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Photos by Glen Devitt
There were pink sunglasses, socks, paint, powder, tutus, boas, wigs, bandanas, shorts, shirts, shoes, watches, water bottles, bags, beards, bows, balloons, and, yes, ribbons at the 2018 version of the Color Me Pink run to raise funds for Cancer Services of Grant County last week.



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CALENDAR

Thursday, October 11
7 pm—Fairmount Town Council, Town Hall, 214 W. Washington St. Info.: Clerk's Office, 765-948-4632 or fairmount-in.com

7 pm—Sweetser Town Council, Town Hall, 113 N. Main St. Info.: Tina J. Cole, Clerk-Treasurer, 765-384-5065 or sweetserclerk@yahoo.com

7 pm—Triumphant Quartet with Westward Road in Concert, Epworth United Methodist Church, 105 West 8th St., Matthews. Cost: \$15 for Artist Circle, \$10 for General Admission. Info: 765-998-2337

Friday, October 12
9 am—Mississinewa Reservoir Autumn Camping Weekend II, 4673 South 625 E, Peru. Enjoy a family fall weekend outdoors. Register by email: trody@dnr.in.gov. Free. Info: 260-468-2127.

9 am—Farmers Market - Marion, Courthouse Square, 100 E. 3rd St., Marion. Repeats every Saturday until Oct 27. Info: <https://www.facebook.com/GrantCountyIndiana/>

9 am—Mississinewa 1812, Mississinewa Battlefield, W 600 N 27 & N 380 W, Jalapa, IN. Largest War of 1812 living history event in the U.S. Free. Info: 800-822-1812 or info@mississinewa1812.com

9 am—Taylor University Alumni & Family Weekend, Taylor University. Various activities for alumni and parents campus-wide. Free. Info: 800-882-3456 or <http://www.taylor.edu>

3 pm—Grant County Farmer's Market - Upland, Upland Train Depot, Main and Railroad streets. Repeats, Fridays. Info.: [Facebook.com/grant-countyindiana](https://www.facebook.com/grant-countyindiana)

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Vets helped to 'stand down'

U.S. Rep. Brooks gives keynote address

by Alan Miller

The STAR Financial Coliseum, which now houses the Grant County Family YMCA, has stood as a memorial to American servicemen and servicewomen since it was dedicated in January 1928.

For the last seven years, on the first Friday of October, the historic brick building along the Mississinewa River has taken on added duties as a safe haven for the 5,300 veterans—one of every 12 people—who live in Grant County.

Despite a torrential downpour on the morning of October 5, hundreds of veterans were crammed into the lobby of the YMCA an hour before the 9 am scheduled opening of the 2018 Veterans Stand Down.

The term "Stand Down" refers

to a safe retreat for veterans returning from combat operations. Vietnam veterans in San Diego, CA, organized the first Veterans Stand Down in 1988. The original purpose was to provide supplies and services such as food, shelter, clothing and health screenings for homeless veterans.

"Homelessness is not necessarily a need for veterans in Grant County," said Brad Hodson, who is completing his first year as the county's Veterans Affairs Service Officer. "We have spent a lot of time and have done our due diligence to identify veterans who need housing and then to assist them."

Hodson and Bob Kelley organized this year's event. Kelley

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Photo by Alan Miller

Congresswoman Susan Brooks gave the keynote address at the Grant County "Stand Down" event last week.

IWU celebrates Homecoming, honors Hinds

Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) welcomed back hundreds of alumni and friends last Friday and Saturday to celebrate Homecoming 2018 with a variety of events for students, alumni and families.

The celebration kicked off on Friday morning with a special chapel service recognizing IWU's 2018 Alumni World Changer, Dr. Marvin Hinds (see article, below). Following the service were class reunions;



Photo by Alan Miller

Family members unveil the plaque honoring Dr. Marvin Hinds as IWU's 2018 Alumni World Changer.

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Hands of Hope to hold vigil

Hands of Hope is hosting its annual Candlelight Vigil in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness month. The vigil will be held at 7 pm on Thursday, October 11 at St. James Lutheran Church, 1206 N Miller Avenue, Marion.

The Vigil is part of October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness for all affected by domestic violence. "Too often people think they don't know someone whose life has been touched by domestic violence, only to later hear that their friend, co-worker or church member has been battered," said Linda Wilk, Hands of Hope director. "You never know when someone will reach out to you for help and just knowing the 24-hour hotline number to give them can be a life-changer."

Education on the impact domestic violence has on individuals and families is important because there are many who suffer directly or indirectly. Being aware of the signs can prevent violence in our lives and the lives of those around us.

This year's Candlelight Vigil will feature the story of Emily, a domestic violence survivor.

Emily had volunteered for a domestic violence shelter and donated to the cause, but because her husband never physically abused her she did not recognize the signs of verbal and emotional abuse. It wasn't until he struck her that she realized she

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INDIANA QUIZ

Answers are on page 10.

1. Which Indiana city celebrates "Riley Days" in October?
2. In which county is Indiana's highest point above sea level?
3. Actress Florence Henderson was born in what Indiana town?



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THE ROUNDUP Doug Roorbach



ers, drink, and artwork by the artists of Carey Services for sale via live auction (at 7 pm). You can meet some of the artists during the evening, and see a special presentation (at 6:30 pm).

HERE'S WHAT MADE ME GO "MMMMM" (INSTEAD OF "HHHMMM") THIS WEEK...Members of the Maple Run Friends Church on Saturday made almost 200 apple pies and sold them to raise money for missionary projects. The pies, including the crust, were made from scratch. Pictured: Kip Worrell prepares to help a customer load six apple pies in his car.

Joel Pyle and Jim Brunner came in second, while your intrepid reporter and Sports Editor Sean Douglas finished in third.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...for Saturday, October 13 and take the family to enjoy the third annual Expressions Art Exhibit at 6 pm at the Roseburg Event Center in Marion. There will be some great appetiz-

DOING GOOD



Photo by Alan Miller

Veterans inspect tables with some of the items available to them at the "Stand down" event last week.

noon at 2.

The Grant County Players will be performing the classic "Steel Magnolias" in Fairmount on October 19-21 with performances on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday at 2.

The talented students at the Community School of the Arts will be offering "The Real Inspector Hound" on November 3-4.

These are good opportunities to encourage these local performers by attending one of their performances. You will have a good time and they will appreciate you attending.

Voting for the Novem-

ber election begins this week by visiting the election office on the ground floor of the Grant County Courthouse. It's a good thing to be able to vote and it's a good thing when you do vote. A big "thank you" to all the candidates who are offering themselves for election this year. We appreciate you and we salute you!

The final good word today comes from the Good Book—the Holy Bible—where we read in Ecclesiastes 2:26: "For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight..."

—Mike Roorbach

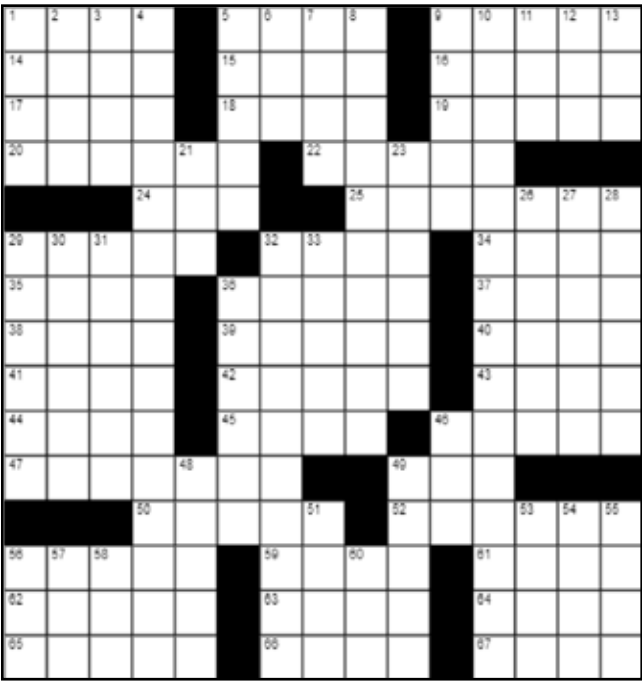
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CROSSWORD

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Across

1. Incline
5. Western Indians
9. Covered with mud
14. Iams alternative
15. Short skirt
16. Type of sanctum
17. Bubbly name
18. Collar type
19. Surgery souvenirs
20. Important person
22. ___ Janeiro
24. ___ tree falls...
25. Eighth sign of the zodiac
29. Young male horses
32. Sheep shelter
34. Inventor Rubik
35. No way
36. Tierney of "ER"
37. Shape
38. Dict. entries
39. Composer Bruckner
40. Ancient Greek coin
41. Nipple
42. Nest
43. Campbell of "Scream"
44. I could ___ horse!
45. General ___ chicken
46. Conceals
47. Rare metallic element
49. ___ Paulo
50. Draw off liquid gradually
52. Unfair lender
56. Skylit lobbies
59. Unclothed
61. Walkman maker
62. Inclined
63. Approved
64. Crescent-shaped figure
65. Marsh plant
66. Actress Russo
67. Votes for

Down

1. Gyro meat
2. "The Time Machine" people
3. Take down ___
4. In spite of
5. Last Greek letter
6. ___ for tat
7. ___ about (roughly)
8. Ill-omened
9. Botch
10. Informally
11. Modern-day evidence
12. ___ Rosenkavalier
13. Mos. and mos.
21. Conditions
23. Vast seas
26. Poked
27. Smitten
28. Large quantity
29. American general
30. Wanna bet?
31. Crescent-shaped
32. The Little Dog
33. Perform better than
36. Woman's loose gown
46. Gives birth to
48. Angry
49. Kid leather
51. Microwave
53. Womanizer
54. Sicilian resort
55. Some whiskeys
56. Gore and more
57. Driving aid
58. Far out!
60. Thieves' place

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5 pm—Discover Downtown Marion, 101 E. 4th St., Marion. Join us in downtown Marion for a fun Friday night. Free. Info: 765-662-1192.

7:30 pm—Twelfth Night presented by Marion Civic Theatre, 509 S. Washington St., Marion. Cost, \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students. Info: 765-668-7800.

Saturday, October 13
9 am—Mississinewa Reservoir Autumn Camping Weekend II, See Oct 12.

9 am—Your Favorite Hometown Market, Tree of Life Atrium, 16th St. and N. Baldwin Ave. Through September 22. Info.: 765-507-9071

9 am—Mississinewa 1812, See Oct 12.

9 am—Taylor University Alumni & Family Weekend, See Oct 12.

5:30 pm—Your Favorite Hometown Market, Tree of Life Atrium, 16th St. and N. Baldwin Ave. Every second Saturday evening through September 22. Info.: 765-507-9071

6 pm—Carey Services Expressions Art Experience, Roseburg Event Center, 2983 W. 38th St., Marion. Discover 'Expressions', a community art experience with inspiring stories and inspiring art. Free. Info: 765-668-8961 or http://www.careyservices.com/.

6 pm—Grant County Democratic Party FDR Dinner, Barnes Student Center, Indiana Wesleyan University. Cost: \$35. More info coming soon.

6 pm—Game Over, Hart's Celebration Center, 3031 East 450 North, Marion. Marion Wrestling Alliance presents

this wrestling event. Cost: \$5 plus one can of food to be donated to the Grant County Rescue Mission. Info: 765-517-1887.

7:30 pm—Twelfth Night presented by Marion Civic Theatre, See Oct 12.

Sunday, October 14
9 am—Taylor University Alumni & Family Weekend, See Oct 12.

2 pm—Twelfth Night presented by Marion Civic Theatre, See Oct 12.

Monday, October 15
10 am—Marion Board of Works, Marion Council Chambers, 401 S. Adams St., Marion. Info.: ajrichard@cityofmarion.in.gov or cityofmarion.in.gov

10:30 am—Preschool Tales,

Marion Public Library and Museum, 600 S Washington St. Free. Info.: Tylanna Jones, 765-668-2900, ext 105, tjones@marion.lib.in.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 pm—Understanding Grief, Family Life Care, 705 S. Baldwin Ave., Marion. Adults (18 up), free. Recurring. Info.: Jeff Luttrell, 800-355-2817

7 pm—Gas City Gospel Concerts, Hutchins Commons Pavilion, 211 E. Main St., Gas City. Repeats, Mondays through August 28. Info.: eastviewwesleyan.com or 765-674-7076

Tuesday, October 16

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

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

7 pm—Marion Public Library Board Meeting, Marion Public Library and Museum, Israel Conference Room, 600 S. Washington St. Info: mecklerle@marion.lib.in.us or marion.lib.in.us

8 pm—Al Anon meeting, New Life Club, 1301 W. Third St., Marion. Support program for individuals affected by another person's drinking. Info.: 765-662-8288

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To all who have left the church: We want you

Since the age of 23, the church has been a great part of my life. Early on, as a new Christian, I knew God was calling me to the local church. I believe the church is the greatest institution we have, outside of marriage. Marriage was the first institution God gave us. Over the last 43 years the church has brought me many blessings. However, there is one part of the church for which I have a great burden, and that is all of the casualties along the way.

You are thinking, “What do you mean?”

I have a real burden for people who once went to church, were actively involved, never missed, were always there when the doors

They are good moral people, treat their neighbors well, love their families, and live godly lives, but they have lost faith in the local church.

were open, and wanted to build the kingdom. This is a large faction of people I am talking about. It includes preachers, teachers, deacons, elders, Sunday School workers, and the list goes on. What happened to this group of people? For some reason or another they just quit going to church, but why? In most cases, it revolves around damaged emotions.

When we started Grace Community Church on May 8, 1993, my desire was that we could take on our

own personality as a local church. I didn’t want us to be just another church on the corner with nothing special to offer. There was definitely an answer to my prayer. God helped us to become a HEALING church.

Now let me explain, we are not a faith healing church, although I would love to see the Lord heal more people. I am referencing all of those folks who have been damaged along the way. If every person that had at one time served the Lord and now



JUST A THOUGHT
Rev. Tom Mansbarger



status. We care about you. We will tell you what God’s Word says, and encourage you to think for yourself.

People have always been the driving force here at Grace. There is nothing we would like more than to see you come through the door this week and join us in worshipping the Lord. The same Jesus that saved you years ago, that loved you and nurtured you in the faith, still loves you. He wants to see you back in church. I want to give you a personal invitation to come—We need you!

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.

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came to Grant County seven years ago as the veterans’ service officer and organized the first Stand Down. Both men are pleased that, in some respects, the event has not grown.

“It actually has decreased, and that is what we want,” Hodson said. “The fewer veterans we help, the less need there is. The first couple years of the Stand Down, we provided direct

assistance to about 200 veterans. Last year that number had gone down to 175.”

The scope of the Stand Downs has changed in recent years to focus on other needs of veterans, such as post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD) and suicide prevention.

Congresswoman Susan Brooks (Republican, District 5) applauded Grant County for caring so deeply about its veterans. “It is important that we as a country take care of our veterans,”

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campus tours; a Homecoming banquet; an alumni art exhibit; the homecoming student dance; and more.

Saturday included the first-ever Homecoming football game (see article, page 12) and tailgate, and concluded with a concert featuring Grammy-nominated contemporary Christian music singer-songwriter Lauren Daigle.

15 summers working with a research team at Purdue, primarily developing ways to improve defibrillators in order to lessen the traumatic effects on the heart.

“When I got the opportunity to serve with Purdue, I knew it was God rewarding me for being obedient,” Hinds said in an interview several years ago.

Hinds was honored posthumously Friday as the 2018 Indiana Wesleyan University Alumni World Changer during IWU’s annual Homecoming chapel. Hinds died in June at age 89. His wife Hazel died five months earlier.

Hinds received his bachelor’s degree in secondary education from Marion College in 1951, before joining the Air Force. He later earned a bachelor’s in electronics engineering from Valparaiso Technical Institute.

Hinds earned his doctorate in veterinary physiology from Texas A&M University

by Alan Miller

When Dr. Marvin Hinds was offered a teaching job at his undergraduate alma mater, Marion College, he accepted the offer without even asking what the salary would be.

Hinds taught for 23 years in the Biology Department at IWU, where he also served as the pre-med advisor, before retiring in 1995. He spent

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needed to leave. As a professional woman with a master’s degree, Emily believes her story can make a difference for someone who might not believe they are a victim or

know where to turn.

Emily, the College Wesleyan Church Worship Team, St. James Lutheran Church Pastor William Lahrman and Hands of Hope staff will lead he service.

Hands of Hope, a division of Family Service Society, Inc.

offers comprehensive prevention and intervention services to the community through the Flannery-Keal Home, an outreach advocate, prevention specialists and a licensed clinical therapist. All services provided by Hands of Hope are free to the community.

Mike and Karen visit the Museum of the Bible

In September, Karen and I spent a day in Washington, DC, at the Museum of the Bible. It was an amazing experience and unlike any other museum I have visited. Many people have asked us about it and it is difficult to describe it or explain what we experienced.

The museum sits in downtown Washington, and occupies an entire city block in a building that used to house a cold storage facility. The building has been totally remodeled and remade into the most modern state-of-the art museum in the city. It was easy for us to access it because the city’s efficient Metro train system has a station so close that you don’t need to cross a street to enter the museum.

The six floors are spacious and many efficient, large elevators make moving throughout the building very easy. The entire facility is handicap-accessible and we saw many wheelchairs and walkers in use. There are many places to sit throughout the museum and ample opportunities to be seated as you watch brief video presentations.

Technology is everywhere, from interactive video screens at eye level to rotating lectures and stage presentations and entire ceilings that can change appearance. There are other

technological tricks and surprises that await a visitor, as well, the most amazing to me being an exhibit called Washington Revealed that is worth the extra fee to see.

The museum is designed so that you interact with every exhibit by seeing it, hearing about it, and touching or interacting with it in some way. This three-pronged approach is educationally sound and makes for an amazing and fun experience.

All that considered, to me it is the central theme of the museum—the Bible itself—that makes this a one-of-a-kind experience. Because the Bible is a universal book, most of the usual cultural influences of the country where the museum is located are avoided. The Bible’s Jewish and Middle East origin is very much present and noted. The recreations of Bible places are real and interesting to see, hear, and experience.

The original items, artifacts, books, pictures, and memorabilia about the Bible are everywhere. Only a small percentage of the items that the Museum owns are on display, allowing for items to be changed and varied all the time. Bibles of famous people, Bibles from before printing, Bibles in the original languages, Bibles in the latest translated languages, large



WHERE’S MIKE?
Mike Roorbach



Bibles, small Bibles, picture Bibles—it seemingly never ends.

The museum features all the creature comforts a visitor could want. Coffee shop, restrooms on every floor, and a cafeteria with an award-winning chef with delicious food. On the top floor there is an observation area with a view that overlooks the Capitol Building and the Washington Monument.

We spent an entire eight-hour day, from when it opened at 9 am to its closing at 5 pm, and barely touched

the surface of things that could be seen, touched, or heard. To help folks who only want to spend a couple of hours, there are electronic tablets that can be downloaded with the information to walk you through the museum efficiently.

The Bible’s influence on the world is explored and driven home and I came away with an even greater appreciation for this amazing Book and its importance. The central message of the Bible—Jesus and His plan to redeem mankind—is presented clearly and simply. I was deeply moved by the section in the museum showing many blank books that each represented a known language that does not yet have a Bible translation.

I got so excited about this fabulous museum that I decided to encourage other people to go see it. It turns out that some of my friends here in Grant County want to go, so we have arranged a bus trip to for November 16-18. Jack and Diane Gardner and Karen and I have arranged with Mike Manganello and his Lightrider Ministry to take a group of 40 people. If you are interested in going with us the itinerary/details are in the box at right. I think you will be as amazed as I was at his amazing Museum.

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Museum of the Bible with Lightrider Ministries
November 16-18 2018

Day One Friday 16 November
7am Depart (having already eaten breakfast) from Lakeview Wesleyan Church, 5316 South Western Ave Marion, IN, traveling aboard the Lightrider, a spacious double decker coach; we’ll make a stop along the way for lunch* and at the Flight 93 Memorial**in Shanksville, PA in route to Arlington, VA to spend the night at the Red Lion Hotel Rosslyn/Iwo Jima** (double occupancy).

Day Two Saturday 17 November
8am Depart our hotel, having had breakfast*on our own,aboard the Lightrider; Arrive at the Museum of the Bible for group check in and orientation. We’ll experience a narrated tour** with plenty of free time to explore the museum individually. Lunch* is available at the museum. Upon leaving the museum (it closes at 2pm this day) we will tour the monuments aboard the Lightrider to include the World War II Memorial, the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and the Marine Corp War Memorial (Iwo Jima). We’ll enjoy a nice supper* while out and about then return to our hotel for the night.

Day Three Sunday 18 November
8am Check out of our hotel following breakfast* on our own. Travel to Annapolis, MD for the 11am Protestant worship service at the US Naval Academy Chapel. Free time following church for lunch*in the Annapolis waterfront area. 2pm depart Annapolis for home, arriving at Lake View Wesleyan by or around midnight.

Cost per person \$395 (double occupancy) or an additional \$150 for single occupancy. Make checks payable to Lakeview Wesleyan with Museum of the Bible in the memo line. Send to Mike Roorbach 4615 South Bell Drive, Marion, IN 46953.

* Out of pocket expense
** Included in the Lightrider Trail Fee

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The benefits of yoga for people over 60

Over the past decade or so, yoga has become commonplace in the American fitness scene. Yoga, an ancient Eastern practice once primarily isolated to Indian villages and ashrams, began to spread into Western culture through a variety of gyms and, eventually, dedicated yoga studios. The Western version of this ancient form of mind-body exercise, breathing techniques, and meditation became popular initially with young women and drove an entire industry of fitness, yoga apparel, studios, and relevant equipment.

Over the past few years, men have become a large part of the yoga community and virtually every professional athlete now incorporates yoga into their training regimen, both on and off season.

Now, a new group of practitioners are taking up yoga and making it a part of their weekly, if not daily, life—seniors. People over 60 years old are realizing that the benefits of yoga for them are numer-

The goal of yoga is to slowly improve your strength, flexibility, and balance of mind and body. Like all good things in life, improving your yoga practice takes time, but you will start realizing some of the benefits almost immediately

ous. Backed by solid scientific studies that show the correlation between yoga and health, seniors are embracing this practice as a way to improve happiness, increase strength, reduce anxiety, reduce the risk of falls, improve flexibility, and even stave off certain symptoms of dementia.

Over the next four weeks, we will be offering a series of articles that detail how certain aspects of yoga and yoga “poses” can have a direct impact on both the mental and physical health of people over 60, but first let’s dive into how you can practice it safely and effectively.

Beginning yoga for the first time can be intimidating, so find a facility where you are comfortable and can relate with the instructor. You will eventually find that your time

“on the mat” will be some of the best, most peaceful time of your day. Be sure to pick a yoga studio that has all the mats and other props that you will need so you only need to show up and enjoy your class.

The goal of yoga is to slowly improve your strength, flexibility, and balance of mind and body. Like all good things in life, improving your yoga practice takes time, but you will start realizing some of the benefits almost immediately. Don’t rush your practice and enjoy the small improvements you feel after each class. As your strength, flexibility, and mental focus improve, you can stretch your practice to new levels at a pace that is comfortable for you.

The single most important aspect of an effective and safe practice is to have a good

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Please keep in mind that yoga is indeed a journey and that you will improve over time and be able to stretch your practice to new heights. However, the ultimate goal of your yoga journey should be to experience improvements in your daily life. You should begin feeling, moving, and thinking better as you continue to incorporate yoga into your daily life.

Next week, we will begin looking at specific poses and parts of your yoga practice that address particular aspects of health and wellness relevant to people over 60.

The day the ‘First Man’ called our intrepid reporter

Air warning here: What with living in a pop culture that morphs every three or four minutes, we are about to be overrun by a nostalgic return to a July night in 1969 and the dramatic role played by a diminutive Buckeye who became famous by way of Purdue University.

On Friday, with much fanfare and folderol, actor Ryan Gosling will step onto the movie screen as the “First Man,” a biopic of sorts of the life and times of astronaut Neil Armstrong, the man—the “First Man,”—

the only man who shall ever be able to lay claim to being the “first man” to set foot on someplace other than planet Earth, even if it was only “one small step” on the nearby moon.

Of course, next year, the 50th anniversary of that moment that most of us saw on a grainy black-and-white TV screen, we will be awash in commemorations, recollections and renewed calls for a return to our pursuit of other places.

It is Neil Armstrong who compels us at the moment, though. The quiet, unassuming Purdue grad, Class

of ‘55, the engineer from Wapakoneta, OH, who, by virtue of both hard work and fate, has his name writ large in human history.

Much of our awareness of the man and his mission is thanks to a Hoosier writer, a Fort Wayne Elmhurst grad, James Hansen, who pursued and ultimately wrote the 648-page biography of Armstrong titled “First Man.” It was published back in 2005, did modestly well in bookstores, and was battling around the Hollywood studio maze for a decade before it got to the big

screen. Along the way it crossed paths with all sorts of movie makers, including Clint Eastwood.

As author Hansen explains it, Eastwood took the first option on the movie rights to the book, but ultimately took a pass because, according to Hansen, Eastwood concluded moving the story from page to screen would “involve too much heavy lifting.”

Hansen’s pursuit of the Armstrong story is a tale unto itself, well told by Keith Elchert in Sunday’s Journal Gazette in Fort Wayne, but it is Armstrong that still compels us here.

He was born just east of we Hoosiers over in Auglaize County, OH, back in 1930, aeronautical engineering degree from Purdue, Navy aviator in Korea, test pilot seeking the limits of man and machine and, of course, astronaut of the Gemini generation and on into Apollo; Apollo11 and onto the moon with Ed Aldrin and Michael Collins. Post-space-days he taught engineering at the University of Cincinnati and died at age 82 back in 2012.

His two sons, Rick and Mark, who are now middle-aged men who deal with computer software, are about to preside over an auction of 800 personal items to be sold in Dallas in nearly November, things like a note to the Easter Bunny writ-

ten by a very young Neil back in Wapakoneta and son Mark’s third grade report card, signed by dad, Neil A. Armstrong.

Said the boys of their spaceman father: “We were sheltered. It might just as well have been a business trip he was on. A business trip to the moon. It really was like that.”

Before we part today, though, indulge me for just a minute and let me tell you about the time he called me on the phone. It was January of 1986 and the space shuttle Challenger had blown up on takeoff in Florida, killing all hands aboard.

I had been taken under some protest from my desk at the Chronicle-Tribune in those days and plunked down at the upstart USA Today in Washington, DC, for a few months. On that January day we all were assigned to news reporting on the biggest story of the decade. My job: Call old astronauts for their thoughts on the tragedy and the future of spaceflight. Collins, Carpenter, Schirra, Shepard, Slayton. As many as I could get, including the “First Man,” Neil Armstrong.

I called his Cincinnati office and they politely told me he was not available, but would take a message. I did. They did. End of story, I thought. The first man on the moon doesn’t return phone

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calls to reporters.

Fast forward an hour. The phone rings. I answer.

“Ed,” says a gentle voice on the other end, “this is Neil Armstrong. What can I do for you?”

I recall nothing else of that day.

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10/5—Frankton 0-35 Oak Hill
10/5—Madison-Grant 6-0 Elwood
10/6—Saint Francis (Ill.) 34-35 IWU
10/6—Taylor Univ. 13-40 Siena Heights Univ.

Boys Tennis
10/2—Delta 4-1 Marion (Regional)

Volleyball
10/2—Marion 0-3 Madison-Grant
10/2—Eastbrook 3-0 Blackford
10/2—Mississinewa 0-3 Pendleton Heights
10/2—IWU 3-1 Mount Vernon Nazarene Univ.
10/3—Marion Univ. 3-2 Taylor Univ.
10/4—Eastbrook 3-1 Marion
10/4—Elwood 0-3 Madison-Grant
10/4—Frankton 0-3 Mississinewa
10/4—Blackford 0-3 Oak Hill
10/5—IWU 3-0 Spring Arbor Univ.
10/5—Taylor Univ. 2-3 Grace College
10/6—@ NCC Tournament
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Marion 0-2 Lafayette Jefferson
Marion 0-2 Logansport
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10/6—Eastbrook 3-1 Madison-Grant (Grant Four)
10/6—Oak Hill 3-0 Madison-Grant (Grant Four Consolation)
10/6—Mississinewa 3-1 Eastbrook (Grant Four Championship)
10/6—Bethel College 0-3 IWU
10/6—Taylor Univ. 1-3 Univ. of Saint Francis
10/8—Northfield 2-3 Oak Hill

Soccer sectionals

Both Eastbrook teams win titles

Foulk sets scoring record in sectional final win

Eastbrook star striker, Sarah Foulk, made some Grant County history on Saturday afternoon. With six goals in the sectional championship match against the Eastern Comets, Foulk set a new single season scoring record with 48 goals, as the Panthers dominated from start to finish in a 10-0 rout.

With the win, the Panthers will move on to the regional round this coming weekend.

“To be honest, with the talent we had on this team, I would have expected nothing less,” Eastbrook Head Coach Jamie Hallis said. “These girls have so much talent, so I think this is right where they should be. They completely deserved that win.”

While Sarah Foulk lit up the scoreboard once again, she continued her unselfish play, passing the ball to teammates and providing constant encouragement.

“One of my favorite things about this game was that coming into it, Sarah knew she needed five or six goals I think to break the record,” Hallis said. “And yet, she had two assists in the game, and she played balls to her teammates from the beginning of the game. It was gorgeous. It was so great to watch her want this goal so bad, and she is probably one of the most competitive people I’ve ever

met. It was a great feeling to watch these girls come together on both ends to be supportive.”

Along with their high-powered offense and stout defense, the Panthers’ close bond has been another big factor in their success this season, and it showed once again in Saturday’s victory.

“I think they make it possible for me to coach,” Hallis said. “I don’t feel like I am going to work when I go to soccer. I know it’s kind of cheesy, but it’s like they are a family. It could have easily gotten ugly between some of them because of competition, but it’s been incredible to watch them decide, ‘No, this is the environment we are going to have here. We are going to stay positive. We are going to love on each other. We are going to encourage each other.’ The girls have taken that on and decided that’s who they are.”

Panthers edge Owls for title

It was a banner day for Eastbrook soccer.

After the girls captured their sectional title, the boys fought off a scrappy Muncie Burris team, 1-0.

The Panthers came away with many chances in the first half, but they were unable to find the back of the net.

Meanwhile, on the defensive end, Eastbrook goalkeeper Jacob Huber and the back line did a great job of limiting scoring chances



Photo by Sean Douglas

Eastbrook senior midfielder Garret Holder (#4 in white) dribbles down the sideline against Rahul Agarawal, a senior midfielder at Muncie Burris.

and keeping the ball in front of them.

In the second half, the Panthers took control, advancing the ball well while keeping the Owls’ offense grounded.

Collin Burman, who has played well in the last few games, finally broke through with just under 27 minutes to go, as the junior forward settled the ball in front of the net and placed it above the goalkeeper’s head to give Eastbrook a 1-0 lead.

“He’s out there, he’s pressuring, he shows up the wings, he’s connecting, and he is just hunting for [goals.]” Eastbrook Head Coach Adam Hallis said of Burman.

The defense stiffened down the stretch, not allowing Muncie Burris to get into a rhythm, and the Panthers held on to win their

second straight sectional title.

“Muncie Burris started out really strong,” Hallis. “They were playing really fast, and we kind of got sucked into that speed game. We settled down in about 10 minutes, and we were fine.”

Eastbrook will face Leo this coming Saturday at 12 pm. The regional will be held at Oak Hill High School.

Earlier rounds—Girls: Panthers eliminate Oak Hill

Foulk scored two goals, the defense recovered nicely after a slow start, and the Panthers punched their ticket to the sectional final with a 3-1 win over the Oak Hill Golden Eagles.

For the first eight minutes of the match, the Golden Eagles did an excellent

job of mirroring Foulk and keeping her from finding any open space, but at the 31:59 mark, and with three Oak Hill defenders draped all over here, Foulk wiggled and weaved her way through all of them, depositing the ball into the back of the net to give the Panthers a 1-0 lead. From then on, the Panthers settled into their game, applying tremendous pressure while stifling the Oak Hill offense.

“I feel like we do that a lot—we just need that first goal,” Eastbrook Head Coach Jamie Hallis said. “Luckily, Sarah is good and often puts it in pretty early for us and that settles us down.”

With the victory, the Panthers improved to 7-1 on the season and are looking to end their regular season on a high note against Elwood next Friday night.

“We had a couple of injuries Friday night,” Adamson said. “Xaine Kirby went out on the second play of the game, and Drew Cochran went out very early in the second quarter. The big thing for us right now is that we need to get healthy, and then second of all, we want to finish the regular season with some momentum heading into the tournament.”

Oak Hill trimmed the deficit to two goals at the 13:10 mark off a free kick from Abby Strange, but the Eastbrook defense stiffened after that, keeping their focus and intensity down the stretch to secure the victory.

Marion girls

In their first sectional

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Football: five county wins

Eastbrook

Against a tough offense on Friday night, the Eastbrook Panthers’ defense made big plays when needed, shutting out the Blackford Bruins, 21-0.

Blackford runs a wing-T offense, which is an old-school attack based on mostly running the football. It revolves around deception and keeping the defense off-balance, and, while the Bruins moved the ball well on Friday, the Panthers’ defense did not break, denying Blackford a chance to score.

“The best thing we did was kick off really well,” Eastbrook Head Coach Jeff Adamson said. “We really had to put them in as bad of field position as possible throughout the night and try to make them play with a long field. We kept them out of the end zone, but I would hesitate to say that we stopped them. They moved the ball well on us—we were just able to figure out a way to keep them out of the end zone.”

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Madison-Grant

After dropping a tough contest to the Oak Hill Golden Eagles last weekend, the Madison-Grant Argylls put together an impressive performance. The defense pitched a shutout, and the Argylls scored with under a minute to go in the contest to defeat the Elwood Panthers, 6-0.

Madison-Grant quarterback Dillon Brooks found running back Mike Stewart for a 30-yard pass for the game-winning touchdown.

“Against Blackford and Oak Hill, we only trailed by one score going into halftime and then the second half in

both of the games we couldn’t do anything,” Madison-Grant Head Coach Brady Turner said. [But on] Friday night when we played Elwood I thought we did a better job at playing the entire game. Every victory is great and these kids continue to work hard and want to get better each week.”

With the win, the Argylls improved to 2-6 on the season.

Marion

All teams, even the good ones, have an off night. The Marion Giants’ performance against Indianapolis Arsenal Tech Titans on Friday night would fall into this category.

The offense struggled mightily to move the ball in the first half. The Giants’ special teams, usually a strength, gave up two blocked punts. Marion also committed four turnovers, missed three field goals, and had three huge drops on passes that would have gone for touchdowns.

Even on off nights, good teams find a way to win, and that’s exactly what Marion did.

The defense shined from start to finish, the offense woke up after halftime, and the Giants improved to 8-0 on the season with a 34-6 victory over the Titans.

The Giants defense was tested early. After the Tech defense forced a Marion three-and-out, they put themselves in great field position with their first blocked punt of the contest, setting up a shot at the Marion 23-yard line. But the Titans would only get as far as the five-yard line, as excellent run defense by the Giants, combined with several penalties, kept them out of the end zone, and Marion forced a turnover on downs.

“That was major,” Marion defensive end Dre Aguilar said. “Our whole team got down—they thought they were going to score. The coaches got into us, telling us to keep our heads up and stay positive. We got the job done.”

Sparked by that big stop, the Marion offense went to work; quarterback Keshawn Taylor capped off a nine-play, 79-yard drive with an 11-yard touchdown pass to DeAngelo Jones.

While Marion’s defense continued to stymie the Tech attack, the Giants’ offense fell into a rut. A botched punt by the Titans set Marion up in great field position at their own 43-yard line, but came away with no points after a missed field goal.

Later in the second quarter, the Giants were at midfield, but a fumble by JK Thomas gave the ball back to Tech with a chance to do some damage.

However, the Giants’ defense was up to the challenge, forcing another three-and-out, before their special teams recovered yet another bungled punt attempt deep in Tech territory.

Once again, though, Marion stalled, turning the ball over on downs after a Taylor pass to Brayden Burke fell incomplete.

Disaster struck on the Giants’ ensuing drive, as the Titans’ Dehaven Butts broke through the line, blocked another Marion punt, recovered the ball and ran it in for a touchdown. Tech went for two, but failed to convert, keeping it a 7-6 Marion lead.

The Giants had one more scoring opportunity before the half ended, but a second missed field goal kept it a one-point game heading into halftime.

Head Coach Craig Chambers and his coaching staff have made incredible second-half adjustments throughout the season, and that trend continued on Friday. In the last 24 minutes, the Giants looked like a different football team.

After scoring just one touchdown in the first half, the Giants scored touchdowns on their first three drives of the second half. Thomas had a nine-yard touchdown run, Taylor threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Isaiah Hamilton and had a 17-yard scamper to put the Giants up 28-6 by the middle of the third quarter.

After playing suffocating defense in the first half, the Giants’ defense was even better after halftime, not allowing the Titans to pick up a single first down in the final two quarters. Furthermore, the

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You’re running out of time

You are running out of time. If you haven’t caught an Indiana Wesleyan University football game in this, their first-ever season, you have one final home game to see.

On Saturday, November 17, they will host Lawrence Tech., now 5-0, in the final game at home this season.

Four great crowds have packed themselves into the Wildcat Stadium to see four fun home games. Opening Day, a tough loss to archrival Taylor. Now, the last three games, all at home, three wins—over Trinity Bible, Lindenwood, and, this past Saturday, over a really talented team from St. Francis of Illinois.

Five times in the Homecoming game last Saturday, the St. Francis Fighting Saints scored and took the lead, and five times the Wildcats responded with a touchdown of their own. Luckily for IWU, the Saints missed one of their extra points, so IWU led, 35-34, with time running out.

With possession of the ball near midfield, and needing just one final first down to cement the win, the ‘Cats fumbled the ball away and gave St. Francis the opportunity to ruin Homecoming with a game-

Five times St. Francis took the lead; five times the Wildcats responded.

winning field goal.

The ‘Cats, who had gained more than 500 yards, found within themselves the pride needed to win a huge game like this. The defense kept the Saints from marching downfield to kick a chip-shot field goal.

With three seconds left on the clock, St. Francis lined up for a long-but-makeable 42-yard field goal with the potential to win the game.

The capacity crowd was on its feet as the ball was snapped.

Wide left on the kick. Bedlam on the field. ‘Cats win; ‘Cats win. First-year coach Jordan Langs got his first Gatorade bath, and the place went nuts.

In the press box for an interview after the game, the young coach called the Homecoming one-point win a signature victory, one they wouldn’t soon forget.

So now the 4-1 ‘Cats take to the road for four straight Saturdays. The trips to Michigan, Michigan, Illinois and Michigan



SPORTS TALK

Jim Brunner



will be a true measuring stick for this first-year program, but, no matter what happens between now and the end of the season on November 17, IWU has a Homecoming win to talk about all winter long.

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defense took care of the rest of the scoring, with a fumble recovery by Brendon Martin in the end zone followed by a safety two plays later.

Chambers was thrilled with the way his defense played.

"It was phenomenal for us," Chambers said. "When the offense isn't doing what they are supposed to do, the defense saves us and kind of makes it a little bit easier for us. In the second half, we got a couple of things done offensively. We moved the ball extremely well. We just have to finish some of those easy plays. There were a couple of different things, but we've got to clean up and get better."

Even though the Giants' special teams struggled mightily against Tech, Chambers believes that it was just an anomaly. "It was just some missed assignments," Chambers said. "They brought some speed off the side. It really doesn't concern me because our special teams are pretty good. We'll be fine."

Aguilar, who injured his knee against Anderson and made his return to the lineup Friday night, was nothing short of dominant, recording four sacks and setting the edge all evening long. Though he has been healthy over the past few weeks, Chamber kept him out as a precaution, and while Aguilar wanted to be out there with his teammates, he respected the decision of his coaches. "I was impatient, but I have to

listen to the coaches," Aguilar said with a smile. "They know what's best, and it turned out right."

With an 8-0 record heading into the season finale, Marion has a chance to clinch their first NCC championship since 2006, but the Giants are not looking at it like that. To them, it is just going to be another football contest.

"Honestly, we can't even look at it at that way," Aguilar concluded. "We just have to look at it like another game and get the job done."

Unofficially, Taylor finished the game with 132 yards passing and three touchdowns--two through the air and one on the ground--while Thomas finished with 137 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries.

The Marion defense held the Tech running game to -36 yards rushing, a new school record.

Mississinewa

The Mississinewa Indians continued to roll on Friday night, winning their seventh straight contest in a 65-27 rout of the Alexandria-Monroe Tigers. Mississinewa got off to a bit of a slow start, and the defense gave up more points than they usually do, but they quickly got back on track

"We came out a little flat, which has become a little bit of a problem for us in the past few weeks," Head Coach Curt Funk said. "I thought we had some breakdowns on defense, but made some adjustments, we got some passion in us, and then in the third quarter we were able to score 37 points. For the first time in a long time, I saw a passion that I have been waiting to see this year. It really showed in that third quarter for us. That was a big factor in our win."

Heisman Skeens finished with three rushing touchdowns on the evening and continues to look more and more comfortable at the quarterback position. "In the third quarter, he really broke out big time in the running game," Funk said. "All night, when we asked him to pass the ball, he was very accurate in the passing game too. We had a really nice balanced attack, and we are improving each week."

Cade Campbell scored four touchdowns on the ground, while Andrew Cruz rushed for one while also blocking a punt to cause a safety. Mississinewa will wrap up the regular season this coming Friday night against the Blackford Bruins.

Oak Hill Golden Eagles won their second straight contest on Friday night, riding a strong performance by the defense and running back Jon Holz in a 35-0 shutout victory over the Frankton Eagles.

The Golden Eagles' defense was tremendous on Friday, holding the Eagles to just 101 yards of total offense in the contest, while coming away with two turnovers and

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game on Thursday evening, the Marion Giants made quick work of the Peru Tigers, scoring early and often in 12-0 rout. Marion striker Taylor Kitts finished with five goals in the contest, giving her 35 on the season, which set a new Giants' record for most goals in a single season.

Gabi Reed was also a dominant force for the Giants, netting a hat trick, while Claire Hendricks recorded two goals. Jazmyn Turner and Aliya Willhide also scored for Marion.

In the sectional final on Saturday afternoon, the Western Panthers capitalized on several mistakes to come away with a 4-2 win and end the Giants' season.

Marion netted the first goal on a Taylor Kitts penalty kick, but a converted PK by Western's Faith Lytle and a tally off a turnover in front of the Giants' net by Sophie Weigt put the Panthers up, 2-1.

"We came out strong, played our game, and took an early lead in the first 15 minutes, which was great," Boggs said. "But then, I felt like we maybe got a little overconfident and stopped doing what we were doing and started just kicking the ball around."

The Giants' biggest blunder of the night came late in the first half, as Weigt intercepted a poor clearing at-

tempt and put it past Marion goalkeeper Morgan Hartman to give Western a 3-1 lead.

Kitts converted a second penalty kick to cut the lead to 3-2 with 22 minutes left, but Western put the game away in the final four minutes to secure the victory.

Mississinewa shut out

The Mississinewa Indians were unable to contain a high-powered Western offense, as the Panthers scored early and often in an 11-0 triumph. Sophia Weigt scored four goals, while Alexandra Parr finished with a hat trick. Samantha Garber tallied twice, while Audrey Rassel and Maddy Parr also found twine for the Panthers. Western recorded a whopping 45 shots.

"I was proud of them tonight," Mississinewa Head Coach Andrea Wilson said. "They worked. They never gave up...We worked hard all season. I'm proud of them. It's been a fun season."

Earlier rounds—Boys: Mississinewa blanked

The Mississinewa Indians' 2018 season came to an end, a week ago Wednesday as they were defeated by the Northwestern Tigers, 10-0. "Northwestern was able to keep possession of the ball, and we just couldn't pass to our team," Mississinewa Head Coach Jared Reel said. Mississinewa finished the 2018 season with a 5-10-1 record.

Oak Hill falls to Western

in penalty kicks

The Oak Hill Golden Eagles put forth another incredible effort in the sectional semifinal, but their 2018 season came to an end with a hard-fought 2-1 loss to the Western Panthers in penalty kicks.

Despite overwhelming pressure from the Western attack, the Golden Eagles got on the board first, as Gavin Holz scored off a great assist from Luke Van-Bibber four minutes into the match to give Oak Hill a 1-0 advantage.

Oak Hill goalkeeper Sam Boyer played very well for the second straight match, making big save after big save, but the unrelenting Western attack finally found twine late in the second half, as Nolan Kessler tallied the equalizer with 16 minutes remaining in the match.

After neither team scored again in the second half or in either overtime periods, the contest went to penalty kicks. After both teams scored just one goal on their first five PK's, Western's Charles Padgett converted to send Western to the sectional final.

"I'm so proud of the effort and intensity that our guys brought, and it's disappointing that we weren't able to get a win tonight," said Oak Hill Head Coach Joel Garverick, "PK shootouts are always unpredictable, but hats off to Western."

Oak Hill finished the season with 6-9-3 record.

VB: Mississinewa wins Grant Four

The Mississinewa Indians finished off the regular season in style, capturing their second straight Grant Four title with a three-set win over the Oak Hill Golden Eagles in the semifinal and a four-set win over the Eastbrook Panthers in the championship.

The Indians quickly dispatched an Oak Hill team that has been playing excellent volleyball of late (23-25, 25-27, 23-25), before taking on the upstart Panthers on their home floor.

The Panthers grabbed the early advantage, winning the first set after capitalizing on Mississinewa's slow start, but the Indians regrouped and refocused, claiming victory in the final three sets to retain the title.

"It took us a while to get used to Eastbrook's offense," Mississinewa Head Coach Jodi Bolser said.

Panthers runners-up

The Eastbrook Panthers dispatched the Madison-

Grant Argylls, recovering from a first set loss to defeat them in four sets. "I think they really wanted to focus on that game that they were in right there," Eastbrook Head Coach Kelly Rupert said.

Against Madison-Grant, Audrey Altum finished with 16 kills, while Helaina Walters recorded 13. Josalyn Martinez came away with 29 assists, while Altum led the defense with 17 digs.

In the championship match against Mississinewa, Walters finished with 16 kills, Martinez recorded 30 assists, and Schelly Jones came away with 13 digs.

Golden Eagles third

The Oak Hill Golden Eagles finished in third place, losing to the Mississinewa Indians in the first match before bouncing back to sweep the Madison-Grant Argylls in the consolation match (25-18, 25-13, 25-21).

Against Mississinewa,

Ashlyn Transier finished with 15 kills and four blocks, while Taylor Westgate recorded 15 kills and four blocks. Ella Ridgeway dished out 16 assists, while Abby Shaw and Brittany McCorkle each had 14 digs.

In the match with Madison-Grant, Westgate led the charge with 13 kills, while Transier finished with nine. Lexi Carmichael recorded 13 assists, while McCorkle came away with 13 digs in the victory.

Madison-Grant struggles

The Madison-Grant Argylls struggled in the Grant Four tournament on Saturday, losing to host Eastbrook in four sets, before losing to Oak Hill in the consolation match later in the day. Madison-Grant won the first set against Eastbrook, but the Panthers dominated the second set, winning 25-7, and carrying that momentum through the remaining two sets.



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IWU football ekes out 35-34 win for Homecoming

It has been a season of firsts for the IWU Wildcats football program.

On September 1, they played their first-ever football game. The week after that, they won their first contest in school history, over Anderson. In week three, they notched their first home win.

Last Saturday, they came away with their first Homecoming victory, and did so in thrilling fashion.

In a back-and-forth contest from start to finish, the Wildcats came out on top, as a big sack by Peyton Marksbury and a missed field goal helped the Wildcats secure a 35-34 victory over the University of Saint Francis Fighting Saints.

“That’s a very good football team, a very good NAIA football team, a playoff team from a few years ago,” IWU Head Coach Jordan Langs said. “That’s a signature win for our football program and a signature win for the university. To win a game like that with only two classes in, it’s says a lot about those kids and lot about [our] assistant coaches who put the effort in.”

With the victory, the Wildcats improved to 4-1 on the season, and have now won four straight since the program’s opening loss to the Taylor Trojans.

The Fighting Saints came into Saturday’s game with a 1-4 record, but they proved very quickly that they were a much better football team than their record indicated. After the Wildcats went three-and-

out on their first position, Saint Francis’ high powered offense got to work, going 67 yards in eight plays and capping off the drive with a 33-yard touchdown run from quarterback Don Butkus, the great-nephew of legendary Chicago Bear linebacker Dick Butkus.

As would be the theme throughout the entire afternoon, though, the Wildcats had an answer.

After moving the ball to the Saint Francis 40-yard line, IWU quarterback Zack Blair launched a perfect 40-yard touchdown pass into the arms of Brayden Smith, tying the game up at 7 after the extra point.

Blair, after not throwing the ball as much in the last few weeks due to the success of the running game, reminded everybody of his immense talent on Saturday, finishing with 243 yards on 14 completions to go along with two touchdowns.

“He’s special,” Langs said of his quarterback. “You see some of the throws he makes. We have guys that can get open, so that helps, but the balls he throws out there are just unbelievable.

Both teams scored touchdowns on two of the next three plays. Butkus hit Fighting Saints star receiver Brandon Ruffin for a 68-yard touchdown, and, after a great return from IWU’s Amaun Clark, to the Saint Francis 36-yard line, Blair unleashed another beautiful ball, this time to running back Devodney Alford, to tie



the game up at 14.

The Fighting Saints retook the lead early in the second quarter, as Ruffin secured his second touchdown catch of the game, this time from Aaron Ellis, who played most of the game after Butkus left due to injury. The Fighting Saints missed the extra point after the touchdown, giving them a 20-14 advantage.

It only took five plays for IWU to take its first lead of the afternoon. After Blair connected with Smith on a 32-yard pass play, the Wildcats employed a little razzle dazzle at the goal line, running the double reverse to Clark to go up 21-20.

IWU’s defense stiffened as the second quarter progressed. Saint Francis drove the ball down to the IWU 32-yard line, but Ishmael Avila sacked Ellis on fourth-and-8 to give

the ball back to the Wildcats offense.

IWU put an impressive drive together, which included a 54-yard screen pass from Blair to running back Joshua McKenzie on third-and-20, but on third-and-goal from the Saint Francis six-yard line, Blair committed a big blunder, as his pass was intercepted in the end zone, and the Wildcats lead remained at one heading into halftime.

To open the second half, the Fighting Saints quickly drove 77 yards in six plays to go back up by six points.

One play after Saint Francis retook the lead, the Wildcats took it back, as Alford burst down the left side, weaving and wiggling his way for a 76-yard touchdown run. “I trust my teammates, and we have a good line, but it was all God,” Alford said. “There was a small hole, and I knew I had to hit it hard, so that’s what I did.”

The Wildcats were not done facing adversity just yet, as the Fighting Saints went right back down the field and scored to regain the advantage.

The Wildcats did not back down – they went right at the Fighting Saints. Starting at the end of the third quarter, the Wildcats began the eventual game-winning drive at their own 32-yard line, fighting and clawing for every inch. On the possession, the Wildcats converted four third downs and one fourth down, which included an incredible 16-yard reception by Caleb Kelley on a third-and-10 in the red zone.

“Those are things that you can’t coach, and that is why you recruit so hard, because

you need players who will make those plays,” Langs said. “There is a reason you recruit Brayden Smiths—you can’t guard them. Guys like Zack Blair keep the play alive, and Caleb Kelley made a huge, huge catch. It’s just really cool to see.”

Two plays after Kelley’s catch, Alford scored his second rushing touchdown from three yards to put the Wildcats in front for good.

The IWU offense came into the game ranking second in the NAIA with 324.5 rushing yards per game, but in the first half on Saturday, the Wildcats amassed just 54 yards on the ground. That is, until Alford broke out in the second half. Alford shined on Saturday, finishing with 166 yards and two touchdowns to go along with his receiving score.

While Alford played well, Langs also gave credit to his assistant coaches and the offensive line for a job well done. “We just wore them down,” Langs said. “Yes, Devodney is very good. He deserves a lot of credit. He’s a special player, but, Coach Terrazas and Coach Moore had a great plan. They had some nasty fronts out there on the defensive side, and our offensive line, as young as they are, got their blocks and stayed on them and did different stuff and adjusted to their schemes.”

After Alford’s touchdown, the IWU defense buckled down, stopping the Fighting Saints on their next two drives, but the Wildcats were not out of the woods yet.

With the ball at midfield and the Wildcats trying to run out the clock, Blair fumbled the football and the Fighting Saints recovered, giving them a chance, with just over two minutes remaining, to steal a win.

Ellis connected on passes of 16 and 13 yards to advance the Fighting Saints’ offense to the IWU 20-yard line. Then Marksbury, who was a monster on defense all afternoon long, made the biggest play of the game at its most crucial moment. On third-and-11, Marksbury burst through the line, sacking Ellis and taking Saint Francis out of comfortable field goal range.

“I just knew the guys were going to get the job done, and

I knew we needed to make [that] play to get this win,” Marksbury said. “We did it. Our team made [the play] at the right time.”

Saint Francis lined up for a game-winning 42-yard field goal, but the ball sailed wide left and the Wildcats survived what will go down as an instant classic.

“All the credit has to go to the defense,” Blair said. “When the game was on the line, those guys stepped up. Peyton made an extremely big play for us, and then our special teams [made] them miss [the field goal.] so all the credit has to go to them. I made mistakes that cost us early that I am going to obviously have to fix, but I have all the confidence in the world in what these guys are doing on the defensive side of the ball. They did exactly what I thought they would.”

Smith caught seven passes for 121 yards and a touchdown in the victory, while Marksbury finished with 13 tackles and two sacks.

Now, the Wildcats will play four straight road games before returning to Wildcat Stadium, and while they are proud of their accomplishments through the first five weeks, they know they have to keep playing at a high level in order to remain successful.

“It’s an amazing feeling,” Marksbury said of being 4-1. “We just have to keep doing what we are doing. [We need] to keep strong spiritually, physically, and mentally, and we need to keep practicing like we’ve been practicing. This past week, we had a really good practice week—one of the best we’ve ever had—and we need to keep that consistency.”

“You look at what we’ve done, and the age that we have—young guys who are stepping up and playing extremely well,” Blair concluded. “But we can’t sit on that 4-1 record and be content and complacent. We have a big stretch coming up here the next four weeks, all four on the road, and it’s going to be a grind. We have four extremely good football teams that we are going to have to play, and we are going to have to step up or game and do exactly what we did today.”

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