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CALENDAR

Thursday, November 30

8 am—'Between the Shadow & the Light' Art Exhibit, Taylor University, 236 W. Reade Ave., Upland. Through December 8. Public. Free. Info.: 800-882-3456 or taylor.edu

9 am—Express Enrollment, Ivy Tech Community College, Marion Campus, 261 S. Commerce Dr. Classes begin January 16. Info.: Shawn Carmichael, 765-289-2291, ext. 1718 or ivytech.edu

10 am—Quilters Hall of Fame Exhibit: 'Dialogues: Contemporary Responses to Marie Webster Quilts', 926 S. Washington St., Marion. Through December 2. Admission, \$4; Seniors and Students, \$3; children (6-12), \$1; children (under 6), free. Info.: 765-664-9333 or quiltershalloffame@sbcglobal.net

6 pm—Gas City Christmas in the Park, 'Beaner Linn' Park, 990 S. Rogers Ave. Free. Through December 31. Info.: 765-674-8735

6 pm—Christmas City Walkway of Lights, Marion Riverwalk, River Dr. Season sticker, \$5. Info.: 765-662-9931 or walkwayoflights.org

7:30 pm—Piano Ensemble Recital, Indiana Wesleyan University Baker Recital Hall, 4201 S. Washington St., Marion. Admission, \$10. Info.: 765-674-6901 or indwes.edu

Friday, December 1

9 am—Honoring Our Veteran's Breakfast, Miller's Merry Manor, 505 N Bradner Ave, Marion. Free. Info.: Synovia Freshwater, 765-662-3981 or marionadmis@millersmerry-m Manor.com

4 pm—St. James First Annual Christmas Nativity Walk, St. James Lutheran Church, 1206 N. Miller Ave., Marion. Eight stations explaining different facets of the Nativity.

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Sale of County bonds comes in under 3 percent

Grant County has sold a bond issuance of \$8.505 million at a percentage rate of 2.998927 for renovating county facilities, primarily the jail.

"In our opinion this is a good bid, and we are very happy with the results," Bob Reynolds, a CPA with the Indianapolis firm of LWG CPAs and Advisors, told Jim McWhirt and Roger Bainbridge in an email.

"Our financial consultant was pleased," McWhirt said in an interview, "He would have liked to have had more bids [the county

received three], but he was pleased with the rate we got."

The winning bid came from J.J.B. Hilliard Lyons in a private placement with Sterling Bank being the purchaser. Other bids were by Robert W. Baird & Co. at a net interest cost of 3.040100% and SunTrust Robinson Humphrey at a net interest cost of 3.190205%.

McWhirt said that the money is earmarked for the jail, but also for work on the detention center, the county complex and the courthouse.

Repairs to be made include se-

curity upgrades, including locks; sanitary upgrades to the jail's plumbing; a generator for the jail and the complex; water infiltration in the basements of both the detention center and the courthouse complex; and HVAC improvements to the courthouse, along with some lighting upgrades. There will be an emergency exit installed in the county complex as well.

The bonds are for a term of 20 years, with the final payment due on January 1, 2037. McWhirt said that the payments will be made out

of the county's debt service fund (not the general fund) and that the payments will be under what the county had budgeted. The county had hoped to come in at an amount under \$100,000, and the additional payments will be in the neighborhood of \$60,000, according to McWhirt. A complete amortization was not immediately available.

"It's within the amounts that we're comfortable with," said McWhirt, "We will be establishing a budget to pay that off in a timely basis."

Owner of 'The Place' shares what is happening with the concept

During October, The Place in Marion, a project run by a team including the owner of The Bridge Café in Upland, Catherine Kerton-Johnson, ran a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds to renovate an historic downtown building donated to them by the Turner Foundation.

The crowdfunding goal was not met, despite a positive response to the project from the local community and organizations. Below, Catherine Kerton-Johnson tells her story of the campaign and what the team plans next.—Ed.

by Catherine Kerton-Johnson

The Place in Marion was a project concept created as a response to the need in downtown communities to have spaces where creatives (artists, educators, writers, etc.) could connect with people in their local area who may not have access to creative expression in their daily life.

When we were offered a condemned historic building in downtown Marion (The Nautilus Building, 714 S Adams Street), along with a gift from the Turner Foundation, we were excited to see if this would be the opportunity to make The Place a reality. The City of Marion was an exceptional support in our desire to bring The Place to downtown Marion, and the Board of Works was willing to put the demolition order on the building on hold for several months to help us complete fundraising.

What Happened?

In order to renovate the building to a safe and welcoming space, and purchase the equipment to commence the project, we needed to raise \$100,000. We took the opportunity to apply for a Patronicity Grant which was a state-funded matching grant from the IHCD, which allowed us to aim for \$50,000



Cathey Kerton-Johnson addresses supporters earlier this fall at a kickoff party for fundraising for The Place.

in crowdfunding which they would match if we met that goal by November 2.

Our team worked really hard to meet with potential funders, as well

as to promote the campaign, and we had a positive response from the local community. We raised over

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INDIANA QUIZ

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1. In what county is Santa Claus, Indiana?
2. Name the actor who played the role of Coach Dale in "Hoosiers."
3. What state office is held by Jennifer McCormick?



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Dr. Courtney Gorman: Applause from smiling families

Courtney Gorman, Jr., a doctor of dental surgery with the American Board of Orthodontics, started practicing in 1983 and became the owner of Gorman and Bunch Orthodontics in 1989 with offices throughout central Indiana. Gorman works mainly in Marion, Wabash, and Kokomo.

"I have a partner, and we have two associates. I love what I do. I love Monday morning. I like to go see my patients," said Gorman. "I get to make people smile. When a kid comes in and they have really jacked up teeth, and I get to tell them they are ready for braces. That used to not be a good thing. Now it's a great thing. Kids love it. They're happy that we do what we do."

He practiced with his father, John Courtney Gorman, for four years before he passed away. He opened up



is a rock star, and while he cannot play any musical instruments, in Indiana, he gets his applause from happy smiling families and children

after successfully figuring out how to use his dental tools to create the perfect smile.

A sought-after educator and speaker, Gorman started teaching for 23 years at Indiana University just two days receiving his masters, also giving lectures in Europe and Asia. He credits his dad for instilling the desire not to complain but to make a difference.

"He said there are things about your profession you're not going to like, so if you don't like them then do something. Teach kids the way you feel," said Gorman. "Everything I've done, honestly, if it weren't for my dad, I would never be where I am today. He was my role model."

His father moved the fam-

ily to Marion when Gorman was two years old. They bought a house on Cherry Street across from the professional arts building where they shared an office next door to where he built his first building in 1971.

Also an active community leader and philanthropist, Gorman chaired the board and helped build the new Salvation Army in Marion. He also served on the United Way of Grant County board, the Marion-Grant County Chamber of Commerce, and the Grant County Economic Growth Council. Additionally, he volunteered with the Fidelity Federal Bank.

He graduated from Marion High School (MHS) in the class of 1979 and was inducted as a "Giant of influence" into the MHS Hall of Distinction in September. He attended Vanderbilt University for one year, and then went to Indiana University and graduated after another three years. After that, he studied at Indiana University School of Dentistry in Indianapolis for four years and Washington University in St. Louis for two years, earning his master's degree in orthodontics.

Gorman met the love of his life, Cynthia Lane Gorman, during an MHS School Government Association meeting. Gorman asked his now wife to the prom when he found out her college boyfriend wouldn't take her. The couple

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BEHIND THE SCENES
Loretta Tappan

started dating in 1978 and have been together ever since, getting married in 1983. They had two daughters, Chelsea and Grace Gorman, and a son, John "Tripp" Courtney Gorman, who passed away on November 29, 1990.

Gorman enjoys golfing, skiing, and traveling. He played tennis in high school and went to the state finals. He skied with Thomas Sven "Tommy" Moe, who was the Olympic downhill champion. Gorman also sails and set a goal to sail around the world. He and his wife are planning a trip from Georgia to the Caribbean soon.

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Free. Repeats: December 2. Info.: 765-662-3092 or stjamesmarion.org

5:30 pm—Homemade Holidays Craft Show, Fairmount Library Annex, 205 S. Main St. Free. Info.: Tamee Shook, 765-669-0258

6 pm—Brandt's I-69 Ladies Night, Brandt's I-69 Harley Davidson, 6333 E. Steltzer Dr., Marion. Christmas Ugly Sweater Contest. Free. Info.: 765-664-1331 or i69hd.com

7 pm—Taylor University Christmas Light Show, 236 W. Reade Ave., Upland. Students, \$1; non-student couples, \$3; families, \$5. Info.: 800-882-3456 or taylor.edu

7 pm—The Tempest, F. Ritchie Walton Performing Arts Center, 750 W. 26th St., Marion, presented by Community School of the Arts. Adults, \$15; students, \$10; door, \$2 increase. Repeats: December 2, 3. Info.: 765-662-6263 or csa-marion.com

7:30 pm—A Christmas Carol, James Dean Memorial Theatre, 509 S. Washington St., Marion, presented by the Marion Civic Theatre. Adults, \$12; seniors and students, \$10. Repeats: December 2, 3. Info.: 765-668-7800 or marion-civic-theatre.org

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McKinley Campbell
1940-2017

McKinley Campbell, 77, Marion, died on Friday, November 17. Campbell graduated from Marion High School, enlisted in the military and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. Following his military service, he worked for the Marion Police Department. He held various rankings with the police department and not only helped start the canine unit there but also ran a canine school. He was actively involved with the PAL Club and coached for many years. He also worked with the Grant County Sheriff's Department and was a special investigator for the prosecutor's office. He held a lifetime membership with the American Legion Post 10. Services were held on Saturday, November 25, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.



Doris Ruth Small
1929-2017

Doris Ruth Small, 88, died on Tuesday, November 21. Small graduated from Jonesboro High School class of 1947. She worked at Owens-Illinois in Gas City for 25 years prior to working at the VA Medical Center, where she was a nursing assistant for 15 years. She held membership with the Liberty Friends, Fairmount. Services were held on Monday, November 27, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, Gas City. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery, Gas City. Memorial contributions may be directed to Cancer Services of Grant County, Tower Suites, 305 S. Norton Ave., Marion, IN 46952. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.

William E. "Bill" Briggs
1948-2017

William E. "Bill" Briggs, 69, Marion, died on Monday, November 20. Briggs worked as the owner and operator of Back to Life Body Shop. Services were held on Saturday, November 25, 2017, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.

Bruce D. Simon
1964-2017

Bruce D. Simon, 53, Gas City, died on Saturday, November 18. Simon graduated from Mississinewa High School class of 1982. He was self-employed for most of his life and specialized in floor covering installation. He had also previously worked at Weaver Popcorn for a few years. Services will be held on Saturday, December 2, at 4:30 pm, at Harrisburg Event Center, 409 N. First St., Gas City. Arrangements entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, Gas City. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.

Janet K Sellers
1945-2017

Janet K Sellers, 72, Marion, died on Saturday, November 18. Sellers graduated from Fairmount High School class of 1965. She held membership with the Brookhaven Wesleyan Church, and the International Fellowship of Christians, and Jews. Services were held on Tuesday, November 21, at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services Fairmount Chapel. Memorial contributions may be directed to Parkinson's Foundation. Online condolences may be made at armeshuntfuneralhome.com.



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DEATH NOTICES

Jerry Losure
1942-2017

Jerry Losure, 75, Marion, died on Thursday, November 16. Losure graduated from Van Buren High School class of 1960 and earned a degree in education in 1966 from Ball State University. He taught industrial arts at Mississinewa Community Schools and in Van Buren before becoming a full-time farmer. He also restored antique International Harvester farm equipment and was a member of the Warren Area Antique Tractor Club. Services were held on Wednesday, November 22, at Van Buren United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Burial followed at Van Buren Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Ferguson and Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren. Memorial contributions may be directed to Eastbrook High School's Future Farmers of America (FFA), 5605 S. 900 E. Marion, IN 46953. Online condolences may be made at glancyfuneralhomes.com.

Douglas R. Simon
1957-2017

Douglas R. Simon, 60, Gas City, died on Saturday, November 18. Simon attended Mississinewa Schools. He worked as a floor covering installer at Morrell Floor Covering for several years. He held membership with the Living Water Apostolic Church. Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, Gas City. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.

Maria "Celia" Wilkinson
1954-2017

Maria "Celia" Wilkinson, 63, died on Friday, November 17. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, November 28, at Estates of Serenity, Marion. Arrangements entrusted to Raven-Choate Funeral Home, Marion. Online condolences may be made at ravenchoate.com.

Edna L. Yentes
1926-2017

Edna L. Yentes, 91, Marion, died on Sunday, November 19. Yentes graduated from Urbana High School class of 1944 and a member of Phi Delta Kappa. Graveside services were held on Saturday, November 25, at Garden of Memory Mausoleum Chapel, Marion. Arrangements entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1921, Marion, IN 46952 or American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.

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\$7,000 from campaign donations, as well as \$10,000 applied from the Turner Foundation funds. However, we needed two or three larger donations to help us reach our goal.

We applied for a grant from a private foundation, which we were thrilled to learn we had been awarded towards the end of the campaign. However, there were conditions to the award which proved insurmountable. The foundation required us to reach \$40,000 in crowdfunding and they would then give the final \$10,000 to reach our goal. They also needed us to have the demolition order lifted from the building. The deadline for the crowdfunding campaign was November 2, and the next Board of Works meeting was on November 6.

We worked to see if there was any way to lift the demolition order before the crowdfunding deadline, but the order had to be lifted at a physical meeting. So there was no way of receiving the grant before the crowdfunding deadline.

With our goal amount low, and the building looking increasingly unsafe and in disrepair, donors seemed hesitant to give larger donations to the campaign.

When the campaign ended, we received the money that had been crowdfunded but could not be awarded the grant match because we did

not reach the \$50,000 goal. This left us far away from the \$100,000 needed to complete the project.

What Next?

The Place in Marion was always a vision that was not connected to any particular venue, and since the Nautilus Building was going to need a significant amount of money to make it functional, we felt it would be better to pursue the vision with the funds we had raised in another location, that would not need so much capital input before it was usable.

However, this left us with the problem of what to do with Nautilus? In an attempt to make fundraising possible with the private foundation, local leaders had campaigned with the Board of Works to lift the demolition order, which they granted. Now, as it is in the City's best interests to tear the building down, we plan to go that route.

We had set aside a part of the money given by the Turner Foundation to cover demolition before we started fundraising, in case it ended up being necessary. We did not want at any stage for the City to feel that we had side-stepped their plans for due diligence in this property by taking the opportunity that we did, and so we are happily working with the relevant authorities to follow the procedure to demolish the building so that the property is safe to neighbours and the community.

In the meantime, we are

moving forward with our vision for a place that creative community can meet and connect with those in the local area.

The first step in that vision is to create a café, much like The Bridge Café in Upland, which provides a neutral space for people to connect downtown. The Bridge will be started as a business, with the intention of creating a hub from which The Place can grow and form.

We want to make it clear that any funds we have raised so far through crowdfunding will only be used for The Place project. It has been kept aside in a non-profit bank account, and will not be used for any expenses in the Nautilus demolition, or anything to do with the new Café set up, which will be a separate business through investors.

The Place is still a living project, and as a team we are excited to find the right space for this to happen in the downtown Marion area. There are many buildings that are empty, but are basically ready for occupation. We know that this project is going to be a key part of the continuing growth of vibrant life in the area.

We want to stay with the momentum that has been built, and the support that has been given to keep moving towards this vision that has captured the imagination of so many in Grant County."

For those interested in the full concept and vision of The Place, visit www.the-placemarion.org.

Factors of real friendship

John 15:7-14

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.--JKV

There are lots of things I remember from my childhood. Some of my fondest memories are stories of my dad. Dad was not perfect by any stretch, but I believed he knew everything, and could do anything. He had lots of good qualities that he passed on to us, as much as we would accept. As a kid, I thought my dad knew everyone in town, and that impressed me. He would sometimes share his wisdom with me, but it didn't always register in my early days. That wisdom comes to life today.

I remember Dad talking about "friends" and he would say, "If you can count all your friends on one hand, you have a lot of them." That phrase has stayed with me over the years and it has caused me to value my friends. Have you ever stopped to ask, "What is a good friend?" We sometimes take too many things for granted, and I believe friendship is one of them. What are



JUST A THOUGHT

Rev. Tom Mansbarger



the true essentials to real friendship? I am convinced there are several factors that enter into "real friendship." Let's list just a few:

1. Confidence

There can be no real friendship if you don't have confidence in that special individual. I have been blessed with many good friends. They have been there for me when I needed them the most. I have confidence in my friends. There is a built-in trust with that person that makes them special. This is the foundation of friendship. The more we know our friends, the more we trust them.

2. Love

Confidence alone will not make an ideal friend. Love is an essential ingredient. Love is a choice! Love is not only a choice, it is an action. You can say, "I love you," and it may not mean a thing, but when you show someone "I love you," it means something. It doesn't cost a dime to show your love to another. A piece of scrap paper with a few kind words on it is sufficient. There is nothing wrong with a Hallmark card, but that is not what love is all about. It is the action that conveys the message.

3. Frankness

Friends should be able

to have straight-forward dialogue with one another. Friends know all about you, and love you in spite of your flaws. My friends will always be my friends, even if they are in jail. Friendship goes much deeper than the surface. It is in the hard times that we can identify our true friends. Telling someone what they want to hear is not really friendship, but rather blind loyalty. I want my friends to tell me the truth. Truth can be painful, but it is always the best medicine. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and it shall set you free" (John 8:32).

4. Consideration

The psalmist said, "yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil" (Psalm 23). We don't all experience the valley at the same time, but we all do go through the valley at one time or another. A real friend will always be there for you when you are at your lowest place. I don't have room in this article to name all those who have come to my rescue and support in a time that I needed it the most, but it taught me something about friendship.

I personally feel like I have been an individual that has been blessed beyond measure, and I am thankful for all that has come to me. Of all the things in my life I am mindful of, one is the knowledge of having real friends. May I say sincerely, "I love each and every one of you!"

Tom

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Listen to the Hoosier talking heads' drippings

Just a little news today and some thoughts from Hoosier heads ranging from Mitch Daniels to Pat McAfee. Feel free, please, to pick and choose as you will.

Start with the news that Mitch Daniels, late of a lot of things and now president of Purdue University, is taking on yet another gig: That of columnist for the august op-ed page of the Washington Post newspaper, where he'll be on the same bench with George Will, Charles Krauthammer and Eugene Robinson. For those of you

watching the calendar, he was governor from 2004-12, when hired by Purdue, and has a Boiler contract through 2020.

This from the mind of Mr. Daniels. He, too, has been watching this Amazon site selection foolishness and offered this in a "Guide to Luring Amazon to Your City," subtitled "What not to do."

His rumination might have some meaning for folks in our neighborhood:

"Nothing in public life is more dangerous to the public interest than politicians chasing 'jobs' with the peoples'

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For something completely different, some strong words from David Long, Mr. Big in the Indiana State Senate, at their annual organization day

This is an unprecedented problem. We all have to be all in on this as a society. We need more treatment centers. We need more programs to spur recovery. We need to crack down on dealers, gangs and cartels who are pouring heroin over our borders. And, yes, we need more money to deal with the problem.

last week:

"The opioid crisis is a huge issue for us. This is an unprecedented problem. We all have to be all in on this as a society. We need more treatment centers. We need more programs to spur recovery. We need to crack down on dealers, gangs and cartels who are pouring heroin over our borders. And, yes, we need more money to deal with the problem. This will be an issue that will be a burden on all of us and all of society for years to come. We must all do what we can do."

That from a Republican Senator, and this from Brian Bosma, his counterpart over in the House of Representatives:

"We have a real opioid crisis and mental health crisis in this state right now. If we don't have enough workers who can pass a drug test, we still have a big problem. Roughly 100 Hoosiers die each month, most from

opioids."

A few not-very-upbeat thoughts from Pat McAfee, the most entertaining Indiana athlete since Bob Knight rearranged the chairs in Assembly Hall a generation ago:

"I felt like I wasn't very embraced. I wasn't being celebrated, I was being tolerated. I was like, 'Man I'm selling a lot of jerseys. I'm making a lot of money for this place and I'm being treated like I'm some jailbird, like a terrible human.'"

Young Mr. McAfee, of course, is the retired, 30-year-old kicker from Plum, PA, who was the deadly accurate punter for the Indianapolis Colts for eight seasons. He unburdened himself last week in an Indy interview with Dan Dakich.

He described the mood of the Colts organization when Peyton Manning vanished from the scene:

"Basically, everything got sucked out of that place when

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the new regime came in. They painted over this wall that had Units on it, Peyton on it, the Super Bowl trophy. They painted over it, made it gray. It became the 'Indianapolis Grigsons' immediately. The building suffered for it... it became a place that I hated going to work."

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Eastbrook

Last year was one to forget for Head Coach Brian Childs and the Eastbrook Panthers.

The Panthers got off to a nightmarish start, starting the year 0-9 before winning their first game. It didn't get much easier after that, as the Panthers limped to a 6-18 record. The Panthers took a big hit right at the beginning of the summer, as the team's second leading scorer from last season, Johnathon Irwin, moved away.

"I had known that there was a possibility of Johnathon leaving for a while," Childs said. "It was something we had dealt with each offseason, and this past year, his family decided to make a move. It was early in the summer, so we kind of knew about the second week of summer basketball that he was going to be leaving.

"Even so, our kids just kind of pulled together and rallied around each other. We had a really good summer. We had

an outstanding fall, probably the best fall that we have had in terms of commitment kids working out and hanging around with other, and doing some team building."

With Irwin gone, other players will have to step up and elevate their game to replace his production. Capone Johnson, a transfer from Marion, will look to fill the void left behind by Irwin's departure. Garrett Holder, who had some great stretches last year, as well as Bryce Schamber, who saw significant minutes as a freshman, will be relied on for big minutes going forward. Brandon Huber, Dylan Bragg, Conner Childs, and Alex Baker will also look to make some noise for the Panthers this upcoming season.

Now, heading into this upcoming season, and with a plethora of new and returning players, Childs, and the Panthers, believe that the sky is the limit. "The kids are excited, and I don't think we want

to limit ourselves. I think the kids are pretty open-minded right now about the possibilities for this season."

Madison-Grant

Last year was a successful one for the Madison-Grant Argylls. Led by the strong play of Isaac Taylor, Jacob Lutterman, Brockton and Bryson Butcher, and Garrett Watson, the Argylls finished the year with a 13-12 record and a Sectional title.

Unfortunately for Madison-Grant, most of the players that contributed to that Sectional title victory over the Eastern Comets have graduated, being replaced with a plethora of young, inexperienced players.

Over the offseason, Head Coach Brian Trout focused on team bonding, helping players both old and new connect with one another on the court. "We spend a lot of time integrating the new guys into what we are doing, getting them used to playing

with each other, and focusing on building that team rapport," Trout said. "We have a lot of freshmen playing this year, so we wanted our younger players to get their feet wet and understand the feel of high school basketball."

While Wyatt Rudy, Tucker Robertson, and Ty Rod-abough return for the Argylls, the rest of the team is underclassmen. In fact, they are mostly ninth graders.

"We've got Wyatt, Tucker, and Tyran coming back--those are our [most experienced players]," Trout said. "We have Dillon Sneed to fill the middle for us, and after that, they are all freshmen. Grant Brown is starting at point for us. Kaden Howell is our first guy off the bench. Our first big off the bench is Justin Moore. Lance Wilson has been filling in at point and wing for us. Once we go to the bench, they are all freshmen."

However, these young

players aren't totally unprepared. Trout has been working with them for several summers to prepare them for this upcoming season. "We kind of started with these [young guys] two years ago," Trout said. "We had trying to integrate those guys a little bit during [previous summers]. They've been in the gym, so we've been working on that team chemistry, which has been really good. [The older players] have accepted them. The biggest thing the [younger players] have to do is adjust to the speed and physicality of varsity basketball."

With a relatively new group heading into the season, Trout's goals are twofold. First he wants his team to repeat as Sectional champions, but secondly, and most importantly, he is looking for consistent improvement as the season progresses. "The most obvious goal is to get better every day," Trout said. "As a team and as indi-

viduals, the goal is to work to get better every day. If we do that, come the end of the season, we will get enough where we can compete for a Sectional championship at end of the year. We are kind of in the same boat as last year--we didn't have much experience coming back either. Building towards that Sectional title is our biggest goal this year."

In their first game of the 2017-18 season, the Argylls were unable to recover from a tough start in a 79-45 loss to the Northwestern Tigers on Tuesday night. Northwestern got off to a 45-20 lead after two quarters, and despite better play from the Argylls after halftime, the Tigers were able to cruise to victory.

"In the first half, we didn't handle things very well," Coach Brian Trout said after the loss. "You could tell we didn't have much experience. In the second half, we adjust-

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Freshman Kaden Howell led the team in scoring with 18 points, while Wyatt Rudy recorded his first double-

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had eight points and a team-high 15 boards, while Grant Brown also finished with eight in the victory.

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Blackmon's only a freshman, but he certainly didn't play that way on Wednesday

Though Maconaquah point guard Chandler Pitts finished with 21 of the Braves' 38 points, the Giants made him earn each and every one, challenging him at the top of

The Giants will head to Lawrence North next Friday to take on the Wildcats in a 7:30 pm start.

The Mississinewa Indians had a great season in 2016-2017. They finished the year 16-8, which included an 11-game winning streak and a Grant Four championship.

and then, come Sectional time, we can't get it down. So, we played tough teams over the summer to help them get used to that level of competition. I'm hoping that pays off for our guys."

"We want to win the conference, and we want to win the Grant Four tournament, but at the end of the day, if you ask our guys what is most important to them, they are all going to say winning the Sectional. We've been preaching that since I took over four years ago, and they have really bought into that. We are excited. I'm hoping this is the group to get it done."

Anthony Horton, a transfer from Marion, will look to fill that role for the Indians this season as the starting point guard. Thabit Gault, who had a huge year last season, will be the Indians' number

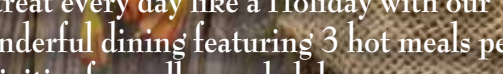
"Our biggest goal is to win that Sectional," Everitts said. "We want to win the conference, and we want to win the Grant Four tournament, but at the end of the day, if you

Thabit Gault, did not disappoint in the first game of his senior season, recording a

Along with that, the Indians struggled from the charity stripe as well as from beyond the arc. "We missed 15 threes and seven free

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“She has just been very steady and very solid for us all season.”

Hasty finished with nine points, four steals, and one assist, while Kristin Dubois added eight points and five rebounds in the victory.

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throws,” Evertts said. “We have to do a better job of making those plays.”

Even in the loss, however, Evertts was proud of the defensive effort his team showed. “There are still some things that we didn’t do great that we will look at, but I thought, as a team, we finally bought in to good, solid team defense,” Evertts said. “If somebody made a mistake, someone was there to pick them up. We liked what we saw defensively. If we can play that way [all year], we will win a lot of basketball games.”

Horton led the Indians in scoring with 12 points, while Gault added nine points and 11 rebounds. Jalen Martin recorded six points in the loss.

Oak Hill

To say Oak Hill had a dominating season a year ago would be an understatement. The Golden Eagles, led by Spencer Ballinger, Caleb Middlesworth (before his

ankle injury), Tyce Frank and others helped lead Oak Hill to a 20-4 record.

Their final loss, however, came in the Sectional, as they were defeated by Southwood in the Sectional semifinal. It was an early exit that not many people expected, including the head coach, Kevin Renbarger.

Now, with that loss to the Knights behind them, Renbarger and his team worked extra hard in the offseason to make sure a loss like that wouldn’t happen again this upcoming season. “I think the focus in the offseason was to put ourselves in a position to not allow what happened at the end of the year to reoccur,” Renbarger said. “The players have worked really hard in the summer and fall to better their skills and bodies to prepare for a very challenging season.”

Ballinger, Middlesworth, and Frank are all returning and will be expected to lead the team once again this season, but Renbarger believes that the Golden Eagles’ success hinges on the play of some key reserves.

“I think an X factor is going to be the play of David Arens and Konnor Cabe,” Renbarger said. “Both will need to begin to step forward and take initiative on both ends of the floor. [Along with that], sophomore Tahj Johnson and senior Renn Martin could provide a spark and much needed lift on the defensive end.”

With most of the pieces from last year’s 20-4 team returning, Renbarger’s goals are the same as they were last year: be competitive in the conference, win the Grant Four championship, and be the last team standing come tournament time.

“Our expectations hardly ever change, regardless of talent,” Renbarger said. “We want to win a Grant Four, CIC championship and make a deep run in the tournament. We would like to be undefeated on our home floor and show well in our special upcoming tournaments and shoot outs.”

The Oak Hill Golden Eagles’ season almost got off to a disastrous start, as poor play from Oak Hill gave the

Wabash Apaches every opportunity to put the game away. However, the Golden Eagles finished the game on a 12-2 run to secure a 67-57 win over the Apaches.

Oak Hill lacked focus on both ends of the floor in the first 24 minutes of the contest, but were able to right the ship in the final quarter. “We spent three quarters of the game playing very out-of-control on the offensive end and defensively we were a complete mess,” Renbarger said after the victory. “but, I think our kids finally settled down and started to play connected and together on both ends of the floor.”

Oak Hill’s big three of Spencer Ballinger, Caleb Middlesworth, and Tyce Frank combined to score 47 of the Golden Eagles’ 67 points, but it was the play from the reserves, according to Renbarger, that helped Oak Hill pull out their first win of the season.

“Renn Martin and Tahj Johnson as well as Reid Newhouse and Alex Henry all came in and provided a much-needed lift and stabil-

ity to the team,” Renbarger said. “They came in and played within themselves, didn’t try to do too much, were disciplined and played with a great sense of urgency. Without their efforts we would not have won the game.”

On Saturday, the Golden Eagles struggled in the early stages of the game, but were able to regroup and come away with a 59-45 victory over the Manchester Squires.

Renbarger wasn’t pleased with the way his team persisted overall, but he thought his team played better than they did against Wabash. “We didn’t play well again tonight but there were improvements,” Renbarger said. “The game started exactly the same way Wednesday night did. We got out to a nice lead in the first quarter and then allowed a 17-0 run by Manchester for them to take a 19-12 quarter lead.”

However, the Golden Eagles’ offense came alive and their defense clamped down, holding Manchester to single-digit points in the following two quarters. “Our

defense and offensive execution really stepped up in the middle quarters though,” Renbarger said. “We out-scored them 28-9 in the middle two quarters.” Their run was enough to help the Golden Eagles take control and secure the victory.

Ballinger scored 19 points for the second straight game to go along with seven rebounds, while David Arens had an excellent all-around performance with nine points, two rebounds, two assists, and one steal.

“Ballinger and Arens were both really solid for us tonight,” Renbarger said. “Both executed in all facets and really led a team-first effort.”

Heading into next Saturday’s match with the Taylor Titans, Renbarger wants his team to focus on finishing strong.

“We will need to continue to make adjustments defensively and decision-making once fatigue takes over,” Renbarger said. “We are starting quarters really well but finishing very poorly.”

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Turn back the pages

March 3, 1978

Larry Liddle, Craig Plummer and Rob Harness headline Sports Hotline's 1977-78 All-County basketball squad.

Marion's Liddle and Eastbrook's Plummer share "Coach-of-the-Year" honors while Harness of Eastbrook is the "Player-of-the-Year."

It's the second such award for Liddle in his two years as the Giant boss. With only one regular returning from last year's regional champions, Liddle guided the Giants to a 16-3 record and the Marion holiday tourney title. Marion finished 5-3 in the North Central Conference and is rated among the state's Top Twenty.

Plummer, runner-up for top coach last year while at Bennett, helped turn Eastbrook into a winner. The Panthers, 15-5, are enjoying their best season in school history. They won the school's first Grant County title and finished second to unbeaten Cass in the Mid-Indiana Conference. Eastbrook had only 11 wins in the two seasons before Plummer took over.

Harness, a 6-4 senior, wins the No. 1 player honor in a real tight race with teammate Randy Kitts, Marion's Kenny Smith and Matt Dubuque, and Oak Hill's Jeff Pearson.

The standout forward is the only player listed among the Grant County leaders in scoring, field goal percentage, free throw percentage, rebounding and assists.

He leads the county with an .862 clip from the free throw

One of the most popular features of Ken Hill's Sports Hotline was "Turn Back the Pages," in which he revisited past issues of the paper and reprinted notable stories. In honor of the Hotline and as a legacy to Hill, The News Herald asked him for permission to carry on the tradition of "Turn Back the Pages." Hill readily agreed. Look for it in our pages on a regular basis.—Editor

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line and ranks third in scoring with an 18.7 average. Rob is shooting .488 from the field, many from long range, while averaging eight rebounds and 4.7 assists per game.

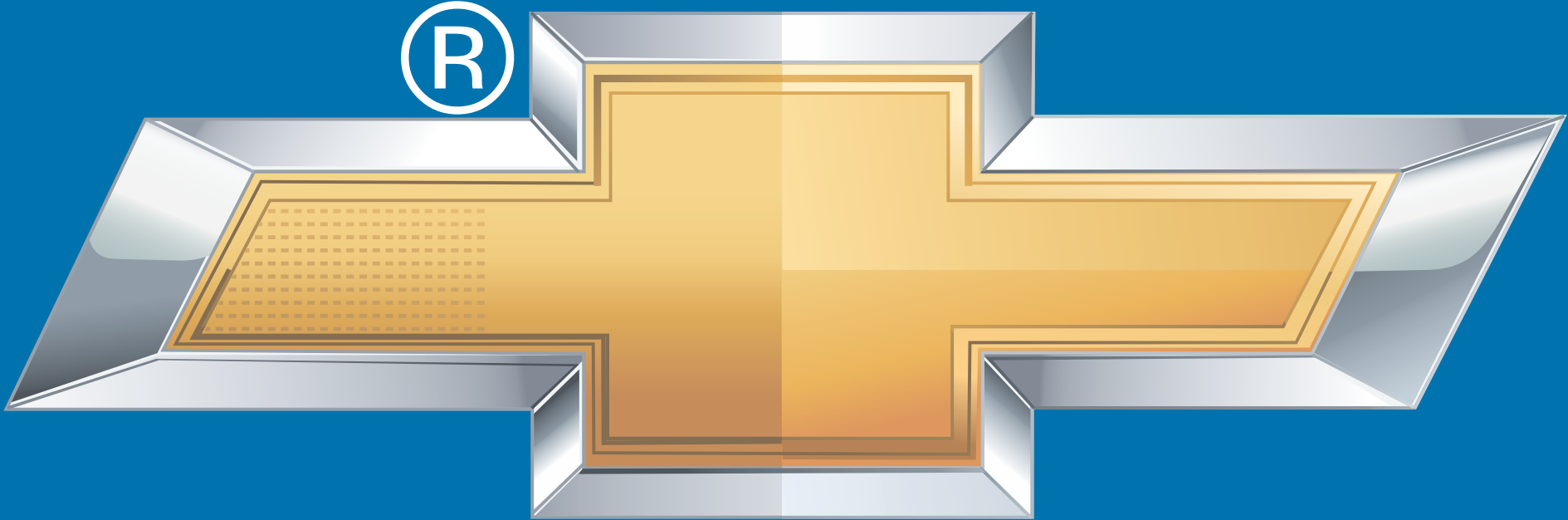
Harness, Kitts, and Madison-Grant's Dave Devore are the only repeat selections.

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It's an all-senior 11-man squad except for Pettiford and Mississinewa junior Robbie Oyler.

Oak Hill placed Pearson and John Chapel on the squad while Bennett is represented by Jeff Herbort. Jeff's brother, Mark, was the 1976-1977 "Player-of-the-Year."



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