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## CALENDAR

### Thursday, December 7

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

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

12 pm—The Network Montly Meeting, The Historic Hostess House, 723 W. Fourth St., Marion. Cost of lunch. Info.: Valarie McHarry, vmcharry@dwdcpa.com

5 pm—Christmas in Converse, Jefferson Street Barbecue, Converse. Storytime with Mrs. Claus and Santa. Free. Info.: Converse Business Alliance, 765-517-1902

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—Taylor University Adoration Chorus and Strings Chamber Concert, Recital Hall, 236 W. Reade Ave., Upland. Free. Info.: Music Department, 800-882-3456 or lsroyal@taylor.edu

### Friday, December 8

5:30 pm—Grant County Coder Dojo, Marion Public Library and Museum Children's Room, 600 S.

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## Mahan visits county on 'listening tour'

By Ed Breen

Kevin Mahan, the representative of the 66,000 Hoosiers in the 31st district of the Indiana House of Representatives, strode into Jackie's Family Restaurant in Gas City last Wednesday at noon.

Both the man and the café might have been dispatched straight from central casting.

Mahan is 47 years old, a boy from Blackford County Indiana who was an auctioneer, a two-term sheriff and a State Farm Insurance agent before Mitch Daniels spotted him and urged him to run for the General Assembly. That was seven years ago. A solid Republican, he is husband to Tonia, a teacher ; father of three sons: a fledgling CPA, an Army Apache

helicopter pilot in training, and a pretty darn good baseball player.

The restaurant is named for its proprietor, Jackie Stevens, and has been here at the west end of Main Street since the Rock family built it back in 1977, then sold it to Stevens. It is a breakfast-and-lunch-only sort of place.

The last time a politician settled himself at the same table taken by Mahan last week was nearly five years ago and the politician then is Vice President of the United State today. Mike Pence was a rookie governor in those days.

Mahan is on a one-day tour of the district, which extends from the north edge of Muncie to the west edge of Marion with some zig-zagging into Wells County



Photo by Ed Breen

State Representative Kevin Mahan (Republican, District 31), in white shirt, speaks with some of his constituents at the Gas City Café on his one-day, five-stop "listening tour" last week.

along the way. He calls it his "listening tour."

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## Via CU grants funds for projects to six area teachers

Via Credit Union has awarded six grants totaling more than \$2,400 to local teachers for the funding of special classroom projects. Over the years, Via has given more than \$31,000 to area teachers to fund 74 projects.

President/CEO Dave Abernathy and Warsaw Branch Manager Tracy Speigle delivered checks and offered congratulations to each of the grant recipients. The Teacher Grants fund innovative classroom projects for which no other funding is available. "Via Credit Union is proud to fund these projects. School budgets are extremely tight and the grants enable teachers to develop programs that would not exist

**"School budgets are extremely tight and the grants enable teachers to develop programs that would not exist without this financial help," said Abernathy.**

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Grant winners competed with

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Photo submitted

Via Credit Union President and CEO David Abernathy (back row, right) presented a check to Christina Stefanatos (in front of Abernathy), of Sweetser Elementary, to buy equipment for all her students to monitor and record the growth of several herbs and vegetables from seed.

## INDIANA QUIZ

Answers are on page 4.

1. When is "Statehood Day" in Indiana?
2. What county is on the eastern border of Newton County?
3. Name the Hoosier who had a hit with "Jingle Bell Rock."



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Mahan  
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He is spending this day—five stops in all—talking with the people who live and work in District 31. “My mother told me God gave me only one mouth but two ears for a reason, so I’m here to listen,” he says in his invocation at each stop—two in Blackford County, the Gas City café, then on to the Clarence Faulkner Center and finally Abby Coffee at Tree of Life Bookstore in Marion.

In Gas City he is met initially by two young women with a singular focus: The state’s attitude toward medical marijuana, CBD oil, hemp and THC extract, all part of the complex and controversial issue of pot and all its forms.

Mahan, 20 years a policeman, is not sympathetic on the drug issue. He sees marijuana as a “gateway drug” leading to the extremes that are killing Hoosiers almost daily. He tells the women he understands the medical issue and goes so far as to tell them he might—just might—be open to a discussion of “decriminalizing” marijuana.

But this is not the campaign trail. No election this year and no hint yet of an opponent next year in a district that has see-sawed between Republican and Democrat over the last 30 years.

Next group is eight “first responders,” men and women who staff emergency vehicles and ambulances in Mill Township and Gant



State Rep. Kevin Mahan (in white shirt) speaks with constituents at the Faulkner Center in Marion, as part of his “listening tour” last week.

County. Their issue: They are required, they say, to carry a medication to treat severe shock—things like bee sting allergies—with an Epi-Pen that costs \$300 a dose and they know they can provide the same service in a different way for ten bucks. That would save \$11,000 a year. Can he help them? Mahan turns to his two legislative aides who are along for the ride on this journey. He nods and they begin gathering information. “We’ll look into it. In the legislature we don’t deal with rules, we deal with laws. And I don’t know if this is set by law.”

Gas City’s Democrat Mayor Larry Leach is next. He and Councilman Larry Terwilligar want to know what Mahan can do to get the law changed so that Tax Increment Financing—the dreaded TIF—money can be used outside the designated district to provide emergency services.

TIF is a touchy issue, he says, and he’s not optimistic that anything will be done to the law in the session starting next month. But he takes notes.

Nearly two hours and it’s on to the Faulkner Center in Marion, where a modest audience, primarily African-Americans, awaits.

Drugs—especially opioids and heroin—are discussed. “Our children are surrounded by it,” he is told and he responds, bluntly: “We are in survival mode right now, and this is sickening what’s going on.” But, he adds with caution, “we can’t legislate either morality or responsibility,” and “we can’t arrest our way out of this.”

Equal representation is an issue in this gathering of minorities. So is the perceived need for a “hate crimes” law in Indiana. Mahan acknowledges he is a white male and has not had some of their shared experience. “But,” he says after some qualify-

ing comments, “if I had to vote for that today, I think I would support it. But I reserve the right to dig into it for more information first.”

That is met with unenthusiastic but respectful silence. “You came here today with something on your mind,” he says, and that draws into a discussion of how the Veterans Administration seems to dally in meeting veterans medical needs.

Not my department, the state legislator suggests, but he asks his aides to get names, times, phone numbers to see if some help can be found.

So it goes through subsequent stops on this Midwestern version of a magical mystery tour:

- How about the liquor laws? Are we going to get Sunday sales and cold beer and is it time to blow up the antiquated liquor laws of Indiana and start over?

- What about redistricting after the next census? Mahan says it’s time to rid the place of gerrymandering “because I have never believed that politicians ought to be able to pick their voters.”

What is absent throughout the day is anger and hostility.

Nary a hint of what seems to dominate the national political landscape, at least on the evening news. No signs, no banners, no tub-thumping or fist-shaking.

“And did you notice,” Mahan says at the end of the day, “there was not a single mention—not one—of Trump or Washington?”

The big issue, he concluded a long time ago, is that “Americans don’t trust their government. We’re all dealing with a trust issue here,” and he finds some comfort in the fact that in his office—the Indiana General Assembly—65 per cent of all bills are passed unanimously. “Something like 93 per cent have bipartisan support. It’s the seven per cent where there is disagreement that gets the front page and leads the evening news.”

Disagreement? Yes. Differing views? Of course. The lone “Make-America-Great-Again” cap at one stop probably wouldn’t sit well with those concerned about hate crimes at another stop.

Not a lot of talk about it, but nods of approval when the lawmaker says he is prepared to support “constitutional carry,” a change that

*Behind the Scenes is on hiatus for the week, but will return next week and continue through the end of the year.—Ed.*

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BEHIND THE SCENES  
Loretta Tappan



would all but eliminate the licensing laws on carrying a hand gun.

“I really do hope you are voting for that,” he is told by a man who has voiced no other opinions over a couple of hours.

Ann Gottschalk, the widow of Earl Gottschalk, a long time Grant County political figure, says she has come for only one reason: “I just wanted to say thank you because the streets are so much better than they used to be.”

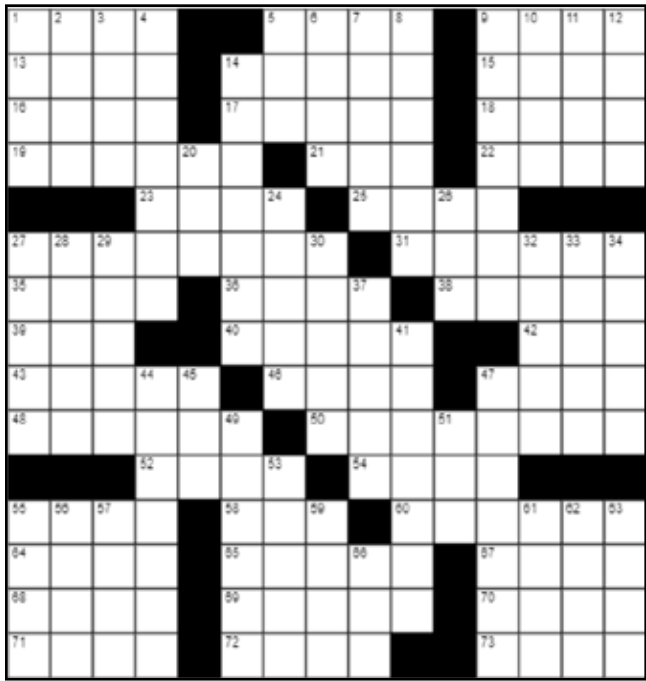
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CROSSWORD

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Across

1. Switchblade
5. Meets one’s maker
9. Londoner, e.g.
13. Costa
14. Country singer Gibbs
15. Isolated
16. Waste allowance
17. Have to pick
18. Rowing implements
19. In danger
21. Diarist Anaïs
22. Bad mood
23. So-so grades
25. Slaughter in Cooperstown
27. Bearing two branches
31. Worship
35. Org.
36. “Exodus” author
38. Overact
39. Hearst kidnaper
40. Triumphant cries
42. Not in
43. Claw
46. Prefix with sphere
47. Meat-grading org.
48. Clown Kelly
50. Type of ballot
52. Arab sailing vessel
54. Big name in razors
55. Jai
58. Stutz contemporary
60. Breadwinner
64. Cop’s collar
65. Less loony
67. Prefix with drama
68. Jacob’s twin
69. Cream-filled cookies
70. Slippery swimmers
71. Bears’ lairs
72. Flat sound
73. June 6, 1944

Down

1. Mex. miss
2. Trumpeter Al
3. Bakery worker
4. Residence of the popes
5. Ball girl
6. Golf club which can be numbered 1 to 9
7. Bert’s roomie
8. Yellowish brown pigment
9. Bloom
10. Horse shade
11. Cross letters
12. Try out
14. Food ordered to go
20. Sun. delivery
24. Twilled fabric of silk
26. Praiseful poem
27. Moistened while cooking
28. Muslim religion
29. Sacred song
30. Cassette half
32. Fowl pole
33. Musical study piece
34. Stiff bristles
37. Brazilian dance
41. Teachers in habits
44. Legendary king of Thebes
45. degree
47. Without weapons
49. Some sculptures
51. Period
53. Has on
55. Copied
56. majesty
57. Irish island group
59. Change for a five
61. Lack
62. First name in jazz
63. Optimistic
66. Dawn deity

FEATURES

EDITORIAL CARTOON—ERIC REAVES



The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

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numerous teachers for an opportunity to make their projects come alive in the classroom. The winning teachers will use the grant money in various ways:

- Bradley Benner, Oak Hill High School, will purchase 3D printers that will allow his manufacturing students to create a mockup product that will solve a simple, everyday life problem.

- Leah Kilgore, Lincoln Elementary, purchased 3D pens for her Kindergarten students to build and analyze structures for the 3 Little Pigs project.

- Christina Stefanatos, Sweetser Elementary, plans to buy equipment for all her students to monitor and record the growth of several herbs and vegetables from seed.

- Mallory Thompson, Park Elementary, will use STEM Bins to encourage first graders to think like inventors by constructing and creating.

- Carla Tribble, Eastbrook High School, will purchase materials to capture, identify, observe and tag butterflies for her Biology II class.

- Jessica Zickafoose, Converse Elementary, created a robot with her second graders and will now be able to attend local competitions to test their programming skills.



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## General Ordinance #16-2017 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana, will hold a public hearing regarding the following matter on the 19th day of December, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 301 S. Branson Street, Marion, Indiana. Property owner, James Matthews, Inc. and their representatives, RMA & Assoc, seek to vacate certain public utility easements to provide for the construction of a new restaurant. The request is for the property commonly known as 1001 S. Baldwin Ave, Marion, Indiana 46952, and legally described as:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Twenty-five (25) North, Range Seven (7) East-thence North on the East line of said Southeast Quarter a distance of nine hundred twenty-three and seven-tenths (923.7) feet; thence West a distance of five hundred forty-five and seven-tenths (545.7) feet or to a point on the West right of way line; thence South on said right-of-way line a distance of two hundred seventeen and seventy-two hundredths (217.72) feet or to an existing property corner and the place of beginning; thence continuing South on said West right of way line a distance of one hundred twenty-six and no-tenths (126.0) feet; thence West with an interior angle of 89.6833° a distance of one hundred twenty-seven and no-tenths (127.0) feet; thence North and parallel with the East property line a distance of one hundred twenty-six and no-tenths (126.0) feet; thence East on an existing property line a distance of one hundred twenty-seven and no-tenths (127.0) feet or to the place of beginning; containing thirty-seven hundredths (0.37) acre more or less, and being a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Twenty-five (25) North, Range Seven (7) East in the City of Marion, Pleasant Township, Grant County, State of Indiana.

Also:

That portion of land situate in the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 25 North, Range 7 East of the Second Principal Meridian in Grant County, Indiana being more particularly described as follows:  
Considering the South line of the land described in Instrument #2017005758 as bearing South 89°28'59" West with all other bearing herein contained relative thereto; BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of the land described in Instrument #2017-005758; thence on the South line of the land described in Deed Record Micro 9400 page 1541 South 89°26'58" West a distance of 141.00 feet to a set 5/8" steel rebar with cap stamped "RMA FIRM #0074" thence North 00°48'54" West a distance of 130.00 feet to a set 5/8" steel rebar with cap stamped "RMA FIRM #0074"; thence North 89°26'22" East a distance of 108.00 feet to the East line of the land described in Instrument #2017-004594; thence on said East line South 00°48'54" East a distance of 4.00 feet to the Southwest corner of the land described in said Instrument; thence on the South line of the land described in said Instrument North 89°28'59" East a distance of 33.00 feet to the Northwest corner of the land described in Instrument #2017005758; thence on the West line of the land described in said Instrument South 00°48'54" East a distance of 126.00 feet to the Place of Beginning, containing 0.42 acres more or less.

All persons of probable interest will be given the opportunity to be heard by the Common Council of the City of Marion at the above-specified time and place. Public hearings may be continued from time to time as necessary without further public notice. The meeting location is ADA accessible. Please notify us if you have special accessibility needs. Kathleen Kiley, Clerk of the City of Marion. TNH 12/6

## INDIANA QUIZ ANSWERS

1. December 11
2. Jasper County
3. Bobby Helms

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT III OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA.

In the matter of the Unsupervised Estate of: BEVERLY I. POWELL, deceased.

Cause Number 27D03-1710-EU-150

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of November, 2017, TAMARA YANIS was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of BEVERLY I. POWELL, deceased, who died on the 4th day of October, 2017.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Marion, Indiana, this 30th day of November, 2017.

/s/ CAROLYN MOWERY  
Clerk, Grant Superior Court III

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TNH 12/6, 12/13

## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Grant County, on Cause No. 27D01-1509-MF-188 wherein U.S. Bank National Association, As Trustee For The C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-RP2, was Plaintiff and RONALD DAWSON AND SANDRA MARINE, AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCE INC., JEFFERY L. CARTER AND AAMES CAPITAL CORPORATION, were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on January 10, 2018 at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at 214 East Fourth Street, Marion, IN 46953, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Grant County, Indiana.

LOT NUMBER 5 EX 11' SOUTH SIDE SMITH'S ADDITION SECTION 1

SUBJECT TO ALL LIENS, EASEMENTS AND ENCUMBRANCES OF RECORD.  
Parcel No.: 27-07-32-404-010.000-016  
More commonly known as: 408 SOUTH 4TH AVENUE, JONESBORO, IN 46938

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.

Dennis V. Ferguson Reggie E. Nevels  
Sheriff of Grant County, Indiana

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By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Grant County, on Cause No. 27D01-1510-MF-196 wherein Ocwen Loan Servicing, Llc, was Plaintiff and MELVIN S. OGDEN was the Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on January 10, 2018 at the hour of 10:00 AM at 214 East Fourth Street, Marion, IN 46953, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Grant County, Indiana. LOT NUMBER THIRTY (30) FELTON PLACE SECTION II, A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION OF THE TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT, INDIANA.

SUBJECT TO ALL LIENS, EASEMENTS AND ENCUMBRANCES OF RECORD.

Parcel No.: 27-10-30-401-025.000-004  
More commonly known as: 530 CIRCLE DRIVE, FAIRMOUNT, IN 46928

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.

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For a complete lineup, visit spectrum.com/channels.  
To view this notice online, visit spectrum.net/programmingnotices  
TNH 11/29

## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON DECREE IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACTION

By virtue of a certified copy of a Decree of Foreclosure to me directed by the Clerk of Grant Circuit Court, Grant County, Indiana, in Cause No. 27C01-1704-MF-000076, wherein GRANT COUNTY STATE BANK is Plaintiff and KRISTI L. RUBIDOUX is defendant in which action a judgment was rendered on August 8, 2017 against KRISTI L. RUBIDOUX and in favor of Plaintiff in the sum of \$111,931.24 plus interest at the statutory rate from date of judgment and cost and accruing cost in this action ordering me to sell the following payment of said judgment, costs, accruing costs and account for the balance to whomsoever is lawfully entitled, I will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on the 24th day of January, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., on said date, at the Sheriff's Office at 214 East Fourth Street, Marion, Indiana, the following described real estate in Grant County, Indiana and legally described as follows to-wit:

Lot Number Two (2) in Breezewood, a residence subdivision located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 25 North, Range 7 East in Grant County, Indiana.

(More commonly known as 2365 Lawson Road, Marion, Indiana 46952.)

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.

Said sale will be without any relief whatsoever from valuation or appraisalment laws and for cash.

The undersigned, Sheriff of Grant County, Indiana, will issue to the purchaser of said real estate a Sheriff's Deed for said real estate as provided by law under Chapter 90 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana for 1931, as amended and supplemented.

Dated: November 13, 2017

/s/ Reggie E. Nevels  
REGGIE E. NEVELS  
GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF

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TNH 11/29, 12/6, 12/13

# Spreading a little cheer during this Christmas season

There is no doubt that the busiest time of the year is the Christmas season.

It is personally my favorite. I truly love Christmas for what it is, the celebration of the birth of the Christ child. Now, I am not too fond of all the commercialism, but I have learned to live with it. I enjoy giving to others, and Christmas is all about giving. We celebrate God sending His Son, Jesus, to be born in a lowly manger in a stable, because of His great love for us.

Knowing this is a happy, joyous season helps me, but there are many people who don't see it as I do. I see frustrated people, pushing and shoving to get through the crowd, those who are looking for that perfect gift that they feel will satisfy someone else. Many realize when they get to that special area of the store that the item they wanted is sold out.



## JUST A THOUGHT

Rev. Tom Mansbarger



For all of you that know me best, I laugh at myself, and I also laugh at everybody else. I try to make the best of every experience. There are times that I like the crowd, and Thanksgiving night was one of those times. I told Diane that the sales began at 6 pm at the

stores. Her response was, "what are you looking for?" I told her I don't even know what is on sale, but I am ready for a little diversion. It didn't take much persuasion, and she was in the vehicle with me heading to the sales. We arrived at about 5:20 pm and ventured in. To my amazement, we weren't the only people there. Others had arrived also.

Now bear in mind, I am not looking for anything in particular, and I really didn't need anything. There were huge stacks of merchandise any place they could find to put it. Roaming through the store, we came to the vacuum sweeper stack. These sweepers were \$44. We now decide we need a sweeper, and she leaves me there while she scouts out the rest of the store.

While camping out at the sweeper section, I meet three of the nicest ladies that were waiting for a

sweeper also. For the next 30 minutes we laughed and shared stories like we had known each other for years. I thoroughly enjoyed their company, and I didn't even know their names.

As we drove home with a new sweeper and a crock pot, I felt that I had been refreshed by the company of others. There were people who passed by complaining and griping about the crowd. I went because of the crowd, and I was blessed to have the opportunity to spread a little cheer to someone else. The checkout lines

were long, but I knew that before I went. I had a greater thought on my mind: to spread a little cheer.

As you go through the Christmas season, you have a choice to make. You can spread a little cheer, or be one of those people who is miserable, and want everybody else to be like you. I am always thankful for the opportunity to make someone's day a little better giving them a smile, sharing a kind word, or even holding a door for them.

Life is really simple, but we try to complicate it. I re-

alized a long time ago what was important, and I have tried to fulfill my mission. God did not call me to make people sad, but rather to share the joy of the season. I am celebrating Jesus, what will you celebrate?

Tom

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# DEATH NOTICES

**Byron F. Ponte**  
*1929-2017*

Byron F. Ponte, 88, Marion, died on Wednesday, November 29. Ponte was an Army veteran. He earned his bachelor's degree in business management at Wayne State University. He worked in management at AT&T for 30 years and was a broker and the owner of Vaughan Realty in Frankfort, MI. He held membership with the St. James Lutheran Church, Marion, and in various Lutheran church and community choirs for 65 years. Services were held on Monday, December 4, at St. James Lutheran Church, Marion. Arrangements entrusted to Raven-Choate Funeral Home, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to Alzheimers Association Greater Indiana, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240. Online condolences may be made at ravenchoate.com.



**Scott Thomas Gosnell**  
*1962-2017*

Scott Thomas Gosnell, 55, Marion, died on Saturday, November 25. Gosnell graduated from Marion High School class of 1981. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served his country. Following his military service, he worked at Diamond Trucking until they closed. He then worked at LCK as a dump truck driver for the last three years. Services were held on Saturday, December 2, at Gethsemane Episcopal Church, Marion. Arrangements entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.



**Susan K. Briggs**  
*1944-2017*

Susan K. Briggs, 73, died on Wednesday, November 29. Briggs graduated from Jefferson High School and had her EMT Certificate. She was a semi driver, ambulance attendant, and drove a school bus for 21 years at Marion and Eastbrook. Services were held on Saturday, December 2, at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services Jones-Smith Chapel, Upland. Online condolences may be made at armeshuntfuneralhome.com.

**Robert E. Hillyer**  
*1928-2017*

Robert E. Hillyer, 89, Marion, died on Monday, November 27. Hillyer was a Navy veteran and served aboard the U.S.S. Monroe during the Korean Conflict. He was a supervisor at Active Products for 15 years and then worked in maintenance at Marion Community Schools for 13 years, retiring in March 1990. Cremation will take place and private Graveside Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Raven-Choate Funeral Home, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1893, Memphis, TN 38101-9950, or online at www.stjude.org. Online condolences may be made at ravenchoate.com.



**Ruby L. Shafer**  
*1943-2017*

Ruby L. Shafer, 73, Marion, died on Monday, November 27. Services were held on Friday, December 1, 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.

**Peggy J. Richards**  
*1951-2017*

Peggy J. Richards, 66, Marion, died on Thursday, November 23. Richards worked as a teacher for 20 years and a professor at IU-Kokomo, Anderson University, and Ivy Tech. Her later endeavors led her to become a broker-owner of Metro Realty. She and her husband, Paul Randall "Randy" Richards, became the owners of Sports Lake Campground in Upland and managed the campground for 25 years. Services were held on Thursday, November 30, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.

**Robert H. "Bobby" Pauley**  
*1985-2017*

Robert H. "Bobby" Pauley, 32, Marion, died on Sunday, November 26. Pauley graduated from Marion High School class of 2003. He worked at Mike Anderson Dodge, Marion. Services were held on Thursday, November 30 at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to Cancer Services of Grant County, 305 S. Norton Avenue, Marion, Indiana 46952; or the Marion-Grant County Humane Society, P. O. Box 1921, Marion, Indiana 46952. Online condolences may be made at ravenchoate.com.

**Tanya K. Reece**  
*1946-2017*

Tanya K. Reece, 70, died on Tuesday, November 26. Reece worked at the Marion VA where she was a Physical Therapy Assistant. While there, she was selected as the VA woman of the year. She also worked at Ivanhoes for 10 years. Services were held on Wednesday, November 29, at Center Chapel United Methodist Church, Marion. Burial followed at Jefferson Cemetery, Upland. Arrangements entrusted to Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services Jones-Smith Chapel, Upland. Memorial contributions may be directed to Center Chapel United Methodist Church, 8733 E. 200 S., Marion, Indiana 46953. Online condolences may be made at armeshuntfuneralhome.com.

**Mary L. Cooper**  
*1921-2017*

Mary L. Cooper, 96, Marion, died on Thursday, November 30. Cooper graduated from Marion High School. She worked as a secretary at General Tire and retired after 30 years of service. Services were held on Tuesday, December 5, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Burial followed at Estates of Serenity, Marion. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.

**Elinor Irene (Gaddis) Reeves**  
*1926-2017*

Elinor Irene (Gaddis) Reeves, 90, Fairmount, died on Monday, November 27. Reeves graduated from Fairmount High School in 1945 and attended Marion Business College. She held membership with the Fairmount Friends Church, Fairmount, and First Methodist Church, Alexandria. Services were held on Thursday, November 30, at Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Fairmount. Memorial contributions may be directed to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, 505 S. Miller Ave., Marion, IN 46953. Online condolences may be made at armeshuntfuneralhome.com.

**Delbert R. Eakins**  
*1938-2017*

Delbert R. Eakins, 79, Jonesboro, died on Monday, November 27. Eakins graduated from Mississinewa High School. He retired from Dana Corp. after 32 years of service. Graveside services were held on Saturday, December 2, at Riverside Cemetery, Gas City. Arrangements entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, Gas City. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.

# Here's to the king and queen: 'Dilly Dilly'

I knew we were in trouble a few weeks ago when I visited the watering hole and was greeted by a crusty coddger whom I have known for far too long. He walked toward me, hand extended for a shake, looked me in the eye and said with neither rancor nor hesitation nor embarrassment: "dilly dilly."

That's all. Not a "howdy, how-are-ya," not a trace of profanity or sarcasm, just "dilly dilly."

I had no idea how to respond, and I doubt if you do

either. Do you offer a "dilly dilly" in return? Is there an accepted response, something like "just fine, thanks," or "what's it to ya?" Didn't know. So I mumbled something about "them Cubs" and moved on.

Now, if you live in a world totally free of television sports, this may be Greek or Klingon, something alien, especially the "dilly dilly" part.

Few of us are so sheltered, so fortunate. This whole thing originated, sort of, in a beer commercial that invaded TV a couple of months ago, an ad

for Bud Light. Now, even so staunch a tee-totaler as Carrie Nation has to knowledge the creativity of the folks peddling the Anheuser-Busch refreshments: Remember the Clydesdales, especially at Christmas? Or the Dalmatian aboard the fire truck? Or the dog with one black eye?

"Dilly dilly" seems to fit right in, but there's no point in belaboring it here. See the commercial, you'll understand...maybe.

But from whence came this new catchphrase? The year has given us a whole lexicon

**A "dilly" is not to be confused with a "Duesy," which was a slang term derived from the elegance and popularity of the Duesenberg automobile, built between 1913 and 1937, which, incidentally, spent its last days up the road in Auburn, along with the Cord automobile.**

of new words--fake news, taking a knee, alternative facts, bigly, and, my personal favorite from the mind of Trump: covfefe. To this day no one seems to know what it is or means.

Allow your mind to stray, if it hasn't already, to wander back to the '40s and '50s and a song recorded by a couple of people, a thing titled "Lavender's Blue." The first was by folk singer Burl Ives in a 1949 Walt Disney movie, "So Dear to my Heart," and later a sort-of blues rendition by a man named Sammy Turner. That was 1959, and the lyric went like this:

"Lavender's blue, dilly dilly, lavender's green,  
When I am king, dilly dilly, you shall be queen." And so on, through three or four verses.

So who wrote it and what about "dilly dilly?" Don't know. There are a couple of theories from the pointyheads. First is that it originated in the

17th century as an English folk song and nursery rhyme.

Another is from an Internet source, a place called dictionary.com, where we are told, "the origins of 'dilly' are a shortening of the word 'delightful' or 'delicious,' that probably came out of the jazz age in the 1920s and '30s." Maybe something like Cole Porter's "de-lovely." "On its own," the Web site says, "it has come to mean something or someone regarded as remarkable or unusual."

Another source points out that a "dilly" is not to be confused with a "Duesy," which was a slang term derived from the elegance and popularity of the Duesenberg automobile, built between 1913 and 1937, which, incidentally, spent its last days up the road in Auburn, along with the Cord automobile.

By the way, the beer commercial probably draws more on the TV show "Game of Thrones" than anything else

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**Ed Breen**



and concludes that "those who bestow the proper gifts to the king are designated true friends of the crown" and greeted with a hearty "Dilly Dilly."

So, what's left to say but... dilly dilly?

*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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# GRANT COUNTY LIFE

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I did a little drone flying this week, and enjoyed the beautiful weather from a birds-eye view (left, second from top). I visited Oak Hill a couple of times this week, once for the girls basketball game against Elwood (bottom), and a second time for a swim meet (top, left; right, second from bottom). I don't photograph swimming very often and it is a learning experience. I finished up a week long photography project with the CSA Theater Company's production of "The Tempest." (right, top two)

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# THE Sports HERALD

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## Grant County boys basketball Indians, Giants and Argylls each go 1-1

**Eastbrook**  
Without the services of Ryan Mansbarger and Marion transfer Capone Johnson, the Eastbrook Panthers' offense suffered in a 58-35 loss to the Eastern Comets on Saturday night. Eastbrook only trailed by six points midway through the second quarter, but the Comets scored the final 17 points of the frame to put the game out of reach for the Panthers.

"Mansbarger and Capone Johnson were not available for us tonight, so we ended up having to play some other kids in those spots," Head Coach Brian Childs said. "We were down 23-17 in the second quarter, but then Eastern went on a 17-0 run to end the half. That was basically the story of the game. We had some unforced turnovers that led to runouts, we had a couple of bad shots that led to runouts, and [Eastern] was eight-for-10 from the three point line.

"We played them pretty even in the second half, but that one run was the difference."

With Mansbarger and Johnson, younger players like Dylan Bragg, Conner Childs, and Alex Baker were given the opportunity to play significant minutes. Despite the loss, Childs believes that giving those players experience will only help them in the long run.

"We put some kids in roles that they were not accustomed to, and we kind of had a hard time getting good looks offensively without [Mansbarger and Johnson], but we competed hard and got some of our younger guys some valuable experience tonight" Childs said. "I think that is going to help us moving forward."

**Madison-Grant**  
The Madison-Grant Argylls came away with their first victory of the season on Friday, battling back from a 10-point halftime deficit to defeat the Wes-Del Warriors 58-50. The Argylls threw most of the first half with giveaways, but their defense kept them in it.

The Bulldogs dominated from the start, taking a 43-20 halftime lead and keeping the Argylls' at bay for most of the contest.

"They just attacked us inside for the most part," Trout said. "They shot the ball well. They had a huge size advantage and a huge strength advantage on us, and we struggled to defend the post. We really didn't have a lot of turnovers and we didn't give up a lot of second chance points, but we just struggled to defend in the paint last night. That was the big difference. They attacked us where our weakness was, and they were able to take advantage."

The Argylls came out a much-more focused team in the second half, gradually cutting into the lead before taking a five-point advantage they would not relinquish the rest of the contest.

"In the second half, we took care of the ball a lot better, and we were able to create pressure on Wes-Del and create some turnovers," Trout said. "We were able to chip away, and once we got [the deficit] down to about six points, we went on a pretty good run to go from six down to five up. We were able to maintain that for about the last four minutes of the game."

Wyatt Rudy finished with a career-high 29 points, while Tucker Robertson had a great all-around effort to help the Argylls secure the victory. Both he and Justin Moore provided sparks off the bench for the Argylls.

"Wyatt was able to get to the basket and get some easy buckets for us," Trout said. "Tucker Robertson played a really big part as well. He came off the bench for us and had nine points, five steals, and four rebounds.

turnovers into points and were in control for most of the contest.

Jalen Blackmon led the Giants in scoring with 20 points, while JK Thomas had 16 in the loss.

Against Homestead, the game was close throughout and four quarters was not enough to determine a winner.

Nearing the end of overtime, Homestead hit a go-ahead free throw to take a 64-63 lead, but Thomas hit a jumper with 12 seconds left to give Marion the victory.

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**Mississinewa**  
After one half of play, it wasn't looking good for the Mississinewa Indians.

Trailing 11-10 after a fairly even first quarter, the door came off the hinges, as turnovers, poor shot selection, and a lackadaisical defensive effort gave the Norwell Knights all the momentum in the second quarter. The Indians only scored four points in the frame, as the Knights built a 24-14 lead heading into halftime.

Head Coach Andrew Everts, of course, wasn't happy with his team's play in the first 16 minutes, and in the locker room, he told his team that it was time for them to get their heads in the game.

"I was very, very disappointed in that first half because we are so much better than that," Everts said. "I thought our energy wasn't very good. We made a lot of bad decisions.

"[The message was] to wake up and to man up."

That's exactly what the Indians did.

Mississinewa came out a completely different team in the second half, outscoring the Knights 36-21 the rest of the way, including 13-5 in the final stanza, to earn a 50-45 comeback victory.

With the win the Indians improved their record to 2-1.

Marion transfer, point guard Anthony Horton, who has been relied upon heavily



**Basketball,**  
**Continued from 7**

in the early stages of the season due to Jerod May's injury, was the catalyst in the Indians' comeback. After scoring just four points in the first half, he exploded for 12 points in the third frame, which included two makes from deep three-point range, to help the Indians trim the deficit and ultimately grab the lead.

"He was so aggressive with his drive," Evertts said. "For him to get to the rim and then hit a couple of threes, that was huge. Those were game-changing plays."

While Horton really picked up his play in the second half, center Thabit Gault played a near-perfect game from the start. Shooting an incredible 91 percent from the floor, Gault finished with a game-high 23 points and nine rebounds.

Even with multiple defenders draped all over him, Gault would not be denied. He was a menace in the post, but also showed off his shooting stroke from long range, knocking down all three of his shot attempts from beyond the arc.

"I thought he played so well," Evertts said. "He was 10-for-11 from the field; he only missed one shot. He hit some big threes. He was good. He was good all night long. They were all over him. They had two or three guys on him every time he touched the ball, but he was still scoring."

With Gault and Horton playing lights out basketball down the stretch, the rest of the team fed off of their energy, clamping down on defense and making key plays at critical moments to secure the victory.

"In the second half, that's the team we need [to be] every night," Evertts said. "If we can play like that, we will be a really good basketball team."

Even in victory, Evertts knows that his team can't expect to come back in every single game. With a demanding four-game road trip coming up, the Indians must learn to start games as well as they end them.

"We got lucky [here] at home, but on the road, we can't do that," Evertts said. "If we are down and play that poorly in the first half, we are probably going to lose those road games. We just need to figure out what we can do to get these guys going at the start. I don't think we have played well in the first quarter in any game this season, so we have to play better from the start."

Horton finished the game with 16 points, while Conner Wilson finished with five points and five assists. Trey Jones ended the game with four points and Larry Dean added two in the Indians' victory.

Despite some good offensive play on Saturday evening, the Indians were unable to put the game away, as the Northwestern Tigers erased a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter to defeat

Mississinewa 45-43.

The Indians played well offensively, led by Connor Wilson's 21 points, but they allowed the Tigers to hang around throughout the contest.

"Unfortunately, we let up a lot during the game," Evertts said. "We were up 8-2 early and let them right back in. We were up 17-11 early in the second quarter but they had an 18-17 lead at halftime. We kept going on runs and letting them back in the game."

Leading by double digits in the final minute of the fourth quarter, the Indians imploded down the stretch and the Tigers took full advantage.

"We were up 10 points with about 1:03 to go, and we just fell apart," Evertts said. "We made a lot of silly mistakes. We are just inexperienced. We have five guys playing pretty serious minutes that don't have a lot of varsity experience, and so we made just a lot of inexperienced mistakes."

Despite the loss, Wilson had a great game for the Indians, showing off his shooting prowess for the first time this season.

"We kind of thought he would be a pretty good shooting option for us this year," Evertts said. "He just struggled to hit shots up until [Saturday], and it was really nice to see him get going. He had a lot of threes and gave us a big spark offensively."

On Friday, the Indians will face a familiar foe in

the Oak Hill Golden Eagles. Last time these two teams met, Mississinewa defeated Oak Hill on their way to a Grant Four championship.

The Golden Eagles will be looking for redemption, and Evertts hopes his team will be locked in from the opening tip.

"It's a big game in our season," Evertts said. "We are sitting at 2-2 right now, and things aren't going to be pretty if we are 2-3 after that game. It's a must win game for us. There is so much on the line for them. I'm sure they are not feeling good after that game last year and they had to sit with that for a year. I hope our guys understand how much this game means to Oak Hill. They are going to give us everything, but we will be okay if we play the way we have been playing and don't have any mental lapses. We just have to bring the energy early on."

**Oak Hill**

The Oak Hill Golden Eagles came away with their third victory of the season on Saturday night, as they easily defeated the Taylor Titans.

Minus the third quarter, in which they gave up 21 points, the Golden Eagles played stout defense throughout the contest, making it difficult for Taylor to get anything going offensively.

"Taylor really likes to dribble drive and this is something that we have not handled too well the first

two games," Head Coach Kevin Renbarger said after the victory. "We were able to get stops and force some tough shots."

Caleb Middlesworth had a great game for Oak Hill, finishing with a game-high 28 points on 10-of-13 shooting from the floor. David Arens continued his strong overall play with 12 points, four rebounds, and six assists in the blowout victory.

"Caleb had a great game on both ends of the floor," Renbarger said. "It was nice to see him have a breakout game like this. He, too, has been struggling and I feel as though as he goes we are going to go. Caleb was able to stay out of foul trouble and I think this led to his increased contribution. David Arens had a decent shooting night and did many other things on the floor that helped us."

Now, with a big Grant County matchup with Mississinewa on the horizon, Renbarger is looking for his team to stay focused and determined.

"I think more than anything we just need to make sure we stay consistent," Renbarger said. "Last night was a really good performance and we were consistent from beginning to end. This game has turned into a pretty big early season rivalry so I'm not at all concerned about our kids being 'up for the game' we just have to make sure our play will match the level of intensity for the game."

**Schedule**

**Friday, December 8**  
6 pm—MB—Great Lakes Christian College @ Taylor University (21st Annual Ivanhoes Silent Night)  
6:30 pm—BB—Richmond @ Marion  
7 pm—MB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Ohio Christian  
7:30 pm—GB—Frankton @ Eastbrook  
7:45—BB—Mississinewa @ Oak Hill

**Saturday, December 9**  
11 am—GB—Madison-Grant @ Elwood (Hoosier Gym)  
12:30 pm—GB—Oak Hill @ Mississinewa  
1:15 pm—BB—Madison-Grant @ Elwood (Hoosier Gym)  
3 pm—MB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Cincinnati Christian (Ohio)  
3:30 pm—BB—Eastbrook @ Frankton (Hoosier Gym)  
7:30 pm—GB—Huntington North @ Marion  
7:45 pm—BB—Oak Hill @ Maconaquah

**Sunday, December 10**  
1 pm—NFL—Indianapolis Colts @ Buffalo Bills

**Tuesday, December 12**  
7:30 pm—GB—Eastern @ Madison-Grant  
7:30 pm—GB—Oak Hill @ Wabash  
7:45 pm—BB—Eastbrook @ Norwell  
8 pm—BB—Liberty Christian @ Marion

**Wednesday, December 13**  
7:30 pm—GB—Mississinewa @ Yorktown

*Grant County girls basketball*

# Oak Hill still undefeated; Giants move to 8-2

**Eastbrook**

Coming off of their big 19-point victory over Cowan, the Eastbrook Panthers won their second game in a row on Wednesday evening with a 50-41 victory over the Southwood Knights. It was a consistent effort by the Panthers throughout, as they scored 10 or more points in each quarter. As a team, the Panthers finished with 34 rebounds, with 12 coming from Bailee Ditsler, 10 assists, and 12 steals.

Many of Eastbrook's young players contributed in big ways to the team's victory. Sarah Foulk, a freshman, led the team in scoring with 16 points on eight-of-16 from the floor, while sophomore Brianna Stepp finished with 13 points and three rebounds. Kylie Standfest recorded a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds in the victory.

Less than 24 hours after their loss to the Mississinewa Indians on Friday night, the Panthers rebounded nicely with an easy 59-26 win over Muncie Burris on Saturday afternoon. It took a little while for the Panthers to get going on Saturday, but once they did, the Owls had no answer for Eastbrook's offensive onslaught.

"It was kind of a slow start—you wouldn't know it by the score, but we had a slow start offensively," Jeff Liddick said. "I think our shot selection carried over from [the Mississinewa game] into the early part of today. We were taking some quick shots, and Burris jumped out to a 6-0 lead. Then, we settled down a little bit, starting working the basketball, and started taking some good shots and knocking them down. On the offensive end for us today, it was a good game for us to fix that shot selection, and the girls responded well."

After giving up 10 points in the first quarter, the Panthers' defense clamped down, allowing just 16 points the rest of the game, including just two points in the second quarter. "Just like every game, we have to get it done on the defensive end and get after it," Liddick said. "We need to block out, rebound, and go after loose balls. The girls come out right from the start and did that today."

After a strong start defensively against Mississinewa on Friday, the defense gradually began to break down as the game progressed. Against Muncie Burris, however, the Panthers played stout team defense throughout the contest.

"[Against Mississinewa] in the first quarter, all five girls were playing defense as a unit," Liddick said. "As the game went on, it got to a point where the girls were just focused on whoever it was they were guarding and not [on anyone else]. But today, it was a collective effort. All five girls were helping in recovering, and we just made it difficult for Burris to get up

**Madison-Grant**

On Saturday, the Madison-Grant Argylls brought their record to 4-4 with a dominating 63-27 win over the Blackford Bruins. Leading 11-9 after the first quarter, the Argylls outscored the Bruins 38-9 in the second and third quarters to take a big lead they would not relinquish.

"We were just able to get out there, make plays, and keep our focus," head coach Elizabeth Garrasi said. "We played without our normal starting lineup, so we had a little bit of a struggle getting into our normal rhythm, but we found it. We got our rhythm back in the second and third quarter. That was a huge contributing factor to [our victory]."

Danyelle Hutso and Blayklee Stitt both had great games against Blackford, contributing in a variety of ways to help the Argylls come out on top.

Brianna Stepp led the Panthers in scoring with 18 points on eight-of-16 from the field, while Sarah Faulk finished with 12 points. Kylie Standfest chipped in nine points, while Zoe Ratliff added eight points. Bailee Ditsler finished with 12 rebounds, eight them of offensive, in the victory.

However, after the first

quarter, the Panthers' lack of experience began to show. Their turnovers increased, their offense wasn't nearly as smooth, and their defense began to break down.

After Faulk hit her third field goal of the night to give the Panthers a 17-14 lead, the Indians finished the quarter on a 9-0 run to take a 23-17 lead into halftime. Mississinewa would not trail again the rest of the contest.

"I thought our youth and inexperience showed," Eastbrook Head Coach Jeff Liddick said. "We played a great first quarter. We played it exactly the way we wanted to play it, but then, [Mississinewa] settled down a little bit and got in their game. At that point, that youth and inexperience definitely showed. We were trying to force a lot of things that weren't there, our shot selection wasn't the best, and our pass selection wasn't the best. In the first quarter, our defense was all over them—it was aggressive. But, as the game progressed after the first quarter, it felt like we backed off a little bit."

On the other side, the Indians found open shots consistently throughout the first half, they were just unable to capitalize. "The biggest difference was we just weren't putting the ball

in the basket," Tandy said. "We had 25 opportunities to score in the first half, and we didn't connect on them."

"We just told them at halftime to trust that those shots are going in," Tandy said. "We know we are a good shooting team, and we know we can put the ball in the basket, and that's what happened in the second half."

In the final two quarters, the Indians outscored the Panthers 33-21, as the offense began to click. "We just talked about putting the ball in the basket," Tandy said. "We focused on executing our offense and then things opened up for us."

Erika Foy scored seven of her 16 points in the final quarter, using her size to her advantage against a smaller Eastbrook lineup to help the Indians secure the victory. She also finished with 10 rebounds.

"I'm really proud of her," Tandy said. "She has been so unselfish right now in wanting to get her teammates involved, and sometimes she doesn't look for herself. So we had to remind her at halftime that she needed to look to score as well. She did that in the second half and that made the difference."

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"I'm always proud of their effort, but there has to come a point where they, as a group, don't use that youthfulness and inexperience as an excuse," Liddick said. "There has to come a point where they say, 'You know what? I'm going to be a better passer today,' or 'I'm going to become a better shooter today.' This group could be a very good group if they would really get focused and commit to that. I think we could become a handful later on in the season."

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behind them, bouncing back on Saturday afternoon with a 63-52 win over the McCutcheon Mavericks. After watching the Anderson game film, Jordan made adjustments to the Giants' game plan to combat the savvy Mavericks, who have talent at every position on the floor.

"After watching the video against Anderson, I noticed that in the last two or three games, teams have been double and triple teaming Ra'Shaya. So, I put two players at the high post, and I let Jazmyn take some pressure off of Ra'Shaya. It worked out well for us."

With McCutcheon's defense focusing in on Kyle, Turner had a career-game, finishing with 30 points. Ellie Vermilion also had a strong afternoon, finishing with 16 points, including two big triples in the fourth quarter to help secure the victory down the stretch.

While Turner and Vermilion were leading the offense, the Giants' as a whole played great team defense all afternoon long. "Like I said, they were fundamentally sound," Jordan said. "They do a lot of elaborate schemes and picks, but more the most part, the girls guarded them tough, and they were disciplined. Our defensive pressure was good tonight."

With the win, the Giants improved to 8-2 overall and 4-1 in the NCC.

**Mississinewa**

After a tough fought game against the Bellmont Braves the night before, the Mississinewa Indians carried that momentum into Tuesday night, as they used a total team effort to come away with a 61-56 victory over the Southern Wells Raiders.

"Last night in our game against Bellmont, I thought we played our best basketball [of the season], and I told them to continue to do that," head coach Omega Tandy said after the win. The Indians got off to slow start,

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Oak Hill thrashed Elwood 61-26 last week.



**Basketball,**  
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trailing 15-11 after one quarter of play, but they got back on track in the second quarter, outscoring the Raiders 16-8 to take a four-point lead into halftime.

“We didn’t necessarily come out the way we thought we would have,” Tandy said. “We took some quick shots and missed a couple of box out that put us behind a little bit, but we caught up.” The game was close the rest of the way, but strong play from Erika Foy, Tyler Bartel, Alayna Webb and Holli Greer helped lead the Indians to victory.

Mississinewa showcased their depth against Southern Wells, as four players finished with double-digit points and nine players recorded at least one point. “That’s our goal,” Tandy said. “We want everyone to feel like they can be the leading scorer on our team and that they play and contribute. We don’t want to be a one man team, so we challenged our girls to step up.”

Tandy was particularly impressed with the play of Greer, who recorded a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds and contributed in a variety of ways to help the team win. “She just plays so hard,” Tandy said. “She got every rebound, finished at the rim, and made some very good decisions. We are just trying to get all of our kids to step up and play to their potential. As long as we



Photos by Glen Devitt

Oak Hill had no problem putting away the Elwood Panthers, cruising to a 61-26 victory.

keep sharing the basketball like we are, we will be okay. “We are still trying to clean up and make adjustments to what we do,” Tandy said. “We feel like if we bring what we bring every game, clean up our [mistakes], and continue to execute and play hard, we can be successful.”

**Oak Hill**

The Oak Hill Golden Eagles remained undefeated on the season on Friday night, using another excellent defensive performance and a huge game from Taylor Westgate to come away with a 61-26 victory over the El-

wood Panthers.

Statistically, the Golden Eagles dominated the Panthers in every category. Oak Hill shot 50 percent from the floor while holding Elwood to 32 percent. The Golden Eagles outrebounded the Panthers 35-8. Over the final two quarters, the Golden Ea-

gles outscored the Panthers 32-10.

All in all, it was another dominating effort for the Golden Eagles.

Taylor Westgate, who had been struggling to score in previous contests, carved up the Panthers’ defense to the tune of 26 points, a

game-high, and 14 rebounds. “Looking at it from an individual standpoint, Taylor had a really nice game for us,” Coach Todd Law said after the victory. “12-14 from the floor, 14 boards, we will take that every night. I thought she played well tonight.”

Unlike the previous few games, Westgate was more at ease under the rim, taking the necessary to grab rebounds, compose herself, and put the ball back in the basket for easy points. “One thing I thought she really improved on tonight is when she got the rebound, she wasn’t rushing the shot right back up,” Law said. “She was taking the time to gather herself and going back up a little more patiently, so she was able to finish those shots that she had not been finishing.”

While Westgate shined throughout the contest, Law was pleased with how his team played throughout the majority of the contest. “We really got out and got [it done] in transition tonight,” Law said. “[Along with that], we were pretty solid defensively. It was a good win. We played three really good quarters. I didn’t like [play] in the second quarter. We didn’t play real strong or finish the quarter well, but the kids came out focused in the second half. We scored the first several baskets of the second half, and then really stretched out the lead from there. It was a good night, a good conference win, and now we can look forward to next week.”

*Indiana Wesleyan University*

# Both Wildcats soccer teams fall in NCCAA finals

**Men’s Basketball**

The IWU Wildcats men’s basketball team improved to 2-0 in the Crossroads League on Tuesday night, using a 24-6 run in the second half to turn a tight contest into a 102-83 victory.

Leading 70-68 with 8:49 remaining in the contest, IWU’s 24-point outburst gave the Wildcats a 94-74 advantage over the Maple Leafs with 4:19 left. Jacob Johnson scored 14 of IWU’s 24 points during the spurt.

As a team, the Wildcats shot 60 percent from the floor in the second half and 53 percent overall.

Johnson was lights out against the Maple Leafs, scoring 27 points on 10-of-11 from the field and three-of-four from beyond the arc. Evan Maxwell finished with 17 points, five rebounds, and three assists, while Kyle Mangas added 16 points, six rebounds, and three assists in the victory.

On Saturday afternoon, poor shooting from the charity stripe proved costly for the Wildcats, as the Huntington Foresters used a 24-8 run and 32 made free throws to defeat IWU 87-84.

With the Wildcats leading 61-52 at the 10:05 mark of the second half, the Foresters embarked on a 14-2 run to take a 66-63 lead – a lead they would not relinquish.

Canaan Coffey cut the Forester lead to one with 16 seconds left in the contest, but Huntington’s Konner Platt sank two crucial free throws to give the Foresters the eventual 87-84 final score. Kyle Mangas shot a desperation three-point attempt in the final seconds, but it was well off the mark.

In the game, free throws were the biggest difference. The Forester shot 80 percent from the foul line, while the Wildcats stumbled to a 54.2 percent clip.

Mangas led the Wildcats with 19 points on six-of-nine shooting, while Evan Maxwell finished with 17 points on seven-of-nine from the field. Coffey added 11 points and five boards in the loss.

**Women’s Basketball**

The IWU Wildcats women’s basketball team won their seventh straight contest on Wednesday night, as they defeated the Goshen Maple Leafs 83-56.

With the win, IWU improved to 2-0 in Crossroads League play.

The Wildcats shot 44 percent in the win, while scoring 21 points off second-chance opportunities.

Anna Imhoff led the Wildcats in scoring with 23 points, while Nicole Ignasiak recorded a double-double with 10 points and 14 rebounds. Elaina Ededuwa finished with nine points, three rebounds, and one assist, while Katie Key and Carly Lange each added eight points in the victory.

On Saturday against the Huntington Foresters, the Wildcats hit clutch three af-



Photo courtesy IWU

Glauber Oliveira (above) was named an NAIA Honorable Mention All American.

ter clutch three to come away with a 60-59 victory.

With the win, the Wildcats improved their conference record to 3-0.

Jene’e Goodwin tied the game up at 50 with 5:50 left, while Katie Key made another triple with 4:15 to go to give the Wildcats their first since the first quarter.

Leading by just one point in the final seconds, Lange blocked Huntington’s last second shot attempt to secure the victory.

“We showed a lot of resolve today,” Head Coach Ethan Whaley said. “We got down early and dug a hole. I’m proud of the way we responded in the second half and came together as one unit.”

Ignasiak recorded another double-double with 23 point and 10 rebounds, while Goodwin finished with 12 points on four-of-five shooting from beyond the arc. Key added 11 points in the victory.

**Men’s Soccer**

For just the third time this season, the IWU Wildcats men’s soccer team was held scoreless, as they were defeated by Bethesda University of California, 1-0, in the final game of pool play at the NCCAA Championship.

Despite the loss, the Wildcats advanced to the semifinal match, where they will once again face Bethesda.

Bethesda’s Thomas Costa-Santana scored the game’s only goal in the 22nd minute and played strong defense down the stretch to secure the victory.

IWU outshot Bethesda 7-3 in the match, but none of their attempts found the back of the net.

The Wildcats redeemed themselves on Friday evening, as they defeated Bethesda 3-1 to advance to the NCCAA Finals.

Douglas Oliveira scored in the sixth minute of the game to give the Wildcats a 1-0 lead, but Bethesda’s Eduardo Faria netted the equalizer in the 34th minute to tie the game up at one heading into halftime.

After back-and-forth play throughout the second half, CJ Strawser scored in the 75th minute to give the Wildcats a lead they would not relinquish. Luis Rocha added an insurance goal in the 89th

minute to send the Wildcats to the championship match.

The Wildcats recorded 16 shots, nine of which were on goal, in the victory.

IWU’s season came to an end on Saturday afternoon, as they were defeated by No. 2-ranked Southwestern Christian University (Okla.) 2-0 in the NCCAA Championship Finals.

SCU’s Igor Stojanovic broke a scoreless tie in the 51st minute, and Cem Bektas scored an insurance goal in the 71st minute to help SCU win the championship.

Following an incredible run to the championship match, Head Coach Luke Sanford couldn’t have been more proud of his team’s effort.

“I’m really proud of how our team finished the season,” Sanford said. “The guys really grew in the last month to six weeks and it showed in our discipline, work rate and conviction in these games. I was pleasantly surprised at the level in the tournament and felt like we gave it a good run. I am proud to be the coach these guys.”

The Wildcats end their season with a 12-9-2 record.

**Women’s Soccer**

On Wednesday evening, the IWU Wildcats recorded their second shutout in the NCCAA National Championship, cruising past No. 6 Mid-American Christian University, 5-0.

Amy Jaron scored two goals, Tia Sanford recorded her 18th goal of the season, and Lexis Garcia notched her 11th and 12th assists. Schay Mulherin also tallied for the Wildcats, while Alex Seabeck recorded her 11th shut-out of the season.

“We had a slow start to what we expect of ourselves in the first half but started to find our rhythm in the second half,” Head Coach Tim Strader said after the win. “We have a special group that believes in their ability to go far this year.”

As a team, the Wildcats took 16 shots, eight of which were on goal, while holding the Evangels to only four in the victory.

The Wildcats come away with another dominating performance on Friday, scoring early and often in a 4-0 rout of Southwestern Assemblies

of God.

The Wildcats recorded their 14th shutout of the season and have not given up a goal in NCCAA play. Along with that, the Wildcats have outscored their opponents 12-0 in their previous three games.

“I am so proud of the commitment on the defensive side of the ball this year by the girls as we earned our 14th shutout,” Strader said. “[That] is a complement to our backline lead by seniors Lydia Demmitt and Madison Miller, along with junior goalkeeper Alex Seabeck.”

Sanford scored the first goal of the game in the seventh minute, while Madison Abbott finished with a goal and two assists. Garcia and Jaron also scored the Wildcats’ victory.

The season came to a close for the Wildcats on Saturday evening, as they were defeated by Biola University 4-0 in the NCCAA National Championship Finals.

The shutout loss was only the third for the Wildcats this season.

Biola held a huge advantage in shots over IWU, recording 20 shots, which included 11 on goal, while the Wildcats had eight.

After taking a 1-0 lead into halftime, Biola exploded for three goals in the second half, including two by Ashley Ramirez, to secure the victory.

The Wildcats finished the season with a 15-4-3 record.

**Volleyball**

The IWU Wildcats took the No. 7 Park University Pirates to the brink on Tuesday night, but their near upset was squashed as the Pirates won the fifth set 15-12 to secure the 3-2 victory.

The Wildcats built a 5-1 lead in the final set, but the Pirates scored 14 of the final 21 points to win the match.

Though the Wildcats were unable to get the win, Head Coach Candace Moats was proud of how her team performed.

“There is a different mindset this year,” Moats said. “Coming into this tournament, we are so relaxed, and we have this synergy about us with people before points. We have said that all year, and it is showing. We are playing for each other and working as hard as we can,

and we have an attitude of believing. The passion for coming to this tournament is really awesome, and I am just loving it.”

Along with that, she believed that this loss would give her team poise heading into their remaining matches in Pool G.

“This match will give us a confidence for the rest of the tournament. We’ll have that underdog mentality because we are the fourth seed in the pool, and every match we’re not supposed to win. It’s still going to be that same passion, but we have more confidence after today’s match.”

Tay Thomas finished with a career-high 19 kills, while Katie Cole had a career-high 36 assists in the five-set loss.

As a team, the Wildcats set new match-highs for the season in kills (72), assists (71), and digs (121).

For the second time in two matches, the Wildcats took a top-10 opponent down to the wire. Unfortunately, the outcome was the same, as the Wildcats fell 3-2 to the Corban University Warriors.

The Wildcats never had a lead in the fifth set, as the Warriors turned a 6-4 advantage into an 11-5 cushion to take control of the game and ultimately secure the win.

The loss eliminates the Wildcats from contention, as they fell to 0-2 in pool play.

Numerous attack errors and a lack of blocks hurt the Wildcats, as they committed 33 miscues and recorded only six blocks.

Even after another tough defeat, Moats couldn’t help but be proud of her team.

“I am going to walk away from today with a bunch of kids that I care way more about than the points that are on the scoreboard,” Moats said. “This whole week we have had a passion and a spirit of staying together and really believing something big. The battles that we have been in and going into those fifth games takes such a mental energy to come out and stay in that game. The opponents may have had some more skill, but the passion, the hard work, and the belief of not giving up makes me so proud of them.”

Thomas and Morgan Miller co-led the Wildcats with 16 kills, while Lauren Gross finished with 13. Cole and Emily Workman combined for 57 assists, while Banner Rodgers led the defensive effort with 33 digs in the loss.

The Wildcats ended their season with a victory on Thursday night, as they defeated Missouri Valley in three sets (25-23, 25-15, 25-17).

Moats earned her 500th win as the Wildcats’ head coach. In 16 seasons, she has now led IWU to a 500-183 record.

IWU finished in third place in Pool G, ending the tournament with a 1-2 record.

“This morning at team time we talked about the two choices we had today,” Moats said after the victory. We can look earthbound and

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this match means nothing or we could look at what we’ve been working on for so long and that’s the faith of our team and the platform we want to stand for. It means everything then. We showed our passion and our talents today, and we played for everything. And it was obvious that is what we decided to play for today. We had enthusiasm, fun, and we enjoyed it.”

Workman, Miller, Thomas, Rodgers, Gross, and Katie Elson each played their final game in a Wildcats’ game. In four seasons, this group compiled a record of 134-34 with three NAIA National Championship appearances, one NCCAA national championship, and three Crossroads League regular season and tournament titles.

“This year is the first that our senior class had to lead,” Moats said. “I am glad they had this year to experience this because it got them a little bit more off themselves and realized there are a lot of people to inspire and lead. They knew if they wanted to have success on the court this year they were going to have to orient all of our freshmen. And off the court there is story after story that the freshmen can tell about them, and how they reached out to them academically, reached out to them when they were homesick, and reached out to them looking for what was next. They really took care of them, and for that I am most proud of them. On the court they are kind but inspiring. They built relationships and were patient. They will be so missed.”

Thomas led the Wildcats with 11 kills, while Miller finished with seven. Workman finished her final with 15 assists and 10 digs, while Rodgers recorded 18 digs in the victory.

The Wildcats finished the season with a 29-12 record.







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# Look at what Boiler football is this year

To most of the football fans nationally, and even those here in Indiana, it may not seem like much. Purdue rises out of the ashes to finish 6-6, steal back the Old Oaken Bucket, and suddenly seems like a real football team in West Lafayette.

Now let's go inside the numbers.

Did you know that, until this past season, Purdue, in its last four seasons, had gone 0-16 in the month of November?

Yes, you heard me right, 0-16.

You know what that says? "We quit."

This year, under first-year coach Jeff Brohm, they got better every game and went 3-1, finishing off the month by beating archrival Indiana University 31-24. November record: 3-1.

Purdue became the first NCAA Division I football team in a decade and a half this season to cut their defensive points allowed almost in half. They went from giving up 35 a game in 2016, to just under 20 per game this season.

The fans responded, too.

## SPORTS TALK

Jim Brunner

The Boilers went from bringing in around 35,000 a game to an average of over 50,000 a game; the biggest jump in attendance at a D-I school in 15 years.

I can't imagine that colleges all over the country aren't looking at Purdue University today and say-

ing "How do we steal this coach, this magic-man?"

I also can't believe that the Purdue administration isn't already meeting, coming up with a plan to get more money and more years on Coach Brohm's contract.

You do the math.

The new-look Boilers have brought in \$4.5 million to Boiler sports just in box office receipts, let alone everything else.

The Chamber of Commerce in West Lafayette needs to perk up and throw some money in the till.

I know Central Florida went from 0-12 in 2015 to 12-0 this year, but after being a joke the past five years and more, Purdue football matters again.

Fans are lining up for bowl tickets, and next year season tickets.

How is this being received in Bloomington? Oh, that's right, IU is a basketball school.

Now, if Purdue can just get Dave Poehler back to a game, they will really be back.

*Jim Brunner is the voice of sports in Grant County.*

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