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CALENDAR

Thursday, February 1
9 am—Indigo: The Color of Whiteness, Indiana Wesleyan University, Barnes Student Center's 1920 Gallery, 4201 S. Washington St., Marion. Free. Info.: sophie.stewart@indwes.edu or the1920gallery.org

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

4 pm—Let's Knit and Crochet, Marion Public Library and Museum, 600 S Washington St. Beginners, \$15. Info.: Sue Bratton, 765-668-2900, ext 145, sbratton@marion.lib.in.us

6 pm—Crafting with Mrs. Clare, Marion Public Library and Museum, 600 S Washington St. Free, 18 up. Sign up required. Info.: Mary Leffler, 765-668-2900, ext 126, mleffler@marion.lib.in.us

Friday, February 2
9 am—Honoring Our Veteran's Breakfast, Miller's Merry Manor, 505 N Bradner Ave, Marion. Free. Info.: Synovia Freshwater, 765-662-3981 or marionadmis@millersmerrymanor.com

6 pm—James Dean Birthday Weekend Meet and Greet Get-Together, Payne's Restaurant, 4925 Kaybee Dr., Gas City. Info.: James Dean Gallery, 765-948-3326 or james-deangallery.com

7 pm—Community School of the Arts Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook, Marion High School F. Ritchie Walton Performing Arts Center, 750 W. 26th St., Marion. Adults, \$15; student, \$10. Repeats: February 3, 4. Info.: csa-marion.com/tickets

8 pm—Taylor University Lyric Theatre Presents 'The Pirates of Penzance', Recital Hall, 236 W.

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Vermilion guest of Brooks at State of Union address

Ann Vermilion, administrative director of Marion General Hospital and chair of the Grant County Opioid and Substance Abuse Task Force, was the guest of U.S. Representative Susan Brooks (Republican, District 5) at the State of the Union address given by President Donald Trump on Tuesday night.

"I'm honored that Ann will be joining me for the Presi-

dent's State of the Union address to Congress this evening," Brooks said on Tuesday, "Under Ann's leadership, the Grant County Opioid and Substance Abuse Task Force is successfully curbing the number of opioid prescriptions and overdoses, increasing awareness and education of the dangers of substance abuse and ensuring

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Photo submitted
Ann Vermilion (left) was the guest of U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks (right) at the State of the Union Address Tuesday night.

City arts groups meet in attempt to form alliance

By Ed Breen

Advocates of the arts in Marion took a step toward an alliance Wednesday night, an alliance that may, if all goes well, bring many of them under one roof—at least philosophically if not physically.

In the first of four "listening sessions," a dozen representatives of arts groups and organizations met

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Activities help students learn to read, study STEAM

Nine schools in Battle of the Books



Photo by Loretta Tappan

Students from Allen Elementary participate in the Battle of the Books at the St. Paul Catholic School gymnasium.

by Loretta Tappan

Fourth-grade students of all reading levels engaged in the fifth annual Grant County Battle of the Books, a book-based

trivia tournament and reading incentive program hosted by the Marion and Gas City Public Li-

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MPL hosts S.T.E.A.M. Festival



Photo by Loretta Tappan

Twelve area organizations set up displays at Marion Public Library as part of the S.T.E.A.M. Festival.

by Loretta Tappan

Marion Public Library and Museum hosted its second annual S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math-

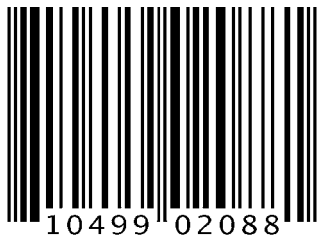
ematics) Festival, an educational approach to learning the uses of each of those areas in our lives.

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INDIANA QUIZ

Answers are on page 14.

1. In what Indiana city is the Vice Presidential Museum?
2. What state executive serves as the President of the Indiana Senate?
3. Name the band leader and movie star who came from Linton, Indiana.



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MISSISSINEWA 1812



Photo by Ed Breen

Steve Abolt, a Georgia resident and long-time participant in Mississinewa 1812 each October in Marion, makes a presentation during the 28th annual Mississinewa Battlefield Society dinner Saturday at the Meshingomesia Golf and Social Club. Abolt has commanded the re-enactors portraying American military in the War of 1812 battle re-enactment for 30 years. The re-enactors wear period clothing—including military uniforms—for the dinner.

IWU announces ‘World Changer,’ Roorbach’s retirement

TIP OF THE HAT TO... Cheryl Bachelder, named this week as the 2018 IWU World Changer. Bachelder, former CEO of Popeyes, has more than 35 years of experience in brand building, operations and public-company management at companies like Yum Brands, Domino’s Pizza, RJR Nabisco, The Gillette Company, and The Procter & Gamble Company.

In September 2015, Bachelder was awarded The Norman Brinker Award from Nation’s Restaurant News. She has been profiled in the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times, and was named by CNBC’s Jim Cramer as one of his “21 Bankable CEOs” for 2014.

IWU established the Society of World Changers in 2003 to recognize individuals who are faithful Christians by example, use their professional platforms to impact their world for Christ and have risen to national prominence. Each year a World Changers Convocation is held on IWU’s campus to induct a new member into the Society and celebrate his or her accomplishments. Bachelder will be formally inducted during a special convocation at 10 am on March 21, in the Chapel Auditorium.

DOING GOOD

Each week, The News Herald prepares news of the good being done by individuals and organizations in Grant County for broadcast on WBAT. Here is an adaptation of the transcript of that broadcast.—Ed.

We start off this week with a word of thanks to Grant County Medical Society president Dr. William Granger, who has led an effort to raise money for the Humane Society and for the K-9 units of both the Marion Police and the Marion Fire Departments. It’s always nice to see people helping to take care of our animal friends, and especially those that serve us with all of their hearts, such as the K-9 units do. Good work Grant County Medical Society and thanks Dr. Granger.

We also want to say

thank you to two people who are stepping down from positions in which they have done exceptionally good work. The first is Alan Miller, who recently completed a term on the board of directors of the Family Service Society, Inc.

“FSSI wants to commend and thank Alan Miller for his multiple board terms and years that he has served, supported and guided FSSI,” said Steve Sapp, who is the newly appointed chairman of that board. Sapp joins three other new board officers for FSSI: Dianne Smith, vice chairperson; Patsy Lutton, treasurer; and Josh Baker, secretary. Good for all of you for being willing to serve.

The second person who is stepping down from a job well done is Kathy Moore, who is retiring

from her full-time position with the Marion Police Department’s Police Athletic League after 31 years—that’s right, more than three decades!—of dedicated service. Since 1986, Moore has worn many hats within the club, doing everything necessary to keep it running, above and beyond her position as office coordinator. She helped get sponsors, register coaches and young people, order concessions, clean the gym, and more. Good job, Kathy!

Our final good word for the week comes from the Good Book, in Proverbs 12:14, where I found a passage that seemed appropriate for all of these retirees. It reads: “From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things, and the work of their hands brings them reward.”

—DER

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THE ROUNDUP Doug Roorbach



years of most explosive growth and transformation as an academic institution. As special assistant in the president’s office she has been a steady and dependable presence running high profile events, representing IWU with elected officials, and serving as university ombudsman. I celebrate Karen’s exceptional service.”

I do, too, Karen! Here’s how she responded to Wright’s words: “The Word tells us that ‘for everything there is a time, and a season...’ I plan to retire at the end of June, 2018. During the next months I hope to finish well and transition the responsibilities of my posi-

tion seamlessly to others... Knowing the Lord is leading me into another ‘time and season,’ it is still very difficult to say good-bye to daily investing my life at a place and alongside people that I love. I will miss you all very much... I look forward with anticipation to what the future holds...” Congratulations, Karen. We are very proud of you.

GRAMMAR COURT... is in session, Grumpy McRoorbach presiding. This week’s complaint is that a national sports magazine doesn’t know the difference between “pour” and “pore,” as evidenced by their use of the former in describing how a certain football player liked to “pour over film” in studying his opponents. The author should have used “pore,” of course, which means: “to meditate or ponder intently.” Pour, on the other hand, means “to send flowing or falling,” as in “He poured a cup of coffee.”

HERE’S WHAT MADE ME GO ‘HMMM’ THIS WEEK...If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?

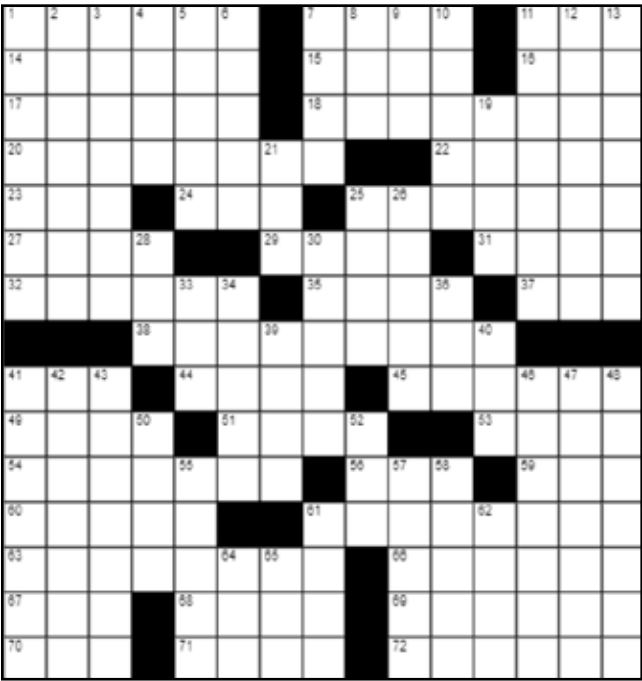
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- Animation frame
- Regained consciousness
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- Mentalist Geller
- CIA predecessor
- Indulge
- Waterfall
- Baby powder
- Suffers
- Bassett or Lansbury
- Contented sighs
- Shoebbox letters
- Duenna
- Parisian possessive
- Bull
- Summer ermines
- Mont Blanc, par exemple
- Bed-and-breakfasts
- Mongol tent
- Shore
- Actress Vardalos
- “Michael Collins” actor
- ___ Domingo
- Ancestor
- Assemble
- Think
- Remote abbr.
- Bern’s river
- Lipton competitor
- Before
- Attack a fly
- Maintain

Down

- Shoulder blade
- Marmoset
- Causing laughter
- Try out
- In ___ (unborn)
- Fountain treats
- The King ___
- Sun. speech
- Lyracist Gershwin
- Fess up
- Clique
- Letter
- Milk sugar
- District
- Colo. clock setting
- Scottish social unit
- Pains
- Not pos.
- Brother of Moses
- Parking place
- Shun
- Concorde, e.g.
- Sea eagle
- Salty sauce
- Bulky and heavy
- Bess’s predecessor
- Glitter
- Gilded
- Tab grabber
- Ogle
- This, in Tijuana
- ___-Cat (winter vehicle)
- Bits
- Skater Slutskaya
- Yellow-fever mosquito
- Worry
- Mamie’s predecessor
- Hem’s partner
- Historic time

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Reade Ave., Upland. Tickets, \$10. Repeats, February 3, 4. Info.: 800-882-3456 or lsroyal@taylor.edu

Saturday, February 3
9 am—Take Your Child to the Library Day, Marion Public Library and Museum, 600 S Washington St. STEAM station experiments and story time. Info.: Tylanna Jones, 765-668-2900, ext 109, tjones@marion.lib.in.us

1:30 pm—Children’s Movie “Igor,” Marion Public Library and Museum, 600 S Washington St. Free. Info.: Mary Leffler, 765-668-2900, ext 126, mleffler@marion.lib.in.us

6 pm—James Dean Birthday Weekend Gallery exhibit, Carter’s Motorcycle building, 7560 S 150 E, Fairmount. Info.: James Dean Gallery, 765-948-3326 or james-deangallery.com

6 pm—Walkway of Lights Gala, Matter Park Gardens, River and Quarry Rd., Marion. Reservations required. Cash bar. Info.: Kristy Barney, 765-667-5581 or kbarney@tc-crocks.com

7 pm—Community School of the Arts Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook, Marion High School F. Ritchie Walton Performing Arts Center, 750 W. 26th St., Marion. See Friday, February 2.

8 pm—Taylor University Lyric Theatre Presents “The Pirates of Penzance,” Recital Hall, 236 W. Reade Ave., Upland. See Friday, February 2.

Sunday, February 4
10 am—James Dean Birthday Weekend light brunch, James Dean Gallery, 425 N Main St., Fairmount. Info.: James Dean Gallery, 765-948-3326 or jamesdeangallery.com

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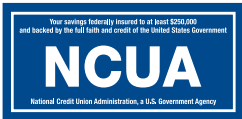
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Photo by Loretta Tappan
Tara Renbarger and sons Bayne, 2, and Cael, 4, of Converse exploring the IWU Science Club exhibit with Rebecca Hawkins, IWU student.

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The event, held on Saturday, January 27, featured 12 stations created by local organizations—Marion Public Library, Marion General Hospital, Indiana Wesleyan University Science Club, Grant County Purdue Extension, Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, Quilters Hall of Fall, and The Brain Kitchen.

Ashley Springer, a junior at IWU and president of the Science Club, said: “I really like seeing the kids get an interest in science, seeing their interest peaked in science. It’s always good to see their amazement from simple science things. I’m a chemistry major, and I constantly see science at work so to see it from the kids’ perspective is great.”

Funds for S.T.E.A.M. program development are courtesy of the Indiana Humanities’ Quantum Leap Grant, an initiative that encourages Hoosiers to explore and celebrate the spirit of possibility and problem-solving that occurs when we bridge the humanities with science, technology, engineering, art, and math, according to indianahumanities.org.

The library attendance counter estimated around 150 within the first 30 minutes of the event and 200 participants by 3:15 pm.



Photo by Loretta Tappan
Steven Leonard with the IWU Science Club.

The first 100 participants were given fun scientist clearance badges before entering the Meeting Room B and invited to enjoy free snacks and H2O.

Dr. Tara Renbarger, an assistant biology professor at IWU, said her three sons: Baer, Cael, and Bayne, begged for the opportunity to come to the library for the annual event. “We came last year, and they were begging to come back to see all of the science things. They are having so much fun.”

The scientific celebration themed Be a Mad Scientist, also marked the kickoff for FrankenFest, also funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities grant—One State/One Story: Frankenstein.

While the main event celebrating the multi-gen-

erational book will take place in October, a series of themed programs will take place throughout the year to discuss important questions about science and technology and the relationship between science and society.

Inspired by the 200th Anniversary of the publication of Frankenstein, which was published by anonymous author 19-year-old Mary Shelley and dedicated to her father, William Godwin, the Marion Public Library received two grants for Frankenstein programs. One grant for a community-wide reading of Frankenstein and the second award for one day of Frankenstein activities.

The Marion Public Library planned several S.T.E.A.M. activities between January and October. Some activities include hands-on science fun such as Sensory Tales in the Children’s Activity Room, and others will be centered around the book Frankenstein.

The goal of the year-long mad scientist activities is to “get people interested in S.T.E.A.M. and provide the opportunity for young kids to see all of the applications,” said Bratton.

The library is calling for members of the community to volunteer as readers during FrankenFest. For details, contact Sue Bratton at 765-668-2900.

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braries.

The event, held in the St. Paul Catholic School gymnasium, brought together 400 families with 12 teams from nine schools, making this the most attended battle to date, up from 325 families with eight teams from seven schools last year.

County schools-- Riverview Elementary, Home-school, Sweetser Elementary, Oak Hill Elementary, Allen Elementary, Northview Elementary, Lakeview Christian School, Kendall Elementary, Frances Slocum Elementary, and St. Paul Catholic School--competed by answering six rounds of trivia questions developed by the committee of librarians and based on the five books they have read.

Kylan Thomas Willmert, 10, a fourth-grade student from Lakeview Christian School, said this is the first year his fourth-grade class is competing in the Battle of the Books. He enjoyed the experience overall, and he kind-of enjoyed the books he had to read for the competition but prefers other books when he is reading for fun. His favorite part of the contest is: “probably the multiple-choice questions. I like questions we are more likely to answer.”

His father, Konrad Willmert, said his favorite part is: “watching the kids work together. Lakeview is a small school, so we have gotten to know some of the students really well. They’re cute. It’s fun watching them react to the answers when they find out whether they got it right or wrong.” He added: “It is neat to see all of the community schools here competing and having fun.”

Library staff created a list consisting of 15 book titles. Those titles voted down to five chapter books consisting of a mixture of fantasy, adventure, and humor in the third- to fifth-grade reading levels: Because of Mr. Terupt, Boxcar Children, The Sisters Grimm, Frindle, and Numbering the Stars.

The librarians then meet with the coaches from each school in September to discuss the books, and the coaches develop their team strategy. The schools receive their books in November. Some of the books are part of a series. Those titles were selected to motivate participants to finish the series.

MPL orders the books for Marion schools. The Gas City Public Library orders for Mississinewa schools and the homeschool families buy their own.

During the tournament, teams worked together to answer rounds of questions about characters, plots, summary, and settings. The first four rounds consisted of multiple choice questions, while the final two rounds required one-word answers. Library staff tallied up points from each school’s answer sheet at the end of the contest.



Photos by Loretta Tappan
The team of home-schooled kids at the Battle of the Books, held last Saturday in the St. Paul Catholic School gymnasium.



Lakeview Christian School's team.



Northview Elementary School's team.



Riverview Elementary School's team.

During the presentation of awards, cheers from the students echoed throughout the gymnasium. Riverview Elementary, which has won four Grant County Battle of the Books, retook first place this year; the homeschooled team finished in second place, and Sweetser ended in third.

Each child received prizes, including certificates to a variety of places in the community, a Battle of the Books pencil, and library goody bag. The top two schools received money for their school libraries; second place received \$100, and first place won \$150. Additionally, each student in the top two teams received an Amazon gift card to purchase more books; second place, \$10 and first place, \$15.

Amy Reel, children’s librarian at Marion Public Library, said their goals

included: encouraging kids to read more and have fun while competing with peers. “We also wanted to provide another outlet for children that are not sporty looking for something to do at the fourth-grade level. It is kind of fun to be able to have a competition where you did all of the work yourself, and you are relying on yourself but also part of a team,” said Reel.

The idea was born during a breakout session at the Children and Young People Division (CYPD) Conference. Reel attended a meeting about Battle of the Books during her first year at the Marion Public Library and was eager to bring the game to Marion. The first event was held in the Marion Public Library Meeting Room B and consisted of four teams from four schools.

February 1, 1870

A railroad bridge was built over the Ohio River at Jeffersonville.

February 2, 1883

The first night baseball games were playing in Fort Wayne.

February 2, 1940

Frank Sinatra debuted with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra at the Lyric Theater in Indianapolis.

February 3, 1809

Congress passes an act dividing the Indiana Territory into two governments, creating the Illinois Territory.

February 4, 2007

The Indianapolis Colts win Super Bowl XLI in Miami, defeating the Chicago Bears, 29 to 17.

February 5, 1897

The Indiana House of Representatives unanimously passes a bill to set the value of pi at 3.2. The bill dies in the



Senate six days later.

February 6, 1837

The State geological survey is authorized.

February 7, 1801

Ovid Butler is born in Augusta, New York. His family moves to Indiana, where he grows up to become a lawyer and publisher of an abolitionist newspaper. In 1850 he founds Northwestern Christian University which later becomes Butler University.

February 8, 1901

Indiana University competes in its first ever basketball

game. One hundred fans travel with the team by train to Irvington to play Butler, which wins by the score of 20 to 17.

February 9, 1866

George Ade is born in Kentland, Indiana. He attends Purdue University and becomes a popular humorist and playwright. Fables in Slang becomes one of his most popular works.

February 10, 1851

The Constitutional Convention concluded in Indianapolis. 150 Delegates had met for 127 days in the chamber of the House of Representatives of the State House.

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at the Marion Municipal Building to open discussions of ways that an “arts alliance” can be formed in Marion.

“It’s time to stop the talk and walk the walk,” Marion Mayor Jess Alumbaugh said, urging that the groups find ways to share both resources and concerns to bring a stronger arts presence to life in Marion. “This could be a game changer for culture in Marion.”

Dr. Greg Fiebig, a professor at Indiana Wesleyan University and the creator of the Hoosier Shakes program that has brought Shakespearean theater to Marion the past two years, is an organizer of the effort and was credited by Alumbaugh as the person who put the arts on the mayor’s agenda.

“Greg came to me right after I was elected and started talking about the things the city needs to do to bring culture to downtown Marion,” the mayor said.

Fiebig was joined in leading the discussion by Katie Morgan, director of the Community School of the Arts in downtown Marion, and Kayla Johnson, newly named coordinator of Marion neighborhood associations and director of Main Street Marion.

“What is an arts alliance? We don’t know yet,” Fiebig told the group that included representatives of several performing arts groups including Civic Theater and the music department at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Additional meetings are scheduled for three subsequent Wednesdays--Jan. 31, Feb 7 and 14--beginning at 6 p.m. and to be held in the city hall second floor conference room. While all the sessions are open to all concerned, the Jan. 31 gathering is to focus on musical arts, with the February meetings focusing on fine arts and artisan crafts.

“We need to start looking



Photos by Ed Green
Above, interested people from various arts agencies meet in City Hall’s second floor conference room to discuss an arts alliance. Below, Todd Syswerda from Indiana Wesleyan university makes a point during the discussion.



at the themes and the issues and then create a structure,” Fiebig said. He stressed the importance of seeking funding through grants from organizations such as the National Endowment for the Arts.

Steve Curtis, an independent filmmaker in Marion, said support must come “from a group effort, and I haven’t found that group yet.”

Ann Maddux told her colleagues “there is a lot of territorialism and we have to get past that.”

Fiebig agreed and said “the competition between organizations is there because the money is not.”

Several pointed out that similar discussions had been held in previous administrations, but without results.

Alumbaugh challenged the group to come up with specific plans, whether in programs or facilities, and to explore ways to implement them “because the arts

are pivotal in changing the culture of Marion.”

“Something needs to come from this,” he said.

“If we can work together we can stop talking about thousand-dollar grants and start talking about quarter- and half-million dollar grants,” he said, stressing the need for speaking with a single voice to the larger community.

Sheila Todd, a musician and former business director of the Marion Philharmonic Orchestra and now working with the Friends of the Gardens at Matter Park, told the participants that there are visions, problems and desires that are common to all and the emphasis should move in that direction.

“We want to hear your dreams and maybe your frustrations,” Fiebig said, but added that the intent is to find common ground, because all are seeking money, resources and space in which to work.

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our law enforcement and first responders are safely equipped to properly handle dangerous substances, like fentanyl. This Task Force deserves national attention and should be used as a model to target the opioid crisis in other communities across the country. It is an example of how we can come together to help others turn their lives around and end this tragic opioid epidemic.”

The News Herald asked Vermilion to share her feelings about the invitation before the speech. This is her story.—Ed.

by Ann Vermilion

I love Washington DC, history and education wrapped up in architecture and culture. Yesterday, my husband and I got to view the original Constitution, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence. Oddly, when my father Jim Beck, an American history teacher, took me and my brother Alan to the National Archives 30 years ago, my only memory was the enormous line and my feet hurting. Yesterday, seeing the original parchment and signatures of our Founding Fathers took my breath away. It allowed me to refocus on the pride I have in my country and the foundational theories of freedom

of speech, the privilege to vote in leaders and the right all of us have to form differences of opinions. God bless America.

Tomorrow I have the honor of attending the 45th president’s State of the Union address as Congresswoman Brooks’ one allotted guest, chosen for my leadership and voice throughout Indiana and my passion towards fighting the opioid and substance abuse epidemic. Amazed. Honored. Appreciative.

It is not lost on me that our 5th District Congresswomen could have chosen over a half-million other residents in her district, yet when she thought of someone who is synonymous with fighting hard to improve the opioid epidemic, she called me. Amazed. Honored. Appreciated.

At first I told her, “There are so many other worthy Hoosiers also fighting hard on this epidemic.” I felt undeserving. Then I took at moment to reflect on my personal journey in fighting this grave epidemic. I have always been, and will always be, an educator, advocate and voice in making Indiana healthier and stronger. At this moment in our state’s history, the opioid/heroin epidemic is taking more lives every day.

It’s personal. My family has buried a beautiful 20-year-old who, in our eyes, had many years

ahead of her. We have family and friends who have had their worlds turned upside down from addictions. My colleagues: physicians, judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, mental health providers, social workers--all work diligently, emotionally and steadfastly to improve the lives of our community. It’s personal.

So I decided I will graciously accept this honored invitation to see history in the making.

As a child, I watched with my father every State of the Union address since Jimmy Carter. (Figuring out my age? I was born the day Richard Nixon resigned.) I am immensely grateful that my father instilled in me a passion and vigor in watching, communicating, forming opinions and thoughts around legislative topics.

My parents raised us to respect the U.S. Constitution, the legislative processes and those in positions of authority. I am amazed, honored and appreciative to be one of only about 600 who personally get to witness President Trump address the nation at his first State of the Union Address.

Next week: Vermilion shares her experiences at the speech.

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Social Security a factor in Grant

Some voters cast their ballots based on philosophical principles. Others are more concerned with the principals in their bank accounts. This week we'll see how Hoosiers measure up in terms of Social Security (SS) payments from the federal government, as reported by the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (2016 vintage).

There's not much difference between the entire United States and Indiana in terms of the percent of households receiving SS payments. For the nation it's 30.2 percent with Indiana somewhat higher at 30.9 percent.

Likewise, the U.S. and Indiana are close on median age of the population with the U.S. a bit older at 37.7 years and Indiana a spritely 37.4 years. The median age is the number where 50 percent of the population is older and 50 percent younger.

The difference between our state and the nation appears when we examine the mean or average annual SS payments. Indiana's average payments from SS were \$18,864 or 3.7 percent higher than the national average of \$18,193. The reasons for this difference would take an entire column to explore and we still might not know the answer.

We can say if SS payments were reduced by



EYE ON THE PIE
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two percent, either in dollar terms or in buying power through inflation, the money available to 772,500 Hoosier households would be cut by nearly \$300 million.

Many in our country believe that SS payments are just like handouts, unwarranted dollars going to the least deserving and a host of fake claimants. These critics probably don't have relatives or know their neighbors on SS.

Within Indiana, data are available for 31 counties with populations in excess of 45,000 persons. Grant and Wayne counties both exceed 40 percent of households

receiving SS payments. The counties least dependent on federal SS payments are Hamilton, Tippecanoe and Monroe (each at 24 percent of households or less). The latter two are college counties and Hamilton has the highest average earnings per household in the state (\$114,778). Hamilton households also have the highest average SS payments in the state (\$21,503).

This occurs because SS payments for each of us are linked our work-life earnings. Counties with high average earnings tend to be high on the list of counties receiving high average SS payments. The top eight Indiana counties in such payments are all suburban counties.

Households with low earnings (the average for Grant is \$52,086, the lowest of the 31 counties) then tend to have low average SS payments. Grant County, at \$17,630, has the third lowest average SS payments in Indiana in our field of 31 counties.

Thus, Hamilton's average earnings are double Grant's while Hamilton's average SS payments are 20 percent higher. Critics say SS favors those already well off. Others look at the SS program as a modified, forced savings plan, and see the 20 percent differential as a justified disparity. Hence, the SS system is a factor in our income distribution debates.

We are all witnesses

There have been lots of interesting things I have learned over the course of my lifetime. My dad didn't become a Christian until later in life, but he taught me many things I still hold dear. He never interfered in our affairs when we became adults and only shared his opinion when asked. He was a man that didn't have a lot of formal education, but he was a very wise man.

One of the things that he left me was a good example, and an understanding of work. One of the things lacking today is a good work ethic. Eight hours' pay for eight hours' work. Nobody owes you anything, and you don't owe them. It is a business agreement that we should understand.

Over the course of my life I have had some very interesting jobs. I can say that I have never worked at a job that I didn't enjoy. When I became a Christian at the age of 23, the principles that I learned as a young boy came into play again.

Jesus talks a lot in the Gospels about servanthood. Jesus, while instructing His disciples, had a message for all of us. The message has never changed; He is still looking for a few good men, women, and young people to carry out His work. God's work is never done!

As I ponder the Lord's work and His search for a few choice people, there are some basic truths that come



JUST A THOUGHT
Rev. Tom Mansbarger



to mind: 1. We never grow too old to be effective in the Lord's work. Now I realize that some may have come to the place where they are beginning to lose their minds, but I am still writing! Don't ever think life has passed you by.

2. Seasoning only comes with age and experience. Life is a learning process. We should become smarter and wiser the older we become. You may think that no one wants to hear what you have to say. Oh, but they do. You are robbing yourself of a blessing by not sharing with others, and you are robbing others of the joy of learning from you.

3. Some feel they are inadequate because they are not properly educated. God does not call all of us to be theologians, however, we can

be practical Bible students. We don't need to slobber Greek or Hebrew on others for them to know we love them. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

Our Lord shared with His followers in Acts 1:8 that when the Holy Spirit is come upon you, you shall be witnesses. It should be obvious by now that I believe God has called us all to be witnesses for Him. You are either a positive testimony or a negative one. Our attitude determines what we will be.

Jesus said in Luke 10:1-12 that the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. God is looking for those willing to labor for Him. He tells us in Matthew 28:18-20, "As you go." What does this mean? Being a witness for Christ is a lifestyle. It is not controlled by an on-off switch. It is a purposeful attitude to serve the Lord. My prayer is to be more effective this coming year, pleasing the one who has given me hope. I realize what Christ has done for me. He has forgiven me. And paid a debt I could never pay. What will you do for Him this year? The answer becomes simple when we recall what He has done for us.

Tom

Tom Mansbarger is senior pastor of Grace Community Church. Tom offers free pastoral counseling to anyone needing help. Reach him at 765-517-1187 or tom@graceccmarion.org.

The Nasser story called for journalists—and courage

Let's start here with the fact: Larry G. Nasser is a creep. Should have been caught a long time ago and those who should have done the job are now paying the price and none too soon.

Nasser, trained as a physician but practicing as a pedophile and predator, spent years preying on the fears and vulnerabilities of talented children and young women competing at the very highest levels of Olympic gymnastics. He was their doctor, the man charged with keeping them

at their very finest competitive edge. He didn't. Instead he molested them, assaulted them in the most disgusting and debasing ways.

Now, thanks to several enormously courageous young women and an aggressive if belated prosecution, the creep will spend a good many years—probably the rest of his life—behind bars thinking about the damage he did.

But enough about Dr. Creep. You know the story; it has been told repeatedly over the past several months, most impressively

by 156 young women he victimized over a quarter-century as each of them was given an opportunity to confront him in the safety of the courtroom in East Lansing, MI, after he was told by the judge that he would spend at least 40 years and maybe as much as 170 years behind bars for what he had done to the women he was about to face.

It is those women—those women and a few seriously focused reporters and journalists—that we need to pay attention to here. Most

amazing part of this story in the huge role played by people at the Indianapolis Star newspaper, people who initially knew nothing of Nasser or his victims.

It began over two years ago in the new downtown newsroom of the Star, where a team of investigative reporters had been trolling through complaints about abuses in the USA Gymnastics program, which is housed down the street in Indianapolis.

Their first story read thus: "Top executives at one of America's most prominent Olympic organizations failed to alert authorities to many allegations of sexual abuse by coaches—relying on a policy that enabled predators to abuse gymnasts long after USA Gymnastics had received warnings."

No mention of medical people, nothing about Dr. Creep up in Michigan. Only because the Star reporters knew nothing of him.

Enter the most courageous of them all: Rachael Denhollander, a former gymnast who is now an attorney living in Louisville, KY. It was she who saw the first well-intentioned-but-incomplete story in the Star, called the reporters and poured out her personal horror story and put them on the trail of the predator.

Their second story began: "Two former gymnasts,

one an Olympic medalist, have accused a prominent, longtime team physician for USA Gymnastics of sexual abuse..."

No need here to dwell on the pain. Ms. Denhollander's personal story, which she wrote for the New York Times last week, of abuse and her road to retribution is all over social media. I urge you to read it.

Overarching all of this, particularly, most especially, in the age of diminished newspapers and wild accusations of "fake news" is the stark reality that without journalists, without gumshoe reporters and enlightened editors and courageous publishers—and the First Amendment—this story would have gone untold and these women would have endured scarred lives in silence and without justice.

Angela Povilaitis, deputy attorney general for the State of Michigan, summed it up precisely and forcefully. Said she: "What finally started this reckoning and ended this decades-long cycle of abuse was investigative reporting. Without that first Indianapolis Star story in August 2016; without the story where Rachael Denhollander came forward publicly shortly thereafter—he would still be practicing medicine, treating athletes and abus-

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A MOMENT
Ed Breen



ing kids."

Let that sink in for a minute. Right now, he would be at his office, abusing children, had it not been for the investigative reporters and Rachael Denhollander.

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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An idea from the Grant County Emergency Medical Technicians led me to author House Bill 1180. This legislation would require the Emergency Medical Services Commission to develop training on how to pre-fill syringes and administer epinephrine.

EMTs currently use auto-injectable epinephrine devices, such as an EpiPen, to treat asthma attacks and severe allergic reactions. These devices are beneficial and save lives, but are very expensive and range anywhere from \$360 to \$600 each.

Many of these devices are wasted because they expire in only 18 months, which is among the shortest in the drug industry. This has a significant impact on Grant County's Emergency Medical Services budget. However, if epineph-



TALK OF THE HOUSE
Rep. Kevin Mahan



rine is administered through a pre-loaded syringe, the cost of each dosage would be around \$6 to \$10.

Our state is suffering an opioid epidemic. In 2016, 1,518 Hoosiers died as a result of drug overdoses and, on average, 100 Hoosiers each month die from opioid overdoses.

House Bill 1359 would increase penalties for those who manufacture or deal certain controlled substances when it results in the death of the user. If the substance is

cocaine, methamphetamine or other drugs such as heroin, oxycodone and ketamine, the charge would be a Level 1 felony. Drugs such as zanax, valium and synthetic drugs would result in a Level 2 felony, and a Level 3 felony for drugs such as codeine.

Another piece of legislation I have been working on would increase penalties for certain animal cruelty crimes. This legislation would rightfully hold people accountable for the proper care and shelter they must provide their domestic animals.

Increasing the punishment for these crimes may deter tragedies. This legislation would increase the penalty from a Class A misdemeanor to a Level 6 felony for someone who recklessly, knowingly or intentionally tethers a dog under certain circumstances such as frigid temperatures. It would also increase felony penalties for those who strike and injure both service dogs and search-and-rescue dogs.

These are all important issues that need to be addressed on behalf of our community. To stay informed on the work of the General Assembly, read about proposals for new laws and watch legislative proceedings, visit iga.in.gov.

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DEATH NOTICES

James Ewing Adkins
1936-2018

James Ewing Adkins, 81, Marion, died on Sunday, January 21. Adkins was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in artillery during the Korean War. After his military service, he worked as a brick mason and then became the branch owner at Century 21 Real Estate. He later worked at Mutual Federal Savings as vice president in the lending department for 16 years. He held membership with Grace Community Church and Masonic Lodge, and a life member of the Elks. He was also past president of Marion School Board, Board of Realtors, and Shriners. Services were held on Friday, January 26, at Grace Community Church, Marion. Burial followed at Marion National Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Jude Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis TN 38105-1942 or Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago IL 60707. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.



Sharon L. Stamper
1950-2018

Sharon L. Stamper, 67, Marion, died on Wednesday, January 17. Stamper was a homemaker and seamstress. She also worked at Wendy's. Services were held on Tuesday, January 23, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, Gas City. Burial followed at Gardens of Memory, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to Disabled American Veterans, 1700 E. 38th St., Bldg 14, Room 135, Marion, IN 46953. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.

Glendora M. Denton Titus
1920-2018

Glendora M. Denton Titus, 97, Lafayette, died on Saturday, January 20. Titus worked in the payroll department for the Kroger Milk Plant in Marion for 13 years. She held membership with the AMVETS Auxiliary Post 5. Services were held on Saturday, January 27, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to Grace Community Church, 1810 E. Bradford Pike, Marion, IN 46952 or the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.

Emma Jean Goodpaster
1932-2018

Emma Jean "Jean" Goodpaster, 85, Marion, died on Thursday, January 18. Goodpaster retired from General Tire. She held membership with the Eighth St. Wesleyan Church. Services were held on Tuesday, January 23, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Burial followed at Gardens of Memory, Marion. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.

Elizabeth Ann Teter
1955-2018

Elizabeth Ann Teter, 62, Marion, died on Saturday, January 20. Following her high school graduation, Teter continued her education at Ball State University for one year and then an additional two years for nursing home administration. In December of 2016, she retired from Marsh, where she had been a cashier. There will no visitation or services. Arrangements entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1921, Marion, IN 46952 or Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, PO Box 6069, Dept. 95, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6069. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.

Neil A. Farr, Sr.
1934-2018

Neil A. Farr, Sr., 83, Van Buren, died on Friday, January 19. Farr served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1955. He was a pipefitter with Linneger in Marion for 18 years. He then worked as a mechanical engineer in the aerodynamics division of General Motors Truck and Bus in Ft. Wayne for 25 years. He held membership with the V.F.W., the Gas City Moose Lodge 1778; the American Legion Post 10, Marion; AMVETS 5; the Mizpah Shriners; Indiana Free Masonic Lodge 109 F&AM; Grant County Scottish Rite; High Twelve Past Masters Association; A.A.S.R.; Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. He was a 32 degree Mason. There will be no services as Farr wanted his body donated to medical research at IU. Arrangements entrusted to Raven-Choate Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be directed to Cancer Services of Grant County, 305 S. Norton Avenue, Marion, Indiana 46953; or to Family Life Hospice, 705 S. Baldwin Avenue, Marion, Indiana 46953. Online condolences may be made at ravenchoate.com.

These are abbreviated death notices, provided by the funeral services. Full obituaries are available; ask your funeral director.

Ruth W. Bergman
1929-2018

Ruth W. Bergman, 88, Van Buren, died on Sunday, January 21. Bergman graduated from Fillmore High School, CA. She was a homemaker. She was also a secretary at Gripco for Harrison Partridge. She held membership with the Alethia Chapter 206 Order of Eastern Star. Services were held on Thursday, January 25, at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier. Burial followed at Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier. Online condolences may be made at glancyfuneral-homes.com.

Wanda L. Smith
1938-2018

Wanda L. Smith, 79, La-Fontaine, died on Sunday, January 21. Smith retired from the Marion VA Medical Center where she was a clerk. She attended Grace Community Church. Services were held on Thursday, January 25, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Burial followed at Gardens of Memory, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to Grace Community Church, 1810 E. Bradford St., Marion, IN 46952. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.

Ray D. Allen Soultz
1942-2018

Ray D. Allen Soultz, 75, Marion, died on Friday, January 19. Soultz served as a volunteer for the Jonesboro Fire Department for 50 years, where he worked countless hours and served in many capacities, including chief and assistant chief. He played an integral part in building the current Jonesboro Fire Station. Soultz worked at the Twin City Foundry, Ball-Foster, and retired as a millwright with Local 1029, Warsaw. He also volunteered for the Boy Scouts for several years. Services were held on Wednesday, January 24, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, Gas City. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery, Gas City. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Jonesboro Fire Department. Online condolences may be made at nswcares.com.

Marie Mayberry
1925-2018

Marie Mayberry, 92, Swayzee, died on Monday, January 22. Mayberry was a homemaker. Services were held on Friday, January 26, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, Marion. Burial followed at Thraillkill Cemetery, Swayzee. Online condolences may be made at ravenchoate.com.

GRANT COUNTY LIFE

PHOTOS FROM THE WEEK—GLEN DEVITT



This week included an abundance of Grant County basketball. Went to seventh and eighth RJ Baskett games (left), JV boys and girls as well as varsity games (bottom, right) and girls Senior Night at Mississinewa (bottom, center). Sometimes the best thing about the games is the crowd.

Find more of Glen Devitt's photos online at colormepink.smug-mug.com.



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					DODSON	COURTNEY	F	\$11,095.56	\$11,095.56	
					DOLLAR	REBECCA	J	\$30,773.26	\$30,773.26	
					DORSEY	STEPHEN	D	\$8,820.00	\$8,820.00	
					DROOK	JERRY	T	\$29,575.00	\$38,236.46	
					DROWN	RYAN	D	\$6,082.00	\$6,082.00	
					DUNCAN	KENNETH	D	\$15,630.00	\$15,630.00	
					DUNHAM	SCOTT	J	\$5,130.13	\$5,130.13	
					DUNN	ANGELA	K	\$10,034.20	\$10,034.20	
					EDWARDS	JEFFREY	M	\$1,298.81	\$1,298.81	
					EIB	ROGER	L	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00	
					EIB	ROY	G	\$3,090.38	\$3,090.38	
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					EWER	JASON	A	\$55,358.93	\$55,358.93	
					EWING	KAYLA	E	\$27,808.28	\$27,808.28	
					FANNING	KAREN	S	\$2,286.00	\$2,286.00	
					FAULK	RODNEY	L	\$63,651.66	\$63,651.66	
					FAULKNER	TRAVIS	A	\$12,599.82	\$12,599.82	
					FIELDS	KELLI	J	\$34,731.80	\$34,731.80	
					FIELDS	ERIC	L	\$49,691.57	\$49,691.57	
					FILLENWORTH	STACY	L	\$31,358.12	\$31,358.12	
					FISHER	REX	F	\$11,462.80	\$11,462.80	
					FISHER	LAKISHA	A	\$62,525.63	\$62,525.63	
					FISHER	CASSI	L	\$22,345.33	\$22,345.33	
					FLANIGAN	BEVERLY	J	\$39,408.45	\$39,408.45	
					FLEECE	CHRISTIFER	T	\$49,128.86	\$49,128.86	
					FLEMING	MARK	E	\$34,333.00	\$34,333.00	
					FLORENCE	JARED	M	\$17,385.02	\$17,385.02	
					FLORENCE	HERRING	A	\$36,838.24	\$814.00	
					FLOYD	JESSICA	O	\$31,195.04	\$31,195.04	
					FODE	MARY	B	\$21,378.00	\$21,378.00	
					FOREMAN	CRYSTAL	G	\$31,361.00	\$31,361.00	
					FOREMAN	ERIN	M	\$19,507.50	\$19,507.50	
					FOUST	BRIDGET	N	\$56,610.00	\$56,610.00	
					FOUSTNIGHT	MAUREEN	R	\$15,225.53	\$15,225.53	
					FOWLER	CYNTHIA	A	\$27,586.08	\$27,586.08	
					FOY	MARK	D	\$36,794.02	\$36,794.02	
					FOY	KATHY	D	\$13,604.57	\$13,604.57	
					FREEMAN	CAMERON	J	\$6,608.75	\$6,608.75	
					FROST	LESLIE	L	\$5,084.01	\$5,084.01	
					GABBARD	JESSE	R	\$31,614.96	\$31,614.96	
					GARCIA	NICOLE	E	\$56,035.82	\$56,035.82	
					GARCIA	JOSHUA	J	\$33,501.40	\$33,501.40	
					GARDNER	MATTHEW	J	\$480.00	\$480.00	
					GARRISON	SCOTT	A	\$11,634.59	\$11,634.59	
					GARY	CHERYL	L	\$19,646.37	\$19,646.37	
					GASKILL	DEBORAH	E	\$30,909.65	\$30,909.65	
					GIBSON	JILL	M	\$44,662.00	\$44,662.00	
					GLANCY	LISA	L	\$18,101.89	\$18,101.89	
					GLASSER	TENNIELLE	D	\$358.98	\$358.98	
					GLICKFIELD	DAVID	A	\$29,575.00	\$29,575.00	
					GLICKFIELD	TODD	A	\$29,575.00	\$29,575.00	
					GLICKFIELD	KATHY	A	\$10,443.81	\$10,443.81	
					GLICKFIELD	MEGAN	M	\$21,111.61	\$21,111.61	
					GOETZ	MICHELL	V	\$5,358.15	\$5,358.15	
					GOODACRE	MARY	V	\$25,328.80	\$25,328.80	
					GOODMAN	CHRIS	A	\$10,013.34	\$10,013.34	
					GORRELL	JACQUELINE	F	\$495.00	\$495.00	
					GOSSETT	JESSIE	G	\$34,140.14	\$34,140.14	
					GOUGH	GORDON	L	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	
					GRAF	SANDRA	L	\$45,542.96	\$45,542.96	
					GREENLEE	KATHY	A	\$952.00	\$952.00	
					GREINER	RICHARD	A	\$900.00	\$900.00	
					GRIFFIN	BRIAN	D	\$32,666.71	\$32,666.71	
					GRIFFIN	SAMANTHA	J	\$7,184.80	\$7,184.80	
					GRIFFITH	TIFFANY	N	\$23,418.88	\$23,418.88	
					GRIFFITH	MICHAEL	K	\$1,877.88	\$1,877.88	
					GRUBB	WILLIAM	M	\$32,495.32	\$32,495.32	
					GRUBB	ALEX	J	\$1,761.75	\$1,761.75	
					GRUBB	ANDREW	J	\$7,903.26	\$7,903.26	
					HALEY	SCOTT	A	\$50,096.43	\$50,096.43	
					HAMM	RONALD	L	\$31,296.33	\$31,296.33	
					HAMMOND	EVAN	K	\$29,575.00	\$29,155.00	
					HANCOCK	CHRISTIAN	D	\$23,119.32	\$23,119.32	
					HARNES	DAWN	R	\$36,371.00	\$36,371.00	
					HARRIS	PAMELA	K	\$40,926.00	\$40,926.00	
					HARRISON	BRENDA	K	\$27,591.00	\$27,591.00	
					HASTY	LISA	N	\$3,792.50	\$3,792.50	
					HAWKINS	DEBRA	L	\$29,352.49	\$29,352.49	
					HECK	BILLY	P	\$692.25	\$692.25	
					HEINY	GARY	L	\$32,759.98	\$32,759.98	
					HENSON	MICHAEL	L	\$61,134.83	\$61,134.83	
					HERRERA	ELAINE	M	\$32,252.18	\$32,252.18	
					HICKS	KEVIN	D	\$48,047.32	\$48,047.32	
					HICKS	BRADLEY	L	\$1,114.69	\$1,114.69	
					HICKS	JORDAN	T	\$2,109.00	\$2,109.00	
					HIGHLEY	ROBERT	D	\$30,708.00	\$30,708.00	
					HILEMAN	JOSHUA	A	\$2,911.01	\$2,911.01	
					HILLS	NATALIE	A	\$553.64	\$553.64	
					HIMELICK	LISA	R	\$15,100.08	\$15,100.08	
					HIMES	DEBRA	N	\$35,288.28	\$35,288.28	
					HIX	FRANK	B	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
					HOCH	JULIE	A	\$20,873.45	\$20,873.45	
					HODGE	HAROLD	R	\$43,196.45	\$43,196.45	
					HODGE	RHONDA	S	\$27,515.31	\$27,515.31	
					HODSON	BRADLEY	D	\$7,366.28	\$7,366.28	
					HOLLOWAY	TROY	B	\$3,572.13	\$3,572.13	
					HOLTZLEIFER	TIMOTHY	A	\$51,302.68	\$51,302.68	
					HOLTZLEIFER	KRISTOPHER	A	\$45,189.57	\$45,189.57	
					HOMER	DAVID	K	\$40,188.00	\$40,188.00	
					HONEYCUTT	JENNIFER	J	\$34,726.50	\$34,726.50	
					HOOVER	LITTLE	D	\$24,188.52	\$24,188.52	
					HORNBACK	RYAN	E	\$7,455.00	\$7,455.00	
					HOUSER	MICHAEL	D	\$18,280.16	\$18,280.16	
					HUBARTT	CLAUDIA	M	\$32,532.00	\$8,833.20	
					HUFFMAN	REX	C	\$10,692.50	\$10,692.50	
					HUGHES	RAYMOND	M	\$31,540.40	\$31,540.40	
ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE COUNTY'S RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES; POSTING AND PUBLICATION SEC. 19 - AT ITS SECOND REGULAR MEETING EACH YEAR, THE EXECUTIVE SHALL MAKE AN ACCURATE STATEMENT OF THE COUNTY'S RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES DURING THE PRECEDING CA-LANDER YEAR. THE STATEMENT MUST INCLUDE THE NAME OF AND COMPENSATION PAID TO EACH COUNTY OFFICER, DEPUTY AND EMPLOYEE. THE EXECUTIVE SHALL POST THIS STATEMENT AT THE COURTHOUSE DOOR AND TWO (2) OTHER PLACES IN THE COUNTY AND SHALL PUBLISH IT IN THE MAN-NER PRESCRIBED BY IC 5-3-1										
TOTAL RECEIPT					\$154,777,898.36					
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS					\$143,915,412.03					
EMPLOYEE NAME		PAYROLL	CONTRACTUAL	TOTAL						
LAST	FIRST	M	WAGES	EARNINGS	Column1					
AFFOLDER	JUDITH	E	\$600.00	\$600.00						
AILES	APRIL	A	\$25,767.20	\$25,767.20						
ALBERTSON	J RANDALL		\$50,022.30	\$50,022.30						
ALBERTSON	DEBRA	S	\$14,752.36	\$14,752.36						
ALBRIGHT	JANE	A	\$1,599.71	\$1,599.71						
ALLEN	LYNN	A	\$25,578.74	\$25,578.74						
ALSTON	DARCEE	D	\$26,990.60	\$26,990.60						
ANDREWS	ARIELLE	R	\$52,890.87	\$52,890.87						
ASHCRAFT	HARRY	D	\$38,482.00	\$38,482.00						
AUTRY	JULIE	R	\$31,488.00	\$31,488.00						
BAINBRIDGE	ROGER	A	\$43,500.00	\$43,500.00						
BAIR	RAYMOND	A	\$14,305.90	\$14,305.90						
BAKER	KATHI	L	\$29,794.07	\$29,794.07						
BALDWIN	DANIELLE	N	\$25,868.90	\$25,868.90						
BANKS	DON	D	\$34,164.74	\$34,164.74						
BANKS	ROGINA	K	\$31,176.08	\$31,176.08						
BARCOMB	WILLIAM	K	\$46,979.63	\$46,979.63						
BARDSLEY	MARK	E	\$21,455.00	\$21,455.00						
BARNETT	JESSICA		\$22,460.00	\$22,460.00						
BAXTER	MICHELLE	R	\$33,276.78	\$33,276.78						
BEAL	KYLE	D	\$47,064.92	\$47,064.92						
BEATY	EDDIE	W	\$52,358.03	\$52,358.03						
BECK	DALE	L	\$31,233.63	\$31,233.63						
BENDER	BRUCE	A	\$17,527.13	\$17,527.13						
BENDER	NANCY	J	\$10,960.00	\$1,600.00	\$12,560.00					
BENEDICT	KAREN	S	\$30,209.00	\$30,209.00						
BENEDICT										
LOPEZ	BROOKLYN	R	\$31,361.00	\$3,986.08	\$35,347.08					
BENEKE	VINCENT	A	\$35,458.13		\$35,458.13					
BERRY	MICHAEL	I	\$8,400.96		\$8,400.96					
BEYER	SHARON	K	\$11,203.88		\$11,203.88					
BLACK	DAVID	J	\$721.50		\$721.50					
BLACK	CHRISTOPHER	J	\$12,445.65		\$12,445.65					
BLADES	DUSTIN	W	\$19,021.23		\$19,021.23					
BOWSER	SUSAN	R	\$32,164.00		\$32,164.00					
BOWSER	RANDALL	W	\$31,397.57		\$31,397.57					
BOZARTH	CHRISTOPHER	R	\$17,514.36		\$17,514.36					
BRADLEY	PEGGY	J	\$24,844.66		\$24,844.66					
BRAGG	RICHARD	K	\$900.00		\$900.00					
BRANE	DARRYL	J	\$4,887.00		\$4,887.00					
BRATCHER	JACKSON		\$714.24		\$714.24					
BRENNER	STEPHEN	D	\$12,322.50		\$12,322.50					
BROOKS	BOWE	A	\$36,847.98		\$36,847.98					
BROOKS	DAKOTA	D	\$34,439.46		\$34,439.46					
BROWN	CAROL	J	\$7,688.46		\$7,688.46					
BROWN	MICHELLE	E	\$25,079.30		\$25,079.30					
BROWN	KYE	R	\$3,192.88		\$3,192.88					
BUCHER	BRIAN	J	\$600.00		\$600.00					
BUCHER	JONATHAN	D	\$29,998.83		\$29,998.83					
BURKS	FREMOND	E	\$6,170.64		\$6,170.64					
BURTON	MICHAEL	H	\$19,695.00		\$19,695.00					
BUTCHE	CHRISTOPHER	M	\$19,620.00		\$19,620.00					
BYANSKI	JOSHUA	D	\$11,923.63		\$11,923.63					
CALEY	JASON	A	\$13,965.00		\$13,965.00					
CAMACHO	JORGE	E	\$3,090.00		\$3,090.00					
CAMERY	JASON	A	\$46,592.54		\$46,592.54					
CARMICHAEL	DEBORAH	L	\$34,884.34		\$34,884.34					
CARMICHAEL	KEVIN		\$38,266.74		\$38,266.74					
CARPENTER	LESLIE		\$27,231.98		\$27,231.98					
CARR	RHONALD	D	\$33,762.00		\$33,762.00					
CASSIDY	JENNIFER	M	\$31,801.00	\$3,671.20	\$35,472.20					
CASTILLO	DANIEL	J	\$9,765.52		\$9,765.52					
CATES	KENNETH	J	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00					
CHAMBERLAIN	SEAN	A	\$8,914.78		\$8,914.78					
CHAMBERS	BRENDA	K	\$41,964.44		\$41,964.44					
CHAMBERS	JUSTIN	R	\$43,416.28		\$43,416.28					
CHANDLER	JEREMY	T	\$50,354.98		\$50,354.98					
CHENEY	JESSICA	M	\$27,719.83		\$27,719.83					
CHURCH	STEPHANIE		\$25,813.60		\$25,813.60					
CLARK	JASON	W	\$34,836.34		\$34,836.34					
CLINE	MICHAEL	G	\$36,677.40		\$36,677.40					
CLOUSE	STEPHEN	P	\$48,867.00		\$48,867.00					
COAN	MELONIE	D	\$60,949.72		\$60,949.72					
COMPTON	ALLISON	C	\$32,353.81		\$32,353.81					
CONN	JEFFREY	P	\$38,260.30		\$38,260.30					
CONNER	MICHAEL	D	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00					
COPAS	APRIL	M	\$28,093.72		\$28,093.72					
CORNER	GORDON	S	\$41,901.58		\$41,901.58					
COUCH	JACQUELYNN	S	\$30,872.88		\$30,872.88					
COUCH	JEFFREY	L	\$5,632.55		\$5,632.55					
COX	RICHARD	A	\$1,296.00		\$1,296.00					
COX	DOUGLAS	K	\$6,301.94		\$6,301.94					
COX	SARAH	M	\$14,116.80		\$14,116.80					
CRAGUN	VALISHA	K	\$35,181.83		\$35,181.83					
CRAGUN	SAMANTHA	J	\$22,573.14		\$22,573.14					
CRUM	SARAH	J	\$55,369.08		\$55,369.08					
CULLEY	MICHAEL	T	\$31,807.78		\$31,807.78					
CUNNINGHAM	WILLIAM	C	\$83,523.57		\$83,523.57					
DALTON	GARY	A	\$55,581.96		\$55,581.96					
DAVIS	SELENA	D	\$20,723.36							

LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

INDIANA QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Huntington

2. Lieutenant Governor

3. Phil Harris

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF GRANT

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT 1
CAUSE NO:

CAREY SERVICES, INC.,
Petitioner

vs.

JUANITA ALEXANDER, and her heirs, devisees, legatees, execu-
tors, administrators, personal representatives, husbands, wives, wid-
ows, widowers, and the successors and assigns of her, as well as
any and all persons claiming from, through or under her, as well as
unknown beneficiaries of any trust wherein any of the above-name
designated defendants have acted or purported to act as trustee or
trustees,
Defendants

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

**TO: Juanita Alexander, and her heirs, devisees, legatees, execu-
tors, administrators, personal representatives, husbands, wives,
widows, widowers, and the successors and assigns of her, as well
as any and all persons claiming from, through or under her, as
well as unknown beneficiaries of any trust wherein any of the
above-name designated defendants have acted or purported to
act as trustee or trustees, and any other unknown person who
may be concerned.**

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 rep-
resented by Spitzer Herriman Stephenson Holderead Conner & Pers-
inger, 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:

Key Number/Property ID No.: 27-07-18-202-029.000-002
Brief Legal Description: 16-34-9359 LOT 23 Wigger & Lenfesty
Add
Street Address: S. Carey St.
Marion, IN 46953

More particularly described as follows:

Lot Numbered Twenty-three (23) in Wigger & Lenfesty's Addi-
tion to the City of Marion, Indiana.

And

Key Number/Property ID No.: 27-07-18-202-032.000-002
Brief Legal Description: 16-34-9362 Lot 26 Wigger & Lenfesty
Add
Street Address: S. Carey St.
Marion, IN 46953

More particularly described as follows:

Lot Numbered Twenty-six (26) in Wigger & Lenfesty's Addition
to the City of Marion, Indiana.

And

Key Number/Property ID No.: 27-07-18-202-037.000-002
Brief Legal Description: 16-34-9365 Lot 29 Wigger & Lenfesty
Add
Street Address: S. Carey St.
Marion, IN 46953

More particularly described as follows:

Lot Numbered Twenty-nine (29) in Wigger & Lenfesty's Addition
to the City of Marion, Indiana.

And

Key Number/Property ID No.: 27-07-18-202-040.000-002
Brief Legal Description: 16-34-9368 Lot 32 Wigger & Lenfesty
Add
Street Address: S. Carey St.
Marion, IN 46953

More particularly described as follows:

Lot Numbered Thirty-two (32) in Wigger & Lenfesty's Addition to
the City of Marion, Indiana.

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 third
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.

Dated: January 19, 2018 /s/Carolyn Mowery
Clerk, Grant Superior Court 1

Kyle C. Persinger
SPITZER HERRIMAN STEPHENSON
HOLDEREAD CONNER & PERSINGER, LLP
122 East Fourth Street
P.O. Box 927
Marion, IN 46952
Telephone (765) 664-7307
TNH 1/24, 1/31, 2/7

CROSSWORD SOLUTION
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Wed. and Thur.
afternoons**

**Drive to Wabash and get newspa-
pers, distribute them to post office
and newsstand locations. Approxi-
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have reliable transportation. Send
email to doug@newsherald.org for
additional details**

Invitation for Written Offers for Purchase of Real Estate

Notice is hereby given that the City of Marion Redevelopment
Commission will receive, open and consider sealed written offers
for the purchase of real property (hereinafter the "Real Estate") de-
scribed herein at a public meeting scheduled to take place on Feb-
ruary 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room
located in the Marion Municipal Building, 301 S. Branson Street,
Marion, Indiana.

- The parcels of Real Estate being offered for sale are:
- 5.33 acres, more or less, situate in the Southwest Quarter
of Section 6, Township 24 North, Range 9 East, in Monroe
Township, Grant County, Indiana. This parcel is located ap-
proximately ¼ mile north of State Road 18 adjacent to I-69 with
access to E. Big Play Way, Marion, Indiana. Parcel # 27-08-06-
300-007.007-040.
 - 6.67 acres, more or less, situate in the Southwest Quarter of
Section 6, Township 24 North, Range 9 East, in Monroe Town-
ship, Grant County, Indiana. This parcel is located approximate-
ly ½ mile north of State Road 18 adjacent to I-69 with access
by way of private easements to Grant County Road 600 East.
Parcel #27-08-06-300-007.008-040.

Each bid must be in conformance with the requirements set
forth in the Offering Sheet which will be made available to prospec-
tive bidders as described below. Each bid must specify the bidder's
proposed use of the real estate. Any bid submitted by a trust (as de-
fined in Indiana Code 30-4-1-1(a)) must identify each (a) beneficiary
of the trust, and (b) settlor empowered to revoke or modify the trust.

At the time and place stated above, all written offers received
by the Commission will be publicly opened and considered by the
Commission.

The Commission has caused to be prepared and will have avail-
able for examination and use by all interested persons, in the office
of the Assistant Director of the Commission, located at 301 South
Branson Street, Marion, Indiana, the following:

- Instructions to Bidders
- Offering Sheet
- Maps and/or Plats showing the size and location of each
parcel.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any offers and to
make the award to the highest and best bidder. In determining the
best offer, the Commission shall take into consideration the factors
set forth in Indiana Code 36-7-14-22.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2018.

CITY OF MARION
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

TNH 1/31, 2/7

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

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT III OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA.

In the matter of the Unsupervised Estate of: MYRTLE CLARK, de-
ceased.

Cause Number 27D03-1712-EU-168

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of December, 2017,
KENTON CLARK was appointed Personal Representative of the Es-
tate of MYRTLE CLARK, deceased, who died on the 3rd day of De-
cember, 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 no-
tice, 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 17th day of January, 2018.

/s/ CAROLYN MOWERY
Clerk, Grant Superior Court III

Michael D. Conner (#14215-48)
SPITZER HERRIMAN STEPHENSON
HOLDEREAD CONNER & PERSINGER, LLP
122 East Fourth Street
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TNH 1/24, 1/31

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree directed to me from
the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Grant County, Indiana, in Cause No.
27C01-1709-MF-000141, wherein FIRST MERCHANTS BANK AN
INDIANA BANK, SUCCESSOR BY ACQUISITION TO AMERICAN
BANK, SB was the Plaintiff, and Jo Elmyra Purkey, Deceased, Her
Heirs-At-Law, Devisees, Legatees, Descendants, Personal Repre-
sentatives, Executors and Administrators of Jo Elmyra Purkey were
the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said
Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the high-
est bidder, on February 28, 2018 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of said day,
at 214 East 4th Street, Marion, Indiana, the fee simple of the whole
body of Real Estate in Grant County, Indiana:

**Lot Number 31 in the Plat of Tract B Westlea, an Addition to
the City of Marion, Grant County, Indiana.**
Parcel Number: 27-03-36-304-028.000-023
Commonly known as 1800 W. Braewick Dr., Marion, Indiana
46952

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will
be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This is an
attempt by a debt collector to collect a debt, and any information
obtained will be used for that purpose.

Reggie E. Nevels
Sheriff of Grant County
Pleasant Township
1800 W. Braewick Dr.
Marion, Indiana 46952

Valerie L. Matheis
NELSON & FRANKENBERGER
550 Congressional Blvd., Suite 210
Carmel, Indiana 46032
Attorney for Plaintiff

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

Sheriff Sale Number _____

Served by Sheriff:

Heirs-At-Law of Jo Elmyra Purkey
1800 W. Braewick Dr.
Marion, Indiana 46952

Nelson & Frankenberger, LLC is a debt collector and this is an at-
tempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that
purpose.
TNH 1/24, 1/31, 2/7

Grant County boys basketball Giants go 3-0; Indians take two

Eastbrook

Coming off an impressive
win over Madison-Grant, the
Eastbrook Panthers faltered
on Tuesday night, as they
were defeated by the Adams
Central Jets 70-67. Over the
last several games, Head
Coach Brian Childs saw en-
ergy, focus, and determination
from beginning to end, but on
Tuesday he didn't see it.

"We just didn't have the
same energy and the same
focus that we have had
lately," Childs said. "I don't
know if it was the fact that it
was a Tuesday night game or
the fact that we were looking
ahead to Friday, but we just
didn't have the same fire that
we have had the last several
games. It just kind of came
back and bit us down the
stretch."

The Panthers did a great
job shooting the ball in the
first half, but they were un-
able to keep it up as the game
progressed.

"We made a lot of shots in
the first half," Childs said.
"They played zone the entire
game, and we made eight
threes in the first half. But
you can't expect to shoot
that well the entire game.
That just kind of caught up
with us."

Along with that, the Pan-
thers broke down defensive-
ly in the game's latter stages.

"There was a lack of de-
fensive awareness," Childs
said. "We let two kids come
in and score 48 points be-
tween them. That shouldn't
happen, but you have to give
Adams Central a lot of credit
with the way they played.
Once they got things going,
it kind of snowballed there
late."

Ryan Mansbarger led the
Panthers in scoring with 21
points, while Connor Childs
finished with 17 points in the
loss.

The Panthers lost their
second game in a row on
Friday night, as poor shoot-
ing, combined with excellent
free-throw shooting from
their opponent cost East-
brook in an 83-74 loss to the
Blackford Bruins. Blackford
freshman Luke Brown had
an incredible game, finish-
ing with 42 points to lead all
players in scoring.

"They outscored us by
21 points at the free-throw
line," Childs said. "They
shot 45 free throws, and
when you get outscored like
that on the foul line, it's a lot
to overcome. That was a big
factor. We also didn't shoot
the ball particularly well.
We made 12 threes, but our
percentage, we shot about 35
percent from the three point
line. When you add those
things up, it was just too
much for us to overcome."

While Brown continued
his incredible freshman sea-
son, Mansbarger made his-
tory against the Bruins. He
scored 34 points in the loss to
break Rick Harness' record
of 1196 set back in 1975.

"It's quite an achieve-
ment," Childs said. "That
record has been there since
1975, so it was nice to see

him be recognized for that
accomplishment. He still has
some games to go here, so I
would look for him to build
on that."

Heading into next week,
Childs is looking for his team
to improve on the defensive
side of the ball, as they have
given up over 55 points in
each of their last four games.

"We've got to get better
defensively," Childs said.
"We are just giving up too
many points, and we have to
find a way to stop somebody
and finish possessions with a
defensive rebound. We just
need to shore things up on
the defensive end."

Madison-Grant

On Tuesday, a plethora of
giveaways proved costly, as
the Madison-Grant Argylls
dropped their 11th game of
the season in a 91-52 loss to
the Frankton Eagles.

Going against one of the
top defenses in Class 2A,
Head Coach Brian Trout
thought that his team did
a decent job in breaking
Frankton's press. However,
many of their giveaways
were a result of poor deci-
sions on the floor.

"We had way too many
turnovers," Trout said. "Even
though they were pressuring
us, I thought a lot of them
were unforced. Frankton
is very good defensively,
and they cause you a lot of
problems in the full court,
but overall, we handled that
pretty well. I thought a lot of
our turnovers against their
pressure were unforced."

"Again, it comes down to
the little things, and they add
up. Those little mental lapses
that turn into two points and
snowball to 12 or 14 points,
those are the things we have
to get rid of if we want to win
basketball games."

The Argylls did finish with
52 points, which is an excel-
lent number against the Ea-
gles' defense, but those tiny
miscues added up over the
course of the game and were
the Argylls' undoing.

"We're young, we're in-
experienced, and most of the
teams we are playing are se-
nior laden," Trout said. "That
doesn't make it any easier,
but you have to go play the
game, you have to compete,
and you have to do the best
that you can. We put up 52
points against one of the best
defenses in the state at the 2A
level. That's a positive, be-
cause a lot of teams struggle
to get out of the 30's against
them, but again it comes
back to the little mistakes
where we lose focus."

Wyatt Rudy led the Argylls
with 24 points, while Dillon
Sneed recorded a double-
double with 10 points and 15
rebounds in the loss.

The Argylls were defeat-
ed again on Friday night,
this time by the Oak Hill
Golden Eagles, 67-52, but
Coach Trout was much more
pleased with how his team
played, particularly on the
defensive side of the ball.

"I thought we played much
better defensively tonight



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Freshman Landon Swanner puts the ball on the floor against Alexandria-Monroe. The Indians
won 78-55; Swanner came off the bench, hit six threes and scored 21 points.

across the board," Trout said.
"The third quarter got us a
little bit—we just had some
issues guarding what they
were doing—but overall, I
thought we did a much better
job defensively."

The Argylls fell into a
hole early, as they fell be-
hind 15-2 early after the first
quarter of play and were not
able to recover despite much
better play after halftime.

"In the first quarter, we just
weren't aggressive enough
offensively," Trout said. "We
got a little better in the se-
cond quarter and much better
in the second half as far as
being aggressive."

Even in the loss, the Ar-
gylls are trending in the right
direction.

"Overall, I was very
pleased with the effort, the
focus and the intensity that
we had tonight," Trout said.
"We've been really focused
on the defensive end of the
floor over the past month,
and I think it showed tonight.
I think we are finally seeing
some of those things we have
been talking about, stressing,
and working on come to life
tonight."

Rudy led the Argylls in
scoring with 20 points, while
Kaden Howell finished with
13 points in the loss.

Madison-Grant lost their
third game of the week on
Saturday, as they were de-
feated by the Bluffton Tigers
67-40. The Tigers took a 19-
12 first quarter lead and did
not look back, holding the
Argylls to just 17 points in
the second half and putting
the game out of reach.

Rudy led the Argylls once
again with 13 points, while
Howell finished with 10
points in the loss.

With their losses this
week, Madison-Grant fell to
3-13 on the season.

Marion

Coming off their tough
overtime loss to the Lafay-
ette Jefferson Bronchos, the
Marion Giants found them-
selves back in the win col-

umn with a 96-73 win over
Fort Wayne Bishop Luers.

The Giants had a dominant
first half offensively, making
19 of their 32 shots, includ-
ing a scorching eight-of-12
from long range, to take a
55-28 halftime lead they
would not relinquish.

Jalen Blackmon led the
Giants in scoring with 27
points, while Latrell Simp-
son finished with 18. Tyrese
Cobb added 13 points while
JK Thomas chipped in 11
points in the victory.

Coach James Blackmon
could not be reached for
comment.

Marion won both of their
games over the weekend,
defeating Logansport 84-67
on Friday night before taking
down Fort Wayne Northrop
85-59 on Saturday.

With their wins this week,
the Giants improved their re-
cord to 12-4.

Against Logansport,
Simpson led the Giants in
scoring with 28 points, while
Thomas finished with 22 and
Blackmon added 19.

Against Fort Wayne
Northrop, Thomas finished
with 23 points, while Black-
mon finished with 22, as the
Giants connected on 31 of
their 54 shot attempts in the
victory.

Mississinewa

The Indians came away
with their fourth straight
victory, and second straight
conference victory, on
Wednesday night, as they de-
feated the Blackford Bruins
60-54. As has been the case
throughout their win streak,
Mississinewa's defense
came through when they
needed it most.

"I thought it was the big-
gest [factor]," Head Coach
Andrew Everetts said. "We
didn't play particularly
well in the first half—Thabit
[Gault] got two fouls early
in the first quarter—but I
thought our defense was sol-
id all night long. That is what
kept us in the game."

In Everetts' tenure as the

Mississinewa head coach,
defense is something that he
has put a big emphasis on.
Now, in the last four games,
he is starting to see results.

"I think our guys are pretty
good defensively," Everetts
said. "It's kind of weird be-
cause going into the season
we did not think that would
be our strength, but right now
it's been our most consistent
strength. That will keep you
in most basketball games."

Against freshman phenom
Luke Brown, the Indians did
a great job of shutting him
down and keeping him from
taking over the game.

"They run a lot of different
sets, so our guys did a great
job of studying the scout
reports and knowing what
the plan was. Because we
did that early on, they went
to a lot of one-on-ones with
Brown, and we played some
really good on-the-ball de-
fense. Heisman played well,
and Anthony Horton played
phenomenally coming off
the bench. Brown finished
with 30, but it was a quiet
30."

Gault led the Indians in
scoring with 21 points, in-
cluding 20 points in the
second half, while Horton
finished with 13 points in the
victory.

The Indians increased their
win streak to five on Friday
night, dominating on both
ends of the floor in a 78-55
victory over the Alexandria-
Monroe Tigers.

"I just thought we played a
great team basketball game,"
Everetts said. "I was so proud
of our guys. Our defense
was solid. It was a two-point
game at the end of the first,
we were up 18 at the end of
the second, and 29 at the end
of the third. We shared the
ball, our scoring was even,
we played good defense,
and I just felt that we were
the harder working team to-
night. That was good to see,
because Alexandria is tough
and they work hard."

Freshman Landon Swan-
ner provided a spark off the

bench, while Gault and Larry
Dean each finished with 11
points in the Indians' victory.

"Swanner had a phenom-
enal night," Everetts said. "He
came off the bench for us, he
had 21 points, and he hit six
threes. I really felt like he got
us going. When he started
hitting shots, the rest of the
guys fed off that and started
hitting shots."

The Indians are beginning
to peak at the right time,
playing not only one of their
best games of the season, but
one of their best since Everetts
took over the program back
in the 2014-15 season.

Now, he hopes that his
team carries that momentum
over into their tough matchup
with Delta next week. "This
was, honestly, one of the best
games we have played since
I've been here," Everetts said.
"I thought our guys played
exceptionally well. They are
a good team, and they are
tough to beat at their place.
I don't know what it was to-
night, but whatever we did, I
would like them to keep do-
ing that moving forward."

Oak Hill □

Against Grant County ri-
val Madison-Grant, the Oak
Hill Golden Eagles' defense
set the tone early, holding the
Argylls to two points in the
first quarter and not looking
back in a 67-52 win on Fri-
day night.

The Golden Eagles' de-
fense helped spark their of-
fense and get them to a big
double-digit lead early. "I
think our defense was re-
ally good in the first quar-
ter, which allowed us to get
into transition and get some
early easier looks at the bask-
et before they got set in
their defense," Head Coach
Kevin Renbarger said after

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sure. I brought a little bit of the zone pressure in the first half, but it wasn't very effective, so in the third and fourth quarter I wanted full-court man-to-man. That created turnovers, and we ended up taking the lead. We finished the game strong in the last three or four minutes."

After finishing the season with five wins a year ago, Jordan led Marion to an 18-4 regular season record. Their next step is to win the sectional, something the Lady Giants have not accomplished since 1992.

"We are going to take it one game at a time," Jordan said. "We are not going to look past Mississinewa. We beat them pretty good the first time, but that doesn't matter now because it's a new season. It's cutthroat now—you lose and you're done. We had a really solid week of practice, so I want us to feed off of that."

Mississinewa

Giveaways and miscues, combined with a sluggish offense, doomed the Mississinewa Indians in a 69-32 loss to the Frankton Eagles on Tuesday night. As has been the case in the past few games, the Indians' continued to be lackadaisical with the basketball, which resulted in a blowout loss.

"Again, they did a great job with their press, and we had 27 turnovers," Head Coach Omega Tandy said.

"That was a huge factor. When you give a team that is that good 27 more chances to score, you're in trouble. We found ourselves in that position today."

Mississinewa's offensive struggles were on full display in the third quarter, as they were held scoreless, while Frankton scored 19 points. However, overall, the Indians had a tough time scoring on Tuesday night.

"In the third quarter, we missed a lot of open layups, but we also turned the ball over the first four or five possessions of the quarter as well," Tandy said. "We didn't put the ball in the basket, and we turned it over a lot. We just had a rough night putting the ball in the basket. Hats off to Frankton's pressure. I think it really bothered us, and we were just unable to get good looks at the basket."

Over the past few games, even in their victories, the Indians have turned the ball over at an alarming rate. Coach Tandy believes a lot of that has to do with her squad's youth.

"We still have a really inexperienced team, and a group of guards who haven't played a lot of big time varsity minutes [before this season]," Tandy said. "Some of these last few teams, some of the things they do just rattled us a little bit. We went over it in practice and we prepared for it, but once the lights come on and you get that game time speed, we just have to take care of the basketball more, and we

have to slow down and be confident."

"We need to clean up our turnovers. In the Blackford game, that will be our focus. The Bruins play hard, and our team needs to match their intensity. We definitely aren't looking past Blackford, we need to come out and execute in order to be successful."

Mississinewa took care of business on Thursday night, defeating the Blackford Bruins 79-21 in their final game of the regular season.

"Today, we just focused much more on our defense," Tandy said. "We are going to need very good defense in order to compete in our sectional, and so, that was our focus. I think we were able to do that—we caused a lot of turnovers, and connected [offensively] after causing those turnovers."

Turnovers continued to hurt the Indians, but Tandy was pleased with the fact that her team was able to score despite committing multiple giveaways.

"We had 15 turnovers today, and our goal was to have five," Tandy said. "We had five in the first half and ten in the second. We are still turning the ball over in transition when we go from defense to offense, so that's another area that's an Achilles heel for us. I was proud of the fact that at least we put the ball in the basket. When you turn the ball over and still put the ball in the basket, it's a problem, but you can get away with it a little bit if you are putting

the ball in the basket on the other end."

Four Indians finished in double figures, while all but two players scored at least one point in the victory.

"I was pleased with our balanced scoring tonight," Tandy said. "Holli Greer had 23 points and 14 rebounds, which is a career-high for her. Alayna Webb had 18 points and nine steals. Halle Planck had 14 points and 12 rebounds. We also got scoring from Tyler Bartel with eight points and Riley McKee with 10 points. Dara Watson was a freshman we moved up from JV because of injuries, and she had four points. I was really pleased with just how balanced we were and how unselfish we were with sharing the basketball."

The Indians drew the Marion Giants for their first sectional game next Wednesday. Their first matchup with the Giants did not go so well, as the Giants built a huge first-half lead on their way to a 66-40 victory.

Now, heading into the rematch, Tandy believes it will be much different the second time around.

"I think our girls are much more confident right now," Tandy said. "Even though we know that no one expects us to compete in that game or win that game, our locker room believes something completely different. Right now, our girls are playing with that kind of heart, especially defensively. We just want the opportunity to put out what we have been

working on. We are just really excited about the opportunity to redo that [first] game. We were even [with them] all of the second half, but we got off to such a slow start, and we can't do that in this [upcoming] game. We are excited about the challenge, and we are going to get in the gym and get ready to go."

Oak Hill

The Oak Hill Golden Eagles won their 19th game of the season on Tuesday night, as they handily defeated the Eastern Comets 63-23.

Though the Golden Eagles defeated the Comets by 40 points, it took them a while to get into a groove, as the emotions of senior night took its toll early.

"On Senior Night, there is a lot of emotion, and sometimes, you just don't play as well as you want to [at the start]" Head Coach Todd Law said. "That's kind of the way things were tonight. It was just one of those things where we didn't get into sync until the final quarter. It took three quarter to shake things off and get back to playing the way we want to play."

"Everything just isn't the way it normally is. You have starting different lineups, so kids are rotating in at different times and at different spots. I just think it took us a little while to get settled down from that."

Along with that, despite scoring 63 points, the Golden Eagles missed uncharacteristic shots that they usu-

ally make.

"We struggled to score tonight," Law said. "We got 63 points, but we just missed some shots and some layups that we don't normally miss. When you struggle to put the ball in the basket, you feel like everything is bad, but I'm confident the kids will bounce back."

All but one Golden Eagle scored at least one point, led by Jenessa Hasty's 13. Taylor Westgate recorded a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds, while Brittany McCorkle also finished with 10 points.

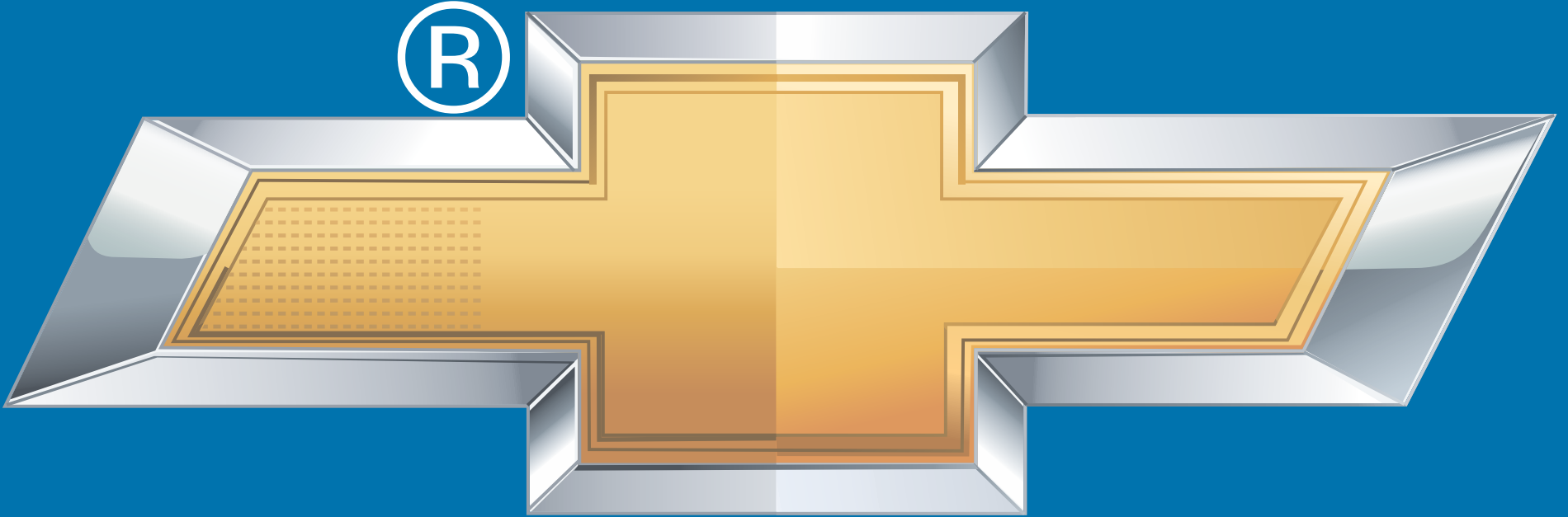
"We had a lot of balanced scoring tonight, and that's something that we always want," Law said. "It's tougher to defend. If one girl is not having a great offensive night, there are other girls that can pick [up the slack]."

Law was particularly impressed with McCorkle's game.

"I think the biggest bright spot of tonight was Brittany's play," Law said. "She had a very good game, hit her only three, and shot the ball well."

Now, with sectionals just around the corner, Law is hoping that his team will re-focus and be ready for their playoff run.

"I just want us to play consistent [basketball]," Law said. "We had spurts in the Alexandria game and we had spurts in this game, so we just have to get to where we are playing a little more consistent."



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