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## CALENDAR

**Thursday, December 28**  
2 pm—Despicable Me 3, Marion Public Library Meeting Room B, 600 S. Washington St. Free. Info.: 765-668-2900 or marion.lib.in.us

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. Through December 31. Info.: 765-662-9931 or walkwayoflights.org

**Sunday, December 31**  
7:30 pm—New Year's Eve Skate, Idyl Wyld Roller Palace, 4013 S. Meridian St., Marion. Admission, \$10; skates, \$2. Info.: 765-674-1278 or idylwyldskate@yahoo.com

9 pm—New Year's Eve Murder Mystery Gala, James Dean Memorial Theatre, 509 S. Washington St., Marion, hosted by Marion Civic Theatre. Dinner. Speakeasy theme. Tickets, \$20. Info.: 765-668-7800 or marion-civic-theatre.org

**Monday, January 1**  
2 pm—First Day Hike, Salamonie Reservoir, 9214 W. Lost Bridge West, Andrews. One mile hike. Repeats: 5 pm. Info.: 260-468-2127 or lfager@dnr.IN.gov

**Tuesday, January 2**  
10 am—Marion Board of Works, Marion Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 S. Branson St. Free. Info.: ajrichard@cityofmarion.in.gov

11 am—Alcohol Tobacco Com-

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## City of Marion launches new web site

The City of Marion launched its new website on Thursday, December 21, culminating an 18-month collaborative design process with Marion Design Co. of Indiana Wesleyan University.

"This is the new way government is going to work," said Marion Mayor Jess Alumbaugh at the launch event.

The new site will have a new, free domain provided by the State of Indiana: [www.cityofmarion.in.gov](http://www.cityofmarion.in.gov).

Luke Anspach, co-founder of Marion Design Co. and senior digital designer, presented the new site at the event. "A lot of investment, a lot of process, a lot of research," went into the new site, he said.

The site is designed to be user-friendly, specifically for city resi-

dents. The site has four main categories: living, business, visit and government.

City officials will be able to update content on the site themselves, without commissioning a third party. The new website is also designed to be intuitive, sustainable, and reliable.

The site is meant to be a "new front door to Marion," Anspach told the group at the launch. He listed the other ways it affects the community as:

- a resource hub—the place to go to find information
- enhances two-way communication through the web
- organizes government assets and information
- celebrates the city.

"Go explore" the new site, Anspach said.



Photo by Ed Breen  
Luke Anspach, co-founder of Marion Design Company and senior digital designer, shows the landing page of the new City of Marion web site.

## Remembering 2017, part 1: From Baby Jesus to the 4-H Fair

The News Herald takes a look at the stories that made our pages in 2017. This week we view the first six months: January-June, 2017. Next week, we will look at the months of July-December.

### Baby Jesus figures stolen, recovered

A total of five baby Jesus figures were stolen from nativity scenes in the Swayzee area from the Herbst United Methodist Church, Swayzee United Methodist Church, and three residential properties.

Three stolen figures were later found undamaged. They were

found wrapped in a bag north of Amboy, across 19 from the Friends Cemetery, with two other Jesus figures. The details about who how the three Jesus figures were transported there is still unclear.

### Trump bingo

While Donald Trump and Mike Pence were being sworn in last Friday, Craig Persinger, an attorney in Marion, was preparing to host a little fun for patrons of Folkie's Tavern with Trump Bingo. Trump Bingo brought patrons with a variety of political opinions to the public house to watch the

Inauguration and have some fun. During the President's inaugural speech, a total of 30 people played bingo where the cards had Trump buzz words and phrases in various squares.

### New brand

The City of Marion unveiled a new brand and identity on Thursday, January 26, through a partnership with an academic group, Marion Design Co., from Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU).

### Third house session

On a chilly Saturday morning in February, Grant County residents

came out to ask questions of their state representatives at the annual Third House Session held in the Marion City Council chambers. State Representatives Tony Cook (Republican, District 31), Mike Karickhoff (R-30), Kevin Mahan (R-32), and and Senators Jim Buck (R-21) and Andy Zay (R-17), were on hand to field questions. Alan Miller, vice chairman of the Marion-Grant Chamber of Commerce's Governmental Affairs Committee, served as moderator for the event which was simultaneously broadcast live by

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**INDIANA QUIZ**

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- Who was Jane Alice Peters?
- What was the county seat of Wayne County before 1873?
- In which Indiana city is the Seiberling Mansion?

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## RIBBON CUTTING



Photo by The News Herald  
ReaLogan celebrated its new location with a ribbon cutting last week. The newly renovated building at 220 S Norton Street features 3,000 square feet of new office space.



# Back home in Marion, Bowlds focuses on cancer recovery

Russell Bowlds, born and raised in Marion, returned home and re-kindled hope and friendship during his fight with cancer. Though he grew up in Marion, Bowlds traveled to Los Angeles in 1988 and remained there for 28 years, until he was diagnosed with an incurable blood cancer known as multiple myeloma.

He moved to Los Angeles and worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for two years before starting work in the film industry for Warner Brothers, HBO, and Fox, on films as an actor, production assistant, and a post-production supervisor.

Karaoke was a favorite pastime with friends, and Bowlds was pulled in through the classic karaoke method: pressure from his peers.

“Some friends of mine were into it, and they dared me to sing a song, so I did, and you know it all went from there,” said Bowlds. Shortly after, he started his own business as a disc and karaoke jockey specializing in the rhythm and blues genre.

“It was a lot of fun. I did a lot of celebrity parties because of my contacts with the studio. Those were always a lot of fun,” said Bowlds.

Then, one evening while hauling gear, Bowlds was immobilized. He felt a pain he never knew and was unable to move anything. Several doctors visit followed before the cause of his illness was known.

“I was the person who never got sick and never really went to the hospital. I worked out. I kept myself in shape and a very healthy guy. Then, suddenly, after 54 years, I had cancer, and it completely changed everything. It changed my way of thinking and way of life,” said Bowlds.

His sister, Lisa Bowlds-Williams, from Marion, asked for a transfer to Los Angeles from her job when she found out about her brother’s cancer and lived with him for two months. As his disease progressed, she told her brother they were returning home, and he couldn’t say no.

Williams packed up all his stuff and put it on a train to Chicago. She went up to Chicago and brought everything to her place in Marion, where she set a spot up for her brother.

He speaks with another sister, Jyl Moore, in Texas often as well. “I don’t know what I’d do or where I’d be without my family. They’re very supportive, very loving,” said Bowlds. “They pitched in and got me through this. I went



from weighing 230 pounds to 160 pounds, and my dad he decided we were going to go to breakfast every morning. He helped me put weight on. We got out of the habit lately, but I want to get back into it, having breakfast with dad again. It was nice. We did it every morning.”

The love and support of his family helped him the most, but he also recognizes the support of friends, old and new. During a meeting

with Jennifer Lane-Reifler, executive director of Grant County Cancer Services, Reifler looked at Bowlds and told his sister “take him to the emergency room. He doesn’t look good. He looks dehydrated, and he looks bad.”

“So, my sister did,” Bowlds said, “Come to find out I was dehydrated and had pneumonia. I didn’t feel it, but she could see it. She’s just been a tremendous person.”

“I also have a friend, Cathy Nash, who works over there. She was always really supportive. We went to elementary and high school together,” said Bowlds. “Good family support and friends in the community they were all very instrumental in keeping my spirits up and not letting me get down.”

Since his return home, he has been focused on his treatments for cancer and making a full recovery. His procedures are performed at the Progressive Cancer Center. They did a procedure called a stem cell transplant, in which the doctor took stem cells, referred to as mother cells, out of his blood, before injecting him with chemotherapy treatments. After treatment, the mother cells are returned to the body to begin the healing process.

The procedure has worked. At the end of November, he received a final report that his cancer is in remission, at a count of zero. Knowing this disease typically comes back, Bowlds still seeks prayer, maintains his fitness plan, and continues to hope for the best.

“They are making all kind of breakthroughs in medicine, so hopefully I’ll be the first one that beats this disease,” said Bowlds. He still owns a full set of

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BEHIND THE SCENES Loretta Tappan



sound equipment and music inventory, but needs more time to rebuild his strength before hosting karaoke again. In the meantime, he enjoys it as a singer and sings as much as he can throughout the week at shows in Marion.

He met Donna Knight through his journey with cancer, and she and her husband, Rick Knight, along with friends Robert and Jessica Barnett, and Larry Brown accompany Bowlds at karaoke.

Bowlds said: “It’s some-

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## SUDOKU

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- Rock concert venue
- Pasture
- Goddess of discord
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- Business abbr.
- Lady
- IBM products
- Cowboy display
- Come out
- Land in la mer
- Actress Virna
- Aviator Earhart
- Strict disciplinarian
- Hose
- Roma’s land
- Ave. crossers
- Write down
- Curd stuff
- Ball belle
- Walk with long steps
- Helix
- Submissive
- Japanese mat
- Gal Fri.
- Actress Gardner
- Capital of Zambia
- Dislike, plus
- PBS benefactor
- Undersurface of a jellyfish
- Neighbor of Syr.
- Apathy
- Sleeveless garment
- Mystery writer Josephine
- Lost
- Nabisco treat

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- Ring of color
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- “The Simpsons” bartender
- Bikini part

# FEATURES

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thing to do in a small town like Marion. I just do it for fun. I enjoy my singing, and some people enjoy my singing.”

He recently won first place and \$500 during a karaoke contest at Little Jaybo’s Pub on Spencer St. in Marion.

He grew up in church with his grandpa, Reverend John Spikes, a Baptist preacher in Marion, and sang in the choir at Greater Second Baptist Church on 26th Street in Marion.

Now he attends House of Worship for All People, on Branson St. in Marion with Elder Nukes.

He attended Francis Slocum Elementary School and started playing basketball at McCullough Jr. High. He continued to play sports at Marion High School and graduated in the class of 1980. He went to Missouri State University with a football scholarship.

“Being back home is where I need to be at this point in my life...I think I’m here to stay. Since I’ve been back, I’ve been able to catch up with old friends, people from high school. It’s nice,” said Bowlds.

“Words to live by, I guess the thing is, enjoy and live life, while you can. Having a positive attitude is instrumental in physical health. Give a positive attitude. I could have gotten down in the dumps and depressed, but it’s one of the things you have to accept that it’s happened. You have it and do what you can to get well and get better and having a positive attitude is 99 percent of the recovery.”



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## DEATH NOTICES

### Richard G. "Dick" Maynard 1936-2017

Richard G. "Dick" Maynard, 81, Gas City, died on Tuesday, December 19. His work history includes paperboy, pin sitter at bowling alley, Maynard family babysitter, Indiana Bell, National Guard reserve, Glass Containers (Knox Glass)-Gas City/Indianapolis, Red Gold, Ball Foster, and Emily Flynn as a driver transporting nursing home residence to and from appointments as a job shared with his brother, John. He played euchre at the Grant County Senior Citizen Center. He won national recognition for his showmanship of beagles, worked with the Boy Scouts, and the Hartford City Head Start Program as a sponsor. He was a Sunday School superintendent, Sunday school teacher, and Church trustee. Services were held on Friday, December 22, at Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Burial followed at Park Cemetery, Fairmount. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [armeshuntfuneralhome.com](http://armeshuntfuneralhome.com).

### George M. Rhettis 1924-2017

George M. Rhettis, 93, Marion, died on Saturday, December 16. Rhettis attended Indiana University for one year and graduated from Babson College, Wellesley Hills, MA, in 1949. He worked at RCA in management for 37 years. A veteran of World War II, he served in the Pacific Theater as a demolition specialist in the Army Corp of Engineers. He served with the United Way of Grant County, Grant County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Midwest Advisory Council, Grant County Cancer Society, Grant County Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, Marion Easter Pageant, Grant County Mental Health Association, Mental Health Center, the Boy Scouts, Blackford-Grant County District of the Meshingomesia Council of the Boy Scouts, Marion Rotary Club, and Kiwanis Club. He was also active in the Republican Party. Rhettis was honored as the JC Man of the Year and received the Exchange Club Golden Deeds Award. He served as the moderator of the Temple Congregational Church, Marion. Services will be held in the spring. Arrangements entrusted to Raven-Choate Funeral Home, Marion. Online condolences may be made at [ravenchoate.com](http://ravenchoate.com).

### Arzena Jane Goens 1943-2017

Arzena Jane Goens, 73, Marion, died on Wednesday, December 20. Goens worked at Tulox Plastics, Marion, for 20 years as an operator, and previously worked at Vogel Donuts. She held membership with the Lighthouse Baptist Church. Services were held on Saturday, December 23, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Online condolences may be made at [nswcares.com](http://nswcares.com).

### Timothy "Tim" A. Foy 1956-2017

Timothy "Tim" A. Foy, 61, Hartford City, died on Wednesday, December 20. Foy graduated from Marion High School in 1974. He worked as a crew leader at Ardagh Group, Marion. He held membership with the Arbor Trace Golf Club. Services were held on Saturday, December 23, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to Indiana Public Radio, care of Ball State University, 2800 W. Bethel Ave., Muncie, IN 47306 or Blackford County Community Foundation, 121 N. High St., Hartford City, IN 47348. Online condolences may be made at [nswcares.com](http://nswcares.com).

### Martha E. Monts Schwark 1917-2017

Martha E. Monts Schwark, 100, Marion, died on Saturday, December 16. Schwark graduated from Rockville High School in 1935. She worked as a claims processor at Blue Cross and Blue Shield for 14 years, retiring in 1982. She held membership with the Upland United Methodist Church and was a 50-year member of the Upland Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 411. Services were held on Wednesday, December 20, at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Jones-Smith Chapel, Upland. Burial followed at Jefferson Cemetery, Upland. Memorial contributions may be directed to Jonesboro Public Library or to the Eastern Star of Upland. Online condolences may be made at [armeshuntfuneralhome.com](http://armeshuntfuneralhome.com).

### Luther A. McCool 1928-2017

Luther A. McCool, 89, Marion, died on Friday, December 15. McCool worked at General Motors and retired after more than 30 years. He held membership with the UAW. Services were held on Wednesday, December 20, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Burial followed at Gardens of Memory, Marion. Online condolences may be made at [nswcares.com](http://nswcares.com).

### Warren H. "Butch" Wilder 1951-2017

Warren H. "Butch" Wilder, 66, Jonesville, VA, died on Sunday, December 17. Wilder graduated from Marion High School. He worked in maintenance at Concord Village in Fort Wayne until retirement. Services were held on Friday, December 22, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Online condolences may be made at [nswcares.com](http://nswcares.com).

### Ginger K. Hall 1977-2017

Ginger K. Hall, 40, Gas City, died on Sunday, December 17. Hall graduated from Eastbrook High School in 1995 and received a bachelor's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. She worked as a human resource manager at Dana-Brevini. Services were held on Saturday, December 23, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, Gas City. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, IN 46933; care of Ginger's children, Brady and Jazmyn. Online condolences may be made at [nswcares.com](http://nswcares.com).

### Sigrid Elisabeth Mitchener 1944-2017

Sigrid Elisabeth Mitchener, 73, Marion, died on Wednesday, December 20. Mitchener worked at Ardagh Group for 30 years. Services were held on Thursday, December 28, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Burial followed at Marion National Cemetery. 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](http://nswcares.com).

### Barbara Joan Miller 1932-2017

Barbara Joan Miller, 85, Marion, died on Saturday, December 16. Miller graduated from Marion High School. Prior to working with Marion Community Schools, she worked with Mississinewa Community Schools (Westview School), as well as at Marsh Supermarket and Village Pantry. She held membership with the First United Methodist Church, Gas City. Arrangements entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to First United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be made at [nswcares.com](http://nswcares.com).



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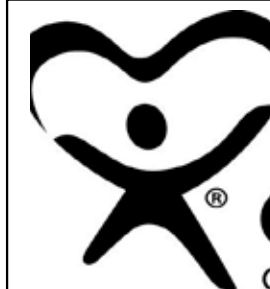
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# Making plans for another year in our lives

There have been many little sayings that I have remembered over the years. Different events and situations bring those thoughts back to me. As we end 2017, the phrase that comes to mind is: “Time flies when you are having fun.” Does this ring a bell with you? Where did this year go? As I ponder this last year, I also think about the things I might have learned.

As I reflect on this year, I am reminded of the words of James. He tells us that life is nothing more than a vapor, here today and gone tomorrow. If there was ever a true statement, you can hang your hat on that one. Time is almost like a blur, it seems to be passing by so fast that it is hard to keep pace with it.

Looking back, I am thankful that the Lord gave me another enjoyable year as a pastor. Most people will never know the joy of having the privilege of serving others. I have told you many times how much I love people. There is great satisfaction in doing what I do. The time I spend at the hospital, nursing home, and home visits are so rewarding. Just knowing that you get to encourage others who are going through hard times is something I cherish. I always try to bring out a lighter side to every situation. If I can



JUST A THOUGHT  
Rev. Tom Mansbarger



I cherish. I always try to bring out a lighter side to every situation. If I can

get people to laugh, I feel successful.

Another fulfilling part of my satisfaction as a pastor is breaking down the “Word of God” (The Bible) in such a way that everyone can understand what God is saying to us. He always has a practical message for us if we can take the time to look for it. Sometimes it takes a little thinking on our part, but the principles for living are always there to help us along the way.

As I close out this year, I not only think about the things I have had the privilege to do, but I wonder what I could have done better. I probably should have written more notes to those who needed a kind word. We sometimes underestimate the power of the pen. Just a simple “I love you” on a piece of paper goes a long way. Maybe I should have visited more than I did. I know I should have prayed more. There are so many needs represented that one will never run out of a long list of prayer needs.

There is one thing that I know for sure, 2017 is over, and I don’t have the ability to turn back the clock and do anything over again. This year is gone forever whether we have done anything or not. A new year is on the horizon. What will I do to make next year different than last? I hope we don’t come to the end of 2018 and realize another year has raced by and we haven’t done anything we planned. Sit down and make out a game plan for the prospect of a new year. On second thought, next week we can do it together! Happy New Year! Tom

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mission Meeting, Grant County Complex, First Floor Council Meeting Room, 401 S. Adams St. Info.: Charlie Wallace, cmlw1947@gmail.com

12 pm—Marion Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Marion City Hall Second Flood Conference Room, 301 S. Branson St. Info.: Rose Cadena, rcadena@marionindiana.us

2 pm—Grant County Commissioners Meeting, Grant County Council Chambers, 401 S. Adams St., Marion. Info.: TC Hull, 765-668-4776 or commissioners@grantcounty.net

6:30 pm—City Council of Gas City, Council Chambers, 211 E. Main St. Info.: Teri Miller, Clerk-Treasurer, 765-677-3079, gascity-clerk@indy.rr.com

7 pm—Upland Town Council, Town Hall, 87 N. Main St. Info.: Jane Rock-

well, Clerk-Treasurer, 765-998-7439

7 pm—Marion City Council Meeting, Marion City Hall Council Chambers, 301 S. Branson St. Info.: Debbie Goodman, dgoodman@cityofmarion.in.gov

**Thursday, January 4**  
12 pm—The Network Monthly Meeting, Hostess House, 723 W. Fourth St., Marion. Cost of lunch. Info.: Valerie McHarry, vmcharry@dwdcpa.com

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**Sweetheart Dance**  
The James Dean Gallery and James Dean Fan Club organized a Sweetheart Dance in honor of the larger-than-life icon, James Dean. There were approximately 50 people in attendance.

**State of the city**  
Marion Mayor Jess Alumbaugh gave the State of the City address on Wed., February 22 at the Ivy Tech Conference Center at a luncheon sponsored by the Marion Chamber of Commerce and attended by well over 150 people. “The state of the city is ‘evolving,’” Alumbaugh said. Noting that the definition of the word is “to develop gradually,” Alumbaugh added: “That’s spot-on to where we’re at...We are a work in progress.”

**Williams retires**  
Hundreds of people filled Indiana Wesleyan University’s Chapel Auditorium on Monday to honor one of the university’s most cherished professors. Dr. Wilbur Glenn Williams, professor of biblical literature and archeology, will retire after the spring 2017 semester, having taught at IWU for 50 years. Since starting as a professor at IWU (then Marion College) in 1967, Williams estimates he has taught more than 17,250 students and has visited the Holy Land 156 times. Williams was honored as Professor of the Year eight times. For the past 22 years, he has donated his time, accepting only \$1 a year for his teaching.

**Redneck Rave**  
The eighth Redneck Rave, hosted in Marion last weekend and the first of 20 events scheduled this year in 12 states, drew a big crowd to the former junkyard off of 4425 South Meridian Street, behind the VIA Credit Union. Property owner Junior Stone agreed to allow Justin Time to transform the

property into a muddy playground for owners of four-wheelers, dirt bikes, quads, golf carts, lawn mowers—basically, anything with wheels.

Egg hunt  
About 1,200 people attended the 11th annual Million Egg Hunt at the Marion High School football field. The event, organized and sponsored by New Life Community Church, pulled together more than 125 volunteers, consisting of adults, students, teenagers, and children, to help stuff and sort 44,000 eggs and purchase bikes and baskets for the young participants.

**MFD gets new gear**  
The Marion Fire Department (MFD) received a grant for nearly \$144,000 to buy new safety gear for all firefighters. Recently retired Maintenance Private Dale Owen had applied for the grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Department received 58 sets of turnout gear which includes jackets, pants, and boots.

**Water tower gets two logos**  
The water tower at 26th Street, near Marion High School, will soon display both the Marion Giants and Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) logos. The repainting project is expected to be thoroughly wrapped up by July 19.

**Walk of Hope**  
Despite the chilly, overcast weather, people of all ages bedecked in brightly colored team shirts gathered outside of Riverside Federal Credit Union last Friday night for the annual Walk of Hope. The event, the main fundraiser for Grant County Cancer Services, draws thousands each year, all of whom take part in a mile-long walk through the streets of Marion. This year, around 3,700 people took part in the walk. Those members made up 125 teams.

**WBAT hosts opioid show**  
Hosts Tim George and

# Recalling the life of Father Solanus Casey

Piety and reverence are not exactly staples at this pop-stand, but be that as it may, today, with this being the week of Christmas and at least a part of humankind trying to be on good behavior to one another, we’re going to begin up the road in Huntington at a fine old building that might well have housed a saint.

It’s on Hitzfield Road, not far off the U.S. 24 bypass around the north side of Huntington and is now known as the St. Felix Catholic Center. The place, which has a sort of Mediterranean-medieval look to it, if there is such a thing, was built back in 1928 by the Catholic religious order of Capuchin Franciscans, an organization of men which traces its roots back to St. Francis of Assisi in the 15th Century.

The monks—they call themselves “friars,” as in brothers—maintained and prospered at St. Felix Friary from the late 1920s on through the late 1970s.

Numbers were down, costs were up and the Capuchin order closed St. Felix in 1978 and later sold it to the Church of the Brethren, who maintained it as the Good Shepherd church for a couple of decades. A few years ago it was purchased by an independent Catholic organization which has restored and reopened it as a retreat center, maintaining a simple Franciscan flavor.

Much of that revolves around the man we want to talk about today: Father Solanus Casey. If you pay

attention to such things, you may recall that he was in the news back in November when he was “beatified” by the Catholic Church in a ceremony that filled Ford Field in Detroit. Beatification is a very specific designation in Catholic theology and is just this side of sainthood.

Father Solanus—his birth name was Bernard, one of a family of 16 born to Irish immigrant parents in Wisconsin—was born in 1870 and entered the religious life as a Capuchin Franciscan, first in Milwaukee, then Detroit and several other locations during a priestly career that ended with his death in Detroit on July 31, 1957.

He was, apparently, a man who was extraordinary because he was ordinary. He is maybe best described in a few sentences from a St. Felix Center publication: “A simple man. A simple priest. Not a man of letters, although he sometimes wrote like a poet. Not a man of degrees, yet his thought reached to profound depths. In his own time he was far ahead of his time. And, like a prophet, he was a man with a message for our times.”

Not to be flip here, but he looked as though he was sent from central casting. His Franciscan habit, bald

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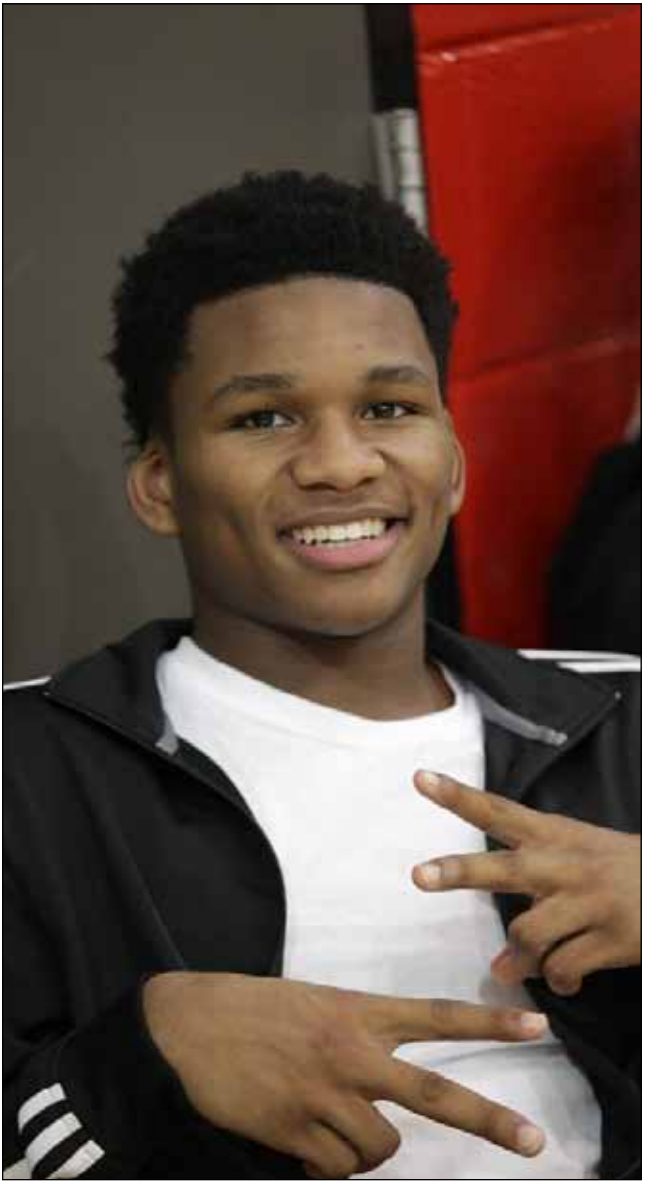
# GRANT COUNTY LIFE

PHOTOS FROM THE WEEK—GLEN DEVITT



This week's images are dominated by basketball. The Marion game against Indianapolis Manual (left, top two) featured #15 Jakyle Thomas scoring 41 of his teams 71 points (bottom). I also attended the Oak Hill Boys at Western, the evening match of the Marion Classic and the finals of the Varsity Grant 4 at Eastbrook High School. My last entry (at left) is a small memorial for some of those lost to addition in Grant County. It is located across from Marion High School on 26th Street.

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# THE Sports HERALD

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## Grant County girls basketball Oak Hill falls, ends 12-game winning streak

### Eastbrook

For the Eastbrook Lady Panthers this season, the issue hasn't been effort. Game in and game out, the Panthers play hard from the opening tip to the final whistle and give themselves every opportunity to win.

Inconsistency, however, has been a problem, and it was again on Wednesday night.

Problems on the offensive end of the floor, combined with a plethora of giveaways, cost the Panthers in a 45-32 loss to Elwood, their fourth straight

defeat. "It was a lack of execution," Head Coach Jeff Liddick said. "We got to the free throw line quite a few times and couldn't convert. We had 22 turnovers, and we shot 30 something percent from the field. It's going to be hard to win any games when you have a lack of execution like that."

The Panthers have struggled with shooting from the charity stripe all season long, and Liddick believes that a lack of poise has been the biggest factor in their struggles.

"A big part of it, I think,

is confidence," Liddick said. "We watch those girls shoot free throws every day in practice, and they are capable of hitting those free throws, but they have to get up there in a game situation and be able to do that."

The Panthers played well defensively, holding Elwood to under 50 points, but their offensive woes kept them from putting the ball in the basket. "I thought our defensive effort was good—we still held them to 45 points—which is a pretty good defensive effort," Liddick said. "But when you

aren't putting up points, converting at the free throw line, and executing at the free throw line, it's tough to win ball games."

Sarah Faulk and Lexi Binkerd each finished with nine points in the loss.

### Madison-Grant

The losses continue to pile up for the Madison-Grant Argyls, as the team dropped their fifth straight contest in a 65-44 setback to the Monroe Central Golden Bears on Tuesday evening.

Once again, as was the

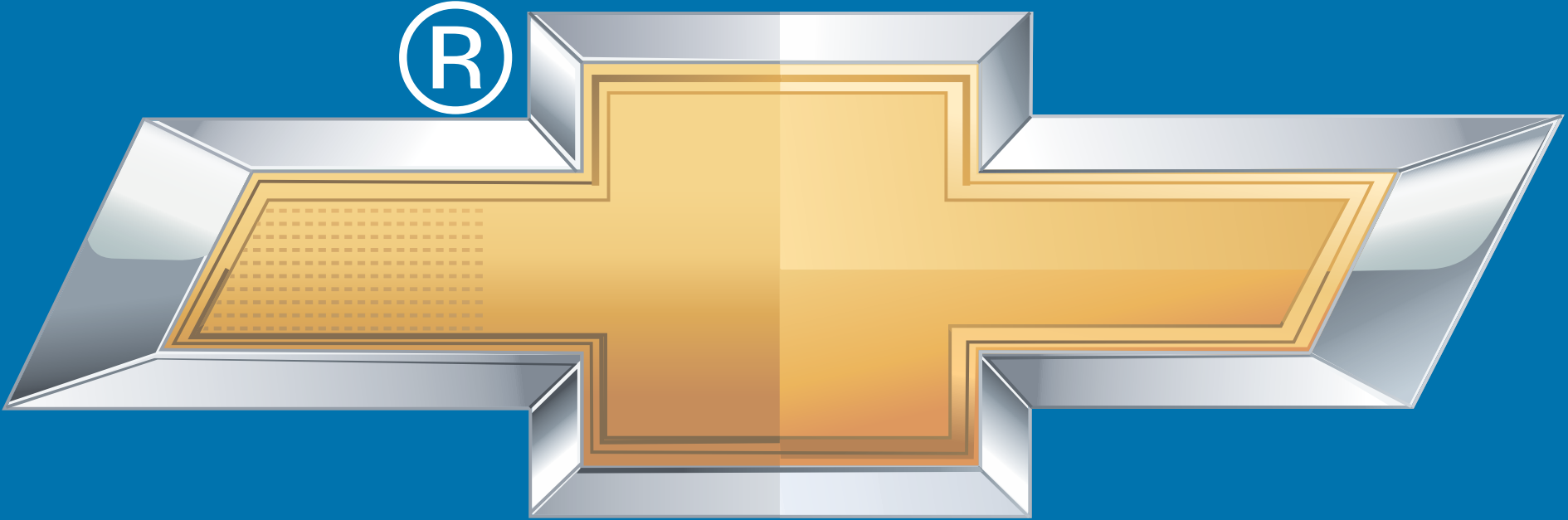
case in the previous, giveaways continue to cost the Argyls dearly.

"Our turnovers really hurt us again tonight," Head Coach Elizabeth Garrasi said after the game. "We had 14 in the first half and 23 total [miscues]. We were down by 18 at half-time, but we came back to within nine in the third quarter. But, then, we made some turnovers at some crucial times. We turned the ball over twice in a row, and they scored twice in a row. That put the game out of reach for us."

Injuries have forced Garrasi to change up lineups and rotations, but even so, she isn't using that as an excuse for her team's recent play.

"We've been trying some different lineups with Payton Freel out and we have had to make some adjustments," Garrasi said. "We've been trying to get everyone to get together, so we are going to have some little bumps. But, the turnovers have been the story in every single game, so we

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# Grant County boys basketball Oak Hill takes Grant Four title over Eastbrook

## Eastbrook

Playing on their home floor, the Eastbrook Panthers came away with an impressive second-place finish in the Grant Four tournament on Saturday, coming away with a huge 83-81 victory over the Mississinewa Indians before losing to Oak Hill 74-50 in the championship game.

Against Mississinewa, the Panthers came out with determination and intensity, finding their scoring touch early and capitalizing on Mississinewa's mistakes. In the third quarter, the Panthers outscored the Indians 27-14 to take a lead they would not surrender.

In the championship game against Oak Hill, the Panthers were unable to contain Spencer Ballinger, who finished the game with 28 points. The Golden Eagles would go on to win their

third Grant Four championship in four seasons.

## Madison-Grant

The Madison-Grant Argylls finished in fourth place, losing to Oak Hill 78-39 in the semifinal and to Mississinewa 67-48 in the consolation game. Against the Golden Eagles, the Argylls played their hearts out against not only one of the top teams in the county, but one of top teams in the state of Indiana in Class 2A.

"I thought we competed and played pretty well in the first half," Head Coach Brian Trout said. "We were only down 12 [despite] not shooting the ball that great. If we had hit some more, it would have been a lower single-digit lead for them at half."

The Golden Eagles were able to pull away in the second half with their excel-

lent defensive pressure, but Coach Trout was pleased with how his team played against a formidable foe. "In the second half, we struggled with their pressure and their length. We were getting open shots, they just weren't going in, but they played hard, and they didn't back down," Trout said. "That's all you can ask from them at this point—to go out and compete—and they did that. Did they make mistakes? Sure they did, but those are things that they are going to learn from."

Tucker Robertson led the Argylls in scoring against Oak Hill with 15, while Wyatt Rudy finished with 10 points and five rebounds.

Against the Indians in the consolation game later on Saturday evening, a poor first half, in which they came out listless, cost the Argylls at the end. The Ar-



Photo by Glen Devitt  
Eastbrook and Oak Hill played for the Grant Four title last week, with the Golden Eagles taking their third championship in four years.

gylls did pull it together and played much better in the second half, but it was not

enough to battle back from the huge deficit they found themselves in.

"We just came out really flat against [Mississinewa]," Trout said. "We didn't get

off to a very good start. We didn't have a lot of energy in the first half, and we talked about that at halftime. We actually won the second half 29-21, but at that point it was too late—you can't expect to dig out of big holes against a team like Mississinewa."

Rudy finished with 29 points against Mississinewa, while Jackson Manwell brought down eight rebounds.

## Mississinewa

Last year, the Mississinewa Indians defeated the heavily favored Oak Hill Golden Eagles 62-60 before defeating Madison-Grant in the championship game to win the Grant Four title. In this year's tournament, it was a much different outcome.

Mississinewa wouldn't get a chance to defend their title, as Ryan Mansbarger and the Eastbrook Panthers came away with an 83-81 upset victory in the semifinal game. For Head Coach Andrew Everetts, the factors in the loss were easy to point out. One, the Panthers wanted it more, and two, they capitalized on the Indians' mistakes.

"Eastbrook played a lot harder and they played with more of a sense of urgency than our guys did," Everetts said. "Our guys came out flat. Maybe it was because it was a morning game, but whatever it was, they outworked us from the start. We made a lot of silly mistakes, especially early on in the game, and that got them going. They hit some shots, and Mansbarger went off and scored a ton of points, but I just felt because we made some silly mistakes early, Eastbrook got some good looks, they saw the ball go in the hoop, and they built some confidence."

The game was close throughout, but a 27-point third quarter from the Panthers gave them a lead they would not relinquish.

Connor Wilson led the Indians with 26 points, while Thabit Gault had 17 and Horton added 16 in the loss.

The Indians played with pride in the consolation game against Madison-Grant later on Saturday night, building a 46-19 half-time lead en route to a 67-48 win to take home third place in the tournament.

All in all, Mississinewa followed up one of their toughest losses of the season with one of their most complete victories.

"Our guys stuck to the game plan [against Madison-Grant]," Everetts said. "I tried to simplify things against the Argylls, and our guys did what we asked. They came out and played great defensively, and we led 46-19 at half. That was the best half we had played all season long."

At 5-4, the Indians still seem to be searching for their identity as a basketball team. They have had some great wins, but also some devastating defeats. Heading into the second part of their season, Everetts is just looking for his team to keep improving their skills on the court.

"We just need to continue to work on getting better each and every day," Everetts said. "We have a great opportunity on [January 3] to play a really tough team in Southwood on the road. We have a lot to prove. We have a good basketball team, we know we have tons of potential, and we know we can do really good things, but we are a 5-4 basketball team right now. But, if our guys come in and try to get better each and every day, we will be fine. Knocking off a team like Southwood would be a huge confidence for us."

Wilson led the Indians in scoring again with 17 against the Argylls, while Horton finished with 14 and Gault added 12 in the consolation game victory.

## Oak Hill

Last year, on their home floor, the Oak Hill Golden Eagles suffered a brutal 62-60 loss to the eventual Grant Four champion Mississinewa Indians.

One year later, the demons that had haunted Oak Hill since that day were finally put to rest.

Oak Hill started the day with a decisive 78-39 victory over the Madison-Grant Argylls. Madison-Grant is a gritty team who has played tough against almost every opponent they have faced this year, and they only trailed by 12 at halftime. But a decisive third quarter, in which the Argylls were held to four points, combined with excellent defensive pressure, helped the Golden



Photo by Glen Devitt  
Mississinewa beat Madison-Grant 67-48 in the Grant Four consolation game.

## Eagles secure the victory.

"I thought our defensive effort against Madison-Grant was very good," Coach Kevin Renbarger said. "We outscored Madison-Grant 22-4 in the third quarter with our defense."

In the championship game, the Golden Eagles faced off against the Eastbrook Panthers, who defeated the Indians 83-81 in the other semifinal game. Behind a great performance by Spencer Ballinger, who finished with 28 points, and strong play from the bench, the Golden Eagles defeated the Panthers 74-50 to win their third Grant Four tournament in four years.

"I thought that the game against Eastbrook was as complete a game as we have played all year," Renbarger said. "We were consistent on defense and did a really good job of adjusting to take away their best players. Offensively we were very efficient and finally started working the ball inside out. I also am happy with the contributions we received from our bench. Tyce, Konnor and Spencer sat for a long portion of the first half, and we were able to expand the lead. Spencer had a great game with 28 points. He was a load inside and was able to get some outside shots going as well."

At the start of the season, Renbarger and the team had set three distinctive goals. On Saturday, one of those goals was accomplished.

"At the beginning of the year we set goals of [winning the] Grant Four, [the] Conference and [the] Sectional," Renbarger said. "Being able to achieve one of those major achievements is very satisfying. It also is quite a feat for the eight seniors that we have. They

their last two games, the Eastbrook Panthers were finally able to get over the hump on Wednesday night, as they defeated the Elwood Panthers 67-61 for their second win of the season.

"We were finally able to put four quarters together," Coach Brian Childs said. "I felt that in the Alexandria game, we put three good quarters together, and it was the same story against Norwell. We had talked about playing a complete game on Wednesday night. It was on the road, and we really needed that win."

Ryan Mansbarger scored his 1,000th career point in the victory, and Coach Childs had nothing but glowing remarks for his star guard. "Ryan is a special kid on and off the floor," Childs said. "He's a top ten student in his class, and he's a kid that a lot of young kids look up to. He's a role model, and he does things the right way. He's done a great job with our sophomores and helping them prepare for the season and what it takes to play at the varsity level...His best basketball is still ahead of him. He's still growing, and I think he could be a really nice college basketball player one of these days."

Wayne continued to battle relentlessly, but they never took the lead in the fourth quarter, as the Giants made their free throws down the stretch to secure the victory. Both Zach and Colton Randolph finished with seven points, while Tyrese Cobb

erals got off to a fast start, building an early 7-2 lead, but the Giants quickly found their footing and went on a 8-4 run to take a 10-9 lead.

Wayne's Dillion Redding, who finished the game with 31 points on 7-of-10 shooting from beyond the arc, hit back-to-back treys to give the Generals a five-point lead, but Latrell Simpson answered with two triples of his own to keep the Giants close.

"I thought the guys held strong in that second half," Blackmon said. "We had to play tougher defense down the stretch because they were sitting in the bonus early. We had to play defense without fouling. We got behind on the foul count, but I thought our guys just stayed with it, we executed with the ball on the offensive end, we made big plays when we needed to, and we got big stops when we needed to."

In the fourth quarter, it was the Giants' bench that made the difference. Zach Randolph, who had been a non-factor in the first three quarters, scored seven of the Giants' first 10 points to give Marion a 73-66 lead.

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the Lake University  
12/20—Taylor University  
86-96 (2OT) University of  
Northwestern Ohio

### Women's Basketball

12/19—Trinity Christian Col-  
lege 70-95 Taylor University  
12/19—Indiana Wesleyan  
University 73-64 Thomas  
(Ga.) (Keiser December  
Classic)

### Boys Basketball

12/19—Mississinewa 37-33  
Yorktown  
12/19—Indianapolis Emm-  
erich Manual 69-71 Marion  
12/20—Oak Hill 64-47  
Western  
12/20—Eastbrook 67-61  
Elwood  
12/22—Fort Wayne Wayne  
83-85 Marion (Marion Bas-  
ketball Classic)  
12/23—Madison-Grant  
39-78 Oak Hill (Grant Four  
Semifinals)

12/23—Mississinewa 81-83  
Eastbrook (Grant Four Semi-  
finals)  
12/23—Madison-Grant 48-67  
Mississinewa (Grant Four  
Consolation)  
12/23—Oak Hill 74-50 East-  
brook (Grant Four Champi-  
onship)

### Girls Basketball

12/19—Monroe Central 65-  
44 Madison-Grant  
12/20—Eastbrook 32-45  
Elwood  
12/22—Fort Wayne South  
Side 59-45 Oak Hill

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This Summons is to the Defendants above named, and to any other person who may be concerned.  
You are notified that you have been sued in the Grant Superior Court 1, 101 East 4th Street, Marion, Indiana 46952, Telephone Number (765) 668-8123, in an action entitled LARRY L. ORADAT REVOCABLE TRUST DTD 6/30/2010 vs. ESTHER SON, GRANT COUNTY STATE BANK, CENTRUM MALL, LLC, CITY OF MARION – MARION MUNICIPAL UTILITIES and CITY OF MARION – BUILDING DEPARTMENT., CAUSE NO. 27D01-1712-PL-000035 by the person named above as Plaintiff. This Summons by publication is specifically directed to Defendants, ESTHER SON, GRANT COUNTY STATE BANK, CENTRUM MALL, LLC, CITY OF MARION – MARION MUNICIPAL UTILITIES and CITY OF MARION – BUILDING DEPARTMENT, whose whereabouts are unknown.  
The named Plaintiff is represented by JAMES T. BEAMAN, Attorney No. 3572-27, 1125 N. Western Ave., Suite A, Marion, IN 46952, Telephone No. (765) 662-7569.  
The nature of this suit against you is Quiet Title for: Lot Number Thirty-seven (37) in Bradford's Home Addition to the City of Marion, Indiana.  
**Parcel No.: 27-02-31-403-051.000-033**  
**(Commonly known as: 523 N. Boots Street, Marion, IN 46952)**  
An answer or other response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney on or before January 4, 2018, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff.  
Dated: December 12, 2017

Clerk Grant Superior Court No. 1  
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STATE OF INDIANA IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT 1  
COUNTY OF GRANT 2017 TERM  
LARRY L. ORADAT REVOCABLE TRUST  
DTD 6/30/2010, Plaintiff CAUSE NO. 27D01-1712-PL-0000036  
VS.  
RALPH R. & DORIS ANN LAWSON, AMERIFIRST HOME IMPROVEMENT FINANCE CO., CITY OF GAS CITY – CODE ENFORCEMENT, CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., and PRATER ENTERPRISES, INC., Defendants

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The named Plaintiff is represented by JAMES T. BEAMAN, Attorney No. 3572-27, 1125 N. Western Ave., Suite A, Marion, IN 46952, Telephone No. (765) 662-7569.  
The nature of this suit against you is Quiet Title for: Lot Numbered Nine (9) and the West Half of Lot Number Ten (10) in the Second Addition to the Town (now City) of Gas City, Indiana.  
**Parcel No.: 27-10-03-202-008.000-018**  
**Parcel No.: 27-10-03-202-009.000-018**  
**(All commonly known as: 117 E South H St., Gas City, IN 46933)**  
An answer or other response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney on or before January 4, 2018, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff.  
Dated: December 12, 2017

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STATE OF INDIANA IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT 1  
COUNTY OF GRANT CAUSE NO. 27D01-1712-MI-254  
GARY LUTZ, Plaintiff  
v.  
A-Team Construction SpecialistsLLC, Financial Services Company Of Indiana, Inc., Choice capitalfunding inc., mortgage electronic registration systems, inc.,Household Finance Corporation III, CREDIT BUREAU COLL SERVICES FDBA, TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT, TINA M. BROWN, JEFFREY A. BROWN, RONNIE MITCHELL, WINDGATE PROPERTIES, LLC, CHERIE L.SOLMS, MICHAEL K. SOLMS, SHAMMAHINVESTMENTS, LLC, AND ALL SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TRUSTEES, RECEIVERS, GRANTEES, AND LESSEES, AS WELL AS ANY AND ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES CLAIMING FROM, THROUGH, OR UNDER THEM, AS WELL AS THE UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF ANY TRUST OR ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMED DESIGNATED DEFENDANTS WHO HAVE ACTED OR PURPORTEDTO ACT AS TRUSTEE OR TRUSTEES, Defendants  
NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENTS & UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS

**TO: A-Team Construction Specialists LLC, Financial Services Company Of Indiana, Inc., Choice capital funding inc., mortgage electronic registrations systems, inc., Household Finance Corporation III, CREDIT BUREAU COLL SERVICES FDBA, TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT, TINA M. BROWN, JEFFREY A. BROWN, RONNIE MITCHELL, WINDGATE PROPERTIES, LLC, CHERIE L. SOLMS, MICHAEL K. SOLMS, SHAMMAH INVESTMENTS, LLC, AND ALL SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TRUSTEES, RECEIVERS, GRANTEES, AND LESSEES, AS WELL AS ANY AND ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES CLAIMING FROM, THROUGH, OR UNDER THEM, AS WELL AS THE UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF ANY TRUST OR ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMED DESIGNATED DEFENDANTS WHO HAVE ACTED OR PURPORTEDTO ACT AS TRUSTEE OR TRUSTEES**  
You are hereby notified that that above-named Plaintiff has filed a lawsuit against you in the Grant Superior Court No. 1 at the Grant County Courthouse in Marion, Indiana in the above entitled cause of action, naming you as Defendants. The named Plaintiff is represented by Spitzer Herriman Stephenson Holderead Conner & Persinger, LLP. The nature of this lawsuit is a Complaint to quiet title of the following described real estate located in Grant County, State of Indiana, to-wit:  
Lot Number Seven (7) in Baldwin's First Addition of Out Lots to the Town of Fairmount, Grant County, Indiana. Excepting Therefrom: the West Half (1/2) of Lot Number Seven (7) in Baldwin's First Addition of Out lots to the Town of Fairmount, Grant County, Indiana.

Common address: 709 N. Main Street Fairmount, Indiana  
Parcel Number: 27-10-29-201-041.000-004  
An answer or other response in writing to the complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the first notice of suit is published, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff.  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of this Court on  
December 21, 2017  
/s/Carolyn Mowery  
Clerk of the Grant Superior Court 1  
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### Schedule

**Friday, December 29**  
TBA—GB—Eastbrook @ Grant Four Tournament  
TBA—GB—Madison-Grant @ Grant Four Tournament  
TBA—GB—Mississinewa @ Grant Four Tournament  
TBA—GB—Oak Hill @ Grant Four Tournament  
5 pm—WB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Holy Cross  
7 pm—MB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Indiana Tech  
7 pm—MB—Taylor University @ Concordia University  
8 pm—WB—Taylor University @ Arizona Christian (Arizona Christian Classic)  
**Friday, January 5**  
7:30 pm—BB—Madison-Grant @ Blackford  
7:30 pm—GB—Eastbrook @ Wes-Del  
7:30 pm—GB—Marion @ Richmond  
7:45 pm—BB—Oak Hill @ Peru  
**Saturday, December 30**  
3 pm—WB—Taylor University @ Dakota Wesleyan University (Arizona Wesleyan Classic)  
**Sunday, December 31**  
1 pm—NFL—Houston Texans @ Indianapolis Colts  
**Tuesday, January 2**  
7:30 pm—BB—Eastbrook @ Muncie Burris  
7:30 pm—GB—Delta @ Eastbrook  
7:30 pm—GB—Oak Hill @ Lewis Cass  
8 pm—BB—Bishop Luers @ Marion  
**Wednesday, January 3**  
6 pm—MB—Mount Vernon Nazarene University @ Indiana Wesleyan University @ Huntington College  
7:30 pm—GB—Madison-Grant @ Maconaquah  
7:30 pm—GB—Southwood @ Marion  
**Friday, January 5**  
7:30 pm—BB—Madison-Grant @ Blackford  
7:30 pm—GB—Eastbrook @ Wes-Del  
7:30 pm—GB—Marion @ Richmond  
7:45 pm—BB—Oak Hill @ Peru  
**Saturday, January 6**  
12:30 pm—GB—Oak Hill @ Blackford  
1 pm—WB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Bethel College  
1 pm—WB—Taylor University @ Marian University  
3 pm—MB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Bethel College  
3 pm—MB—Taylor University @ Marian University  
7:30 pm—BB—Taylor @ Mississinewa  
7:30 pm—BB—Northfield @ Madison-Grant  
8 pm—BB—Marion @ Fort Wayne South Side  
**Tuesday, January 9**  
7 pm—MB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Taylor University  
7:30 pm—GB—Madison-Grant @ Taylor  
7:30 pm—GB—Wabash @ Eastbrook  
7:30 pm—GB—Marion @ Mississinewa  
7:30 pm—BB—Southwood @ Oak Hill

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT 3 OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA.  
In the matter of the Unsupervised Estate of: Donald J. Lyons, deceased.  
Cause Number 27D03-1712-EU-000171  
Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of December, 2017, Kelly Jo Larimore and Stephen M. Lyons is appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of Donald J. Lyons, deceased, who died on November 30, 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 15th day of December, 2017.  
/s/ CAROLYN MOWERY  
Clerk, Grant Superior Court 3  
Michael T. Hotz (31346-29)  
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played smart and aggressive defense every time he was on the floor, particularly in the fourth quarter.  
“The bench play was very important, because we needed that down the stretch,” Blackmon said. “That’s a sign of a good team. We had guys come off the bench and give us what we needed. The seniors stepped up tonight. Tyrese made some great defensive plays, Zach made some big shots, Colton played physical, and that’s what we have to continue to do as a team. It’s good for us to look down that bench and have the confidence to put anyone in at any given time.”  
Thomas continued his torrid scoring stretch, leading the Giants in scoring for the second straight game. He finished with 25 points, while Jalen Blackmon finished with 20 points in the Giants’ victory. “JK is a scorer for us,” Blackmon said. “He does things for our team that we expect him to do. He stayed aggressive, he put the defense on their heels, and down the stretch, he, and the rest of the guards, played well for us.”  
The Giants are back in action on Tuesday, January 2, when they host Fort Wayne Bishop Luers.  
**Mississinewa**  
Coming off of their well-fought victory over the Madison-Grant Argylls, the Mississinewa Indians won their second game in a row on Sunday, using excellent

## Spotlight game

JK Thomas is not a big man, but he certainly played like one on Tuesday night. The 5-6 sophomore shooting guard had a career game, scoring 41 points and making big plays when called upon in the Marion Giants’ 71-69 victory over Indianapolis Emmerich Manual.  
With the victory, the Giants improved their record to 7-1.  
During pregame warmups, Manual center Ali Alquraishy seemed to run through the Giants’ layup line and give Thomas a little shove.  
What Alquraishy and the rest of the Redskins would find out later was that was all the motivation that Thomas needed. “I took that as disrespect to my game and my team,” Thomas said of the shove. “So I had to take advantage of that and show them what we came here to do.”  
Manual scored the first bucket of the game, but Marion responded with a 10-0 run to build an early lead. The Redskins battled back, outscoring the Giants 10-7 the rest of the way to head into the second quarter trailing 17-14.  
From that moment on, Thomas was a one-man wrecking crew.  
After scoring six points in the opening stanza, Thomas exploded in the second quarter, scoring 16 points, finding twine from all over the floor.  
He shot well from the perimeter, but it was his drives to the basket that had everyone on the edge of their seats.  
Thomas is 5-6. Manual’s Alquraishy and Jalen Johnson are 6-9 and 6-8, respectively, but it didn’t matter. Thomas was not going to be denied.  
“During every play, and during transition, he was attacking the rim,” Marion Head Coach James Blackmon said. “It’s hard to stop a guy when he is attacking the rim like JK was attacking tonight. He was in attack mode all night.”  
Heading into halftime, the Giants led 41-34.  
But, the Redskins showed in the second half that they would not go down without a fight.  
Thomas continued to score at will in the third quarter, but Johnson, who finished with 11 points in the first half, began to get into a groove offensively, finishing with 12 points in the quarter to keep Manual close.  
Particularly in the second half, Johnson and Alquraishy were dominant in the paint, and despite Marion’s excellent defense, both players found ways to get the ball in the basket.  
“Manual posed a problem with the big guys down low,” Blackmon said. “We wanted to get pressure on them, and they did a good job of handling the pressure, so we had to pick our times to be aggressive or passive.”  
Marion led 56-51 at the start of the fourth quarter, but as time wound down, the Redskins continued to cut into the lead. Manual’s full-court press created several offensive opportunities, and the Redskins took advantage.  
With Marion clinging to a 64-63 lead, Johnson scored on a tip to put the Redskins up by one and scored again moments later to increase Manual’s lead to 67-64.  
But, as he had all night long, Thomas made plays when his team needed them.  
After Manual scored to go up by three, Thomas went right back down the court, drove hard to the basket, and scored, despite being fouled hard. After hitting his free throw, Thomas scored once again on the Giants’ next possession to put Marion up by two.

play on the defensive end to come away with a 37-33 win over the Yorktown Tigers on Tuesday night.  
Against Yorktown, the Indians put together one of their best defensive efforts of the season so far. “Our defense was really, really good tonight,” Coach Evertts said after the game. “We held them to 33 points and they



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out on shooters.”  
Thabit Gault led the Indians with 14 points, but Elijah Bounds, who has struggled with injuries here in the early part of the season, had his best outing of the year on Tuesday, finishing with 10 points and playing well under the rim.  
“It was nice to see him get going,” Evertts said of Bounds. “He has been a little bit rusty, and that’s not his fault. He didn’t get a crazy amount of practice reps because we knew he wasn’t going to play. But tonight, he came off the bench and played well.”  
**Oak Hill**  
Coming off of their tough loss to the Frankton Eagles, the Oak Hill Golden Eagles got back in the win column with a 64-47 win over the Western Panthers on Wednesday night.  
Even in their double-digit victory, Oak Hill head coach Kevin Renbarger thought his team could have played better. “To be honest I wasn’t necessarily pleased with the overall performance last night,” Renbarger said. “We were a little better offensively and were pretty sound on the defensive end in the first half. We had a very focused two days of practice after the Frankton game, and I was expecting a more focused tougher effort than what we gave Wednesday night.”  
David Arens and Konnor Cabe once again led the charge offensively, as Cabe co-led the team in scoring with 16 points, while Arens continued to shoot a high percentage.



# Bowling Scores

<b>Afena F.C.U.</b> <b>Week 15 of 32</b> <b>Top Teams</b> THERM—42—18—25912 Stanley Stearns er—32—28—25285 GENE'S TEAM—30—30—25713 <b>Women's—Scratch Game</b> 182 Pam Leffler 190 Marilyn Perkins 172 Joan Melton 165 Marilyn Perkins 162 Jackie Jordan 162 Jackie Jordan <b>Women's—Scratch Series</b> 503 Marilyn Perkins 482 Jackie Jordan 472 Joan Melton 470 Pam Leffler 453 Beverly Boxell 421 Georgianna Pearson <b>Becky Rogers Adult/Youth</b> <b>Week 10 of 24</b> <b>Men's—Scratch Game</b> 221 Zach Newman 193 Zach Newman 193 Zach Newman <b>Women's—Scratch Series</b> 201 Kylie Wortinger 167 Kylie Wortinger 119 Kylie Wortinger <b>Women's—Scratch Series</b> 487 Kylie Wortinger 494 Mason Richards 429 Bryce Metzger 354 Devin Bennett 316 Ethen Wortinger 253 Lucas Richards <b>County</b> <b>Week 16 of 34</b> <b>Top Teams</b> The Abusment PA—51—13—43219 Tri Green Trac to—41—23—45889 Whitey's—39—25—41003 <b>Men's—Scratch Game</b> 256 Randy Ellis 255 Mark Wisner 263 Brant Brubaker 246 Anthony Julian 244 Greg Glass 243 Pat Moriarty 243 Joe Lutton 238 Tom Detro 238 Randy Ellis 235 Brian Smith 234 Terry Moore 234 Eric Robinson 232 Scott Deboy 232 Vern Bryant 232 B.W. 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# Turn back the pages

Giants use balance for 16th win  
March 3, 1978

Balance has been a key to many of the Marion Giant basketball victories this season.

Another good example came last week at Anderson Madison Heights when the Giants of Larry Liddle beat the Pirates, 69-59, to raise their record to 16-3.

James Bragg had a career-high 14 points to lead the way while Kenny Smith and sub Jeff Todd each got 12 and both Matt Dubuque and Mark Mills 11.

"It was a difficult game for us to play," Liddle explained. "There wasn't a lot of emotion on our part. We played pretty well considering the illness some of our players had and our foul trouble. We were spotty but played hard enough to win."

The Giants were without starter Larry Pettiford and subs Keith Bruton and Ronnie Warren who were sitting out a one-game suspension.

Marion's game with Fort Wayne Snider later in the week was postponed because of the energy crisis.

"Todd had a good game off the bench. He played good offense and defense, and rebounded the ball well."

"Smith was good on the boards but it wasn't one of best offensive games. Dubuque had a good first half shooting, but didn't hit as well the second half. But,



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he did other things for us. He had five or six rebounds and about four were off the offensive boards. That's been his best rebounding game. Mills hit some important free throws the second half, played good defense and had several assists. Bragg played well. We are glad to get five men into double figures. We outrebounded them by a large margin. We didn't shoot as well as have but we played

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have to learn to take care of the ball.”

Even in the loss tonight, however, Garrasi was pleased with how her team battled against a tough opponent.

“I can’t say that I’m disappointed in our effort tonight,” Garrasi said. “I think we did a lot of things that were really great – our younger players are coming along. I think some of it tonight was [lack of] confidence and some intimidation. Monroe Central knocked us out of regionals last year and they haven’t lost yet. But, to come that close with a team that’s that good speaks well of the direction the girls are headed.”

Danyelle Hutson led the Argylls with 21 points, while Madi Evans finished with 13 points in the loss.

**Oak Hill**

For the first time this season, the Oak Hill Golden Eagles lost a basketball game, as they fell to Fort Wayne South Side 59-45 on Friday night. With the defeat, the Golden Eagles fell to 12-1 on the year.

The Archers ran an aggressive press the entire game, creating a plethora of turnovers and keeping the Golden Eagles’ offense from getting into any kind of rhythm.

“They are an excellent basketball team, and the

**Problems on the offensive end of the floor, combined with a plethora of giveaways, cost the Panthers in a 45-32 loss to Elwood, their fourth straight defeat. “It was a lack of execution,” Head Coach Jeff Liddick said. “We got to the free throw line quite a few times and couldn’t convert. We had 22 turnovers, and we shot 30 something percent from the field. It’s going to be hard to win any games when you have a lack of execution like that.”**

pressure they put on us, half-court and full-court, forced between [32 and 34 turnovers],” Head Coach Todd Law said. “Quite frankly, I’m trying to figure out how we were even as close as we were turning the ball over that much. We struggled big time tonight. [Fort Wayne] got us playing too fast, we didn’t make good decisions with the ball, and we didn’t pass the ball very well.

“They ran a diamond press the entire game. They started in it from the first position and never came out of it. We knew it was coming--we had been working on it for a couple of weeks in practice--but there is nothing like it until you are in the actual game with it.”

Even in the loss, Taylor Westgate had another great game, shooting 75 percent from the floor and giving her team every chance to

win.

“A big bright spot for us was Taylor,” Law said. “I thought she came out and played extremely well. She had 21 points and nine boards, and hardly came off the floor. We just didn’t do a good enough job of getting her the ball. She was nine-of-12 from the floor, and we didn’t get her the ball enough.”

The Golden Eagles had a rough third quarter, scoring four points on just five shots, but despite that, they continued to battle to the final whistle.

“One thing I was proud of my team for was that they could have hung it up and turned it in, but they didn’t,” Law said. “Our kids continued to fight through the fourth quarter, and that was good to see. We will learn from it and get better as we move forward.”

# The end of the line for the Cleveland ‘Clowns’

**T**he Factory of Sadness is shut down for another season. No more, until next September, will fans of the Cleveland Clowns, er, I mean Browns, have to head to Cleveland Browns Stadium to watch the worst professional football team ever assembled.

The Browns are 4-42 the last three seasons. Let me say that again, because I’m sure you thought I made a mistake. The Browns are 4-42 the last three seasons.

In the entire history of the National Football League, the worst three-year run so far is 6-42, so the Browns will have to win out just to tie that dubious mark.

It gets better.

The newly hired general manager of the Browns, John Dorsey, at his first press conference, said and did things unheard of.

First, he said that the current coach of the Browns, Coach Jackson, would be back in 2018. Boy, that’s great news. He has the worst two-year mark in NFL history at 1-29.

Then it got better.

He said no player on the team better feel safe because (are you ready for this?) no player currently

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on the Browns should even be playing in the National Football League.

You may have heard of tanking. The Astros did it and won the World Series this year. But when you need to replace a whole roster, the Super Bowl is not your next step.

So for all of you fans who keep asking me “Are you still a Browns fan?”

One more time, let me say it: “No.”

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