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CALENDAR

Thursday, July 13

7 pm—The LeFevre Quartet in Concert, Epworth United Methodist Church, 105 West Eighth St., Matthews. Admission, \$10. Info.: 765-998-2337 or matthewseumc.org

8:30 pm—Despicable Me, Movie in the Park, Webster and S. Washington Streets, sponsored by Affordable Housing Corporation and Project Leadership. Free. Info.: kellie@ahcgrantcounty.com or facebook.com/thepassportgc

Friday, July 14

6:30 pm—Coffee House and Open Mic Night, Marion Civic Theatre, 509 S. Washington St. Free. Info.: 765-668-7800 or marioncivictheatre@att.net

Saturday, July 15

10 am—Eastern Woodland Carvers Club Carving Show, Borderman Gym, 400 E. Marion St., Converse. Free. Info.: 765-395-3943 or ewcc.wordpress.com

6 pm—Marion Civic Theatre Talent Show, 509 S. Washington St. Info.: 765-668-7800 or marioncivictheatre@att.net. Repeats Sunday.

9 pm—Movie in the Jonesboro Community Park, 708 Fairmount Ave. The Secret Life of Pets. Free. Info.: clerk@jonesboroindiana.net

Sunday, July 16

1 pm—Swayzee Tractor Club Pull, Swayzee West Park, sponsored by Swayzee Antique Tractor Club. Info.: 765-661-4208, 765-998-7484 or swayzeetractorclub.com

5:30 pm—Community Ice Cream Social, Epworth United Methodist Church, 105 West Eighth St., Matthews. Free will donations. Info.: 765-998-2337 or matthewseumc.org

Nautilus building saved from wrecking ball; will be renovated and occupied

A downtown building slated for the wrecking ball appears to have a last-minute reprieve, and will, instead, be renovated and turned into a “multi-use community space.” The former Nautilus building, at 714 South Adams Street was just ordered to be torn down by the Marion Board of Public Safety and Works, but that order should be lifted in light of a deal made for the building.

The Eric Turner family and T3 Investments have agreed to donate the property to a Grant County-based not-for-profit, The Ephesus Initiative, a Christian education and community group, led by Nicholas and Catherine Kerton-Johnson of Upland. (Full

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P. Eric Turner, at left, and Catherine Kerton-Johnson speak to media representatives in front of the Nautilus Building, at 714 S. Adams Street.

CASA raises money, awareness with sand

by Loretta Tappan

More than 20 enthusiastic teams showed up ready to work and play in the sand for the ninth annual CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Sandcastle Art Fest at the Marion Splash House, at 2601 S. Adams St. The event raised \$20,000 for the organization.

In addition to raising funds for Grant County’s vulnerable children, the event is an opportunity for kids and their families to dig in barefoot in the sand with plastic buckets and shovels. Sandcastle designers started building

at 10 am on Saturday, July 8 and had until 3 pm to complete their work of art.

There were 25 sandboxes this year. “Each sandbox will have somewhere around 700 tons of sand,” said Michael Belcher, a board member for CASA. “About 200 tons of sand was donated by IMI to CASA over the years.”

They have added to the sandlot as needed, but the sand will remain there year round.

Following the construction phase, judging commenced promptly at 3 pm by community members and CASA staff and

volunteers. The judges had one hour to make their final decisions.

The People’s Choice Award, with 91 tickets from community voters, went to Team Kenworthy, with the Elephant in the Room. “Just the concept that addiction is the elephant in the room, and so let’s talk about it, let’s break the silence and get people raising awareness to help others,” said Kayla Moore of Team Kenworthy for Family Dependency Drug Court.

The Schramm Family Award,

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GOVERNMENT

The City of Marion Compliance Committee held an open meeting on Wednesday, July 5, about tax increment financing (TIF), a tool for local governments to stimulate economic development by leveraging private investment, with Loren Matthes, a partner at Umbaugh Associates.

In regards to setting up guidelines for using TIF in the future, Matthes suggested “The developer or private company should be investing a significant amount in the proposed development from its own money and/or its own borrowed funds from a commercial lender...Each project and potential TIF should be evaluated based on its own merit weighing costs and benefits.”

The big challenge for Marion moving forward is the large Consolidated TIF Area, Matthes said. To correct parcels in this area will involve reviewing assessments going back several years for each parcel, a process council members Steve Henderson and Lynn Johnson have started, but will be expensive, and may not have the desired outcome.

TIF aside, circuit breaker tax credits were targeted as the reason Marion is suffering. The City of Marion loses almost \$3 million per year from the property tax caps. The Marion Schools and Library face similar challenges.

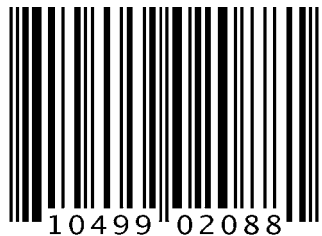
Members of the City of Marion Common Council, Redevelopment Commission, Grant County Economic Development Council, Marion Board of Public Works, Grant County Auditor’s Office, and Marion Public Library and Museum attended the meeting.

“This is how government should work,” said Marion Mayor Jess Alumbaugh, “We should take the time to have dialogue and figure out ways to make things better.”

INDIANA QUIZ

Answers are on page 10.

1. How many U. S. Vice Presidents have come from Indiana?
2. The first Vice President from Indiana was Schuyler Colfax of South Bend. With which President did he serve?
3. In what Indiana city is the United States Vice Presidential Museum?



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DEMOCRATS DONATE DOLLARS FOR MFD



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The Grant County Democratic Party recently donated \$1,500 to the Marion Fire Department. “We’re here to donate a check tonight to help get Station One back open,” said Democratic Chair Terry Stodghill. “We ask that the Republican Party also write you a check for \$1,500. We ask every business in Grant County to

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Goodman: Behind the city clerk

Behind the Scenes features personal stories from people who work in important but often unrecognized roles in our community.—Ed.

While interviewing Kathi Kiley about her longstanding role as the clerk for the city of Marion, Kiley used half of the interview time to talk about Debbie Goodman, her first deputy clerk. Goodman is a jack of all trades, said Kiley, “She has been here for so long she knows every aspect of the job. I couldn’t have done this as long as I have without someone like Debbie here with me. She takes a lot of the pressure off. I trust her.”

Goodman, nicknamed the rock of the Clerk’s Office, is a 1987 graduate of Marion High School and attended Ball State University for a little more than a year. She worked at Pizza Hut, of South Marion, after school. After about a year with Pizza Hut, her neighbor, Teresa Baker, told Goodman about an opening in the Clerk’s Office.

Mary Jane Holloway, former City Clerk and Baker’s sister, hired Goodman in 1989 as second deputy clerk. Goodman continued working at Pizza Hut long enough to save money and buy a house at the age of 21.



“It keeps me involved in what is going on in the city. If I didn’t work here, I don’t think that I would be as aware. For the court, we get a lot of the same people over and over again.”

Goodman remained second deputy clerk when Kathi Kiley was elected as city clerk, but moved to first deputy clerk a few years later. The only task Goodman has not worked on is the financial reports. During her time in the clerk’s office, she enters court cases, processes traf-

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BEHIND THE SCENES Loretta Tappan



fic tickets and court fines, and files council meeting agendas, minutes, and supporting documents.

Today her primary function is facilitating the City of Marion Common Council meeting documents. She types the meeting minutes within a day or two after the meeting, depending on how long the meeting lasts. Goodman said she likes to send out the meeting agendas out one week before the next session.

Goodman loves her work because it is interesting and keeps her engaged. “It

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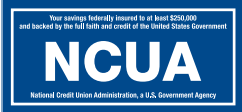
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- Across**
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6. Helps
10. Tabula
14. Chili con
15. Job detail, briefly
16. Biblical land
17. Gay
18. Tramp
19. Spanish appetizer
20. Recompense for hard-ship
22. Without a bend
24. Cry out loud
26. Frightens
27. "A Horse With No Name" band
31. Charlemagne's realm: Abbr.
32. Gossip
33. Exorbitant
36. Star Wars letters
39. Arguing
40. Bellowing
41. Polite address
42. Debussy's "La -"
43. Inclines
44. Artery that feeds the trunk
45. Swiss river
46. Polite agreement
48. Orange root plant
51. Circle section
52. Flight recorder
54. Mistakes
59. avis
60. "The Joy of Cooking" author Rombauer
62. Ancient region of Asia Minor
63. Elvis's middle name
64. Cancer's critter
65. Teases
66. Completed
67. Cong. meeting
68. Some Art Deco works

- Down**
1. Champagne bucket
2. Having all one's marbles
3. Get one's ducks in -
4. To Live and Die
5. Letter opener
6. Shade of blond
7. NASDAQ debuts
8. Sums owing
9. Very hot day
10. Go to bed
11. Saying
12. Second-year students, for short
13. Amo, amas,
21. Dwarf with glasses
23. Over-50 org.
25. Iraqi port
27. Composer Khachaturian
28. Silent
29. Bahrain bigwig
30. Deteriorate
34. Unit of weight
35. Snap course
36. Gilbert of "Roseanne"
37. Info
38. Mosque leader
40. Vigorous exercises
41. Pop's partner
43. Carefree adventure
44. Assign
45. Obscure
47. Before, to Burns
48. Mild cigar
49. Homerun king Hank
50. Baseball manager Joe
52. Actor Pitt
53. Dec. holiday
55. Crowd noise
56. Put a lid - !
57. Ceremonial act
58. Disrespectful back talk
61. Tummy muscles



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keeps me involved in what is going on in the city. If I didn't work here, I don't think that I would be as aware. For the court, we get a lot of the same people over and over again. I don't sit in court anymore, but when I started I sat in there often," said Goodman.

Goodman also enjoys the social interaction that comes with their job. "We meet a lot of interesting people and work with a lot of interesting people," said Goodman.

Goodman and her husband, Bart Goodman, celebrate 18 years of marriage this month. They have two children, Alyssa, a junior at Marion High School, and Garrett, a freshman. Garrett Goodman, born with autism, loves to sing and dance. Goodman said he keeps the house spirited. "It is not quiet in our house, except for bedtime," she said.

Goodman enjoys reading, but spends most of her hobby time cross stitching. "I just started making a couple of pictures for my goddaughter, who is having twins," said Goodman.

Before ending the interviewing, Goodman took a moment to reciprocate Kiley's kind words: "Kathi and I work well together, but we are also good friends. I feel like I am a part of her family. We go out after court sometimes, and we've gone shopping with our daughters."

Loretta Tappan is the lead reporter for The News Herald.





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Football, fireworks and a few final words

Where's Mike? In recent weeks my travels have been mostly local, but have been just as interesting and informative as trips to far-off locations.

Karen and I had the opportunity to take a tour of the new IWU football stadium and the building that fills the south end zone. It's nearing completion and it is very nice. It houses a locker room for football with 125 individual locker spaces as nice as any Division I or professional locker room. The weight room, to be shared and used by all IWU athletes, is on ground level adjacent to the end zone and will be state of the art.

The second level houses offices and a VIP reception and viewing area (think luxury boxes). The field has the base installed, has one goal post in place, and is ready to have the turf carpet installed. The press box and the seats on the home side of the stadium are nearly completed, and while there are some remaining tasks, it's on schedule to be done by the start of school. It's reached a point where each day you can notice the progress, which is fun for us because we live right nearby and every trip to work or church or the store takes us right by it. There are only 14

months until the first game with Taylor University in September of 2018.

IWU has made a major financial commitment to football with the intent of adding male enrollment to the school to improve the male-to-female ratio. School officials also cite the opportunity to reach and influence more students with the Wildcat brand of athletics that produces life-changing and life-long results for those who buy in. While concerns have been raised about possible behavior issues (these are football players, ok?) and concussion risks, coaches and administrators are doing many things to minimize those possibilities. It's a very exciting time to be at IWU and the reality of college football in my side yard is exciting for me. Stay tuned!

Fizzling Fourth

During the recent July 4 weekend I enjoyed a golf outing to Rock Hollow golf course in Peru. The planned 18 holes were shortened to just nine because of a summer cloudburst, but it didn't dampen the fun. My playing partners that day made it even more special. If I would mention their names I wouldn't have to explain a thing. Let's just say that it involved a well-known, local sportscaster who smoked

us all with a two-over par 38 that will improve each time he retells it; a nationally acclaimed, brilliant author and a witty columnist whose favorite line as he addresses his ball is "watch and learn;" and a local attorney who is indisputably the third-best athlete in his family. We had a good time and I hope we can return soon to use the rain-checks we were issued for the last nine holes.

Karen and I looked forward to the City of Marion's Fourth of July fireworks show this year. The website and the announcement of the event made it sound great. We arrived downtown at 7:30 and the fact that I drove right up Adams Street to the river should have warned me. Where are all the people, and where are the street barricades?

We were hoping to grab a bite to eat at the promised food-trucks, but they were also a no-show. Thankfully, Folkie's Tavern was open and I got a take-out tenderloin, cheeseburger, and some onion petals. McClure's convenience store had bottles of pop and some candy bars for dessert, so we were fine.

As we sat in our lawn chairs facing the YMCA we watched a few folks playing the games offered by the local radio station, but there was no set-up for a concert or the Marion Philharmonic



WHERE'S MIKE?

Mike Roorbach



like in years past. Also conspicuously missing were the familiar row of portable toilets, any policemen, and, by sundown at 9:25, the anticipated audience. I honestly began to wonder if I had shown up on the wrong night, or if I should have opted for the Gas City extravaganza.

As we dodged the private sparklers, poppers, and ground fountains being ignited in the parking lot around us, I heard the few folks nearby wonder if it was going to start. But promptly at 10:00 p.m. a fusillade of colors erupted from the YMCA parking lot and the show was on! For seven minutes from that location and for 18 more minutes from Ballard Field, to the east, we were entertained

with a great show. It was as good as any fireworks show I've ever seen in Marion.

I really enjoyed the fireworks, but the rest of the things planned were a bit underwhelming. Maybe the city should re-consider spending the money in some other way another year, or just do the fireworks in conjunction with First Friday in July regardless of the calendar date. They might get more "bang for their bucks" that way.

Dental adventures

Over the last two weeks I have had dental work and oral surgery done that involved IV sedation and a few days of limited activities as I recovered. Let me explain that my experiences with dentists from my childhood in New Jersey, my high school years in Kentucky, and living in Tennessee and New York have left me with illogical fear and dread of going to the dentist. The fear of pain—as well as the pain itself—just isn't worth it. The result is a severe neglect of my dental health, which was exacerbated by the consequences of my cancer surgeries and treatments. My most recent encounters included three teeth extracted, one root canal, and a new crown. It involved a whole crew of people in two separate dental offices and money I would have enjoyed spending elsewhere.

However, I was treated carefully, gently, kindly, patiently, and with the latest in technology and equip-

ment that made it endurable. I want to give a shout-out to Dr. Charlie Cox and Dr. Chad Leighty and the wonderful folks who work in their respective offices. Thank you for the great work and for putting up with the difficulty I present to you.

Final words

A final word to report on some things I've mentioned before. I've made progress in losing weight. I've lost 16 pounds since May 1, with eight more to go. It's slow but steady and I appreciate all who have cheered me on. Facebook remains a challenge. I'm spending a lot less time and dropping off some of the items I was using it for has helped. In recent days I got involved with the cause of Bob Walker, a local retiree who sits near the checkouts at the local Meijer store and quietly says "God bless you" to folks who walk by. If you want to know more, go to Facebook and check the page of Ken Ledbetter. It's an interesting story. I've secured a library card at the Marion Public Library and I've read some good non-fiction books: Making My Pitch, American Eclipse, Democrazy, The Flight, and A Speck in the Ocean, a real page-turner for me.

As I said at the beginning, it isn't necessary to travel long distances to learn and have memorable experiences. I find them here in Grant County every day. I hope you do, too. Have a great week and God bless you!

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CASA,
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in honor of the late Pastor Schramm of Westminster Presbyterian Church, went to Riverside Federal Credit Union. The Riverside FCU begins planning for the sand castle square-off in February of each year. Shelley Marchetti, of Riverside FCU, said everybody submits a design for the sand castle and the staff will vote on their favorite. After a design is selected, the employees get to bring their colored pencils to work and once again compete for the best color scheme. "Not everybody likes to dig in the sand and get hot, but they all want to be a part of creating our sand castle for CASA. This is a phenomenal organization that everybody wants to feel like they contributed too," said Marchetti.

The Golden Pail Award, voted on by CASA staff and volunteers, went to Team Brandt's Harley-Davidson with Strata-CASA, a sand guitar. "This team that connects with our mission and had a great spirit and a lot of fun with us today," said Hendricks.

Lastly, Downing Farms received the Raisin Award, for bringing awareness to the CASA program and mission here in Grant County by building a beautiful sandcastle with the CASA logo.

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Taking a closer look at today's 'dollar' stores

To suggest that a building the size of the Dollar General warehouse and distribution center is flying below the radar across the landscape of Grant County is to torture the metaphor, but in very many ways it is.

It has been there along Ind. 18 just west of I-69 for a dozen years now. It opened in 2005, providing both jobs and energy for a community in great need of both in those days. Today it employs just over 600 men and women--604, at last count--with a steady stream of trucks hauling loads of "stuff" (there seems no better way to say it) into and out of Marion and Grant County.

Yet we seldom hear much about Dollar General, other than to point out that there is a semi-permanent "help wanted" sign posted in front of the massive building built of poured concrete slabs. Remember those early mornings back in 2005 when a dozen concrete trucks would be queued up at the entrance to the site, awaiting dawn so that more slabs could be poured and hoisted to form the walls?

Its success locally seems to be reflective of Dollar General in its larger venue, which would seem to be the whole United States.

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Ed Breen



Eight hundred stores in the upper Midwest stock their shelves with what comes off the larger shelves at the distribution center here.

And that's just a smattering of Dollar General. While the world pays attention to the heavyweights duking it out--Wal-Mart vs. Amazon, Apple vs. the world--Dollar General and its genetic cousins, Dollar Tree and Family Dollar stores, are sprouting on every corner not occupied by a Walgreen or CVS.

According to the Nielson

people, who keep track of such things, the dollar stores collectively have among them 29,400 locations across the country, and that number will be eclipsed quickly. Dollar General and Dollar Tree together plan to open another 1,940 stores this year. The shelves of each of those outlets will demand merchandise from the warehouse, from an enormous storage closet very much like our distribution center.

Janesville, WI, is about to get a distribution center that is nearly a mirror image of the Marion venue (1 million square feet under roof, 550 jobs) to stock 1,000 stores in Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa and Nebraska. A Dollar General Janesville spokesman put it this way: "That's 17 football fields under one roof."

Meanwhile, the Dollar Tree chain has snapped up Family Dollar for \$8.5 billion and plans to open 650 new locations this year, on top of the combined 14,482 that are doing business today.

Dollar General is now operating in 44 states, and intends to open another 1,290 stores this year, bringing the Dollar General banner to over 14,000 stores in 44 states.

The name notwithstanding,

ing, Dollar General isn't an everything-is-a-buck place. It erupted out of the Southeast, built around an inventory of name-brand and private-label products that we need every day, including basic groceries, toilet paper, soap and pet food. That sort of thing makes up more than 75 per cent of Dollar General's sales.

Since 2012, Dollar General's annual revenue has risen from \$16 billion to \$22 billion. Says an economist who watches such things, the increases

in sales at existing stores, a key measure of retailer health, easily outstripped those at Walmart.

Dollar stores of all species are usually small, thus rents are low and only a few employees are needed. They also keep costs down by opting for cheaper, vacant locations in neighborhoods rather than new shopping centers.

"They don't require the overhead to operate," said the economist, "so there can be a lot of them, conveniently located, with

cheaper prices...and they make money."

All of which seems to call to mind some names like Stilwell's and Thorn's and Shroat's and Bartling's and Gigler's, but that couldn't be, could it?

Ed Breen, co-host of "Good Morning Grant County" on WBAT radio, has been reporting on life in Indiana for more than 50 years. In 2016 he was inducted into the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame.

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PHOTOS FROM THE WEEK—GLEN DEVITT



The 4th of July weekend was packed with photography this year. I shot the Gas City Parade (left, second from top), the fireworks, the Concerts in the Park featuring Pink Droyd and 38 Special (top, and right, second from top). I did a fair amount of drone photography, making the most of the great weather. I finished up the week down at the Splash House to see the annual CASA Sand Sculpture fundraiser (left, bottom two images).

Find more of Glen Devitt's photos online at colormepink.smugmug.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Catherine S. Whalen
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Catherine S. Whalen, 74, Gas City, died on Thursday, July 6. Whalen was previously employed as a secretary for Mississinewa High School, General Tire and Owens Illinois and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Services were held on Wednesday, July 12, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, Gas City. Memorial contributions may be directed to Multiple Sclerosis/Muscular Dystrophy Association, 1800 M Street Northwest, Suite B50 North, Washington, DC 20036. Online condolences may be made at [nswcares.com](#).

Beria Cynthia Marx
1942-2017

Beria Cynthia Marx, 74, Marion, died on Monday, July 3. Marx was a 1961 Marion High School graduate. She worked at Hanks Supermarket, also known as Lance's New Market, mainly in the produce department, for nearly 50 years. She held membership with the The First United Methodist Church, Marion, Koinonia Red Hatter's and the AZB Sorority. In 1967, she was honored as Woman of the Year in Grant County. Services were held on Tuesday, July 11, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, Gas City. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Online condolences may be made at [nswcares.com](#).

Michael Ryan Miller
1981-2017

Michael Ryan Miller, 36, Marion, died on Saturday, July 1. Miller was a 1999 graduate of Mississinewa High School and also attended Ball State University and Mt. San Jacinto Community College in California. He enlisted in the U.S. Marines in January 2006, and was honorably discharged in September 2013. During his time in the Marines he served as a rifleman and later as a rifleman instructor at Parris Island. He completed one tour of Iraq in 2008. Miller was awarded the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (W/1 Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Certificate of Commendation (Individual Award), and the Expert Rifle Qualification Badge. A private family service will be held. Burial will follow in Marion National Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City. Online condolences may be made at [nswcares.com](#).



Dajeann Ann Evans
1972-2017

Dajeann Ann Evans, 45, Marion, died on Wednesday, July 5. Evans enjoyed attending Chapel Pike Wesleyan Church and NA and AA when she could. There were no services. Arrangements entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Online condolences may be made at [nswcares.com](#).

Kenneth Maurice "Kenny" Huffman
1956-2017

Kenneth Maurice "Kenny" Huffman, 61, Marion, died on Thursday, July 6. Huffman was a 1974 graduate of Marion High School and attended Marion College (now Indiana Wesleyan University). He worked as a recreational assistant with the Marion VA Health System for 36 years before retiring in 2013. He attended Calvary Assembly of God, Marion. Services were held on Monday, July 10, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, 911 E 86th St #100, Indianapolis, IN 46240. Online condolences may be made at [nswcares.com](#).

Susan Patricia Krieg
1945-2017

Susan Patricia Krieg, 71, Elkhart, died on Sunday, July 2. Krieg retired from United Technologies, Huntington. Graveside services were held on Friday, July 7, at Marion National Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. Online condolences may be made at [nswcares.com](#).

Clarinda A. Merritt
1951-2017

Clarinda A. Merritt, 66, Marion, died on Wednesday, June 28. Merritt earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Arizona and held membership with Gamma Phi Beta. She was vice president of Video Motown Records. There will be no funeral services. Cremation will take place. Arrangements entrusted to Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion. Online condolences may be made at [ravenchoate.com](#).

Christopher Thomas William Blank
1952-2017

Christopher Thomas William Blank, 65, Middletown, died on Sunday, July 2. Private services were held. Arrangements entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Online condolences may be made at [nswcares.com](#).

These are abbreviated death notices, provided by the funeral services. Full obituaries are available.



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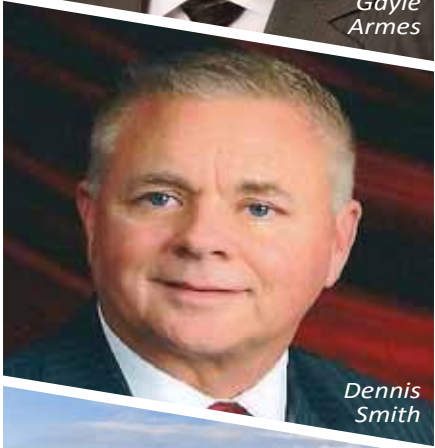
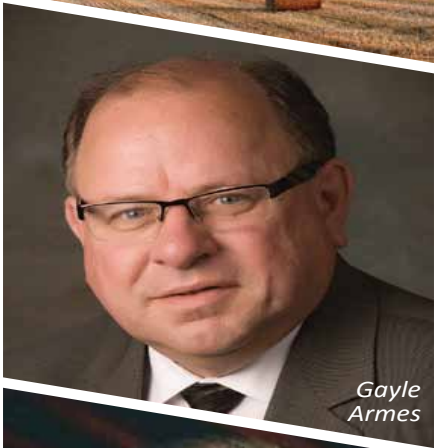
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Meet the coaches for Grant Co. high school sports

The high school sports season is just a month away, so we're getting a head start on getting you prepared. This week, let's meet the coaches of the county's high schools' fall sports team. In the weeks to come, we will have previews of all of the teams.—Ed.

Marion
Football—Craig Chambers
Back in December of 2015, Craig Chambers was named the 22nd head coach in Marion football history, and in his first season at the helm, he led the Giants to a 5-5 record. Before coming to Marion, Chambers coached for three years at



Craig Chambers, Marion High School football coach

Howe High School, where he completely turned the program around and built it into a title contender. Before that, Chambers worked as an assistant coach at Indianapolis Arsenal Tech in Indianapolis.

Boys Soccer—Jorge Berry
With 30 plus years of experience at the youth and high school level, Jorge Berry has coached the Marion Giants boys soccer team for over a decade. Last season, Berry led the Giants to a 14-3-1 record and a sectional title victory over the Kokomo Wildcats.

Girls Soccer—Bre Laypoole
Bre Laypoole returns for her second season as the Marion Giants girls soccer head coach after leading Marion to a 15-6 record and a sectional title her first year. Laypoole, a graduate of Marion, was a standout for the Giants during her playing days, particularly in 2006, when she one of the best goalies in the state, ranking second in goals-

against average.
Volleyball—Dale Gearhart
This upcoming season will be Dale Gearhart's third as the Marion Giants volleyball coach. A year ago, the Giants finished with an 11-18 record, which is their best record since Gearhart took over the program in 2015. Before his coaching tenure at Marion, Gearhart helped to build a USA Volleyball-affiliated program at Bluffton High School in the early 2000s.



Kyle Booher, Madison-Grant High School football coach

Football—Kyle Booher
Last season, in his second year, Kyle Booher led the Argylls to a 4-6 record, which included big wins over county rival Oak Hill as well as the Blackford Bruins.

Volleyball—Robert Holloway
The Argylls enjoyed a wildly successful season under head coach Robert Holloway last season, finishing with a 30-4 record. Holloway has enjoyed a stellar coaching career at Madison-Grant, where he has won two regionals, five sectionals, four Grant Fours, three CIC, and three Madison County championships during his volleyball coaching tenure.

Mississinewa
Football—Curt Funk
After a perfect regular season last year, Coach Curt Funk is back for another year as the head coach of the Mississinewa Indians. The Indians were a force to be reckoned with last season, as they won all of



Curt Funk, Mississinewa High School football coach

their games by double digits. Unfortunately, the Indians were ousted from the playoffs early as they were routed by Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger 56-2. With several big names like Heisman Skeens and Cade Campbell returning, Funk's team could potentially make a big run this upcoming season.

Boys Soccer—Brandon Forshey
After a season primarily focused on growth and development, Coach Brandon Forshey returns for his sec-

ond season as the Mississinewa Indians head boys soccer coach. With many of his players from last year returning, Forshey is looking for his team to build on the progress they made last season.

Girls Soccer—Andrea Wilson
Last season, Andrea Wilson's girls soccer team finished with a record of 4-9-3, but played much better during the second half of the season. Several keys players have graduated, including Kayla Webb, who had a remarkable season. However, Wilson is hoping that some of the incoming freshmen will help to fill the holes on her roster.

Volleyball—Hope Coons
In her first season as the head volleyball at Mississinewa, Hope Coons helped lead the Indians to a 15-18 record and a sectional victory over Columbia City. Heading into year two, Coons is simply looking for

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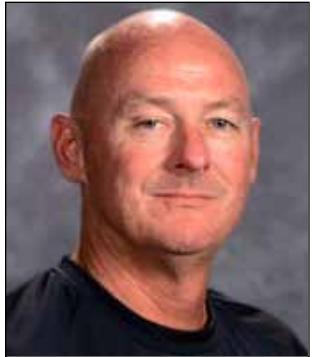
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the team to continue growing and improving.



Bud Ozman, Oak Hills High School football coach

Oak Hill
Football—Bud Ozman
Bud Ozmun returns for another season as the Oak Hill Golden Eagles head football coach, a position he has held since 1999. In that time frame, Ozmun has compiled a record 120-75, which included an 11-1 season in 2008 and a 9-3 season in 2013. Last year, Ozmun’s finished with a record of 6-5 and a sectional opening win against Rochester.

Boys Soccer—Jared Reel
In his first season as head coach for the Oak Hill Golden Eagles boys soccer team, Jared Reel helped to orchestrate a solid campaign, leading the Golden Eagles to a 13-6 record. Along with that, Reel won a sectional title in his first year with a win over an in-

credibly talented Eastbrook Panthers team.

Girls Soccer—Katie Durrwachter
2017 will be Katie Durrwachter’s fourth season as the head coach for the Oak Hill Golden Eagles girls soccer team. Last year, Durrwachter’s team had a solid season, finishing with a record of 8-5-3. In her previous three seasons, Durrwachter’s teams have not finished with less than 8 wins in any campaign.

Volleyball—Diane White
With over 20 years of playing and coaching at the high school, college, and club level, Diane White became the head coach of the Oak Hill Golden Eagles volleyball team last season. With a team full of youth of experience, White helped guide the Lady Golden Eagles to an 8-21 record. Luckily for the Golden Eagles, the entire team returns next season with a year of experience under their belts, so White is hoping the team will continue building on what they learned last year.

Eastbrook
Football—Jeff Adamson
Since becoming the head football coach for the Eastbrook Panthers in 1988, Jeff Adamson has molded the Panthers into one of the best football teams in Grant County and in the entire state of Indiana. In his coaching tenure, the Panthers have won 12 sectional championships, four re-

gional championships, two semi-state championships, 14 conference championships, and six undefeated regular seasons. Along with that, Adamson has posted 21 consecutive winning seasons.

Boys Soccer—Adam Hallis
Adam Hallis has been the head coach of the Eastbrook boys soccer team since the program began in 2012. In his fourth year at the helm, Hallis led the Panthers to a 13 win season, which included an eight game win streak. The Panthers advanced to the semifinals before falling to rival Oak Hill 1-0 in the sectional semifinal.

Girls Soccer—Rebecca Shrontz
Much like Hallis with the boys team, Rebecca Shrontz has been coaching the Eastbrook girls soccer since 2012. Last season, Shrontz led the Panthers to a 11-5-1 record, which included a seven game streak in the second half of the season.

Volleyball—Katie Jones
In her first year as the Eastbrook head volleyball coach, Katie Jones helped to guide the Panthers through a rebuilding year, finishing with a 4-19 record. Now that the team has a year of experience under their belts, Jones hopes that the team will continue to grow and develop this upcoming year.

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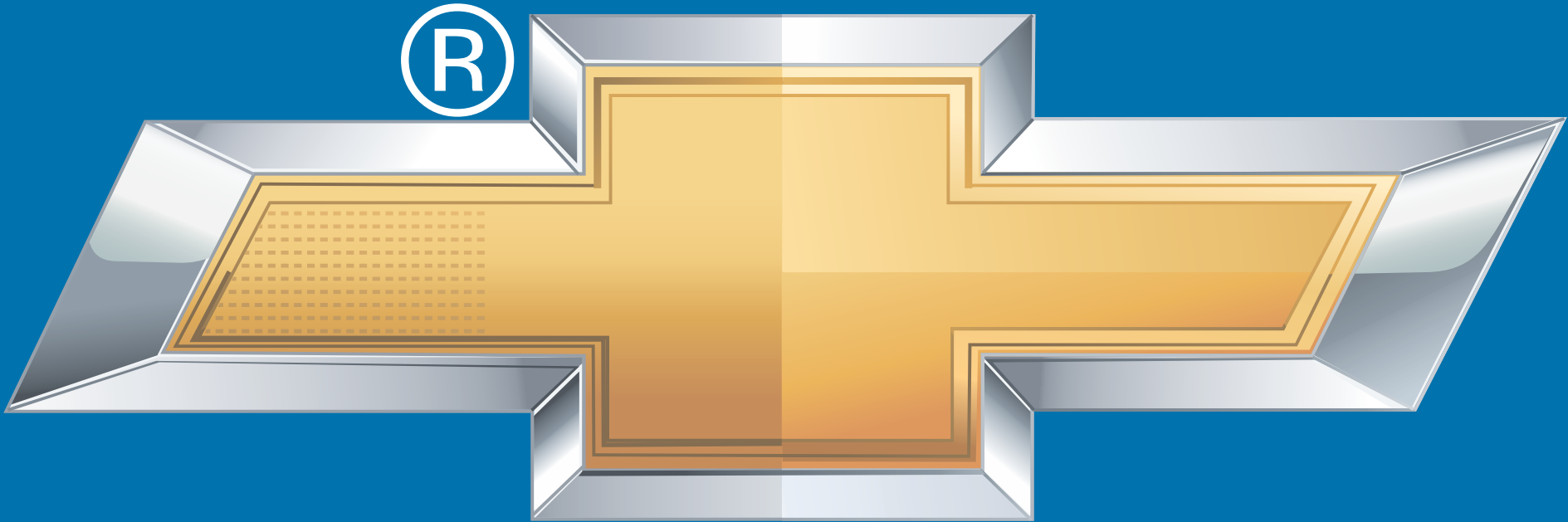
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Remembering area sports legend Kenny Huffman, with affection

Ask anyone who has ever followed youth sports in the Marion and Grant County area, and they knew Kenny Huffman, who passed away this past week.

Huffman will always be remembered by those who were involved in local sports as a true inspiration to many young men and women.

Kenny, who had only one arm, managed my son's Little League team to a county championship years ago, and to watch him hit infield was a sight to behold. Huff would hold the ball under his chin, toss it up in a strange motion, and hit infield just like he was in the Major Leagues.

Many, many truly great Marion and Grant County athletes either played for or against Kenny, and none had a single bad word to say about him.

It was amazing this past week, after his passing, how many people brought his name up to me, and all had a great story to tell.

If you went to a Marion Giant sporting event he was there. If you followed baseball in the Marion or Grant County area, you counted Kenny Huffman



Photo from web site of Needham, Storey, Wampner Funeral Service
Kenny Huffman, 1956-2017

Many, many truly great Marion and Grant County athletes either played for or against Kenny, and none had a single bad word to say about him.

as a friend.
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