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**Strange BUT TRUE**

By Lucie Winborne

\* During World War II, the Lay-Z-Boy company had to stop producing recliners because of the war effort. Instead, they used their production facility to mass produce (we hope much more comfortable) seats for tanks and other military vehicles.

\* Champagne was originally a holy wine.

\* The only people guaranteed to get Super Bowl rings, regardless of a game's outcome, are the referees, though their rings aren't nearly as large or valuable as that of the players.

\* In the 1880s, a railroad signalman named James Edwin Wide taught a South African baboon to perform his job by recognizing the whistles that indicated a train was about to change tracks. Dubbed "Signalman Jack," the animal performed his duties so well that not only was he formally hired at a salary of 20 cents per day and half a bottle of beer per week, he carried on for nine years until his death from tuberculosis in 1890.

\* Trees were not around for 90% of Earth's history.

\* Queen lead singer Freddie Mercury's overbite resulted from four extra teeth in his upper jaw. He refused to have them removed, however, for fear the surgery would affect his voice and vocal range.

\* In the 2015 film "Jurassic World," Chris Pratt's character carries a stainless Marlin 1895 -- the only firearm on Marlin's website that's rated for a T-Rex.

**Thought for the Day:**  
 "The heart of man is very much like the sea, it has its storms, it has its tides and in its depths it has its pearls too."  
 - Vincent Van Gogh

## Happy Days Pancake House brings out the best in friends, family and tasty food

By Al Stille  
 Editor

Soon after Southsiders Tim and Laura Ballinger had purchased the former Edwards Drive-in about a year ago, they sat down at their Southside home and thought about renaming the iconic site that was founded in 1957.

"We wanted to keep it with a '50s and '60s theme and were disappointed that the wall decorations on the inside of the building weren't included in the sale, but the cars on the outside of the building (south wall) would remain; that sealed the deal (because) it would be a '50s joint," Tim said. "But we didn't have a name for it."

That's when their 10-year-old son Colton, a student at Edgewood Elementary School in Franklin Township, entered the picture.



There were several names kicked around on the table, including Cruisers, Rock 'n Roll, Happy Days, Big Bopper, all '50s themed. Colton looked over the list and pointed to Happy Days. Not only did it stick, but Colton went to the computer and designed a new colorful logo.

Laura's only stipulation was that it also be identified as a "pancake house" to attract morning patrons - a big transition from Edwards Drive-In's reputation for serving lunch and dinner sandwiches, including tenderloins and coney dogs.

That's how Happy Days Pancake House at the corner of Sherman Drive and Raymond Street was named.

With its new varied menu, the restaurant is all family, too. Laura and Tim are co-owners. Laura's mom, Norma, prepares the meat loaf and various soups daily, including a tasty chili on Thursdays and Saturdays. Daughters Andrea and Erica also work there.

The Ballingers split their workday, making sure one of them is on site, while one picks up Colton, now 11, and younger brother Parker, 9, from school.

Happy Days Pancake House has been open for nine months, daily from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays until 8 p.m., closed only on Thanksgiving and Christmas. They have 18 loyal and enthusiastic employees.

"There aren't many restaurants left that serve breakfast and sit-down dining; my wife has always been involved with breakfast places," Tim said. "So this worked out perfect for us, especially to close at four o'clock so we would have time with the kids."

Laura has extensive restaurant experience that began as a student at Beech Grove High School (Class of 1999) as a busser, waitress, manager and eventually co-owner. She worked at popular restaurants on the eastside - the Sunshine Café, Lincoln Square, and Blueberry Hill where she was co-owner there and later at a gyro shop on the westside.

Tim is a retired 17-year Marion County Sheriff's deputy



Co-owner Tim Ballinger is with employee Ashley Weaver with the whiteboard that shows daily specials to diners when they walk into Happy Days Pancake House. The restaurant employs 18 people and is open 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays until 8 p.m.



There's a good reason for the family atmosphere at Happy Days Pancake House. It is family-owned by wife-husband Laura and Tim Ballinger, above. They are with sons Parker, 9, and Colton, 11, at the lobby of the restaurant. Several family members work there, too.



Happy Days Pancake House is a busy place as waitresses take cooked meals to diners. Special items of the day are posted above the opening. The restaurant is in the former Edwards Drive-In building at the corner of Sherman and Raymond on the Southside.

and served three years security at Eskenazi Hospital. He is a Howe High School alumnus where he played baseball. He has coached baseball, basketball, and football at Christian Park. He is a former carpenter who worked in Indiana, California, and Texas for several years.

"My main goal was to make this a pancake house because that's what I'm used to," Laura said. "This transition was real easy. We knew the business and just had to change the kitchen here. You stick to what you know best."

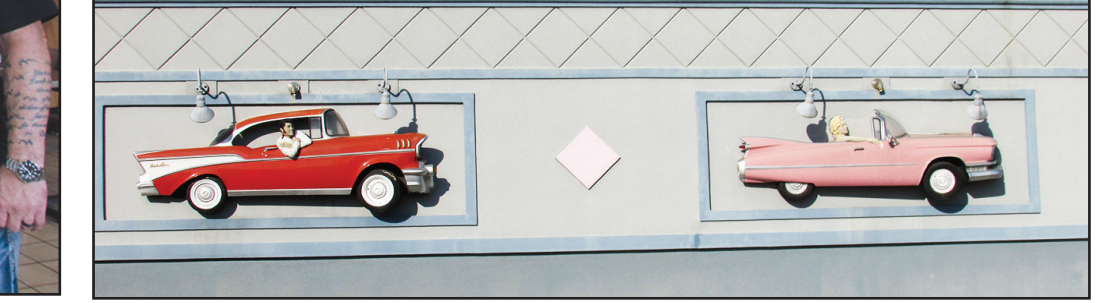
On a recent Saturday around noon, Laura greeted diners and guided them to their tables. The restaurant was at capacity with plenty of conversation and good food, including their daily specials. They offer a big variety of breakfast items plus reasonably priced entrees, sandwiches, and burgers plus a \$5.99 kids' menu. Their Manhattan (beef,

turkey, pork tenderloin, or country fried steak) covers the plate and is served on Texas toast. All served any time of day.

"We are blessed to have the best cooks; I've got one who is known as the 'egg man,'" Tim said. "When the cooks found out we were opening a restaurant, they came to us. Some had worked with Laura before. She had all the connections."

Tim and Laura and the wait staff take pleasure in meeting the diners. "I'm used to talking to people; it doesn't hurt a thing to talk to people," Tim said. "People who come here like to talk with our servers, too. Obviously, I get to meet a lot of people here. This is a lot of work, but it is very enjoyable."

Laura added, "They (diners) say it feels like home here. Everybody is so sociable, likeable, and nice; you don't get that at a lot of places."



A familiar sight on the southside of Happy Days Pancake House is the two cars of the '50s that remained on the building when it was purchased. The popular car theme is revived with the tradition of car shows this spring. Although the juke box is not inside, the rock 'n roll tunes of the '50s and '60s still are heard on speakers throughout the restaurant.

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*Personal Recollections*  
 By Fred Shonk

## Connections with Simon

A few weeks ago, I sat down to read *The Indianapolis Star* and was shocked to see the large headline that read, "THERAPY DOG SOOTHES FAMILIES". Many of our readers know that I have been teamed with therapy dogs for many years.

Our first one was named, Sam. I partnered with him for several years. Our second dog was, Stuart. We lost him to advanced age last year. We now have Simon and he is in training to take over for Sam and Stuart.

When I read the article about a therapy dog in *The Indianapolis Star*, I was shocked when I saw that his name is Simon. I did some investigating and now have made contact with his human partner and we are planning to get together so the boys can meet.

Sarah Lockhart is a Hamilton County Deputy Coroner and she is also her Simon's therapy partner. We are even connected by belonging to the very same therapy organization.

This isn't the first time this has happened. A few weeks after Lyn and I had adopted our dog, Stuart, I was listening to a Franklin, Indiana radio station and all of a sudden, the morning disc-jockey, Wendy Carroll began talking about a dog named Stuart. I was very curious as to how she was acquainted with our new dog.

I e-mailed her at the radio station and explained that we had just adopted Stuart from the Southside Animal Shelter and we were wondering how she was acquainted with him. She e-mailed back that she and her family also had a dog named Stuart.

A few weeks later, she was doing a remote broadcast. Stuart and I stopped in to introduce ourselves. About that same time, the radio station started a "Pet of the Week" section on their website. Her Stuart was the first pet honored. Our Stuart was second.

Just like the connections continued to grow with the two Simons, the same thing happened with the Stuarts. I found out that Wendy Carroll was just a radio moniker; her real name was Wendy Barth-Servies. I learned her father was Phil Barth and his family lived in the Edgewood area. Phil's father, The Rev. Walter Barth was pastor of the Calvary Lutheran Church in Edgewood.

I knew both of them. Pastor Barth had a part-time gig as paper metal manager for *The Indianapolis Star and News*. He ran the old metal building behind the drug store in Edgewood. I had a paper route during my years at Edgewood Grade School. Pastor Barth always had our papers counted out for all the carriers so we were ready to roll. We could place the papers in our saddlebags and we were on our way. He was a wonderful guy.

Once I understood that Wendy's dad was Phil Barth, it occurred to me that I had also knew her mother, Diane Hunt. I knew the Hunt family and we all had attended Edgewood Grade School.

Diane was a few years ahead of me in school. In 1951, she was the Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade Queen. That was the 50th Anniversary of the big race and the pace car was a beautiful Gold Thunderbird.

Wendy Barth-Servies followed in her mother's footsteps and was crowned 500 Festival Queen in 1986, making them the only mother-daughter combo to serve as royalty for the parade and race.

We stayed connected and a couple of years later, The Perry Township / Southport Historical Society had an event to honor the only mom / daughter combo queens for the 500 and they were both from Perry Township.

It is amazing that the two Stuarts and the two Simons have done such a special job of connecting their humans.

*Shonk is a 1960 graduate of Southport High School, a '63 grad of Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis) and a retired bus driver from Beech Grove Schools. He can be reached through email at fdshonk@aol.com.*

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## February is American Heart Month

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), heart disease is the leading cause of death for men, women and people of most racial and ethnic groups in the United States.

The CDC also states that one person dies every 34 seconds in the U.S. from cardiovascular disease, and approximately 607,000 people in this country died from heart disease in 2020, which equates to 1 in every 5 deaths.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson, one of millions who have suffered a heart attack in the U.S., declared that February will be known from then on as American Heart Month, designed to help everyone focus on strategies to take better care of their cardiovascular health.

The CDC suggests a number of strategies you may adopt to have a healthier heart that will lower your blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar levels, which will decrease your risk for heart disease, heart attack and stroke. Every day, your heart pumps about 2,000 gallons of blood, delivering essential nutrients and oxygen to cells and organs throughout the body, which is an incredible amount of work for a muscle about the size of your fist. So the more efficient your heart operates, the better your odds are of living longer.

We suggest you get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity every week, plus muscle-strengthening activities twice a week. If you take medicine to treat high cholesterol, high

blood pressure, or diabetes, follow your doctor's instructions carefully. Always ask questions if you don't understand something, and never stop taking your medicine without talking to your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

Much of your diet should include fish high in omega-3 fatty acids (salmon, tuna, and trout).

We also recommend lean meats such as 95% lean ground beef or pork tenderloin or skinless chicken or turkey.

You should also include eggs, nuts, seeds, and soy products (tofu), along with legumes such as kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas, black-eyed peas, and lima beans.

We suggest drinking water instead of sugary drinks to reduce calories. If you consume alcohol, do so in moderation by limiting consumption to no more than one drink a day for women and two for men.

High blood pressure is one of the catalysts for heart ailments and strokes, and a stroke occurs when there's a blocked or ruptured artery. Sometimes called a brain attack, strokes happen when something blocks blood supply to part of the brain or when a blood vessel in the brain bursts. In either case, parts of the brain become damaged or die.

Eskenazi Health offers a number of programs and services to help with a person's heart health. Programs include Eskenazi Health Healthy Me, nutrition education and a stroke center that offers comprehensive care, including prevention, diagnosis, and acute treatment for stroke.

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For more information on American Heart Month, visit: [https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/american\\_heart\\_month.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/american_heart_month.htm)

It is always important you have a primary care physician and to schedule regular appointments to review your heart health. Please call Eskenazi Health Connections at 317.880.7666 or visit [www.eskenazihealth.edu](http://www.eskenazihealth.edu) to find a primary care provider.

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# Girls basketball sectionals open Tuesday; Trojans, Royals ride late-season success

By Al Stille  
Editor

The 48th annual girls basketball state tournament begins Tuesday, Jan. 31 with six Southside teams in action on opening night.

Only four Southside teams – Decatur Central, Roncalli, Center Grove, and Whiteland – have winning records. All teams complete their regular season play this week.

Five Southside teams are joined by Pike and favored Ben Davis from the westside in the sectional at historic Southport Fieldhouse. Roncalli is in the opposite bracket.

Center Grove and Greenwood are just a few miles apart but travel to the Bloomington South Sectional to meet in the Tuesday nightcap. The winner would meet Bloomington North in a semifinal game Feb. 3. The 4A No. 12 Trojans are favored.

Whiteland journeys to the Shelbyville Sectional to meet the Franklin-Columbus North winner on Feb. 3. The Grizzly Cubs are favored.

In 3A, Beech Grove opens the Speedway Sectional Tuesday against the host Sparkplugs. Only one team, favored Purdue Polytechnic, has a winning record among the six teams.

In Class A, Greenwood Christian meets Tindley Tuesday, and Lutheran faces host and favored Eminence, the only team there with a winning record, Feb. 3.

All semifinal games are Friday, Feb. 3 with championship games Saturday night, Feb. 4.

Admission is \$7 per session; \$15 all sessions with children 5 years and under, free. High school pep bands are allowed.

Here's the Southside team preview with MaxPreps statistics:

## AT SOUTHPORT (4A)

**DECATUR CENTRAL** (12-7) – Hawks matching 12 wins of 2019-2020 campaign ... 16 wins combined in last two seasons ... opened season with four-game win streak with first-year coach Nic Carothers ... won holiday tourney at Speedway ... recently had five-game win streak snapped by Danville ... points production comes from freshman Kamrah Banks, 17.5 points; soph Soriah Gouard, 12.2 points; and freshman Naja Winston, 9.8 points, 8.4 rebounds, 4.2 steals, 4.2 assists ... finish regular season Saturday against visiting Plainfield ... face Roncalli on Feb. 1.

## FRANKLIN CENTRAL

(5-15) winless against rugged Hoosier Crossroads foes ... mired in third straight losing season ... offense averaging 36.5 points ... lost eight straight games at one point ... team leaders: sophomore Lily Graves, 14.8 point, 5.5 rebounds; junior Carys Wilson, 10.0 points; senior Mattie Finney, 2.7 assists; and soph Emma McVey, 1.7 steals ... close regular season Friday at Fishers ... rematch against Perry Meridian Feb. 1, Flashes won earlier, 56-44.



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)  
Lily Graves leads Franklin Central with 14.8 points per game.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY STEVE PAGE)  
Perry Meridian standout Maya Mundy (2) fires over two Decatur Central defenders. Mundy leads the Falcons in four major categories.

**PERRY MERIDIAN** (3-15) – lean second-season for coach Amanda Davidson ... opened season with 10 straight defeats ... won two of last three games ... scoring only 38.7 points, allowing 51.4 points ... young team with only two seniors, 5-8 Maya Mundy and 5-5 Reagan Rhea ... Mundy leads with 13.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, 1.7 assists, and 2.5 steals ... Mundy leads all 4A teams in free throws made ... some help comes from junior Izzy Egan 7.4 points, 5.4 rebounds ... Shortridge visits Thursday to close regular season ... meets Franklin Central in first game Feb. 1.

## RONCALLI

(16-4) – Slow start (3-2) under second-year coach Jason Sims ... improved steadily ... 13 wins in 15 games since then ... Royals downed Chatard, 56-43 to go 5-0 for Circle City title for fourth season and 20-0 league record ... Claire Lindsey led with 28 points against Chatard ... seniors Sydney Horton, Josie Origer, Jordan Hendricks, and Anna Dressman never lost a league game in their four years ... points come from Horton (12.8) and juniors Lindsey (12.0) and Taylor Turk (8.2) ... Lindsey leads in rebounds (4.3), assists (3.4), and steals (1.7) ... quality wins against Pike, Heritage Christian, Ben Davis, and New Palestine ... host Columbus North Thursday ... Royals meet Decatur Central on Feb. 1.



Roncalli's Sydney Horton leads balanced attack on offense for the Royals.

## SOUTHPORT

(10-10) – Cardinals went above .500 with back-to-back wins against Speedway and Beech Grove ... fell Saturday to host New Palestine in thriller, 58-56 ... averaging 47.9 points on offense ... put together four-game win streak earlier ... sixth-year coach Adam Morelock won dozen games in 2019-20 ... Cardinals lost asst. coach Chris Quinn to 15-month cancer battle on Dec. 7 ... won seven straight games after Quinn's funeral ... Mike Gehlert became interim asst. coach ... top trio: soph Kassie McMasters, 14.2 points, and seniors Cece Mitchell, 12.5 points, 5.8 rebounds, and Lela Scott, 9.2 points, 7.2 rebounds, 3.1 assists ... close out regular season Thursday against Greenfield ... meets favored Ben Davis in opener Tuesday.



Southport sophomore Kassie McMasters adds scoring punch to Cardinals' offense.



(PHOTO COURTESY OF CENTER GROVE ATHLETICS)

Center Grove enters the Bloomington South Sectional as the favorite. The Trojans won the inaugural Carol Tumey Invitational on their homecourt earlier this season. Team members, not in order are Audrey Annee, Aubie Booker, Brooklyn Brown, Alis Wiesmann, Aina Williams, Savanna Bischoff, Lindsey Walker, Ella Hobson, Lilly Bischoff, and Rachel Wirts. The Trojans also won the Johnson County championship.

## AT BLOOMINGTON SOUTH (4A)

**CENTER GROVE** (17-4) – First season as independent after leaving MIC ... recovered from slow 4-4 start ... sixth-year coach Kevin Stuckmeyer won 100th game at home against Avon ... won own Carol Tumey Invitational against Linton-Stockton and Jeffersonville ... 14 straight wins (played at Greenwood Tuesday, too late for deadline) ... latest win against 3A power Heritage Christian, 55-33, led by junior Audrey Annee's 20 points ... team leaders: Annee (13.2 points), 6-3 junior Rachel Wirts (5.3 rebounds), senior Ella Hobson (3.8 assists, 1.7 steals) ... faces Greenwood Tuesday.

**GREENWOOD** (8-12) – Second-best campaign in last five seasons ... competitiveness on rise with fifth-year coach Justin Bennett ... scoring 37.9 points, giving up 40.9 points ... five wins by nine or less points ... snapped five-game losing skid Friday by defeating Decatur Central, 41-38 ... senior Lilly Howe (9.0 points, 3.3 steals) sparks team with classmates Emily Metzger (8.0 points) and Ella Stivers (7.8 points, 6.0 rebounds) ... host Perry Meridian in season finale Friday ... meets rival Center Grove Tuesday.

## AT SHELBYVILLE (4A)

**WHITELAND** (12-8) – Second-year coach Kellie Kirkhoff and Warriors doubled number of wins from last season ... won five games in row since Jan. 6 ... offense improved to 54.8 points per game ... challenged for Mid-State title ... fell to league leader Franklin 51-32 Saturday after trailing only 18-17 at the half ... inside-outside punch with freshman Carly Vondielingen (8.1 points, 7.3 rebounds) and junior Gwen Higdon (13.7 points) ... soph Sukhman Bain has 3.4 assists ...

See "Whiteland," on Page 5



(DOUG CLEMENTS / PROMOTIONS PHOTO)

Shooting against Franklin Central, Whiteland sharp-shooter Gwen Higdon (11) is Warriors' main threat from the perimeter.

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# No. 6 Lutheran's 'machine' goes to work against visiting Tigers

By Al Stille  
Editor

Lutheran boys' basketball coach Remus Woods easily summed up the Saints' latest Indiana Crossroads win against visiting Triton Central Saturday night.

"We got the engine rolling," the fourth-year coach said after Lutheran upped its record to 10-3 and 4-1 in league play, 74-61.

The "engine" Woods referred to is the Saints' potent offense with hot-shooting transfer Durray Smith and the inside threat of the Pattersons, a ball-hawking defense led by LJ Ward and DeVaun Jones, and endless intensity on both ends of the court.

It took Lutheran a while against the Tigers to fire up the "engine" Saturday.

TC jumped to an impressive 22-12 first-quarter lead on seven-of-nine shooting and a tight zone defense that had the Saints on their heels.

The Saints "engine" then lit up by forcing five turnovers and a lightning-fast 18-5 run for a 30-27 lead within five minutes. Smith hit on two 3s enroute to a team-high 20 points. 6-3 soph Cayden Loeschler added four points and four more Saints scored two points apiece.

Lutheran, ranked No. 6 in Class A, never trailed after that flurry.

"I think we were tight against their zone and over-thinking some things," said Smith, a welcome transfer from Plainfield. "Once we played relaxed, we finally played our game".

The 5-11 senior continued, "Our defense is a big factor that gets us going, especially LJ (Ward), he's a crazy athletic defender."

Smith was one of four Saints in double figures with Ward, 13 points, and Jones and Loeschler, 10 points each. Kam Patterson had a game-high 10 rebounds.

Smith had six 3s on efficient shooting.

"Coach (Woods) says he has me on this team for a reason - just shoot the ball," Smith grinned. "When I shoot, I try to use my legs to elevate, keep my elbow under me, keep calm and relax."

The Tigers cut the Saints lead to 36-35 at the half. Using skip passes against the zone and man-to-man defensive pressure, the Saints led 53-44 at the end of three quarters. Lutheran's biggest lead was 73-54.

Lutheran has eight games left in the regular season, including a league battle against visiting Beech Grove at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

## SOUTHPORT EDGES BEECH GROVE

Host Southport, playing without leading scorer AJ Dancler, survived a late-game comeback Jan. 18 by Beech Grove for a shaky 59-57 win at historic Southport Fieldhouse.

The Cardinals somehow overcame 25 turnovers and a harrowing final 37 seconds after sophomore Michael Johnson hit two free throws for a 58-52 lead.

BG's Jeremiah Alexander responded with a basket and free throw with 31 seconds left. Teammate Adrian Holland stole the ball on a Cardinal pass near the Hornets basket and made a layup with 27 seconds to go. Southport's Jeff Pinkston was fouled with 20.5 seconds on the clock and hit one of two free throws for the final 59-57 count.

The Hornets worked the clock down to 2.5 seconds when Jeremiah Tate missed a game-tying shot.

Beech Grove had trailed twice by 13 points (34-21 and 36-23) in the third quarter and came back to trail twice by one point (46-45 and 58-57) in a frantic fourth quarter.

Coach Joe Rihm's Hornets committed only nine turnovers, but were plagued by poor free throw shooting (17 of 29) and only 31.5 percent (17 of 54) from the field.

Beech Grove (7-5) never led, but came within seconds of



Lutheran senior guard Aiden Alialy (3) fires a 3-point shot over Triton Central's Isaac Morgan (30). (SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY DEIDRE BARNETT)



Cayden Loeschler (10) drives the lane for the Saints against Triton Central defender Jace Stuckey (25).

upsetting the Cardinals, now 11-5 after dominating Terre Haute North, 57-36 Saturday.

Southport's Keyon Miller had a game-high 21 points, including 10 points in the fourth quarter, against Beech Grove. Teammate 6-6 Nickens Lemba added 18 points and a game-high 10 rebounds but fouled out with 2:51 left in the game.

Alexander led the Hornets with 17 points with Cam Brown and Jaleel Edwards, each scoring 10 points.

Unbelievably, the last time the Cardinals defeated Beech Grove in the fieldhouse was in 1969. Southport leads the series 28-11 though.

In more Southside thrillers last weekend: Center Grove edged visiting Roncalli 50-49; Decatur Central upended host Greenwood in overtime, 44-42; and Franklin downed host Whiteland in overtime, 55-53.

(Note: Sports historian Jim Pich contributed to this article.)

## Whiteland

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program's only sectional title goes back to 2007 ... lost opening sectional game five straight times ... close regular season Friday at Mooresville ... drew a bye but faces favorites Franklin or Columbus North in semi round Feb. 3.

## AT SPEEDWAY (3A)

**BEECH GROVE (9-10)** - Hornets continue to improve under second-year coach Amy Selk ... four wins last year, only 26.8 points per game ...

this season, nine wins and 36.3 points ... sophomore Mylee Boling put up her 11th double-double of season, 19 points, 13 rebounds, in loss to 4A Southport ... Boling leads team in points (15.5 per game), rebounds (11.5), steals (3.1), and assists (1.2) ... must find more support ... senior Kylie Challis (3.7 points) and soph Emma Micks (3.5 points) help out ... Challis and Ilysis Simmons (3.5 rebounds) only seniors ... key wins against Perry Meridian and Scecina ... lost five of last six games ... finish regular season Thursday at Triton Central ... rematch with Speedway Feb. 1, Plugs won 52-28 earlier.



Beech Grove sophomore Mylee Boling has recorded 11 double-doubles in her first varsity season with the Hornets. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

## CHRISTEL HOUSE MANUAL (0-18) -

Combo Eagles winless ... closest to winning game in 3-point loss at Victory College Prep, 31-28 ... lack firepower on offense, averaging only 16.8 points, allowing 52.0 points ... host Mooresville Christian in regular season finale Thursday ... faces Washington Tuesday.

## AT EMINENCE (1A)

**GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN (3-16)** - Rough first season after end of coach Alan Weems (146-105, 11 seasons) era ... new coach Tiffany Smith-Clements won opener against Riverside ... second win against Phalen Academy ... snapped nine-game skid Saturday in OT against visiting Herron, 32-28 ... young team with lone senior Adeline Jolley ... on road at Southwestern Thursday and Ritter Saturday ... faces Tindley in Eminence Sectional opener Tuesday.

**LUTHERAN (5-14)** - Enjoyed three-game win streak before six-game losing skid ... veteran coach Kathy Anderson has young team, only one senior Cora Deane ... juniors Caitlyn Brooks (15.9 points, 3.7 steals, and 2.7 assists) and Grace King (13.8 points and 8.6 rebounds) lead Saints ... defeated rival GCA, 56-51 Jan. 7 ... close regular campaign Thursday against Morristown ... Saints meet sectional host and favored Eels in Feb. 3 opener. Info and complete pairings: www.ihsaa.org

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8	6	4	7	2	1	9	5	3
4	2	9	6	5	8	3	7	1
6	1	8	3	7	4	5	2	9
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