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CALENDAR

Thursday March 7

9 am—Purdue Master Gardener Basic Training Class, Grant County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1403 E. State Road 18, Marion. This 13-week course includes certification to serve and assist the Purdue Extension county offices with home horticulture and gardening education in local communities. Recurring ever Thursday through May 30, 2019. The first six classes will be held at the Grant County 4-H Fairgrounds and the last seven will be held at the Blackford County 4-H Fairgrounds. Cost: \$150 per person or \$200 for a couple sharing materials. Info: 765-651-2413.

12 pm—The Network Monthly Meeting, The Hostess House, 723 W. 4th St., Marion. A meeting of professionals in Grant County to discuss current events, share volunteer and business happenings, and network. Cost: Cost of Lunch. Info: 765-664-3755.

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

5 pm—Historic Marion Neighborhood Meeting, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Please join us in our efforts to build and maintain a welcoming neighborhood. Free. Info: 765-382-3797.

6 pm—Black History Celebration Dinner Theatre, Historic Hostess House, 723 W. 4th St., Marion. Join us as we celebrate Black History Month at the historic Hostess House. Delicious buffet dinner followed by "A Tribute to Aretha Franklin" in the ballroom at 7 pm. Reservation required. Cost: \$12

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Hundreds spend thousands to support Help the Hopeful

by Ed Breen

Bidders came by the hundreds with dollars by the thousands and spent at the 27th annual Help the Hopeful auction Saturday at the St. Paul Catholic School gymnasium in Marion, and spend they did, on hundreds of items donated by more than 260 individuals and corporate supporters of the event.

In recent years a goal of \$100,000 has consistently been met at the auction—this year the

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Photo by Ed Breen

Supporters filled the gym at St. Paul Catholic for the 27th annual Help the Hopeful fundraising auction.

Increasing school salaries and safety

by State Rep. Tony Cook

All my life I have been dedicated to the education of young Hoosiers. Today, I continue to look for ways to improve Indiana schools. This session, we are working on several priorities including enhancing school safety and increasing teacher pay.

To help keep our schools safe, I authored House Bill 1398, which would allow law enforcement records of students to be shared with

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Sportscaster Johnson named as IWU 'World Changer'

In a special convocation on the campus of Indiana Wesleyan University on Wednesday morning, legendary sportscaster Ernie Johnson, host of Turner Sports NBA coverage and Emmy Award-winning "Inside the NBA," was formally inducted as the 16th member of IWU's Society of World Changers.

"We are deeply honored to have Mr. Johnson with us today," President Dr. David Wright said at the convocation. "In the midst of these many accomplishments and accolades, Ernie continues to use his platform as a sports broadcaster to be a light for Jesus."

The Society of World Changers, established in 2003, "recognizes role models who have exemplified the concept of world changers and

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Photo supplied by IWU

IWU President David Wright (left) congratulates sports broadcaster Ernie Johnson on being selected for the university's "Society of World Changers."

INDIANA QUIZ

Answers are on page 6.

1. Of the 92 counties in Indiana, which one is the smallest?
2. Name the Shawnee Native American Chief who met with Indiana Territorial Governor William Henry Harrison.
3. The Studebaker National Museum is located in what Indiana city?



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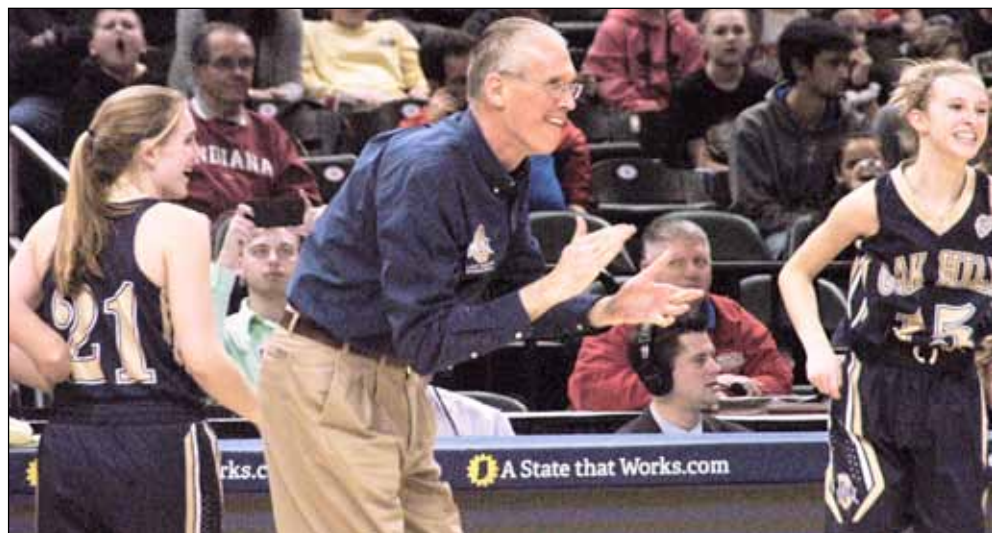


Photo by Ed Breen

Coach Todd Law starts to celebrate with team members as the clock ran down on Oak Hill's Class 2A basketball championship. This week, The News Herald/The Sports Herald celebrates their accomplishment with a special section, included in this week's issue to our subscribers.

There are only two important things

It has been a real privilege for me over the years to have the joy of hearing others share their passions for the things they love. I have also come to understand that there are many different good causes that need support. However, there is no way that we can underwrite each and every one. We constantly receive letters from missionaries who need financial help in their endeavors, and these causes are all vital works that should be helped. It is easy to say that the need is always great and it seems that the funds to finance these works are at a premium.

As a local church we have always supported missionaries around the world, but we have also been sensitive to those mission works on the local level. The Grant County Rescue Mission has always been one of my favorites, as have Gilead Ministries and First Light Children's Protective Services. Now there are other needs in the community, but we have to pick and choose according to what our heart speaks to each of us.

You may wonder how to know who we should support? Recently at IHOP on Wednesday morning, we had two speakers share about a burden that God has given them. The speakers were Mike and Karen Roorbach, and they have become burdened for a work called Wycliffe Associates. This is a fairly new organization that has figured out a method of interpreting the Bible in a very quick fashion. Mike shared that there are some 1,200 different languages,

give or take a few. Many have never heard God's Word or had the privilege of holding or reading a Bible in their native tongue because there are none available.

Now think with me, how many Bibles do you have? How many steps would you have to take to pick one up? You might say that as Americans we take many things for granted. I probably have 20 Bibles, but there are millions of people who can't own even one—there are none available!

As Mike and Karen shared their hearts, they said that they have come to realize that there are only two things important in life. One is the souls of men and the other the Word of God. I couldn't agree more with this evaluation. If this is true, and we believe it is, what are we doing to help? Mike shared that he is not a fundraiser, but he was going to begin work to raise funds to get more Bibles to those who don't have them. To translate a Bible into a new language costs \$19,200.

As they shared their heart, God spoke to my heart. I have decided that I am going to try and make a difference. There is no greater cause than God's Word. To know that we can get God's Word to all these nations is exciting to me. I am not a fundraiser, and never have been, but God might speak to your heart about this cause. You can give any amount to this work of translation. If you would like to donate to this cause, you can make the check to: Wycliffe Associates, (Put Ministry Account 11040 on check memo line) and mail them to: Mike Roorbach, 4615 S. Bell Drive, Marion, IN 46953. If you have any questions, feel free to call me.

Tom




JUST A THOUGHT
Rev. Tom Mansbarger



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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March 9, 1902
Will Geer was born in Frankfort, Indiana. Beginning an acting career in tents and on riverboats, he rose to fame on stage and screen. His most noted role was that of Grandpa Walton in the 1970s TV show, The Waltons.

March 10, 2004
Former Indiana Governor Robert D. Orr died at the age of 86. After the governorship (1981-1989), he served three years as U.S. Ambassador to Singapore.

March 10, 2008
John Mellencamp of Seymour was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

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plus tax and gratuity. Info: 765-664-3755.

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

Friday, March 8
5 pm—First Responders Appreciation, Brandt's I-69 Harley Davidson, 6333 E. Stelzer Dr., Marion. Join us as we honor all law enforcement, firefighters, and EMS personnel whose service and sacrifice keep our community secure. Free gift bag, prizes, food and drinks. Free. Info: 765-664-1331.

6 pm—Battle of the Books, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. The battle will cover three books and have five rounds. The family with the most right answers wins. Free, but sign up required. Info: 765-668-2900.

Saturday, March 9
9 am—Beginning Quilter Class, Quilters Hall of Fame, 926 S. Washington St., Marion. Learn how to make Rail Fence quilt in 48" x 60" size with instructor Joyce Hostettler. Participants required to bring their own sewing machines and basic sewing supplies and have a basic knowledge of sewing. Cost: \$50. Register online or call 765-664-9333.

10 am—Creation Station, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Come and create exciting projects - for children of all ages. Free. Info: 765-668-2900.

6 pm—A Night at Carey, Roseburg Event Center, 2983 W. 38th St., Marion. Join us at this fundraiser organized by Carey Services to honor and recognize local people and organizations that have made an impact on community inclusion. First 65 reservations: \$65. After that: \$75. Info: 765-668-8961.

6 pm—WCP Presents Battle to Defend Titles, Boys & Girls Club of Grant County, 3402 S. Meridian St., Marion. Join us for this fast paced event featuring Mongoose Boxing, Kickboxing and Karate Club.

6:30 pm—Murder High Reunion, James Dean Memorial Theatre, 509 S. Washington St., Marion. Cost: \$15 per person or \$25 for two. Info: <http://www.marioncivic.org/happening-at-mct/events/> or

765-668-7800.

Sunday, March 10
6:30 pm—Murder High Reunion, See March 9

Monday, March 11
10 am—Pysanky Egg Workshop, Historic Hostess House, 723 W. 4th St., Marion. Join us and learn how to make your own beautiful Pysanky eggs just in time for Easter. Cost: \$20. Info: 765-664-3755.

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

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

Cadena, rcadena@cityof-marion.in.gov

6 pm—Understanding Grief, Family Life Care, 705 S. Baldwin Ave., Marion. Adults (18 up), free. Recurring. Info.: Jeff Luttrell, 800-355-2817

6 pm—Nature Art Designs at Salamonie Lake, Salamonie Reservoir, 9214 W Lost Bridge West, Andrews. Today's art: glass mosaic - fish, snail, or mushroom. Cost: \$60. Info: 260-468-2127

6:30 pm—Murder High Reunion, See March 9

7 pm—Swayzee Town Council, Town Hall, 213 S. Washington St. Info.: Brian Hall, Clerk-Treasurer, 765-922-7953, bhall@swayzee.org, or swayzee.org

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Matteo’s Italian restaurant is worth the trip down to Noblesville

Recently, a group of buddies and I played 18 holes of golf in the dead of winter. While the snow was blowing outside, we were hitting golf balls into an indoor simulator and managed to play 18 holes of golf at the TPC Sawgrass Players Club in Florida. It was a lot of fun. Afterwards we headed to the Italian restaurant, Matteo’s located on the Square of downtown Noblesville to settle up the bets and enjoy an evening of male bonding. I first learned about Matteo’s when former Marion

resident and jeweler Dan Leap informed me he played the piano at Matteo’s on Wednesday nights. Dan encouraged me to try this local favorite and assured me that it was worth the drive. When you enter Matteo’s four beautiful green marble pillars that prop up the beautiful twenty foot tall tin ceiling greet your eyes. Photos of famous Indiana sports, television, and political celebrities adorn each of the walls giving the restaurant a familiar, warm ambience that seems to say, “you’ll be eating with

Matteo’s is an authentic Italian restaurant. Fans who expect unlimited bread sticks and endless salad bowls at cheap prices may be disappointed.

friends.” Dan informed me that the owners renovated the former Noblesville Opera House into this Italian eatery, so the building houses a great many Hoosier memories. We were greeted warmly by the staff, who showed us to a large leather booth. This allowed us a lot of space in which we could relive the

round and enjoy a cocktail prior to dinner. Matteo’s features an impressive wine list and full bar. Usually, the grand winner of the day buys a round of drinks for the group, however, my buddy Chris, who won the most money, was feeling a bit stingy on this night. We came for the good Italian food and we were not disappointed. The menu appears as if it was created in Italy. All of the appetizers and entrees are listed in Italian. Items such as “Calamari Fritti,” “Insalata Caprese,” and “Cocktail di Gamberi” are all translated for our convenience. We enjoyed the fried calamari (squid), fresh mozzarella and tomatoes as well as the shrimp cocktail. Matteo’s features a variety of different pasta dishes such as fettucine, rigatoni, penne, gnocchi, ravioli, and, of course, spaghetti. One can choose a variety of tomato-based sauces, or cheese sauces, with pasta, as well as different meats such Italian sausage, homemade chicken sausage, ham, and even seafood. Dinner prices for pasta items vary from \$17-\$24.



NOTHING FANCY
Eric Walts



I was still trying to stay true to my low-carb lifestyle so I chose an entrée from the DAL MACELLAIO DEL CORSO, which translated means, “courses from the butcher.” Items from this side of the menu sounded scrumptious. They offer chicken breast stuffed with four different cheeses, veal scaloppini, pork filet in a puff pastry, jumbo sea scallops, and chicken marsala. Dinner prices for main entrees vary from \$19-\$33. In addition, Matteo’s offers a variety of side dishes such as sautéed spinach, green beans, portobello mushrooms, grilled asparagus, and potato croquettes. These are all listed ala carte.

I decided to try the “pollo amore,” which consisted of a chicken breast sautéed in a garlic marsala sauce, topped with mushrooms and mozzarella cheese and thinly sliced ham. Instead of the rice pilaf, I requested a side order of grilled asparagus. I enjoyed every bite.

Matteo’s is an authentic Italian restaurant. Fans who expect unlimited bread sticks and endless salad bowls at cheap prices may be disappointed. However, if you are looking for real Italian food served in a beautifully decorated interior, then I recommend you give Matteo’s a try. For those looking for a cheaper option, I would recommend you try Matteo’s for lunch. They are open 11 am-2 pm Monday through Friday. Their dinner hours are 5-10 pm through the week and 3-10:30 pm on Saturdays while they close at 9 pm on Sundays.

Noblesville is an easy, 50-minute drive from most locations in Grant County. Matteo’s was a great stop for our group after our round of 18 holes. They also have a private dining room for large parties or business meetings. I look forward to returning on a Wednesday evening to hear Dan Leap play his piano and enjoy more real Italian food. I gave Matteo’s 4.5 stars on TripAdvisor.

Cook

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appropriate school staff. Under current law, police cannot share student files with schools, even if it may concern a threat to safety. Allowing police and school administrators to share information could help prevent potential threats from escalating to action. To protect the privacy of students, police would have discretion to keep documents confidential that are not related to safety. Additionally, schools would be authorized, but not required to share files with law enforcement. For example, if the police request documents from the school, the school would not be compelled to disclose any records if they believe there is no threat.

Opening up this communication between school corporations and law enforcement would help protect our schools while respecting the privacy of students.

Good teachers are vital to the development of our students and deserve appropriate compensation for their work. To enhance teacher pay, another bill I authored would give schools more flexibility in how they spend their funding. Schools currently have three primary pools of money to spend: the education fund for classroom expenditures, the operation fund for other costs, and a rainy day fund, which is surplus money at the end of the year that can be used to cover one-time expenses. House Bill 1397 would enable schools to transfer portions of the operations fund to the education fund

to cover the costs of teacher salaries and benefits. This change would improve local control of school spending and drive more dollars to the classroom, while maintaining transparency.

Our schools are where the future is built and we need to do more to ensure they remain strong and positive learning environments. It’s extremely important that our classrooms are well-funded and safe, and my legislation would help accomplish these goals. You can find more information on these bills and more at iga.in.gov. For any questions you have about this legislation, please contact me at H32@iga.in.gov or 317-232-9863.

Tony Cook (Republican, District 32) represents all of Tipton County and portions of Hamilton, Madison, Delaware, Howard and Grant counties.



TALK OF THE HOUSE
Rep. Tony Cook



Help

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total was \$115,000. Since 1993, \$2.5 million has been raised and funneled to help seriously ill children and their families in need of support.

The goal for 2019 is financial support for 13 families in Marion and Grant County.

On Saturday, everything from a tenderloin-and-fries to travel vouchers and several high-end guitars crossed the block, with auctioneer Merv Leffler urging the bidding.

A tradition: The auctioning of stuffed bunnies which are then given to the children who

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will be receiving the medical attention. The stuffed animals usually bring between \$1,000 and \$2,000 each.

As a part of this year’s event Help the Hopeful founder Jay Yeakle was honored with the presentation of The Circle of Corydon citation presented by Dist. 31 State Rep Kevin Mahan on behalf of Gov. Eric

Holcomb. It recognized the 27 years of community work done by Yeakle.

The auction, which was created by Yeakle and his wife, Malaya, originally to assist a single child with medical challenges in 1993, is the largest event of the year for the charity, but is also supported by other fund-raising events.



Photo by Ed Breen
Jay Yeakle, founder of Help the Hopeful, was presented with The circle of Corydon citation by State Rep. Kevin Mahan.

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whose lives can serve as an inspiration to future generations.” Past winners include Super Bowl winning coach Tony Dungy, Dr. Benjamin Carson, and CEO of Chick-fil-A S. Truett Cathy.

Johnson works alongside with some of biggest names in the sports world, including Shaquille O’Neal and Charles Barkley. Along with covering the NBA, Johnson serves as the play-by-play announcer for both the MLB and the PGA Tour on TBS. In his career, he has also covered the NFL, the British Open, Wimbledon, and the Olympics, along with calling Atlanta Braves games from 1993-1996 with his father, former MLB pitcher Ernie Johnson, Sr.

Furthermore, he has won multiple awards, including three Emmys for Best Studio Host, the John Wooden Keys to Life award, the Bill Hartman Award, and the Stan Musical award.

While he is one of the best known sportscasters in the business today, Johnson’s faith in God sets him apart. In 1997, through the ministry of 12Stone Church and 1982 IWU grad Kevin Myers, Johnson gave his life to the Lord, and since then faith has been a huge part of his life, both personally and professionally. Throughout his convocation speech, Johnson did not once talk about himself or his accomplishments.

He spoke glowingly of his wife, Cheryl, who has been

his rock throughout their married lives, before talking at length about his adopted son, Michael, whom he and Cheryl had brought back from Romania. Michael suffers from muscular dystrophy, and while he has had his share of difficulties, that has not prevented him from living life to the fullest. That has served as an inspiration to Johnson, who called Michael “a miracle.”

The Johnsons have since adopted three more children, and have become major advocates for those with special needs.

In an event that was held in his honor, Johnson deflected all of the credit. He believes that God gave him the voice for broadcasting to better serve His kingdom, and as long as he is called to serve in that capacity, that’s what Johnson plans to do.

In a world where being a Christian is viewed as negative, Johnson’s light is overwhelmingly positive.

“Ernie Johnson entertains millions of Americans through his award-winning broadcasts,” Dr. David Wright, president of IWU said back in December after Johnson was selected. “More importantly, he inspires all who know him through his character, his faith and his deep commitment to serving others. Ernie’s genuine, disarming character allows him to share his faith in Christ with a world that sees all too few such examples. IWU is delighted to honor Ernie Johnson as an inductee to the IWU Society of World Changers.”



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Decrying the waning of the publishing business

There it was on the front page of the Chronicle-Tribune Saturday morning and again Sunday. Something like an obituary, but not quite. More like a critical condition report: Not looking good. Probably time to notify the family that...well, you know. Full disclosure here. I spent the better part of 30 years in that building, as a part of that institution and business at Sixth and Adams Streets. I can walk through the building and tell you stories about every nook and cranny in it. Where the treasures—and the skeletons—are buried. I am fully aware that the Chronicle-Tribune is a private business, no different than The News Herald or WBAT or any burger joint or used car lot on the street. Make a buck or you close. It's a business in a capitalist world and the object is to make a living. That has not been easy for newspaper owners in the past decade or so. The digital revolution, tsunami that it has been, has stormed in from cyberspace and overwhelmed. Real estate advertising going to the internet. Auto advertising going anywhere but in the newspaper. Readers going to Facebook. An endless assault. I also know this: Gathering, writing, editing and distributing news and information—publishing—is the only business in America that is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and thus casts itself in the unique position. It is both private business and a public trust, and there are evangelists on both sides of that issue. I have worked for publishers who believed their only obligation was to make money. I have worked for publishers who believed that if they did their jobs well in the public arena—coverage of government at all levels, investigative reporting, sports, features, news from the neighborhood, recipes and death notices—if they did all that well, readers and profits would follow. For a very long time the Chronicle-Tribune was an aggressively competent newspaper company, first under the ownership of the Lindsay and Thomas families, later as a part of Federated Publications and then the Gannett company for 30 years. There were struggles along the way, but the mission was clear: Put out a good newspaper for the readers of Marion and Grant County and do it profitably. At one time that was easy, although I never worked for a publisher who said he was making too much money. It no longer is. The pie is smaller, the slices are thinner, the readers are fewer. In recent years, for about a decade, the Chronicle-Tribune has been owned by the Paxton Media Group, a privately owned, family-held company in Paducah, KY. Paxton owns 32 daily newspapers, mostly in the South. In Indiana it owns the newspapers in Marion, Wabash, Peru, Huntington, Michigan City, LaPorte, Shelbyville, Connersville, Princeton, Vincennes, New Castle, and, most recently, Elkhart—a large chunk of Indiana citizens. The Paxton business model relies heavily on reduction of costs and reduction of resources, with a corresponding reduction in both advertisers and readers. Circulation of the Chronicle-Tribune has declined by 80 percent in the past 25 years. The Monday edition of the newspaper was eliminated several years ago. Now the Sunday newspaper is being taken away, with some content folded into a Saturday edition. Marion and Grant County readers have had a Sunday newspaper available for delivery to their homes every Sunday since Oct. 5, 1930. After April 2, 2019, no longer. For five of those 89 years I edited the Sunday edition. I shall miss it. More importantly, what of the larger population? What of the people who need to link to their community and want to do it every day with ink on paper? I shall not pass judgment on the business and editorial policies in place at Paxton Media Group, but I shall pass along a question asked of me a couple of weeks ago by the mayor of a town—not Marion—in which Paxton owns the newspaper and where it has systematically reduced the reporting staff to one person. “How am I supposed to be an effective mayor,” he asked “when I no longer have the newspaper to communicate with the people?” “We just can’t operate that way,” he said. “It’s terrible.” Indeed, it is.

Ed Breen's column is sponsored by: First Farmer's Bank & Trust—see their advertisement, below.

A MOMENT Ed Breen



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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THE Sports HERALD

Grant County Sports

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March 6-12, 2019

Marion wins sectional; Madison-Grant falls in final

Two Grant County teams advanced to the finals of their respective sectionals last week: The Marion Giants are heading home for the regional round. The Madison-Grant Argylls' season is over.

Behind a large game-opening scoring run, and a 19-2 surge in the second and third quarters, the Giants won the 69th sectional championship in school history, defeating the Heritage Patriots by a score a 66-40 on Saturday evening in the sectional 23 final.

Some stellar shooting from JK Thomas and Jalen Blackmon, who each hit two triples in the early stages of the contest, led the way as the Giants scored the first 19 points of the contest en route to a 19-7 first quarter lead.

The Patriot clawed their way back, scoring 15 straight points to make it a 26-20 Marion lead with two minutes to play in the first half. But the Giants had the answer, outscoring the Patriots 11-2 the rest of the quarter and the first eight points of the second half, putting the game out of reach and ultimately securing their second straight sectional title.

Blackmon led the Giants with 20 points, while Quran Howard finished with 19 and freshman Rasheed Jones collected 10.

offense is clicking, and the defense is making stops. Saturday was that kind of night for the Alexandria Tigers in



Photo by Glen Devitt

Marion's JK Thomas drives to the basket against Heritage in the sectional final. Marion won, 66-40.

M-G falls in final
There are some nights where everything goes right. The game-plan is solid, the

the sectional 39 final, and that, in turn, ended the Madison-Grant Argylls' 2018-2019 season.

Alexandria controlled the game in all facets from the start, building a double-digit lead early and never relinquishing it in a 66-30 triumph over the Argylls, winning their first sectional championship in 20 years in the process.

The Tigers had the game well in hand by the end of the quarter, scoring 14 straight at one point and shooting 8-for-16 from the floor to take a 19-4 lead into the second frame. Madison-Grant, on the other hand, shot just 1-for-9 while turning the ball

over four times.

“We just didn’t handle the stage very well,” Madison-Grant Head Coach Brian Trout said. “You could see the nerves. We were dropping passes. A couple of rebounds we had in our hands, and we just lost [them]. That’s just nerves. Alec came out and punched us in the mouth to start out with and we never recovered.”

While their offense cooled down in the second quarter, the Tigers’ defense continued to play at a high level, allowing just three Madison-Grant field goals while building a 33-12 halftime lead.

>>Boys BB page 11

Grant-Blackford Mental Health, Inc. - A UNITED WAY AGENCY 505 Wabash Avenue • Marion, Indiana 46952 • (765) 662-3971

Grant-Blackford is pleased to announce the addition of Child/Adolescent Psychiatrist, Dr. Ajanta Goswami to the Keystone Family Resource Center. Dr. Goswami has been practicing Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in Indiana since 1999. She completed her undergraduate and medical training in India and a residency in Child Psychiatry at Milton Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania. She is a long time resident of Muncie, where she lives with her husband and she is actively involved with local non-profit fundraisers and civic organizations. Dr. Goswami joins Medical Director Michael Conn, Board Certified Adult Psychiatrist; Dr. Gregory Richardson, Dr. Avelina Vitug, and Nurse Practitioner, Thomasina Wrangham.

Ajanta Goswami, MD
Call 765-733-0487
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LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF GRANT

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT 1
2019 TERM

IN RE THE MATTER OF:
DANIEL WARD MAINES
Petitioner

CAUSE NO.27D01-1902-MI-00011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Daniel Ward Maines, whose mailing address is: 1823 W Bradford St., Apt. 101, Marion, IN 46952, of Grant County, Indiana hereby gives notice that he has filed a petition in the Grant County Superior Court 1 requesting that his name be changed to Daniel Boone Maines.

Notice is further given that the Hearing will be held on said Petition on the 12th day of April, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

This 19th day of February, 2019.

/s/ Joshua M. Howell
Joshua M. Howell
Attorney for Petitioner
208 W 4th Street
Marion, IN 46952
Telephone: (765) 664-9500

TNH 2/20, 2/27, 3/6

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the City of Marion Board of Public Works and Safety will conduct a public hearing on the 18th day of March 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (local time) in the City Council Chambers at the Marion Municipal Building, 301 S. Branson St., Marion, Indiana, for the purpose of making a recommendation for approval to sell the following described properties owned by the City of Marion for the amount of the offer stated below for each property.

Property	Offer
1. Trinity Victory Missionary Baptist Church 2015 S. Gallatin St. Marion, IN 46953 Tax Parcel No. 27-07-07-402-121.000-002	\$800.00
2. William Lloyd 1201 S. McClure St. Marion, IN 46953 Tax Parcel No. 27-07-07-101-097.000-002	\$1,000.00
3. John & Yvonne Wood 2625 S. Boots St. Marion, IN 46953 Tax Parcel No. 27-07-18-102-034.000-002	\$800.00

City of Marion Board of
Public Works and Safety
TNH 3/6

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL RECEIVE SEALED BIDS UP TO THE HOUR OF 12:00 P.M. ON MARCH 18, 2019 IN THE GRANT COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE AT 401 SOUTH ADAMS STREET, MARION, INDIANA 46953 FOR THE FOLLOWING ASPHALT MATERIALS FOR THE YEAR 2017.

1. 3,000 TONS OR LESS, ASPHALT FOR SEAL COATS, TACK COATS, PRIME COATS AND CRACK SEALING; GRADES AE-90, AE-60, CM 150, AE-150, AE-200 AND AE-PL DUST CONTROL.

THE MATERIAL SHALL MEET MOST CURRENT INDOT STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, SECTION 902.01. THE ASPHALT SHALL BE DELIVERED BY TRUCK TO ANY GRANT COUNTY STORAGE TANK, VENDOR STORAGE TANK OR DISTRIBUTOR TRUCK AT ANY LOCATION IN GRANT COUNTY AS DESIGNATED BY THE HIGHWAY SUPREVISOR.

BID PRICES FOR EACH GRADE OF LIQUID ASPHALT.

2. 35,000 TONS OR LESS, OF HAC HOT ASPHALT MIX CONCRETE BINDER COURSE, INTERMEDIATE AND SURFACE COURSE, AS SPECIFIED IN CURRENT INDOT SPECIFICATIONS; SECTION 402.

A. FURNISHED AND LOADED IN GRANT COUNTY HIGHWAY TRUCKS AT VENDOR'S PLANT.

B. FURNISHED AND LOADED IN GRANT COUNTY HIGHWAY TRUCKS, LAID WITH VENDORS MOTOR PAVER AND ROLLED WITH NOT LESS THAN 12-TON ROLLER, AS SPECIFIED BY COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR. FURNISHED AT ANY SITE IN GRANT COUNTY.

1. 0-1000 TONS PER DAY INCLUDES TACK OIL
2. 1000+ TONS PER DAY INCLUDES TACK OIL
2A. ADDITIONAL TRUCKING THAT MAYBE REQUIRED TO HAUL TO PAVER

LOCATION OF PLANT THE MIX WILL BE PICKED UP FROM AND A COPY OF STATE INSPECTION CERTIFICATION TO BE INCLUDED WITH BIDS

SAID COMMISSIONERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT THE BID THAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF GRANT COUNTY AND REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA

RONALD MOWERY
MICHAEL BURTON
MARK BARDSLEY

ATTEST:
JIM MCWHIRT AUDITOR
TNH 2/27, 3/6

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

To the taxpayers of The City of Jonesboro, Indiana.

You are hereby notified that on February 26, 2019 the City of Jonesboro, Grant County, Indiana, pursuant to notice heretofore given, and under and by virtue of IC 39-9-15.5 et seq., duly adopted a plan whereby a Cumulative Capital Development Fund was established to provide for the following:

For all uses as set out in IC 39-9-15.5 et seq.

The fund will be provided for by a property tax rate of five cents (\$0.05) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of taxable real and personal property within the taxing unit beginning in 2019 payable in 2020 and thereafter, continuing until reduced or rescinded.

Fifty (50) or more taxpayers in the taxing unit who will be affected by the tax rate and corresponding levy may file a petition with the Grant County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of this Notice setting forth their objections to the proposed cumulative fund. Upon the filing of the petition, the County Auditor shall immediately certify the same to the Department of Local Government Finance, at which point the Department will fix a date for and conduct a public hearing on the proposed cumulative fund before issuing its approval, disapproval, or modification thereof

Dated this 26th day of February 2019.

Common Council of the City of Jonesboro, Indiana

/s/ Brittan Couse
Brittany Couse,
Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Jonesboro

Michael D. Conner (#14215-48)
Attorney for the City of Jonesboro.
TNH 3/6

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF GRANT

IN THE GRANT CIRCUIT COURT

CAUSE NO. 27C01-1902-MF-000027

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MITCHELL LEE DAVIDSON, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF TERESA ANN DAVIDSON, DECEASED, ABSOLUTE RESOLUTIONS X, LLC, INDIANA HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, STATE OF INDIANA, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A. and CACH, LLC,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.

The nature of the suit against you is:

/s/ Pamela Harris
Pamela Harris, Clerk
Grant Superior Court #3

Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate
Against the property commonly known as 601 E South G St, Gas City, IN 46933-2028 and described as follows:

Lot Number Thirty-four (34) Southeast Plains Addition to the City of Gas City, Section I, Gas City, Indiana. the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book2A in the Office of the Recorder of Grant County, Indiana.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s):
Mitchell Lee Davidson, Absolute Resolutions X, LLC, Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority, State of Indiana, Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. and CACH, LLC

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown:
The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Teresa Ann Davidson, Deceased

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff.

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.

By /s/ ROSE K. KLEINDL
ROSE K. KLEINDL
Attorney No. 24049-31
Attorney for Plaintiff

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8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727

NOTICE

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TNH 3/6, 3/13, 3/20

27D03-1901-EU-000010

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT III OF
GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA

In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration
of the Estate of Mary Ellen Hamilton, Deceased

Lois L. Couch, the Personal Representative Cause No. 27D03-1901-EU.

Notice is hereby given that Lois L. Couch was, on the 14th day of February, 2019 appointed Personal Representative of the unsupervised estate of Mary Ellen Hamilton, who died testate on the 12th day of October, 2019, while domiciled in Grant County, Indiana.

All persons who have 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 of the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claim will be forever barred.

Dated at Marion, Grant County, Indiana, this 20th day of February, 2019.

Pamela K. Harris, Clerk
Grant Circuit and Superior Courts
101 E. 4th St., Ste. 106
Marion, IN 46952-4058
Fax: 765.668.6541
Phone: 765.668.8121

Prepared by:
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TNH 3/6, 3/13

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT #3 OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUDITH FOUDRAY, deceased.

ESTATE NUMBER 27D03-1901-EU-9.

Notice is hereby given that Natalie Harris and Wendy Bartrom were on the 24th day of January, 2019, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Judith Foudray, who died on the 8th day of January, 2019, and are authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.

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

Dated at Marion, Indiana, on February 19, 2019.

/s/ Pamela Harris
Pamela Harris, Clerk
Grant Superior Court #3

David M. Payne
Attorney #5648-27
Ryan & Payne
112 S. Boots Street
Marion, Indiana 46952
(765) 664-4132
Attorney for the Estate
TNH 2/27, 3/6

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR 3 OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA.

In the matter of the Unsupervised Estate of: Berniece E. Keene, deceased.

Cause Number 27D03-1811-EU-140

Notice is hereby given that on December 7, 2018, Betty L. Weber was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Berniece E. Keene a/k/a Berniece E. Keene, Bernice E. Boller, Bernice E. Boller-Keene, deceased, who died on May 1, 2017.

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

Dated at Marion, Indiana, on December 7, 2018.

/s/Pamela K. Harris
Clerk, Grant Superior Court 3

Kyle C. Persinger (21779-27)
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HOLDREAD CONNER & PERSINGER, LLP
122 East Fourth Street
P.O. Box 927
Marion, Indiana 46952
Telephone (765) 664-7307
TNH 3/6, 3/13

February 26-March 4

Boys Basketball
2/26—Mississinewa 40-60 Norwell
2/26—Madison-Grant 51-48 Tipton
3/1—Marion 55-30 Norwell
3/1—Eastbrook 46-67 Madison-Grant
3/1—Oak Hill 44-75 Wabash
3/2—Marion 66-40 Heritage
3/2—Alexandria-Monroe 63-30 Madison-Grant

Men's Basketball

2/26—Mount Vernon Nazarene 70-76 IWU

Men's Baseball

2/26—Taylor 11-2 Alice Lloyd
2/26—Taylor 9-1 Cincinnati Christian
2/27—IWU 4-5 IU South-east
2/27—IWU 1-12 IU South-east
3/1—IWU 2-4 Cumberland

3/1—Indiana Tech 4-5 Taylor
3/1—Indiana Tech 2-0 Taylor
3/2—IWU 0-7 Cumberland
3/2—IWU 3-5 Cumberland
3/2—Indiana Tech 7-8 Taylor

Men's Golf

3/4—Taylor @ San Antonio Shootout (Day 1) - T10 of 14

Men's Lacrosse

3/2—Taylor 26-1 Linden-

wood

Men's Tennis

3/1—IWU 6-3 Coastal Georgia
3/2—IWU 4-5 Cumberland

Women's Softball

2/27Taylor 8-0 IU Southeast
2/27—Taylor 6-2 IU South-east
3/2—Taylor 8-4 IU South-

2/28—IWU 6-0 Benedictine at Mesa
2/28—IWU 6-7 Benedictine at Mesa
3/1—IWU 6-0 Embry-Riddle (Ariz.)
3/1—IWU 5-3 Embry-Riddle (Ariz.)
3/2—IWU 4-5 Jamestown
3/2—IWU 4-0 Madonna
3/2—Taylor 2-1 IU South-east
3/2—Taylor 8-4 IU South-

east

3/4—IWU 5-4 Embry-Riddle (Ariz.)
3/4—IWU 4-2 Saint Francis (Ill.)
3/4—IWU 4-2 Concordia (Neb.)

Women's Tennis

3/1—IWU 5-0 Coastal Georgia
3/2—IWU 4-5 Cumberland

Grant County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2018						Grant County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2018 (Cont.)					
Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2018	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2018	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2018	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2018
Governmental Activities											
000001	TREASURER CASHBOOK	\$772,047.00	\$1,575,745.00	\$772,047.00	\$1,575,745.00	005361	PR WTHLD - STATE TAX	-\$590.83	\$418,309.67	\$418,240.82	\$521.98
000002	SHERIFF INMATE TRUST	\$213,010.00	\$1,436,966.86	\$1,329,063.31	\$320,913.55	005364	Payroll W/holding - Wage Garnishments	\$0.00	\$64,349.22	\$64,324.22	-\$25.00
000003	SHERIFF COMMISSARY	\$300,353.00	\$429,872.60	\$464,556.94	\$265,668.66	006000	Settlement	\$0.00	\$72,113,576.60	\$72,113,576.60	\$0.00
000008	SHERIFF CASHBOOK	\$6,787.80	\$1,098,515.75	\$1,097,369.40	\$7934.15	006023	CVET Agency	\$0.00	\$248,280.00	\$248,280.00	\$0.00
000050	CLERK SUPPORT	\$12,582.91	\$848,574.67	\$854,912.08	\$6,245.50	006042	Sewage Collections	\$58,107.09	\$104,727.63	\$162,564.72	\$270.00
000051	CLERK TRUST	\$3,045,643.10	\$5,244,753.32	\$7,403,252.89	\$887,143.53	006051	Financial Institution Tax	\$0.00	\$564,625.19	\$564,625.19	\$0.00
000052	JEAN TEAM DTF	\$1,953.90	\$55,517.93	\$53,246.90	\$4,224.93	006052	BPPE LOCAL SERVICE FEE	\$0.00	\$25,351.69	\$0.00	\$25,351.69
000538	LOCAL PLANNING COUNCIL	\$2,275.07	\$0.00	\$2,275.07	\$0.00	006104	Homestead Credit Rebate	\$62,947.11	\$0.00	\$62,947.11	\$0.00
001000	General	\$1,766,948.15	\$22,346,953.54	\$20,763,843.10	\$3,350,058.59	006201	LOIT PTRC	\$35,417.37	\$0.00	\$35,417.37	\$0.00
001070	Supp. Juvenile Probation Svcs.	\$32,227.35	\$5,417.00	\$2,961.76	\$34,682.59	006202	LOIT Residential PTRC	\$240,763.39	\$0.00	\$240,763.39	\$0.00
001075	Tax Sale Fees	\$326,758.82	\$75,688.56	\$44,492.28	\$357,955.10	006203	LIT - PROPERTY TAX RELIEF	\$282,252.14	\$11,731,449.24	\$11,097,633.34	\$916,068.04
001076	SCHOOL GENERAL FUND	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	007101	State Fines and Forfeitures	\$7,983.00	\$17,708.00	\$21,934.50	\$3,756.50
001101	Accident Report	\$11,854.28	\$5,813.00	\$1,242.71	\$16,424.57	007102	Infraction Judgements	\$4,594.20	\$80,256.69	\$80,745.39	\$4,105.50
001112	CREDIT County Share	\$50,025.53	\$1,210,023.00	\$1,187,033.90	\$73,014.63	007103	Overweight Vehicle Fines	\$35.00	\$2,059.50	\$2,094.50	\$0.00
001113	CEDIT - Special Legislation	\$78,859.37	\$0.00	\$78,859.37	\$0.00	007104	Special Death Benefit	\$380.00	\$5,193.00	\$5,143.00	\$430.00
001114	LIT - SPEC. PURP. ECONOMIC	\$0.00	\$339,169.00	\$339,169.00	\$0.00	007105	Sales Disclosure - State Share	\$780.00	\$8,035.00	\$8,100.00	\$715.00
001115	Child Advocacy	\$1,079.00	\$0.00	\$1,079.00	\$0.00	007106	Coroners Training & Con't Education	\$550.00	\$7,305.75	\$7,165.00	\$690.75
001117	GRCO DARE	\$374.54	\$0.00	\$374.54	\$0.00	007108	Mrtg. Recording Fees - State Share	\$437.50	\$4,957.50	\$5,037.50	\$357.50
001119	Clerk's Records Perpetuation	\$86,268.81	\$30,254.67	\$3,033.10	\$113,490.38	007110	DLGF Homestead Property Database	\$54.82	\$194.75	\$192.22	\$57.35
001121	COIT County Distributive Shares	\$129,831.62	\$0.00	\$129,831.62	\$0.00	007113	Child Restraint Violation Fines	\$50.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,100.00	\$25.00
001122	Community Corrections	\$880,439.33	\$118,870.23	\$131,946.27	\$867,363.29	007301	Education Plate Fees Agency	\$37.50	\$525.00	\$562.50	\$0.00
001123	Community Transition Program	\$377,000.00	\$51,200.00	\$67,775.00	\$21,125.00	007303	Riverboat Revenue Sharing	\$0.00	\$415,035.81	\$415,035.81	\$0.00
001124	Congressional School Interest	\$1,416.67	\$0.00	\$1,416.67	\$0.00	007304	Innkeepers Tax Collections	\$18,986.15	\$210.79	\$18,986.15	\$210.79
001127	Conv., Visitor and Tourism Promo.	\$52,039.26	\$499,510.83	\$437,511.32	\$114,038.77	007313	COIT Distribution	\$0.00	\$1,607.37	\$1,607.37	\$0.00
001128	COUNTY ADDED STATE AND LOCAL GRANT FUNDS	\$6,560.58	\$0.00	\$6,560.58	\$0.00	007330	LIT - CERTIFIED SHARES	\$0.00	\$11,493,745.49	\$11,493,745.49	\$0.00
001131	Sales Disclosure - County Share	\$5,696.39	\$8,035.00	\$5,470.31	\$8,261.08	007332	LIT - EC. DEVELOPMENT (CEDIT)	\$0.00	\$2,487,242.00	\$2,487,242.00	\$0.00
001134	Covered Bridge	\$7,846.06	\$1,850.00	\$283.05	\$9,413.01	007350	City/Town/Ord. Violations Fines	\$94,357.20	\$30,523.63	\$57,264.20	\$67,616.63
001135	Cummulative Bridge	\$287,225.52	\$592,827.49	\$690,002.55	\$190,050.46	008099	93.563 Prosecutor PCA	\$13,553.76	\$11,121.08	\$5,858.39	\$18,816.45
001138	Cummulative Capital Development	\$93,160.26	\$383,361.42	\$320,567.86	\$155,953.82	008102	93.563 COURT REFORM	-\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$0.01
001148	Drug Free Community	\$358.00	\$0.00	\$358.00	\$0.00	008201	BITEERRORISM	\$9,556.41	\$24,958.23	\$24,379.80	\$10,134.84
001155	Extradition and Sheriff's Assistance	\$10,065.36	\$0.00	\$10,065.36	\$0.00	008203	93.069 H1N1 PANDEMIC	\$0.00	\$14.08	\$32.69	-\$18.61
001156	Firearms Training	\$28,534.48	\$16,362.00	\$21,499.36	\$23,397.12	008303	Major-Crimes Invest. Coord Awd.	-\$5,227.48	\$31,263.37	\$38,631.70	-\$12,595.81
001158	General Grand Improvement	\$324,220.37	\$216,599.93	\$350,147.23	\$190,673.07	008401	JEAN TEAM	-\$297.31	\$68,999.80	\$63,440.05	\$5,262.44
001159	Health	\$136,564.68	\$437,723.73	\$481,959.77	\$92,328.64	008402	DUI TASK FORCE	\$4,955.03	\$4,374.08	\$5,748.54	\$3,580.57
001167	LEVY EXCESS	\$4,997.42	\$0.00	\$4,997.42	\$0.00	008403	AGGRESSIVE DRIVING	\$3,969.04	\$0.00	\$3,969.04	\$0.00
001168	Local Health Maintenance	\$120,262.47	\$26,123.95	\$50,048.25	\$96,338.17	008404	LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN	\$58,623.45	\$18,854.45	\$32,968.74	\$44,509.16
001169	Local Road and Street	\$281,048.10	\$631,794.23	\$499,565.05	\$413,277.28	008405	BPV	-\$3,819.94	\$0.00	\$1,052.46	-\$4,872.40
001175	Misdeameant	\$0.00	\$51,444.59	\$51,444.59	\$0.00	008406	OPERATION PULLOVER GRANT	\$5,760.71	\$33,825.80	\$32,937.40	\$6,649.11
001176	Motor Vehicle Highway	\$1,924,204.95	\$4,865,703.23	\$4,402,102.11	\$2,387,806.07	008407	FACT GRANT	\$1,677.05	\$0.00	\$1,677.05	\$0.00
001181	Plat Book	\$50,486.65	\$18,940.75	\$2,829.84	\$66,597.56	008408	OP PULLOVER DART GRANT	\$2,446.43	\$2,000.00	\$760.48	\$3,685.95
001186	Rainy Day	\$513,771.97	\$19.40	\$410,000.00	\$103,791.37	008501	HOMELAND SEC. REIMB GRANT	\$1,665.87	\$1,665.87	\$5,800.00	-\$5,800.00
001189	Recorder's Records Perpetuation	\$274,900.15	\$134,806.87	\$32,257.75	\$377,449.27	008601	VOTING/ELECTION - SRC GRANT	\$15,943.93	\$0.00	\$11,800.00	\$4,143.93
001192	Sex and Violent Offender Admin.	\$25,919.83	\$9,065.00	\$4,449.01	\$30,535.82	007000	VEROTAN TECH GRANT	\$5,581.88	\$6,200.00	\$4,959.38	\$6,822.50
001193	Sheriff's Pension Trust	\$29,084.05	\$93,006.31	\$90,000.00	\$32,090.36	008893	93.563 ARRA Prosec. IV-D Incentive	\$130.09	\$0.00	\$130.09	\$0.00
001200	Supplemental Pub. Defender Svcs.	\$81,404.41	\$15,962.51	\$39,775.65	\$57,591.27	008894	93.563 ARRA Clerk IV-D Incentive	\$10,641.44	\$0.00	\$10,641.44	\$0.00
001201	Surplus Tax	\$203,291.28	\$80,399.04	\$113,557.97	\$170,132.35	008895	93.563 Title IV-D Incentive	\$228,347.41	\$34,523.00	\$34,743.01	\$228,127.40
001202	Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation	\$50,285.05	\$46,640.00	\$7,830.00	\$89,095.05	008897	93.563 Prosecutor IV-D Incentive- Prior To Oct '99	\$2,151.38	\$51,946.00	\$13,359.75	\$40,737.63
001204	Tax Sale Redemption	\$3,486.76	\$235,720.10	\$238,056.35	\$1,150.51	008899	93.563 Clerk IV-D Incentive- Post Oct '99	\$126,060.04	\$44,125.64	\$64,092.53	\$106,093.15
001205	Tax Sale Surplus	\$587,003.33	\$1,377,436.44	\$628,343.49	\$1,336,096.28	009101	ADULT COMM. CORRECTIONS	\$56,025.55	\$1,063,125.98	\$1,106,503.71	\$12,647.82
001206	Local Health Dept. Trust Account	\$104,147.30	\$17,699.38	\$43,549.66	\$78,297.02	009102	RE-ENTRY PARTICIPATION FLEX	\$3,582.76	\$10,000.00	\$13,375.87	\$206.89
001207	Unsafe Building	\$22,456.07	\$17,699.28	\$15,059.20	\$24,099.15	009103	COMM CORR PROJ. INCOME	\$62,768.77	\$81,743.70	\$168,480.24	\$540,951.22
001208	Vehicle Inspection	\$10,024.51	\$1,025.00	\$0.00	\$11,049.51	009104	DOC 1006 GRANT	\$26,245.34	\$82,800.00	\$73,225.34	\$35,820.00
001212	Court Appt. Spec. Advocate (CASA)	\$6,582.38	\$27,598.80	\$24,438.80	\$9,742.38	009105	DRUG COURT/CLIENT SVCS.	\$71.08	\$0.00	\$71.08	\$0.00
001216	Auditors Ineligible Deductions	\$135,672.89	\$228,171.73	\$191,004.17	\$172,840.45	009106	DRUG COURT COURT	\$3,268.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,268.58
001217	County Elected Officials Training	\$28,599.41	\$9,396.00	\$3,065.91	\$34,929.50	009108	DRUG COURT	\$35,664.24	\$19,475.70	\$19,033.87	\$36,106.07
001222	Statewide 911	\$869,843.52	\$549,976.53	\$678,108.73	\$741,711.32	009110	DRUG PROSECUTION FUND	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
001224	Reassessment	\$168,798.29	\$346,818.50	\$423,254.89	\$92,361.90	009111	PROBLEM SOLVING GRANT	\$8,122.14	\$7,430.00	\$6,451.36	\$9,100.78
001229	LOIT SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION	\$291,722.59	\$79,734.42	\$336,721.42	\$34,735.59	009112	HIV EDUCATION	\$18.60	\$0.00	\$18.60	\$0.00
001431	FED. FORFEITURE & SEIZURE	\$0.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.03	009113	BIG CITY/COUNTY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
002000	Adult Probation Administrative	\$327,292.80	\$115,589.69	\$119,642.90	\$323,239.59	009115	SEATBELT ENFORCEMENT	\$26.40	\$0.00	\$26.40	\$0.00
002200	Alternative Dispute Resolution	\$24,156.85	\$5,489.00	\$1,640.90	\$27,995.95	009116	CHINS/TPR DRUG COURT PROJECT	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01
002400	County User Fee	\$119,380.88	\$117,731.52	\$56,104.14	\$181,008.26	009117	COMM CORR SUPV. GRANT 2015	\$95,822.75	\$0.00	\$68,800.72	\$27,022.03
002700	Drain Maintenance	\$1,501,151.64	\$950,577.86	\$581,884.52	\$1,869,844.98	009118	AREA PLAN SP NON REVERTING	\$15.44	\$0.00	\$15.44	\$0.00
002801	Investment Trust	\$1,040.29	\$0.00	\$1,040.29	\$0.00	009119	LAW ENFORCEMENT ASST FND	\$0.73	\$0.00	\$0.73	\$0.00
004006	Drug Buy Money	\$105,537.30	\$45,086.65	\$24,640.91	\$125,983.04	009120	ECISWD RECYCLEING GRANT	\$13,686.69	\$0.00	\$13,686.69	\$0.00
004013	Recycling	\$105,346.92	\$141,707.51	\$116,683.70	\$130,370.73	009121	YARD WASTE MNGT	\$0.34	\$0.00	\$0.34	\$0.00
004019	County Home Residents' Trust	\$68,587.56	\$1,135.36	\$0.00	\$69,722.92	009122	99 RECYCLING GRANT	\$231.79	\$0.00	\$231.79	\$0.00
004100	Donations	\$15,024.65	\$7,599.51	\$9,772.77	\$12,851.39	009123	RFD GRANT HOUSING DEV	\$590.37	\$0.00	\$590.37	\$0.00
004157	WORKFORCE DEV. GRANT	\$0.00	\$13,304.35	\$13,304.35	\$0.00	009124	RECYCLED FURNITURE	\$5,490.45	\$0.00	\$5,490.45	\$0.00
004201	Local Ordinance Viol. Fines - Co.	\$19,840.46	\$0.00	\$19,840.46	\$0.00	009125	RECYCLING GRANT IDEM	\$1,442.12	\$0.00	\$1,442.12	\$0.00
004220	OMITTED ASSESSMENTS	\$460,146.10	\$70,110.39	\$31,630.00	\$498,626.49	009126	HIMELAND SEC. SEMP TITAN	\$1.17	\$0.00	\$1.17	\$0.00
004600	Debt Service	\$328,805.86	\$410,838.49	\$628,254.97	\$111,389.38	009127	HOMELAND SECURITY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
004805	FACILITY IMPROV. FUND 2017	\$8,395,970.00	\$0.00	\$6,614,274.48	\$1,781,695.52	009128	CBRNE RESPIR	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$0.00
004900	SHERIFF WORKCREW	\$108,574.00	\$198,666.35	\$192,978.79	\$114,261.56	009129	HOMELAND SECURITY PART 2	\$180.73	\$0.00	\$180.73	\$0.00
004902	IMMUNIZATIONS & VACCINES	\$11,581.83	\$49,813.18	\$47,201.89	\$14,193.12	009130	1006 CRPP GRANT	\$47,547.13	\$165,800.00	\$115,613.36	\$97,733.77
004903	JEAN TEAM CLEAN LAB	\$7,432.71	\$3.63	\$0.00	\$7,436.34	009131	1006 DIVERSION GRANT	\$11,028.13	\$63,294.17	\$34,206.13	\$40,116.17
004906	VETERANS TREATMENT COURT	\$13,321.75	\$2,275.00	\$0.00	\$15,596.75	009132	1006 JAIL TREATMENT GRANT	\$23,548.50	\$52,500.00	\$30,243.10	\$45,805.40
004907	PROS FORFEITURE ED. & TRAIN	\$21,734.92	\$14,886.61	\$10,912.57	\$25,708.96	009140	JDAI GRANT (SUP II)	\$2,430.27	\$0.00	\$495.00	\$1,935.27
004908	VETERANS AFFAIR TREAT COURT	\$1,615.64	\$4,300.00	\$2,795.15	\$3,120.49	009141	JDAI GRANT (PROBATION)	\$34,702.11	\$87,468.68	\$51,446.42	\$70,724.37
004909	COUNTY ADDED LOCAL-HOME RULE FUND	\$5,777.60	\$3,109.99	\$5,777.60	\$3,109.99	009142	FAMILY COURT PROJ. GRANT	\$0.00	\$14,400.00	\$1,866.50	\$12,533.50
004910	IEDC/FUTR SKILLS \$ NOW	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	009145					

LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Grant County Council will meet in the Council Chambers of the Grant County Complex, 401 South Adams Street, Marion, IN 46953, on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following requests of funds, reduction of funds and any other matter that may come before the council.

Grant County Highway	Bituminous	\$400,000.00
Grant County Highway	Stone & Gravel	\$100,000.00

Taxpayers appearing at such meeting shall have the right to be heard thereon. The additional appropriations as finally made, will be automatically referred to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance. The commission will hold a further hearing within fifteen (15) days at the County Auditor's Office of Grant County, Indiana or any appropriations may be heard and interested taxpayers may inquire of the Grant County Auditor when and where such hearing will be held.

James E. McWhirt
GRANT COUNTY AUDITOR
March 5, 2019
TNH 3/6

Public Notice
In accordance with 327 IAC 5-2.1, the Marion Utility Service Board is providing public notice to allow media sources, the affected public, and other interested persons in the community to request notification of the occurrence of combined sewer overflows into the Mississinewa River and Boots Creek. Signs warning of the dangers of coming into contact with waters polluted by combined sewer overflows have been posted at public access points along the Mississinewa River and Boots Creek within the City of Marion's streamreach. Upon written request from the property owner, Marion Utilities will consider posting combined sewer overflow warning signs on private property that have a public access point to the affected waters. For more information, please call 664-2391 ext. 122.
TNH 3/6

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HEARING ON PROPOSED CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of The Town of Upland, Grant County, Indiana, that the Upland Town Council will consider at Upland Town Hall, 84 N. Main Street Upland, IN 46989 at 7:00 p.m. on March 19, 2019, the establishment of a Cumulative Capital Development Fund under the provisions of Indiana Code 36-9-15.5 for the purposes as follows: For all uses at set out in IC 36-9-15.5.

The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$.04 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The proposed fund will be levied beginning with taxes due and payable in the year 2020. Taxpayers appearing at such hearing shall have the right to be heard thereon. The proposal for establishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund is subject to approval by the Department of Local Government Finance.

Within 30 days after the date of the adoption of the cumulative fund by the Upland Town Council, the Town of Upland will publish a Notice of Adoption.

Upon publication of the Notice of Adoption, 50 or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Adoption setting forth their objections to the proposed fund.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2019

Upland Indiana Town Council

27D03-1902-EU-000022

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT III OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA

In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Pamela Sue Rhorer, Deceased

Denise Alexander Pyle, the Personal Representative Cause No. 27D03-1902-EU.

Notice is hereby given that Denise Alexander Pyle was, on the 20th day of February, 2019 appointed Personal Representative of the unsupervised estate of Pamela Sue Rhorer, who died testate on the 5th day of February, 2019, while domiciled in Grant County, Indiana.

All persons who have 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 of the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claim will be forever barred.

Dated at Marion, Grant County, Indiana, this 25th day of February, 2019.

Pamela K. Harris, Clerk
Grant Circuit and Superior Courts
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INDIANA QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Ohio County
2. Tecumseh
3. South Bend

SUDOKU SOLUTION

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HEARING ON PROPOSED CUMULATIVE FIRE FUND

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Jefferson Twp, Grant County that the Township Advisory Board will consider at 595 Warkentin Court, Upland, IN at 9:00 am on March 11th, 2019, the establishment of a Cumulative Fire Fund under the provisions of Indiana Code 36-8-14 for the purposes as follows:

"For all uses as set out in IC 36-8-14

The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$.0333 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The proposed fund will be levied beginning with taxes due and payable in the year 2020. Taxpayers appearing at such hearing shall have the right to be heard thereon. The proposal for establishment of the Cumulative Fire Fund is subject to approval by the Department of Local Government Finance.

Within 30 days after the date of the adoption of the cumulative fund by the Jefferson Township Advisory Board will publish a Notice of Adoption.

Upon publication of the Notice of Adoption, 10 or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the Grant County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Adoption setting forth their objections to the proposed fund.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2019.

Jefferson Township Advisory Board

TNH 2/27, 3/6

STATE OF INDIANA

IN THE GRANT COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 3
COUNTY OF GRANT CAUSE NO. 27D03-1901-ES-000012

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED
ESTATE OF HELEN J. WRIGHT
Deceased

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT 3 OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA.

In the matter of the Supervised Estate of: HELEN J. WRIGHT, deceased.

Cause Number: 27D03-1901-ES-000012

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of February, 2019, MutualBank was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Helen J. Wright, deceased, who died on December 23, 2018.

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

Dated: February 20, 2019.

/s/Pamela K. Harris
Grant County Superior Court 3

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TNH 2/27, 3/6

Schedule

Thursday, March 7

9:30 am—WB—Taylor University @ Bellevue University (NAIA National Tournament)
2 pm—SB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Siena Heights University
4:30 pm—SB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Benedictine (Kan.)
6:30 pm—SB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Baldwin-Wallace College
8 pm—WB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Bryan College (NAIA National Tournament)

Friday, March 8

1 pm—MBB—Huntington University @ Taylor University
4 pm—MBB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Marian University
4:30 pm—SB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Mount Marty
6:30 pm—SB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Park

Saturday, March 9

10 am—BB—Angola @ Marion (Regional Semifinal)
11 am—SB—University of Rio Grande @ Taylor University
Game 2—SB—University of Rio Grande @ Taylor University
1 pm—ML—Clarke Univer-

sity @ Taylor University
1 pm—MBB—Huntington University @ Taylor University
Game 2—MBB—Huntington University @ Taylor University
2 pm—MBB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Marian University
Game 2—MBB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Marian University
2 pm—MT—Taylor University @ Ball State University
3 pm—SB—Robert Morris University @ Taylor University
4:30 pm—MT—Taylor University @ Ball State University

Tuesday, March 12

3 pm—MBB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ IU Kokomo
Game 2—MBB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ IU Kokomo
3 pm—SB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Huntington University
Game 2—SB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Huntington University
4 pm—SB—Goshen College @ Taylor University
Game 2—SB—Goshen College @ Taylor University
5 pm—MBB—Manchester University @ Taylor University

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HEARING ON PROPOSED CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Grant County, Indiana, that the Board of Commissioners of Grant County, Indiana will consider at the Grant County Complex, 401 S. Adams Street in the Council Chambers at 2:00 o'clock p.m. on March18, 2019, the establishment of a Cumulative Bridge Fund under the provisions of Indiana Code 8-16-3 et seq. for the purpose as follows:

For all uses as set out in IC 8-16-3 et seq.

The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$0.10 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The proposed fund will be levied beginning with taxes due and payable in the year 2020. Taxpayers appearing at such hearing shall have the right to be heard thereon. The proposal for establishment of the Cumulative Bridge Fund is subject to approval by the Department of Local Government Finance.

Within 30 days after the date of the adoption of the cumulative fund by the Board of Commissioners of Grant County, Indiana, Grant County will publish a Notice of Adoption.

Upon publication of the Notice of Adoption, 10 or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Adoption setting forth their objections to the proposed fund.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2019.

Grant County Board of Commissioners
TNH 2/27, 3/6

Basketball, Continued from 7

Madison-Grant shot just four-for-23 in the opening 16 minutes of game action.

"We just guarded the crap out of them," Alexandria Head Coach Marty Carroll said. "If they're going to hit shots, they were going to hit contested shots. We tried to switch on all screens with them. Our two teams are a lot alike in the fact that we play four guards, and so we felt like any of our four kids could guard any of their four kids, and that's how we approached it."

The Tigers never let their foot off the gas in the second half, building a 50-17 lead at the end of the third quarter before cruising to the 33-point triumph. Madison-Grant's offense never got on track, shooting just 28 percent from the field (12-for-43) and just 12 percent (2-for-15) from the perimeter.

Shooting guard Brennan Morehead led the Tigers with 22 points, while center Nick Williams came away with 17 points and seven points. Rylan Metz scored only five points, but recorded 10 rebounds and seven assists as well.

The Argylls finish the season with a 13-12 record.

Other sectional play M-G starts with upset

They call it Hoosier Hysteria for good reason. In the annual boys basketball tournament, anything can happen. Records do not matter,

nor do rankings.

Last Tuesday night, in the sectional 39 opener, the Madison-Grant Argylls gave everyone a glimpse of that Hoosier Hysteria. The Argylls notched one of the biggest upsets of the year in a 51-48 victory over the No. 4-ranked Tipton Blue Devils.

Tipton got off to strong start, building a 14-8 lead after the first quarter, but the Argylls made adjustments on both ends of the floor and hung close; it was 30-23 at halftime.

Madison-Grant dominated the third quarter, outscoring the Blue Devils 11-4, before taking the lead in the fourth and final frame. Tipton tied the game back up at one point, but they never regained the lead.

"It came down to our defense in the second half," Madison-Grant Head Coach Brian Trout said. "We only gave up 18 points in the second half. That's unbelievable defense. And we held them to 33 percent from the floor for the game. That's what did it."

The Blue Devils did cut the lead down to one point late in the game, but the Argylls closed the game out, making plays and hitting their free throws down the stretch.

"We had seven games that we lost by one or two possessions, by four points or less," Trout said. "It really stinks when you are going through it during the season, but I would say that those [lessons] paid off tonight. We did things better tonight down the stretch than we had

done during the season."

Grant Brown led the Argylls with 16 points, while Rudy and Isaac Cooper each came away with 12. Cooper added 13 rebounds to finish with a double-double.

M-G advances past Panthers

On Tuesday, the Madison-Grant Argylls shocked the Indiana basketball world, and on Friday night, they punched their ticket back to the championship game. Playing against longtime Grant County rival Eastbrook, the Argylls pulled away in the second quarter and never looked back, defeating the Panthers by a score of 67-46 in the sectional 39 semifinal.

The first quarter was nearly even, as the Argylls held a slim 15-11 advantage heading into the second frame. Then, the Argylls took over, outscoring the Panthers 23-9 to grab a 38-20 halftime lead they would not relinquish.

"It was the defense again," Madison-Grant Head Coach Brian Trout said. "Our defense not only was getting stops, but it was creating our offense, [especially] when we made our big run late in the first and then early in the second quarter."

"I think, tonight, Madison-Grant proved [their] winning Tuesday night was no fluke," Eastbrook Head Coach Greg Allison said.

Isaac Cooper led the Argylls with 18 points on six-for-eight shooting from the field, while Grant Brown recorded a double-double

with 16 points and 11 assists, along with four steals and zero turnovers.

Garrett Holder finished with 16 points to lead the Panthers, while Dylan Bragg scored nine, Bryce Schamber seven, and Alex Baker six.

Giants rout Norwell

On Friday night in the sectional 23 semifinal at Bellmont High School, the Giants came alive in the second frame. They executed well on both ends of the floor and took control of the contest, ultimately defeating the Norwell Knights by a score of 55-30.

Both offenses struggled in the first quarter, combining for just 13 points and six field goals, but Marion took the contest over in the second, shooting 8-for-12 from the field while holding the Knights to just 2-for-14. Along with that, the Giants forced 12 turnovers, building a 30-9 advantage at halftime.

The Giants did not let up in the second half, increasing their advantage to 44-17 after the third quarter before cruising to the 25-point victory.

JK Thomas led the Giants with 16 points, while Quran Howard scored 14 and Jalen Blackmon collected 11.

Mississinewa's season ends

On Tuesday night in the Sectional 23 opener, the Mississinewa Indians' season ended, as the Norwell Knights defeated them by a score of 60-40.

Norwell's offense caught fire, outscoring the Indians 23-6 between the 4:25 mark of the second quarter and the 3:25 mark of the third stanza to take a 41-24 lead they would not relinquish.

"The first quarter really went to gameplan," Mississinewa Head Coach James Reed said. "We were up 12-8, and we were fine. We were forcing them into quick shots and getting the rebound. Honestly, they just got hot, and we didn't. That really was the story of what happened. They hit five threes in the second quarter and in a tight game like that where both teams defensively are so good, that just made all the difference. They hit shots, and we didn't."

Wabash built a 59-33 after the third quarter, and cruised to the 31-point victory. Hayes played well in Oak Hill's season finale, recording a double-double with 20 points and 11 rebounds while shooting nine-for-16 for the game.

Oak Hill loses to Wabash

Less than a year ago, the Oak Hill Golden Eagles were standing in the middle of Bankers Life Fieldhouse, wearing their medals and hoisting the 2A state championship trophy, but on Friday

night the Wabash Apaches made sure that Oak Hill would not get a chance to defend their title.

Behind an aggressive defense and a dominant second quarter, the Apaches grabbed a big lead and held it the rest of the way in a 75-44 triumph over the Golden Eagles in the sectional 37 semifinal on Friday night.

"They made everything that we wanted to do very hard to get done," Oak Hill Head Coach Kevin Renbarger said. "Some of it obviously was a lack of concentration on our part and a lack of execution, but to a certain degree, you have to give a lot of credit to Wabash."

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Landry Ozmun and Kian Hite each scored five points for the Golden Eagles, while Clay McCorkle and Konnor Cabe finished with four points apiece.

The Golden Eagles finished the 2018-2019 season with a 10-13 record.

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At Marion High in the early 1980s he never, that's never lost a single sectional or regional game as a player. Twice he made it to the state finals and both years saw Marion lose two of the toughest games in Marion history: on the last-second shot by Stacy Toran, and the double-overtime loss to Anderson. Many still consider him the best player in Marion Giants basketball history, if not the most exciting.

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Earlier this year Coach James Blackmon was honored along with some of his Giants teammates.

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Oak Hill Golden Eagles capture state Class 2A championship

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by Sean Douglas

When the clock read triple zeros at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in downtown Indianapolis on Saturday afternoon, there was only one word that came to Oak Hill Head Coach Todd Law's mind.

"Finally."

After 15 years of coaching the girls basketball team to nearly 300 wins, he and the Golden Eagles were finally the state champions of Class 2A.

Law and the Golden Eagles had been there before, three times in fact. They finished as the state runner-up in 2008 and 2009, losing both times to Heritage Christian, and in 2017, when they came up short against Eastern (Pekin).

This time, behind yet another strong defensive performance and career-best games from Brittany McCorkle and Kaela Robey, the Golden Eagles earned another large trophy to put in the school's ever expanding case, with a 54-42 triumph over the Winchester Community Golden Falcons.

In basketball, offensive efficiency comes and goes. Sometimes shots just do not fall, even if they are great looks. Teams can still play great defense even through those slumps, though, which is what Oak Hill did throughout the season, when their defensive prowess kept them in many games.

"That's who we are," Law said. "It all starts with defense for us. We've been



Photos by David Roorbach

Above: The Oak Hill girls pose with the state championship trophy after defeating Winchester, 54-42. Below, Kaela Robey fires in two of her team-high 20 second-half points.



strong defensively all year, and, obviously, that was a major factor today as well. These kids know—we've talked about this since they were freshmen—that if you defend and you rebound, [even] if you are having a poor offensive night, that can help you to survive that, and it helped us survive the first half."

The Golden Eagles had a nightmarish first quarter offensively, shooting just two-for-16 from the field, but the Golden Falcons were not much better, shooting just three-for-nine and turning the ball over four times as they took a 6-5 lead into the second stanza.

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The Oak Hill community partied into the night

It has been an incredible 11 months for the Oak Hill community.

For starters, last March the Oak Hill boys basketball team won the first basketball state championship in school history. Then, a few months later in the track and field state meet, Margo Hornocker finished fifth in the 1600 meter, capping off an illustrious career, while Tahj Johnson, a member of that state championship basketball team, finished as the state runner up in the 400-meter dash.

This fall, junior Mollie Gamble was a top-20 runner in the cross country finals, and on February 16, Harper Dedman, Stewart Mossholder, and Bradley Rosman all represented Oak Hill in the wrestling state championships, becoming the first trio in school history to all advance to the final round.

On Saturday, February

23, the towns of Sweetser, Swayzee, and Converse had even more reasons to celebrate.

Not only did Todd Law and the Oak Hill Lady Golden Eagles win their first state championship in program history, but Caiden Lake came away with the school's first diving state championship moments after the final horn sounded at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. Lake, who was in third place with three dives to go, posted scores of 58.5, 63.0, and 52.5 to complete the comeback.

Last year, the boys basketball team, led by an incredible group of seniors, won it all in their first-ever appearance in the state final. For the girls basketball team, the results have been a little different. Though advancing to the big game in 2008, 2009, and 2017, they fell short in all three contests.

Through those losses, however, every team throughout Todd Law's coaching career worked tirelessly to achieve one goal—bring home that championship trophy.

It took them a while, and there were a few bumps in the road, but now, Oak Hill has another banner to hang in the Eagles' Nest.

"Having defending state champs in boys and girls [basketball] at the same time—it just doesn't happen all the time," Kirk Hornocker, father of former Oak Hill cross country and track field star Margo Hornocker, said at the pep rally Saturday night, "— especially schools our size. We are on such a run, and we have so much success because the kids are good, we've got good coaches, [and] we've got good feeder programs. It takes a long time...but this is the result. This is what you earn when you put the time in."

Just hours after the girls defeated Winchester Community 54-42, the entire community gathered in the Oak Hill gymnasium to congratulate their newly minted champions. Speeches were given, tears were shed, and, most importantly, the athletes who had invested countless hours into their craft to finish at the top, were celebrated.

"Well, it's certainly a little bit of a different situation for the girls in that they've been here several times and [have] not been able to do it, [but] they were able to pull it out this year," Oak Hill Athletic Director Ryan Fagan said. "What an outstanding year for them. I'm so proud of them and everything that they've done. It doesn't get old."

After being upset by longtime rival Frankton in the regional final last year, the Golden Eagles did not hang their heads for long. Rather, they used that loss as motivation, and in the end, with a team full of talent, grit, and

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resolve, they were finally able to reach the pinnacle.

“Last year, everybody had high hopes that they would get to the state, and when they got beat over in the regional at Greentown, the whole community and the girls took it pretty hard,” longtime fan Norman McFarland said. “But most of them were juniors. And I told my wife, I said, ‘Next year, they are going to win the state.’ I predicted this back in the winter time.”

“I know [Coach Law] has been working at it for years and years, and to be here four times and not get it done would have be heart-wrenching,” Fagan added. “I’m really proud of him and everything he has done, and boy, it’s nice to bring home some hardware to Grant County.”

No matter the sport, and regardless of record, the Golden Eagles’ fans pack arenas, fields, ballparks, and natatoriums across the state of Indiana, wearing their blue and gold proudly and cheering on their sons and daughters through both the wins and the losses.

“They are all good kids, and they are all great parents,” McFarland said. “It’s a nice community. I’m from Kokomo, and my wife told me from the get-go that it doesn’t matter if they are [struggling] or they’re really good, the Oak Hill community backs their teams. It didn’t take me too long to see that she was right.”

Law was one of the last people to speak at the event, and after thanking multiple people, including his coaching staff, his players, and his wife, Valerie, he thanked everyone in attendance for their support.

After all, this state championship is for them as well.

“I don’t know what it is about this place. Obviously, I went to school here and have been very fortunate to make it back here as a coach. This is a special place,” Law said. “I don’t care what it is. If there is something for people to turn out for, you turn out in spades. You were great today, and we appreciate you.”

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Winchester ran a triangle-and-two defense for most of the game, putting individual defenders on Taylor Westgate and Adrianna Trexler, and it was particularly effective in the first half. The Golden Eagles could not find a lot of open shots, and the ones they did take were rushed or way off the mark.

“We were just not moving the ball,” Law said.

Both teams traded baskets for the first 3:12 of the second quarter, but Winchester star Maddie Lawrence made her presence felt over the rest of the half, converting back-to-back three point plays and helping to build the Golden Falcons’ 23-15 lead at halftime.

After hitting three of their first four shots of the quarter, Oak Hill shot just one-for-10 the rest of the half.

In the locker room at halftime, Law did his best to light a fire under his team. “I would say it was motivational,” Kaela Robey said of Law’s talk. “He brought up [the fact] that this is the last game for most of us, and I think that really set in with me—to go out there in the second half and really give everything I’ve got because it’s the last time.”

When the Golden Eagles re-emerged from the tunnel, they were regrouped, refocused, and re-energized.

“We were not very active on offense, we weren’t moving the ball very well, [and] our cuts weren’t very strong,” Law said of the team’s first half offensive performance. “So, we had a little bit of a challenge conversation at halftime, and I think the kids came out much more focused—playing much harder and more aggressively. I think that was probably the difference in the game.”

With Taylor Westgate and Adrianna Trexler contained for most of the game, the Golden Eagles were looking for a catalyst, and in the third quarter Brittany McCorkle helped the Golden Eagles regain the momentum almost singlehandedly.

The Golden Falcons’ triangle-and-two left McCorkle open, and she made them pay. Despite playing with three personal fouls,



Photos by David Roorbach

Above: Taylor Westgate wheels to the basket and gets two in the fourth quarter of the state final. At right, Adrianna Trexler challenges Kira Robinson in the paint.

the Golden Eagles’ point guard scored 14 of her 16 points in the quarter on six-for-eight shooting from the field and two-for-four from beyond the arc.

“You have to shoot the ball in rhythm and have to have confidence in it,” Law said. “I felt like Brittany had that the entire game.”

“We were down [eight] coming into the third quarter, and I prayed really hard,” McCorkle said. “I just asked Him to give me the confidence and my team confidence to really get the job done...I knew that when they were doubling on Taylor and Nana [Adrianna] that I had to become an offensive threat.”

“We picked our poison,” Winchester Head Coach Holly Gutierrez said. “Other kids [besides Westgate and Trexler] had to step up, and they did.”

With 3:38 remaining in the third quarter, Winchester

led 32-23, but McCorkle scored six of the final eight points in the stanza to cut the Golden Falcon’s lead to 35-34.

If the third quarter was McCorkle’s, the final frame belonged to Robey.

Her field goal 35 seconds into the quarter put the Golden Eagles up by one point, the first time they had led since late in the first period. The two teams grappled defensively over the next couple of minutes and were tied at 38 with 6:18 left in the game. Ten seconds later Robey converted on an assist from Hasty and Oak Hill was off on a 16-4 run to end the game.

“Kayla is a good shooter, but Kayla is really good off the dribble and taking the ball to the basket,” Law said. “That is her strongest point. I felt like in the first half she was kind of settling for some tentative jumpshots, and in the second half, she took it strong to the basket. It ended up being her and [6-3 Kira] Robinson inside, but Kayla jumps pretty well and she can equalize that and was able to get a lot of shots to go.”

In the final eight minutes, Robey scored 12 points on five-of-six shooting from the floor, and the Oak Hill defense did the rest, keeping Winchester off the scoreboard for the final 2:45. Robey and Trexler combined to hit six free throws in the final 1:16 to put the game on ice.

In the second half, the Golden Eagles shot a scorching 15-for-23 from the field; Robey and McCorkle together were 13-for-16 and scored 30 of the Golden Eagles’ 39 second-half points.

“I have talked about this



for three years, and I’m not sure how many people actually believed or bought into the fact, but this is a team,” Law said. “This isn’t one or two players. That’s why we have worked so hard to develop a team—anybody can step up on any given night. It took a while today, obviously. [Winchester] did a great job of taking [Westgate and Trexler] away from us, and it took us a while to settle into that, but obviously [Robey and McCorkle] stepped up and did a great job. That’s just a great thing about having a group of girls that play together as a team.”

After holding Winchester to eight-for-22 shooting in the first half, Oak Hill was even more dominant in the second half, holding the Golden Falcons to just six-for-25, including three-for-14 from the three-point line, while forcing 16 total turnovers.

“All year long, we have been an excellent three-point shooting team,” Gutierrez said. “[Today,] We shot 10 percent from the

Law reflects on a championship season

by Sean Douglas

It took 15 seasons, three prior trips to the state championship game, and several heartbreaking defeats, but on February 23, 2019, Todd Law and the Oak Hill Golden Eagles finally reached the pinnacle, defeating the Winchester Community Golden Falcons at Bankers Life Fieldhouse to win the first 2A girls basketball state championship in school history.

“It felt like a 10-year, 1,000-pound weight was just lifted off of my chest in that moment when the buzzer hit,” Law said. “I was happy, no doubt, but it was way more of a relief.”

That afternoon in Indianapolis, the dreams of every Oak Hill coach and every Oak Hill player who spent countless hours creating game plans or honing their craft were finally realized. For the remainder of their lives, the 2018-2019 Golden Eagles will be etched in eternity, accomplishing a goal that all teams set, but few are able to complete.

But to reach the top, sometimes, you have to spend some time at rock bottom, and for Oak Hill, rock bottom came on February 10, 2018.

That was the day when the Golden Eagles, whom many people had picked to win it all, were upset by longtime Central Indiana Conference foe Frankton in the 2018 regional final, ending their season far sooner than many had

anticipated.

The loss was crushing, but from it came the motivation and desire to learn and grow from that failure.

“The way that last year ended...that really had an impact on me as a head coach from the standpoint of really looking at this [upcoming] season and making sure that we as a coaching staff did everything that we could to help these kids in the offseason to be prepared,” Law said.

In the 2018 offseason, Law and his coaching staff spent time identifying areas that needed improvement, as well as individual skills for each returning player to work on over the course of the spring and summer. Meeting with each player personally, Law outlined exercises, drills, and skills sets from them to expand on and ultimately master.

Each player, from Taylor Westgate to Adrianna Trexler to Kaela Robey, as well as everybody down the line, worked to become better basketball players.

“We had kids—Brittany [McCorkle], Abby [Shaw], Kaela—and all of our top eight were working at improving those areas on their time,” Law said. “That was a big step because not every kid does that, and what makes that even more difficult is that every kid...is a three-sport athlete. And if they’re not, they’re a two-sport athlete.

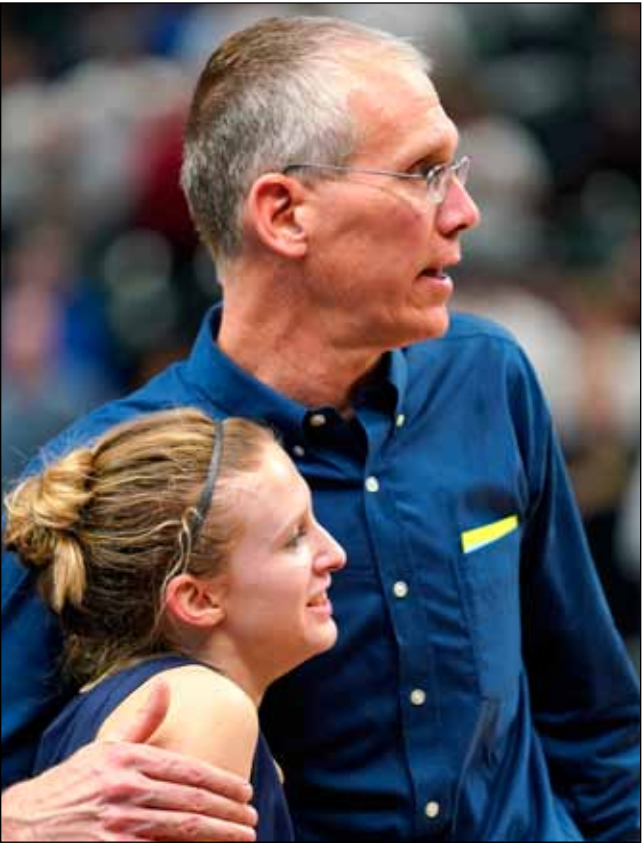


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Golden Eagles Head Coach Todd Law celebrates with Brittany McCorkle as the clock winds down in the state championship game.

They had to find time to do those things.”

Along with individual workout regimens, Law and the Golden Eagles participated in three basketball shoot-outs—two at IWU and one at Ball State—playing against some of the best 4A schools in both Indiana and Ohio. These summer sessions not only

helped them grow as a cohesive unit.

“It was a great experience for them,” Law said. “It forced them to play really hard. It showed them that, with most of those teams, they could compete. I think that was a confidence builder for them. A few of the games that we lost—they showed the weak-

nesses I was talking to them about right after our season. I think [that] motivated our kids to make sure to work hard and try to make those weaknesses into strengths.”

Every championship team experiences adversity in one way or another, and that was certainly the case for the Golden Eagles, especially early on. Jenessa Hasty missed the first four games with a leg injury she suffered during the cross country season, forcing several players into bigger roles than they were accustomed to having.

But extended minutes for Abby Shaw, as well as Andrea and Marissa Wilk, turned out to be a big factor in Oak Hill’s eventual success.

“I hated the injury, for Jenessa’s sake, obviously. You never want to see a kid go through something like that,” Law said. “But the spin-off on it was...for our team, there were some really good things that came out of that.”

“Abby’s and both Andrea and Marissa’s minutes went way up during that time period. Jenessa was back within four games, but really wasn’t back full-go for another three, four, or five games. Those girls played a lot of minutes during that time period, some of them got to start during that time period, and I think [they] really took some huge steps forward. That played huge for us all season long.”

The Golden Eagles were

excellent during the regular season, finishing with an 18-3 record, which included an 11-game win streak from November 9 to December 30.

In their seventh game of the season they played Winchester at the New Castle Fieldhouse. The Golden Falcons were the state runner-up in 2018 and had their entire team back, and, after falling behind by six points in the first quarter, the Golden Eagles outscored the Golden Falcons 52-26 in the final three stanzas to earn a decisive, 20-point victory.

It was during that contest that Law first believed this group could accomplish something special.

“To come in and not only win the game, but win the game going away like we did, that was, for me, the first time period in my mind thinking, ‘okay, we’ve got a chance to do this this year,’” Law said. “That was where it started for me.”

As the season progressed, and the wins began to pile up, the team’s overall confidence began to grow and players continued to develop.

One of the players was point guard Brittany McCorkle. Already a sound defender, McCorkle’s offensive game grew exponentially in the final weeks of the regular season. After scoring 12 points against Eastern in the second-to-last game of the

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regular season, she began contributing more on both ends of the floor.

She scored 15 points in the sectional final game against Manchester, and her 14-point third quarter in the state final will be remembered forever in Grant County sports lore.

"From that [Eastern] game on, that really catapulted her confidence and she really started to play well for us," Law said of McCorkle. "So when I saw the Eastern game and I saw it happen again in that sectional final, what she did for us in the state finals wasn't a surprise to me. We had seen it."

After winning their third straight sectional championship, the Golden Eagles purged their demons in the regional round, defeating both Lafayette Central Catholic and Tipton on the same floor where their championship aspirations had been shattered just one year earlier. The following week in the semi-state a strong defensive effort carried the Golden Eagles to an impressive victory over undefeated and defending 2A state champion Central Noble.

All that stood between Oak Hill and immortality was a rematch with the Golden Falcons.

"We knew Winchester was going to be a better team from when we saw them the first time, but I think [those wins] really gave our kids the confidence that, 'we aren't going down there to enjoy the experience. We are going down there to win a game.'"

In the opening 16 minutes, nothing went the Golden Eagles' way. Against Winchester's triangle-and-two defense, Oak Hill struggled to knock down shots and did not move the ball with much fluidity, hitting just six of their 30 attempts while falling behind by eight points at halftime.

"From the second that 2017 game was over, they have dealt—we all have—with the pressure of everybody thinking anything less than a state championship in our last two years was going to be a failure," Law said. "That put a big target on our back. I think in the first half, the kids were feeling a lot of that."

At halftime, Law made adjustments, and then gave his girls some tough love, encouraging them to keep fighting and keep battling until the final whistle.

After Robey's first basket of the third quarter, Law knew that his team was ready to go. "As soon as I saw that play...I felt good from that point because I knew we were back and were playing the way we wanted to play," said Law. "They came out and played more relaxed and more focused."

Oak Hill dominated the second half. McCorkle and Robey combined for 30 of

"There have been so many teams that have accomplished so much here, and I have been so blessed in my 15 years here with the players that I have been able and so fortunate to coach,"

doing live scouts on teams for the regional, the semi-state, and the state finals. I wanted to make sure that as a coaching staff, we had done every single thing possible to help this team be prepared for each level that they were able to advance."

While the 2018-2019 team was the first to win the state championship, Law credited all of the players that came before, stating that they laid the foundation of what transpired in late February.

"There have been so many teams that have accomplished so much here, and I have been so blessed in my 15 years here with the players that I have been able and so fortunate to coach," Law said. "Their talent level, but way more importantly than that is their dedication and how they developed their skills to become great players and mold into great teams. That's a God thing, and I give Him all the glory and credit for that. It's been a very special 15-year ride."

After 15 years, Law is beyond proud to bring home

a state championship to a school and a community that has been so near and dear to his heart throughout his life.

"Oak Hill is just a special place—it really is," Law said. "I was a junior when the first championship was won in football in 1982, and so I was able to experience that. It was a special thing, and then, obviously, with the boys winning last year and then us winning this year, to be able to bring a couple more championships to our school has just been something very special to have been a part of. Our community has just done a great job of supporting in multiple ways."

"I know that many, many coaches don't have the opportunity that I've had—to have a school that stresses the importance that Oak Hill does [and] a community that is so supportive of their athletics and their teams. I just feel very blessed by God to have been the coach that was chosen to be able to be a part of this."

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Oak Hill topples Central Noble in semi-state

Heading into Saturday’s Class 2A Northern Semi-State clash against defending state champion and No. 1-ranked Central Noble, the Golden Eagles were the top defensive team in the state of Indiana, allowing just 27.9 points per game.

That defensive prowess led them to 18 wins in the regular season. It lifted them to their third sectional championship in three seasons. It played a huge role in their dominant victory over Tipton in the regional final.

Last Saturday, in the Golden Eagles’ toughest test of the year, in front of a raucous crowd at the Berry Bowl, against a team that had a 27-0 record coming in, the Oak Hill defense held the Cougars to just 36 points.

Their offense also scored the most that any team had managed against Central Noble all season, and so, for the second time in three seasons, Oak Hill is heading back to Bankers Life Fieldhouse for a chance at a 2A state championship, after defeating the Cougars by a score of 53-36.

“It feels great, obviously,” Oak Hill Head Coach Todd Law said. “You’re looking at a group of girls who have worked so hard [and] a coaching staff that has just given absolutely everything they can for four years. So, as a coach, you always want to make sure...[that] you put them in a position to be able to realize those dreams. We feel like we’ve got a chance now.”

In the first quarter neither team led by more than three points. Central Noble star guard and Ball State commit Sydney Freeman found some success, scoring seven points, while a buzzer-beating field goal from Bridgette Gray gave the Cougars a 12-10 lead after the first frame.

“The second quarter was really our quarter,” Oak Hill point guard Brittany McCorkle said. “We knew that, [after that,] we only had 16 minutes left to play, and we really wanted it. So, we decided to step up our defensive game a little bit.”

After Central Noble opened the quarter with a field goal, the Golden Eagles dominated. Oak Hill forced eight Central Noble turnovers and scored 10 points off of those giveaways, ending the first half on a 13-2 run.

“We came out in the second [quarter] a lot harder [and] a lot stronger,” Oak Hill center Taylor Westgate said. “We worked on this all week and I am so glad of the outcome.”

After allowing Freeman to shoot three-for-four in the first quarter, the Golden Eagles held her scoreless in the second as they built a 23-16 halftime lead.

“I think a lot of it was just calming down and getting back into what the gameplan was—really trying to seal up gaps so Freeman couldn’t drive,” Law said. “She’s so good, and she still got plenty of opportunities in there, but our kids did a good job of trying to keep her on the perimeter. We always had somebody on her, within two or three feet of her.”

While Oak Hill’s guards took care of Freeman, Westgate and Andrea Wilk did an excellent job of guarding Meleah Leatherman. In nearly 13 minutes of playing time in the first half, Leatherman was ineffective, failing to score any points before being forced to the bench with two fouls.

“Our posts did a great job of bringing down help to try and cover Leatherman down inside,” Law said. “We felt like if we could limit her touches, and then especially when shots went up for them, we could really block her out.”

Oak Hill added to their lead early in the third quarter,

Oak Hill girls scores

11/2 Peru, W--71-19
11/6 @ Marion, L--36-35
11/9 @ Northfield, W--45-39
11/13 Jay County, W--47-39
11/16 @ Southwood, W--50-12
11/24 Winchester Community, W--59-39
11/27 Manchester, W--60-30
11/30 @ Elwood, W--65-23
12/4 Lewis Cass, W--77-27

12/8 Mississinewa, W--63-23
12/11 Wabash, W--62-20
12/15 Frankton, W--45-25
12/20 @ Fort Wayne South Side, L--50-43
12/29 @ Eastbrook, W--47-26
12/29 Mississinewa, W--58-33
1/5 Blackford, W--74-16

1/9 @ Northwestern, L--60-42
1/12 @ Eastbrook, W--50-23
1/17 Alexandria-Monroe, W--76-22
1/22 @ Eastern, W--67-34
2/1 North Miami, W--54-23 (sectional)
2/2 Wabash, W--51-20 (sectional semi)

2/4 Manchester, W--48-16 (sectional final)
2/9 Lafayette Central Catholic, W--37-26 (regional semi)
2/9 Tipton, W--56-36 (regional final)
2/16 Central Noble, W--53-36 (semistate)
2/23 Winchester Community, W--54-42 (state final)



opening the frame with a 9-2 run to increase their advantage to 15. A 7-0 response by the Cougars cut the Oak Hill lead back down to single digits, but an Adrianna Trexler bucket in the waning moments put the Golden Eagles up 35-25 heading into the final quarter.

Oak Hill led by double digits the rest of the way, never trailing by any less than 11 points in the final eight minutes.

“I’m so incredibly happy for my team and the community,” Oak Hill guard Jenessa Hasty said. “We felt no pressure, honestly, because they were the No. 1-ranked team and they had the better record, but I think that’s what really pushed us through.”

Oak Hill’s defense forced 18 turnovers in the contest, including 11 steals, while holding the Cougars to just 41 percent shooting (16-of-39) from the field.

Many of Oak Hill’s major contributors were on the 2A state runner-up team two seasons ago, and are grateful for another opportunity to bring the first girls state basketball championship back to Oak Hill.

“It’s unbelievable,” Westgate said of getting back to Bankers Life. “You know, a lot of teams don’t get this opportunity, and I’m so glad that we worked so hard this game and came out on top.”

Trexler, after scoring just

four points in the first half, carried the offense after halftime, leading the Golden Eagles with 20 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter to help put the game away.

“I’m ready to go to Indy right now and I’m ready to play,” Trexler said with a big grin on her face. “I’m fired up. It was a heck of a game. I love playing with this team so much. They mean the world to me.”

McCorkle played her best game in an Oak Hill uniform, scoring nine points and leading the team with five steals. Her defensive play at the top of the key against one of the best players in the state played a huge role in Oak Hill’s semi-state championship.

“A couple of those [steals] especially were at very pivotal points where momentum maybe had changed a little bit,” Law said. “And she was able to sneak in there and get them.”

“I feel like I did my role tonight,” McCorkle added. “Coach always talks about doing your job, and I feel like I did that tonight.”

Hasty finished with eight points in the contest, while Westgate also collected eight points together with nine rebounds.

“I don’t think we had a player that didn’t play well today,” Law said. “That says a lot for those kids.

When you step on this stage

with this atmosphere...and [have] everyone play well, that’s great.”

Freeman led the Cougars with 16 points on seven-of-16 shooting from the floor, while Gray added 10 and Leatherman finished with eight.

Eagles top Tipton for regional crown.

A year ago, in the same game, on the same floor, it was a much different scene.

The Oak Hill Golden Eagles, coming off a state runner-up finish the previous year, were stunned by long-time rival Frankton in one of the biggest upsets of the entire season. The Golden Eagles’ defense, who had only given up 50 points or more twice in the regular season, gave up 68 on that evening

364 days previous, ending a campaign that many believed would end at Bankers Life Fieldhouse – and a state championship.

Oak Hill Head Coach Todd Law did not forget last year’s game. Neither did his players. And in the regional round this year, they used that contest, and that heartbreak, as motivation.

“We’ve had a poster-sized of that scoreboard from last year’s regional hanging in our locker room all year,” Law said. “I took it down and put it right in front of them where they would see it when they walked in tonight.”

And at the end of their regional final with Tipton on Saturday night, the tears from a year ago were replaced with cheers. The hugs and embraces were not ones of sadness and comfort but ones of pure joy and elation.

Because the Golden Eagles are back in the semi-

state for the second time in the last three years.

In their most dominant performance in a season full of incredible moments, individual efforts, and a lot of wins, Oak Hill shut down the No. 9 team in the state from beginning to end. Taylor Westgate was a machine, Jenessa Hasty showed flashes of brilliance, the defense was stout, and the Golden Eagles put last year’s demons to rest with a 56-36 triumph over the Blue Devils.

“I just really felt that in the first game [this afternoon], we were so nervous, uptight, [and] timid, and that was all just released off tonight,” Law said. “I thought we came out with more of an attack mentality, and obviously we played well.”

Tipton’s Lexi Altherr opened the game with a field goal to give the Blue Devils a 2-0 lead – and that was the only time they ever led in the contest. Westgate scored five of the Golden Eagles’ first seven points give Oak Hill a 7-6 lead, and then, they blew the game wide open.

Hasty, who has worked all year on rediscovering her offensive game, provided the spark the Golden Eagles needed. The senior guard scored six straight points on three consecutive jumpstarts – a 12-2 run that gave the Golden Eagles a 17-6 advantage, and a double-digit lead they would never relinquish.

“I just wanted to get to the basket because my shot hasn’t feeling the greatest,” Hasty said. “I [was] just looking to get the crowd going and get our energy up.”

And that’s exactly what happened.

Leading 19-8 heading into the second half, the Golden Eagles’ continued their offensive assault. After scoring five points in the opening frame, Westgate added five more in the second as Oak Hill took a 30-15 lead into the intermission.

Meanwhile, on the defensive end of the floor, the Golden Eagles did a masterful job of limiting of Tipton star Cassidy Crawford, holding her to just five points in the opening 16 minutes.

“We knew we had to stop

Crawford,” Hasty said. “We knew that Crawford could pretty much score anywhere, so we were just trying to communicate that during the [game.]”

Lexi Altherr was held to just four points, while Kelsey Mitchell, another capable scorer for the Blue Devils to hold to two.

“We pride ourselves on our defense,” Westgate said. “And I think we really are working well together and communicating.”

Though they were up by double-digits heading into the second quarter, Law knew that his team could not get complacent or let up in any way. Tipton has enough talent to make a comeback in any game, no matter how many points by which they are trailing.

“I was concerned because Tipton had so many come-from-behind wins,” Law said. “They had two in the sectional. They had four in the regular season as well, so we talked about that, how it was going to be very important to come back out and establish things in the third quarter, so we did.”

Westgate continued her dominance in the second half, scoring Oak Hill’s first 12 points to help them build a 42-24 lead early in the fourth quarter. After scoring just 10 points in the regional semifinal against LCC, Westgate was the focal point of the offense, and Tipton had no answer for her.

“My team helped me out a lot,” Westgate said. “They had great passes and helped get me open the whole game.”

The Golden Eagles cruised the rest of the way, never allowing the Blue Devils to get closer than 14 points through the remainder of the fourth quarter.

Westgate led all scorers with 24 points on eight-of-11 shooting to go along with nine rebounds. Hasty was perfect from the field, scoring 12 points on five-for-five shooting together while also recording four steals, four rebounds, and two assists.

“She’s building confidence [and] trying to get back,” Law said. “She’s always a great defender [and] passes the ball well. But she got some layups and drives off stuff we really needed.”

Brittany McCorkle fin-

Hasty given mental attitude award

Following the state championship game, the IHSAA presented its Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award to Oak Hill’s Jenessa Hasty. The award is for a senior who has demonstrated excellence in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability. The principal and coach of the schools nominate the girls for the award.

“It means a lot to me,” Hasty said after receiving the award, “especially to have my teammates with me at the announcement.” The award includes a \$1,000 scholarship.

Hasty had to come back from a stress fracture in her femur. “It was really hard, because I was looking forward to cross country season, which is when it happened, and I didn’t get to run a single race,” she said. She would sit out the first four games of the basketball season as well. The lack of conditioning from missing



Photos by David Roorbach

Jenessa Hasty (#21) gets pushed towards center court of Bankers Life Fieldhouse to accept the Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude award.

cross country season affected her shooting touch throughout the basketball campaign, and affected her confidence. “It was really

hard for me to get back in the flow,” Hasty said, “but the other girls stepped up. I think it’s more affected my mental confidence. It’s been



of cohesion.

Nonetheless, throughout the 2018-2019 season, defense has been the Golden Eagles’ biggest strength.

And in a game where offense was hard to come

with me all season.

“I don’t know if I’m fully back. My leg is fine; it’s all up here,” she said, tapping her head.

Hasty is a member of the National Honor Society. She is the Student Body President and the president of the Student Council. Hasty is also involved in the O-Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Spanish Club and the orchestra.

In addition to being a state champion in basketball, Hasty is a three-time regional champion in cross country and plays softball, where she is a three-time All-Conference and All-County selection.

The daughter of Rick and Jackie Hasty of Swayzee and plans to attend Huntington University and study nursing in the fall. She has signed to play both basketball and softball at the collegiate level.

umph over the Knights.

“Our defense and rebounding helped us survive,” Oak Hill Head Coach Todd Law said. “We were pretty inept in every other area today, which is just disappointing. We survived, and hopefully we can regroup a little bit this afternoon and get ready to play a little bit better tonight.”

In the first quarter, the two teams combined for seven total points as the Golden Eagles led 4-3 heading into the second stanza. Oak Hill shot just two-for-six, turning the ball over five times, while LCC knocked down just one of their nine attempts.

The lack of offense continued in the second frame, as Oak Hill shot two-for-six again, while the Knights were a woeful two-for-10 from the field.

Holding on to a 6-5 advantage midway through the quarter, a triple from Abby Shaw and two made free throws from Marissa Wilk pushed Oak Hill’s lead to 11-5. LCC’s Lexi Thompson hit a three of her own on the Knights’ ensuing possession to cut it back down to three points, but two more free throws, this time from Taylor Westgate, made it 13-8 at halftime.

Throughout the first half,

the Golden Eagles seemed to rush their offense every time they went down the floor. Passes were forced, poor shots were taken, and a lack of offensive rebounding led to several one-and-done possessions.

“We were totally impatient [and] jamming the ball in places it shouldn’t go,” Law said. “We had 12 turnovers in the first half. We just didn’t play the way that we needed to offensively to be successful on that end of the floor.”

Oak Hill’s offense did find a little life in the third quarter, using an 11-4 surge to take their biggest cushion of the afternoon at 14 points. Thompson and Halle Blumling hit back-to-back treys to bring the game back down to single digits, and a field goal from LCC freshman Karsyn Cherry made it 28-20 heading into the final frame.

Another three, this time from Caroline Lutz, and a free throw from Cherry cut the Golden Eagles’ lead down to four, but the Knights would not get any closer. Oak Hill closed the game on a 9-3 run, which included two huge putbacks from Westgate and Adrianna Trexler and a few timely free throws from Kaela Robey, to make it back to the regional final.

“We only had two offensive rebounds at half, so that was an area where we challenged them a little bit,” Law said. “We came out and did a much better job of that, and in the fourth quarter, those two putbacks [by Trexler and Westgate] were pretty big for us.”

Robey was tremendous in the second half, going to the foul line five times and knocking down nine of her 10 attempts. With the Golden Eagles’ offense reeling, she provided the spark that the team needed on both ends of the floor. For the game, Robey finished with 13 points and six rebounds.

“I [told] her in practice the other day that when [LCC] went man, her matchup would be a kid that she would have some size on and quickness on and [that she] should try to take it to the basket,” Law said. “I thought she did do a good job of that.”

Westgate finished with 10

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points and eight rebounds, while Trexler added four in the Golden Eagles’ victory. Cherry scored eight points to lead the Knights, while Thompson finished with six

and Blumling collected five.

Golden Eagles win third straight sectional title with rout of Manchester

Throughout the course of the 2018-2019 campaign, the Oak Hill Golden Eagles’ defensive play has been out-

standing. In the sectional tournament, it’s been even better, and in the Class 2A Sectional 37 final, the Golden Eagles saved their best defensive performance for the championship match. Oak Hill dominated from start to finish, recording its

third straight sectional title with a 48-16 triumph over host Manchester on Monday night.

“First of all, I’m just really proud of the kids,” Oak Hill Head Coach Todd Law said. “It’s hard enough to win one sectional, to win three in a row is just a phenomenal achievement... They really achieved something really special, winning three conference championships in a row, going 21-0 in the conference over three years—I’m just really proud of them.”

After giving up just 23 points to North Miami in the sectional opener and 21 to Wabash in the semifinal, Oak Hill’s defense allowed just five points in the opening 16 minutes.

“We came out really well,” Law said. “At the start, we were playing really, really well defensively, holding them to two in the first quarter. We jumped out 9-0 before they scored.”

Oak Hill’s dominance continued in the third quarter; they used a big scoring surge to put the contest out

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of reach for the Squires. “I really liked our start again in the second half,” Law said. “We talked in the locker room that we had a choice to make. We can either let them back right here or you can go out and take it away from them. We came out on a 20-2 run to start the third quarter to take total control of the game.”

Brittany McCorkle was excellent on Monday, leading the Golden Eagles with 15 points. “They didn’t guard her,” Law said. “They took her man and went down and doubled Taylor with her and just left her flat-out wide open. She buried three out of four threes [and] was six-of-10 from the field. She just

stepped up to that challenge and really made them pay for it. I was really proud of her play.”

Adrianna Trexler was second on the team with 11 points, while Kaela Robey scored eight and Taylor Westgate added six.

“Obviously, we’ve got a short week, so we’re down a day,” Law said. “To be quite honest, most of the way is going to be continuing to shoot the ball a lot in practice, and then it’s going to be focusing in on LCC and the things that they do and what we are going to have to able to do to try and contain that. We are going to need a good week of preparation to get ready for Saturday.”



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