led by senior Brandon Hefner's one-under 71, the Trojans captured the Providence Regional championship last week at Champions Pointe in Henryville. Center Grove edged runner-up Bloomington South, 295 to 300 strokes. Junior Andrew Rowan fired a 72, senior Sam Slaughter 74, junior Luke Beetz 78, and junior Sam Hord 83 for the Trojans. The four low scores count toward team strokes.

After qualifying for the regional by placing third in the Franklin Sectional at The Legends Golf Course, Greenwood Christian Academy placed eighth at Champions Pointe with 333 strokes. The Cougars regional scores were: Ian Reed 78, Coen Bauschek 79, Sutton Piercefield 83, Evan Stinnett 93, and Parker Satre 99.

Schulz qualified for the state finals with a 73 in the Washington Regional on June 10 at the Country Oaks Country Club in Montgomery. The Beech Grove High School junior placed third among individual golfers not advancing with a team. Results and info: ihsaa.org.



(SUBMITTED PHOTO) Jason Schulz of Beech Grove High School is a qualifier in the two-day IHSAA state golf championship that winds up today (Wednesday) in Carmel.

## KINCER TOP REBOUNDER

Franklin Central's Rayah Kincer led the Indiana Junior All-Stars basketball team in rebounds June 9 at Brownsburg against the Indiana All-Stars. Kincer snared a team-high eight rebounds. The senior girls won 94-69. Roncalli's Maddie Bischoff had two points for the seniors. In the boys game, the Indiana All-Stars defeated the juniors 127-106. Perry Meridian's Jayden Taylor scored six points for the boys' all-stars.

The Indiana boys dominated Kentucky in both games, winning 93-70 Friday in Owensboro, Ky., and 86-70 at historic Southport Fieldhouse. Taylor had six points in the opener and 10 points on 4 of 8 shooting from the field Saturday.

The girls split by winning Friday on the road 69-58, but losing 78-76 Saturday at Southport. Bischoff was scoreless in the opener and had two points one night later. The Indiana All-Stars led at the half 44-35, but faltered in the second half, losing for the first time since 2012.

## SIX-GAME HOMESTAND

The Indianapolis Indians continue their six-game homestand against the Memphis Redbirds, the AAA minor league affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals, Wednesday through Sunday at Victory Field.

The Indians (18-17) returned home Tuesday after closing out a road series at Nashville with a 7-4 triumph Sunday against the Sounds behind home runs by Anthony Alford, Troy Strokes Jr., and Hunter Owen.

Home games begin at 7:05 p.m., through Saturday with Father's Day Sunday at 1:35 p.m. Friday's game is to be capped with fireworks. Saturday is Captain Marvel bobblehead and jersey auction night.

## USAC'S YOUNGEST WINNER

At 15 years, 6 months and 12 days old, Corey Day became the youngest feature winner in USAC NOS Energy Drink National Midget history Wednesday night in the series' debut at Circle City Raceway, the fifth round of the five-race USAC Indiana Midget Week. Driving for Clauson Marshall Racing, Day led all 30 laps, replacing Zeb Wise (15 years, 8 months, 21 days) as the series' youngest victor in 2018. Day won by only 0.423-second margin over Kevin Thomas Jr. Jarret Andreotti was 14th; son of the late John Andreotti who was honored at the quarter-mile dirt track on Riley4Kids Night.

# Roncalli

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lead. The overjoyed catcher had answered Lake Central's lone run scored in the top half of the fifth.

"Both pitches were high inside - right where I wanted them," Walesky said of her two historic home runs. "We practiced against high pitches all week. This morning, I even went to the tee to be able to hit higher (pitches), so I could just go with the ball."

Head coach David Lauck labeled Walesky as the "deserving MVP (most valuable player)" at the plate against the Indians. Walesky's second slam retained Roncalli's comforting three-run lead that Rothrock would enjoy in the circle.

"Ally's home runs were awesome; so big for her to do that," Rothrock said. "And it was a relief to keep those three extra insurance runs."

In the crucial seventh, the Indians led off with a hard grounder into centerfield. Then "The Rock" struck out the last three batters for a 16-strikeout game.

Looking back on her first-ever IHSAA playoff experience, the right-handed hurler remarked, "I love these games, the pressure games, the

ones when everything is on the line."

So does coach Lauck, who praised, "Even as good as she is; she has a chip on her shoulder which is uncanny for a 16-year-old. She's the most dominant (pitcher) that I've ever coached. If I'm going into an old west gun-battle, I'm going to take the best gunslinger out there and it's Keagan."

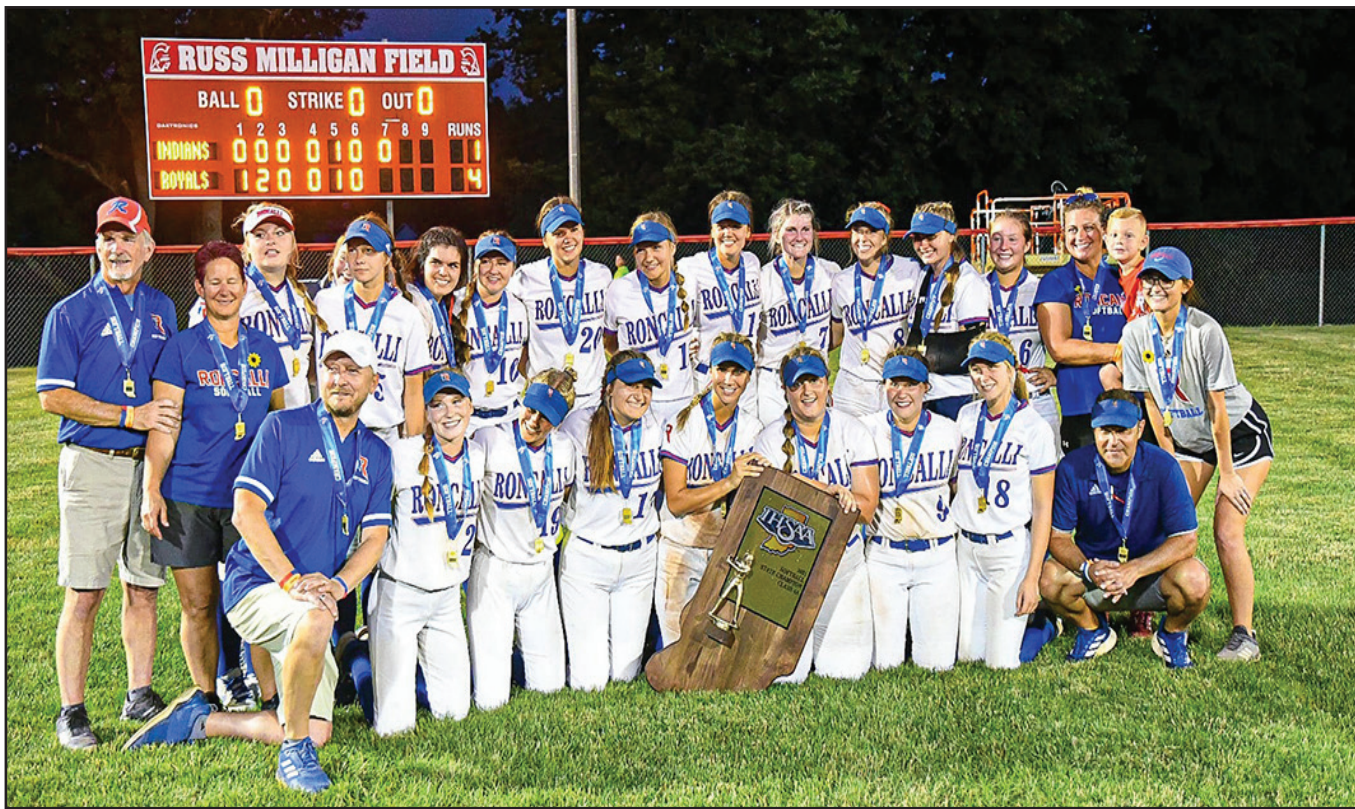
Then Lauck stepped back and relived the state championship, his first since 2011.

"We played a really good team; we knew they would put the ball in play," Lauck said. "It helps having Keagan in the circle because it all starts with pitching and catching. Then it's defense and hitting. Our hits can come from anywhere in our lineup; just like tonight, Ally was No. 9 in the lineup and look what she did. She's such a hard worker and an awesome teammate."

The Royals graduate eight seniors - Parks, Kate Curtis, Caroline Leister, Dani Gebhart, Kaelin Cash, twins Abbie and Sophie Carr, and Abbie Tiller.

After 13 years at the helm, Lauck is 327-27 (81.9 percent).

Six returnees from the 2021 state championship game lineup are expected on the field in 2022 when Lauck coaches his 400th game at Roncalli.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY GREG ROTHROCK) The 2021 IHSAA Class 4A state softball champion Roncalli Royals gather for traditional champion's photo Saturday night at Russ Milligan Field. The scoreboard in the background shows the final score of the 4A title game with the Royals defeating the Indians from Lake Central High School, 4-1.

# Indy Park history

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making the collection a reality.

Indianapolis Public Library Foundation president Roberta Jagers remarked that the digitized collection "provides a clear and striking picture of the changing city landscape."

The grant from Lilly Endowment enabled the Indianapolis Public Library to finish digitizing the Indianapolis Firefighters' Museum collection and to create new digital collections for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Indianapolis Public Schools, and Indy Parks.

The digital collection may be viewed online at: [digitalindy.org](http://digitalindy.org) (Click on All Collections, then scroll down to Indy Parks and Recreation).



(SUBMITTED PHOTO) The reopening of the damaged Conservatory at Garfield Park took place in 1983 with Mayor Bill Hudnut in a public ceremony. This photo and many others are part of a digitized collection.

# Roncalli Salutes Our State Champion Architects



right to left: Tommy Brownfield, Hannah Cushing and Colin Prior

Roncalli seniors Hannah Cushing, Tommy Brownfield and Colin Prior competed in the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) competition and were awarded the top three spots respectively in the state of Indiana.

Cushing won top honors in the state, won the regional competition and earned first runner-up at the national competition.

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