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CALENDAR

Thursday, December 12
5:30 pm—Leadership and Engagement Working Group, YMCA, 123 Sutter Way, Marion. Focuses on building intentional civic leadership and engagement, creating a pipeline of strong leaders. Free. Info: 765-664-0544

6 pm—Christmas City Walkway of Lights, Marion Riverwalk, Marion. Lit nightly from 6-10 pm. \$5 per car per visit. Appearances by Santa on Friday nights, The Grinch on Saturday nights, and snowman Olaf on Sunday nights from 6 pm-9 pm.

6 pm—Gas City Christmas Lights in the Park, Beaner Linn Park, 718 S. Broadway St., Gas City. Drive through or walk through this brightly lit holiday display in the Gas City Park. Twinkling lights adorn fun holiday displays nightly from 6-10pm. Free. Info: <http://www.gascityindiana.com>.

Friday, December 13
5 pm—Oak Hill Baseball 18th Annual Chili Supper, Oak Hill High School. All-you-can-eat chili with sandwiches, vegetables, desert, and drinks provided. Take-out available. Advance: \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (12 and under). At the door: \$6 for adults, \$4 for children. Info: 765-395-3341.

5 pm—Dining With Dickens, Historic Hostess House, 723 W. 4th St., Marion. Join us for a delicious and traditional Olde English holiday dinner with its menu taken from Dickens' own Christmas recipes. \$35 per person. Info: 765-664-3755.

6 pm—Christmas City Walkway of Lights, see Dec. 12.

6 pm—Gas City Christmas Lights

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Marion kicks off Christmas



Photo by Ed Breen

A Christmas tree on the northeast corner of the Grant County Courthouse square was illuminated Saturday evening at the conclusion of the rejuvenated downtown Christmas parade. It was the conclusion of a full day of downtown holiday related activities.

Brane lays down MV Band baton

by Alan Miller

John Brane officially stepped down from the Mississinewa Valley Band podium on Tuesday night, but the beat will go on--both for Brane and for the band.

Brane, who is 83 years old, was one of six local musicians who founded the band in 2000 and has been its only director. He announced a year ago that the annual "Yuletide at the Phillippe" concert would be his last as director.

When the 2020 concert season

begins in April, Don Lamb will be on the podium. He has played in the band since its first concert.

John Brane already knows where he will be on the same night.

"Unless the people in the band fire me, I'm going to be in the back row playing the tuba," Brane said. "My instrument is actually the baritone, but there already are five baritones in the band, so they don't need another one."

A large crowd came to the Phil-

lippe Performing Arts Center on Tuesday to say farewell to Brane and to express appreciation for his 20 years of band leadership.

A special guest at the concert was State Rep. Ann Vermilion, who presented Brane with a Circle of Corydon Award on behalf of Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb. "The award is given to Hoosiers who have made remarkable contributions to the betterment of Indiana

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WHERE'S MIKE?

Mike Roorbach



It was an adventure I have been thinking about since 2016 when I detoured through Iowa on my way home from visiting my son Adam in Kansas. On that trip I visited a few small towns and caught campaign appearances by GOP Presidential hopefuls Mike Huckabee, Rand Paul, and Ted Cruz. I thought it would be fun to do the same this year with the crowded 2020 Democrat field and see what they are like on the stump.

I tried without success to get a couple of folks to go with me this time, but couldn't work out the specifics. A new opportunity arose when Candace Moats' IWU vol-

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INDIANA QUIZ

1. Name the Spencer County town whose post office is always very busy at Christmas time.
2. What ever-popular Christmas song was recorded by Hoosier Bobby Helms?
3. "A Christmas Story" is based upon author Jean Shepherd's childhood in what Indiana city?

Answers are on page 11.



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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

An amazing gift is just one part of the story

It's hard to believe that it is already December. Where has this year gone? It seems as though the year has just started and it is now almost over. December is a special month for me because it represents the celebration of Christmas, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. There are so many things that I like about this season. I enjoy looking at all the decorations, inside and out, the parties, programs, family get-togethers, but, most of all, Christmas day itself.

Many associate Christmas as the season for giving and receiving gifts. Now, I am not a big fan of receiving gifts, although I do enjoy giving to others. Do you remember what you got for Christmas last year? How about the year before? You probably didn't do any better than I did, because I can't remember one single gift. However, one thing I do remember is The Gift.

Scripture tells us in Luke 1:26-32, "(26) And in the sixth month the angel, Gabriel, was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, (27) To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. (28) And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou who art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. (29) And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered in her mind what manner of

greeting this should be. (30) And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favor with God. (31) And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. (32) He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David."

The story of the announcement of Jesus is one that I have heard many times, but it seems as though it never grows old. I have always wondered what it would have been like to be Mary. Just the experience of having an angel reveal himself to you with a message as powerful as this one had to be overwhelming, and most of all, unbelievable.

The messenger was Gabriel, the archangel. His name means, "The power of God."

Another amazing part of this story is that it was given to a maiden of Nazareth (Mary). Nazareth was an obscure place that had very little to talk about. It was a city in Galilee where it was common knowledge that nothing good would come out of Nazareth. No prophets would ever be born there. God had other plans. Even in the lowest place on earth, our Lord is conceived.

There is one thing about this story that should never be forgotten. God knows where we are, and He knows exactly what He is doing. He chose a place where people had no hope, secluded from the world, and conceived the



JUST A THOUGHT
Rev. Tom Mansbarger



King of Kings and Lord of lords, our Savior Jesus Christ. Please bear in mind, in spite of what man may say or think, God's plans are not our

plans, and God's ways are not our ways. God raised up our Savior from the most desolate place on earth. We serve an all-powerful, all-knowing God. He saw something in Nazareth that would shock the world.

Next week we will continue our story about this unbelievable gift, but my prayer is that you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Because if you miss Jesus, you will miss what this life is all about. The greatest gift ever given to mankind!

Tom

Tom Mansbarger is senior pastor of Grace Community Church. He offers free counseling. Reach him at 765. 517. 1187 or tom@graceccmarion.org.

It's time to leave behind the negative thoughts about Marion

I am not a Marion native; however, I have lived in Marion longer than anywhere else I have lived.

My husband and I met here in Marion and chose to stay where we raised three daughters who are all successfully pursuing college degrees and (eventually) careers. We have every intention of retiring and growing old here in Marion.

Recently I participated in a forum asking where Marion should be in 25 years and how should we get there. I was waiting for the conversation to turn to what many say still defines Marion: the last lynching, which took place on Aug. 7, 1930. Someone commented that every August that fateful time is replayed across the nation and Marion is once again reminded of the horrific event.

I wanted to say, "OK, however, does it have to define us?" Can we not say, that was a horrible event, that we are deeply sorry that it ever happened, and, while

we can't ever change history, can't we learn from it? How much longer will that define us? Does it yet define us? It seems that, to some degree, it most certainly does.

I see glimmers of hope across Marion. I see true growth and potential, and then I hear comments about the lynching, a dark cloud over Marion, and the good old boys who don't want to see Marion succeed.

I also hear how there are young people who have new

and innovative ideas for Marion, who receive a mixed reaction when they try to come to the table. At times they are welcomed and at other times they are told they don't know the history of Marion, and so are shut down.

I wonder why. Why would we not welcome any and all voices? Why would we not want Marion to be the best it can be?

No one ever disputes that Marion has great and generous people. In fact, the generosity of the people is one of the main attributes Marion seems known for. So, why can't we focus on that and let go of the negative?

I would never begin to presume to know how the lynching affected the family and ancestors of J. Thomas Shipp and Abraham S. Smith, the young African-American men who were murdered in a lynching by a mob of thousands on August 7, 1930 at the courthouse square. African-American suspect, 16-year-old James Cameron, was also arrested and narrowly escaped being killed by the mob.

There certainly are many other things Marion can focus on and strive for, such as being Christmas City USA or the Marion Easter Pageant

or even its history of winning basketball championships.

Then there are those quality-of-life attributes that can set us apart: The reasonable cost of living and overall safe neighborhoods, along with the Riverwalk, the Cardinal Greenway and an incredible library to name a few attributes worth celebrating. Also, the fact that we have more than 250 churches in Marion and Grant County, where Christians congregate and, ideally, share their love.

As we think about, and work towards what Marion will be some day, let us truly strive to encompass all ideas and all people.

Let us not get caught up in the olden days—either good or bad. Let us not pine for factory jobs which are more than likely not coming back and, instead, work to train our youth, so they are prepared and ready to flourish both locally and globally. It has been said that Marion can either succeed or decline. I for one, have no intention of letting Marion decline.

As we spend time thinking about what Marion's legacy should be, let us focus on how we can all come together for the benefit of Marion. Let us set our personal agendas aside and truly work to improve our community for us, and, more importantly, for our children and grandchildren.

Nothing worth achieving happens quickly, so let us focus on the here and now. Let us truly work to define the future and strategically determine, step by step, how we will get there, so that generations to come will not define Marion as a negative community. Let us instead be defined as the community that overcame the odds and became the place to live, work and play.



A SLICE OF LIFE
Linda Wilk



Linda Wilk is a Marion resident, former journalist and community activist.



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13. Mild cigar
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16. Fly like an eagle
17. Paddled
18. Prophetic sign
19. Pocketknife
22. Vintage
23. Chicken ____ king
24. Bits of work
26. Pulsates
29. Soldiers
31. Miracle—____
32. Race official
34. Indian form of address
36. Feathered creature
38. Spud
40. Stand up to
41. Word with truth or blood
43. Embankment
45. Hwy.
46. Remember
48. Likenesses
50. Roman emperor
51. Botanist Gray
52. Ate
54. Intensify
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mately)
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2. Lined up
3. Jai ____
4. Short cannon
5. Thick slice
6. British nobleman
7. Territory
8. Confucian path
9. Air
10. Rind
11. Transport, mail
13. Live together
14. Comparatively peculiar
20. Coagulate
21. Aphrodite’s son
25. Incite
26. Judge, e.g.
27. Appalling
28. Petty
29. Rome’s Fontana di ____
30. Uses a sieve
31. “Pygmalion” monogram
33. Summer along the Seine
35. Tournament exemption
37. Il ____ (Mussolini)
39. Sends back into custody
42. Latin singer Anthony
44. Orient
47. Like some change
49. Device for holding up a
stocking
52. Party. thrower
53. Poker stake
55. Orange Bowl org.
56. Bay
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58. Dynamic start?
59. Mai ____
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in the Park, see Dec. 12.

7 pm—Family Night at the Walkway of Lights, Matter Park Gardens, Marion.Children age 12 and under are invited to join us with their family for holiday activities. \$5 per child. Family fun includes ornament crafts, cookie decorating, trolley rides, and a visit with Santa! Info: 765-382-3761.

Saturday, December 14
9 am—Breakfast with Santa, Garden House in Matter Park, Marion.Everyone is invited to come to the Garden House in Matter Park to enjoy a special treat of breakfast with Santa Claus. Free. Info: 765-662-3981.

9 am—Holiday Boutique, Hontz Hall Community Building, 307 W. South H Street, Gas City. Crafts, jewelry, gifts, and baked goods will be available for purchase. Helps support Westview Elementary PTO. Free.

1 pm—Cocoa with Santa, Van Buren Fire Station, 201 N. 1st St., Van Buren. Join us at the Van Buren Fire Station to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus. Hot chocolate, crafts and fun for the children. Info: 765-934-9975.

6 pm—Christmas City Walkway of Lights, see Dec. 12.

6 pm—Gas City Christmas Lights in the Park, see Dec. 12.

Sunday, December 15
6 pm—Christmas City Walkway of Lights, see Dec. 12.

6 pm—Gas City Christmas Lights in the Park, see Dec. 12.

Monday, December 16
10 am—Marion Board of

Works, Marion Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 S. Branson St. Free. Info.: ajrichard@cityofmarion.in.gov or cityofmarion.in.gov

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

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

Tuesday, December 17
9:15 am—Chair Yoga, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Yoga for adults. Free. Info: 765-668-2900 ext. 1117.

OBITUARY

Ellen Marie Kennedy Barker

1938-2019

Former Marion resident, Ellen Marie Kennedy Barker born Oct 26, 1938, passed away on November 8, 2019. Her memorial service is December 9, 2019 in Jefferson, Texas. She is survived by her husband, Larry Barker, four children, six grandchildren, brothers Andrew Kennedy and Paul J. Kennedy and twin sister Elaine Lines.

6 pm—PJ Tales, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Storytime for preschoolers through 2nd graders. Info: 765-668-2900 ext. 1105.

6:30 pm—City Council of Gas City, Council Chambers, 211 E. Main St. Info.: Teri Miller, Clerk-Treasurer, 765-

677-3079, gascityclerk@indy.rr.com, or gascityindiana.com

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

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and its people,” Vermilion said.

Brane decided he wanted to be a band director when he was in the seventh grade at LaFontaine Junior High School. After earning a degree from Jordan College of Music at Butler University, he accepted his first teaching job in 1958 as the junior high band director in the Oak Hill schools.

Over the next 39 years, he taught band at Avilla, Hartford City and Taylor University before spending the last 22 years of his teaching career at Eastbrook Middle School, from which he retired in 1995.

In February 2000, Brane gave into pestering from five fellow musicians, who were tired of commuting to perform with a Wabash community band. Brane agreed to start a community band in Grant County, even though he was not convinced there would be much interest, from either musicians or audiences.

“More than 70 musicians showed up for the first practice,” he said. “and when we walked out on the stage for the first concert at the Philippe Performing Arts Center, the place was packed.”

Those numbers have remained steady over the 20-year history of the band. About 60 musicians from several Indiana counties perform with the band,



Photo by Ed Breen
The Mississinewa Valley Band performs under the direction of John Brane for the last time.

which regularly draws audiences of 800-1,000 people.

“I am not sure I have an answer for why the band has been so successful,” Brane said. “We do a lot of advertising, but I guess the bottom line is that we play music the band members enjoy, and we play music the audiences enjoy. We have been successful in gearing up for our audiences.”

Free admission plus the cookies and punch that are prepared and served by band members after each concert have no doubt been drawing cards as well. The numerous guest musicians who have performed with the band over the years have added a touch of variety.

“You have to keep stirring the pot,” Brane said. “When people come to our concerts, they never know for sure what surprises we might have for them.”

In the final analysis, however, Brane said people don’t come to concerts to see the director. They want to hear the band and, by

practically any standard, that has been a treat for thousands of people over the past two decades.

“There is a certain cohesiveness about the band. I can’t explain that, but I don’t need to. It’s just there. When we walk out on the stage, we walk out with dignity. It doesn’t matter if it’s a community band or a sixth-grade band, dignity is part of presenting a great show,” he said.

Brane said he still attends several concerts each year within driving distance to see what he can learn.

Four months ago, Brane’s teaching career came full circle when he accepted part-time jobs teaching middle school band in the Mississinewa and Eastbrook school systems. “It gives me a reason to get up every morning,” he said. “I’m having a lot of fun.”

One can only imagine how much fun his students are having, and how much they are learning, from The Maestro.

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leyball team won a bid to the NAIA national tournament in Sioux City, which gave me an idea to do two things on one trip. Of course, it never takes much arm twisting to get me to go to Sioux City because I’ve had great experiences there with the IWU women’s basketball teams for many years.

So last Monday morning, December 2, just before sunup, I headed west in my 2004 Cadillac Deville with 166,000 miles toward Iowa. Across western Indiana I went, picked up I-74 near Crawfordsville, and continued toward the small eastern Iowa town of Clinton. My destination was Jenny’s Diner where, at noon, Michael Bennet was to appear.

I covered the 373 miles in 5.5 hours (68 mph average) on a delightful early December day. Road construction season and the busy fall travel has ended, so the trip was easy. The final leg of the trip goes north from the Quad Cities in Illinois for 35 meandering miles on the east bank of the Mississippi River. I crossed over into Clinton, Iowa, and found Jenny’s Diner just 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time of noon.

There were only three people there—two staffers and one local man. The room at the diner had about 30 chairs and the staffers were putting out yard signs. I found a seat in the back of the room and decided to spend my time researching via Safari who I had come to see.

I won’t embarrass you by asking you to recite what you know about Michael Bennet, but I knew nothing. He’s 55 years old, a Yale graduate, was Denver school superintendent, and he’s been a U.S. senator from Colorado for 10 years. As I perused the internet I discovered that he was near the bottom of the polling numbers at about 1%, and trailing 13 or 14 other candidates depending on which poll. It’s safe to say that you can’t be lower and still be in the race.

Earlier on that Monday it was announced that two Democrat candidates—Steve Bullock and Joe Sestak—had dropped out of the 2020 race. When I asked Brian Peters, Bennet’s Iowa State director, if his candidate was next because of having similar poll numbers, he said that they still had money, which set them apart from the other candidates at the bottom of the list. Whether that’s accurate or not can’t be ascertained because the candidates file reports only quarterly, but his response was predictable.

At 11:55 there were 18 people in the room; when the Senator arrived 10 minutes later there were 34, some of whom arrived with him. He was dressed comfortably in loafers, blue jeans, and a white dress shirt covered with a zip-up black

sweatshirt. After a brief introduction he launched into a very low key appeal that focused on typical Democrat themes of universal health care, climate change, income inequality, and criticism of Mitch McConnell and President Trump. He touted his electability in a purple state like Colorado which he credited to his ability to unite voters. After his presentation he welcomed any questions by saying, “I was aschool superintendent for five years, you can’t hurt my feelings.”

About 45 minutes after he began Bennet thanked everyone for coming and began to work the room, shaking hands, posing for selfies, and even offering to snap the pictures in some cases. The Iowa voters seemed to take it all in stride, as if showing up for a mayor’s race, and they left around 1 pm, probably to go back to work.

After the crowd had departed, Bennet’s staff gathered the campaign material and sat with him in a booth in the restaurant, evidently planning the next stop. When I left with a carry-out sandwich at 1:30 they were enjoying lunch and seemed in no hurry.

I was left with the impression that Senator Bennet’s campaign will continue as it has been thus far. There didn’t appear to be any rush of Iowans to come see him, nor much urgency on his small staff to generate any such interest. He may well be the next candidate to drop.

Elizabeth Warren

Then I was back on the road, headed west 100 miles to Iowa City for an appearance by Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren. When I arrived about 30 minutes before the scheduled start, I was asked numerous times to give my name and email for a number of causes and candidates. I politely refused by saying, “I’m with the media,” which bought me a reprieve. I stopped at the media table, registered, and was given a green press pass that I quickly put in my pocket and walked in to look for a seat up close so I could hear.

My hearing impairment gives me access to the handicapped seating area, and I found a single seat on the front row beside a friendly gentleman my age who has met most of the candidates and is leaning toward Mayor Pete as his choice. He’s a veteran of many Iowa caucuses and we had a nice chat while waiting for the event to begin.

The room was a large hall in the student center at the University of Iowa and the 500 chairs soon filled with a variety of people of all categories. It appeared more representative of the general population than any of the five candidates’ events that I attended on this trip. There were at least 12 television cameras and about 50 media in attendance with their electronic gear. It had the feel

of a major campaign event from a major candidate.

The three local Democrat dignitaries that introduced and endorsed Senator Warren hit the four major themes that I heard consistently from speeches in my time in Iowa: 1) income inequality, 2) health care, 3) climate change, and 4) Trump is bad for America. That pretty much sums up most of the speakers and their remarks.

The emcee announced the winners of a raffle to ask questions of Ms. Warren after her speech, and then asked the crowd to welcome, “the woman who will become the first female President of the United States...Senator Elizabeth Warren.”

Then this energetic woman in her signature black slacks and black top, with a blue sweater, bounded onto the stage that protruded out into the crowd. She had glasses, small post earrings, and an obvious wedding band, but no other jewelry. The audience was on all sides of her, allowing her to be closer to more people, but she didn’t shake hands or greet individuals. She just grabbed the microphone that was on the lone stool on the stage and began.

As she spoke, she came across as sincere, strong, and persuasive. She spoke briefly, about 10-12 minutes, stating that she wanted to devote most of the time to the questions that people had. I think it is a tactic that works for any politician willing to risk it. After the five questions, the emcee was brought back with the raffle barrel and more names were drawn to ask questions. Altogether, almost 20 questions were asked, and that took up most of the time.

Throughout the event, Senator Warren was relaxed and articulate, and seemed to enjoy herself. She ended her remarks by asking the audience to attend and support her at the caucus in their precinct on February 3 and to follow the campaign mantra on her signs which read, “Dream Big. Fight Hard.” She didn’t linger to work the crowd like all the other candidates I observed did. She just exited the stage and the room and disappeared, leaving her fate in the hands of those who had welcomed her to Iowa City on that day.

I left also, and as I left the student center the day was fading quickly. I found my car in the large parking garage next door and headed for my motel, which was 80 miles northwest in Waterloo, Iowa. I was going there to be nearer to Mason City, up near the Minnesota border, for a Joe Biden rally Tuesday morning. On Thursday I was planning to see Amy Klobuchar and Cory Booker, so I had to keep moving.

Those are other stories; I will save them for other issues of The News Herald.



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He's going to try to get Hoosiers to vote more often

The last time I saw Bill Moreau live and in person we were both in the middle of a Blackford County road northwest of Hartford City. We were dispersing after a few hours with the late Wayne Townsend—he of happy memory—a man who cared passionately about politics, particularly of the Democratic variety, and dearly loved the people who understood how to make the machinery of government and politics work properly. Townsend was of the last generation, who truly believed politics was an honorable profession, and Moreau, a couple of generations younger, still embraced the idea that it was people who made government and government ought to work for their betterment.

Now, as he prepares to walk away from the government factory where he has worked since the days of Birch Bayh, Bill Moreau is taking on a new challenge. He wants Hoosiers to vote, which is something we have never been very good at. Matter of fact, our civic health is darn near as bad as our physical health. We drink, we smoke, we eat, we don't exercise and we don't go out and vote very much on Election Day.

I won't bore you with the numbers. They are terrible and we keep coming back to that same old safety net: Thank God for Mississippi.

They're almost always worse we off than we Hoosiers and keep us from ranking 50th among the states on whatever is being measured.

Thus has Moreau, with help and encouragement from people like Lee Hamilton and others, taken up the creation of something called "The Indiana Citizen" and like almost everything else these days, it is centered around a website on the Internet, Indianacitizen.org.

It is non-profit, non-partisan and the goal is simple: Get more Hoosiers to vote.

If you feel the need to be convinced of the cause, go to another web site, a place called INBF.org and read through the 24 pages of the Indiana Civic Health Index, something started several years ago by a group of lawyers and political people to keep track of our abysmal performance at the polling place in your neighborhood and mine. The 2019 edition was just posted last week.

Back to Bill Moreau for a minute. He started life as a journalist and then a lawyer back in the 1970s. He worked in Sen. Birch Bayh's campaign, then joined Bayh's staff in Washington, DC, for a few years and later returned to Indiana to work for the next generation of Bayhs. This time it was Evan, and Moreau had probably his highest-profile job when he was gatekeeper, the man who controlled access to Gov. Evan Bayh, for two terms.

Bayh went to Washington and Moreau went to work at the Barnes & Thornburg law firm, a center of both power and prestige in Indianapolis. Now it is time to walk away. He'll retire at the end of this month and move into some less grand quarters that will house The Indiana Citizen.

"Our goal is to load as much public information as we can find about Hoosier officeholders," he said. "As we get into 2020, we'll supply information about the candidates who will appear on your ballot."

You will be able to register and check your registration using tools on the website. You can already locate officeholders who represent you by simply typing in your address. Tell the machine where you live and it will spit back at you all the information from US Senators—we have two—down to Grant County Commissioner—we have three of them.

Moreau, interviewed by political writer Brian Howey, wrapped the whole thing up into a tidy little bundle that makes sense. Here is what he said:

"I'm not sure I've come to any great insights why Indiana is where it is today, except that Hoosiers themselves have turned the process over to those who understandably want to perpetuate it.


"I think Indiana needs a healthy dose of new voters and engaged citizens. I came of age in the age of the war in Vietnam and Watergate and in a time of great ferment, and here we are today in 2020 and we seem to be bombarded by all this political information. What I'm afraid of is the way people are responding is to just shut it out, to keep some sanity in their lives.

We're going to try and create a platform of information, a library of information that we hope will be viewed as unbiased, reliable, legitimate and a place Hoosier voters can go and find out information that hasn't been provided by anybody but us."

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Trojans top Hilltoppers in Silent Night game

by Sean Douglas

Every first Friday in December for the last 23 years, students, faculty, alumni, and the Taylor University community gather at Odle Arena for a night of basketball, festivities, and, most importantly, fun. It's one of the university's most popular sporting events of the year—and one that Taylor students gear themselves up for weeks in advance.

"It's the best home court advantage in the country on this Friday in December," Taylor Head Coach Josh Andrews said. "It really is. It doesn't lose its appeal at any time. You really start to feel

it in the mid-afternoon, and to see everybody outside and in our fieldhouse...it's pretty crazy."

Inside the arena was a scene that would give the Cameron Crazies at Duke or the Oakland Zoo at Pittsburgh a run for their money. From floor to ceiling, Odle was full of students dressed up in costumes ranging from former IU head coach Bobby Knight to the Men in Black to Andrew Luck to the cow from the Chick-fil-A commercials.

And the energy that emanated from the crowd was electric from the opening tip to the final whistle.

"It's an event for our com-



Photo from Taylor website
Taylor students rush the court after the Trojans score their tenth point in the 23rd annual Silent Night game last week at Odle Arena.

munity at the end of the day, and the basketball team gets to be featured in it," Taylor shooting guard Mason De-

genkolb said. "We are super happy to be able to provide the event to create the atmosphere for the community."

Heading into the contest against the Ohio-Chillicothe Hilltoppers, the Taylor Trojans had a Silent Night record of 21-1—their only loss coming last season. This year, a dominant performance on both ends of the floor helped the Trojans record win No. 22, as they defeated the Hilltoppers by a score of 89-50.

The tradition in the Silent Night game is that the crowd must remain silent until the Trojans score 10 points. It only took the Trojans 2:23 to reach that threshold. Degenkolb opened the game with a triple, and both James McCloud and Jason Hubbard followed with field goals to give


the Trojans a 7-0 advantage.

After the Hilltoppers answered with a three of their own, the basketball found its way into the hands of Taylor point guard Ryan Robinson. The senior made no mistake, sinking Taylor's second three-pointer of the contest and sending the Taylor crowd into a frenzy.


"Everybody acts like they don't want it, but it's a pretty cool thing," Robinson said. "I'm grateful that I got the chance to get it, for sure."

The students stormed the court, screaming and cheering at the top of their lungs, and from that moment on,


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County girls basketball

Panthers, Giants each split two; Golden Eagles win twice



Panthers over Burris

After dropping their conference opener to Mississinewa on Friday, the Eastbrook Panthers traveled to Muncie Burris to take on the Owls in the second game of a back-to-back. After a sluggish beginning, Eastbrook Head Coach Jeff

Liddick made some drastic changes, and those changes worked in the Panthers’ favor. Behind the solid play of Lily Moore, Lily McLaughlin, Gabby Scott, and Sedah McKim, Eastbrook recorded its third win of the season, defeating Muncie Burris, 43-26. “I did something I’ve never done in eight years: I changed the starting lineup completely in the second half. I had Shauna Singer in there with four

JV players,” Liddick said. “We went on a 13-2 run with that group in there. We just needed something to provide a spark, and I was going to see if the JV group could do it, and sure enough, they did.” With a brand new lineup on the floor, Scott hit two threes to begin a 13-2 rally for the Panthers that would put them in the driver’s seat, and McLaughlin, Moore, and McKim each provided positive contributions throughout the sec-



ond half. Liddick put his starters back in the fourth quarter, and the Panthers cruised the rest of the way.

Argylls fall to Blackford

On Saturday afternoon the Madison-Grant Argylls dropped their sixth straight game, falling to the Blackford Bruins, 40-30. The game was close throughout, as the Argylls only trailed by four points at halftime, but they were unable to close the gap in the second half. Lugar led the charge for the Argylls, scoring 16 of their 30 points.



Giants upset by Anderson

On a six-game win streak, the Marion Giants fell to a young Anderson Indians squad, 61-56, in overtime. Head Coach Lawrence Jordan did not mince words about his team’s performance: “There were way too many mistakes, way too many mistakes,” Jordan said. “You can’t beat yourself or give other teams extra possessions to beat you. That’s exactly what happened tonight.” With time winding down in regulation, the Giants missed two layups that would have won the game. In overtime, trailing by one, the Giants missed another layup, and the Indians capitalized, taking a lead and securing a huge upset victory. “When you should beat a team, and you don’t beat them, that leaves a bad taste in your mouth,” Jordan said. “That’s the taste I’ve got right now. It’s just frustrating.” Ra’Shaya Kyle led the Giants with 34 points.

Giants sneak past McCutcheon

After a tough loss to Anderson, the Marion Giants narrowly defeated the McCutcheon Mavericks, 45-43. “We were behind the



eight ball because four of our girls were sick,” Marion Head Coach Lawrence Jordan said. Despite that, Ra’Shaya Kyle put together another incredible performance, scoring 34 points for the second consecutive game, and some key minutes from Zariyah Hahn in the latter stages of the contest proved to be the difference. Kyle, who now ranks second on Marion’s all-time scoring list with 1,440 career points, scored 26 of the Giants’ 30 points in the first three quarters, and once again put the team on her back in helping them secure their eighth victory of the season. “We played for 32 minutes,” Jordan said. “Things didn’t always go our way all day, but we didn’t get down. We kept on plugging away. We found a way to get the job done.”

Defensively, the Golden Eagles were equally as effective, holding Peru to 36 percent (14-of-38) from the field and 25 percent (two-of-eight) from long range. Oak Hill outrebounded Peru by a margin of 27-15, 10 of which came on the offensive glass. Taylor Westgate led the Golden Eagles with 16 points and nine rebounds, while Abby Shaw collected 12 points. Kate Hornocker was the third Golden Eagles to finish in double figures, scoring 10 to go along with seven boards.

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Oak Hill played some of their best defense of the season against the Panthers. The Golden Eagles held Elwood to just seven points in the first two quarters—for the game, the Panthers shot just eight-of-43 (18 percent) from the floor. Oak Hill also dominated the glass, outrebounding Elwood by a mark of 39-22, 14 of which came on the offensive glass.

Oak Hill beats Elwood

Abby Shaw finished with 14 points, which included a perfect four-for-four from the perimeter. Taylor Westgate collected 10 points and nine rebounds, while Kate Hornocker added nine points and eight boards in the Golden Eagles’ triumph.



Indians top Panthers

In a battle between two longtime Grant County rivals on Friday evening, the Missississinewa Indians took control of the contest in the first eight minutes, building a commanding 22-2 lead and going on to defeat the Eastbrook Panthers, 44-33. “I think we came out a little tight,” Eastbrook Head Coach Jeff Liddick said. “Once we settled down, we actually outscored them 27-21 the last three quarters.” Caily Bolser finished with a tough 14 points and 16 rebounds, while Alayna Webb also came away with 14 points to go with five assists. Darah Watson added eight for the Indians in their first CIC victory. “It was truly a team win,” Friday said. “They were taking away Caily in the post. We were throwing the ball out and Alayna Webb was hitting [her shots.] Darah hit some and Mia hit some. That’s the best part about coaching this team—the amount of options we have.”

Golden Eagles defeat Peru

Against Peru on Wednesday evening, Oak Hill used a 21-point third quarter to defeat the Tigers, 50-30. Oak Hill jumped out to a 14-6 lead after the first quarter of play, but the Tigers battled back, scoring 11 points in the second to cut the Golden Eagles’ lead

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Bischoff, James & Tamara	613 Arletta Glen Dr	Gas City, IN	68,162	2/3
Brodth, Jacob & Jessica	4019 Thompson Dr	Marion, IN	22,970	3/3
Cannon, Eleen Sue	1608 Fox Trail	Marion, IN	182,000	1/3
Caudell, Thomas & Cynthia	1612 Fox Trail	Marion, IN	49,714	2/3
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Glickfield Properties LLC	101 E 3rd St	Marion, IN	25,570	10
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Horner, Verlin & Tenley	825 E 30th St	Marion, IN	440,790	10
Jones, Casey & Katie Jones	4017 Wildoner Dr	Marion, IN	24,304	2/3
Johnson, Benjamin & Aubrey	1710 Boles Dr	Marion, IN	94,578	2/3
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Mason Village Inc	1717 Mason Blvd	Marion, IN	87,516	6
Matthews Feed & Grain Inc/ Farmers Cooperative Co	928 W Massachusetts	Matthews, IN	696,020	10
McElheny, Robert & Deborah	1035 Candy Creek Ct	Gas City, IN	80,088	2/3
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Rose, Riley D	1022 Candy Creek Ct	Gas City, IN	51,820	3/3
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Schmidt, Larry & Amy	1454 E Crane Pond Dr	Marion, IN	41,073	3/3
Sellers, Angela & Brandon	4018 Thomspson Dr	Marion, IN	52,546	2/3
Strickland, James & Wendy	605 Arletta Glen Dr	Gas City, IN	94,888	2/3
Trading Post LLC	407 N Baldwin Ave	Marion, IN	58,701	6
Vaughn, Dannie & Beverly	530 E South C St	Gas City, IN	56,416	3-Feb
Webb, Scott & Stacey	1610 Fox Trail	Marion, IN	130,350	3-Feb
Whitaker, Jason	1614 Boles Dr	Marion, IN	20,396	3-Mar
Workman, Robert & Julie	1601 Fox Trail	Marion, IN	117,900	3-Jan
Wuertley, Jason A	1611 Fox Trail	Marion, IN	54,820	3-Feb
Total Real Estate Abatements			3,098,040	
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515 Properties	1610 W Kem Rd	Marion, In	35,300	10
515 Properties	6137 e Industrial Dr	Gas City, In	95,830	10
Agricor Inc.	1626 S Joaquin Dr	Marion, In	3,985,020	10
Bahr Brothers Manufacturing Inc	2545 Lincoln Blvd	Marion, In	49,320	10
Dunham's Athleisure Corp., a Delaware Corporation	255 S 600 E	Troy, MI	25,182,300	10
In-Laws & Outlaws Gun Shop Inc	777 E Main Street	Gas City, In	101,864	6
Lien Corp / Compton, David & Lisa	3301 S Torrence St	Marion, In	110,800	10
Marion Green Housing Partners LP	12557 Bradford St	Marion, In	53,510	10
Mason Village Inc	1320 S Norton Ave	Marion, In	87,516	6
McClure Oil Corporation	229 W Main St	Gas City, In	446,300	6
McClure Oil Corporation	801 N Baldwin Ave	Marion, In	295,250	10
Riverside Community Federal Credit Union	101 N Washington St	Marion, In	432,550	10
RSV Properties LLC	1421 W 10th St	Marion, In	270,160	3
Sulai Hospitality Inc	1000 N Baldwin Ave	Marion, In	4,901,900	10
Total Commercial Property Abatements			36,047,620	
PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS	LOCATION ADDRESS	CITY	DEDUC AV	# OF YEARS
Advanced Cabinet Systems/ JG Bowers Inc	1629 S Joaquin Dr	Marion	146,610	5
Agricor Inc	1626 S Joaquin Dr	Marion	3,812,430	10
American Woodmark Corp	5300 East Side Parkway	Gas City	2,261,280	5,5,5,5
Atlas Foundry Company Inc	601 N Henderson Av	Marion	1,398,760	10,5,10,10,5
Bahr Bros Mfg Inc	2545 Lincoln Blvd	Marion	227,590	5,5
CVS System Inc	1139 S Baldwin Ave	Marion	10,220	5
Dunhams Athleisure Corp	255 S 600 E	Marion	4,016,510	10
General Cable Industries Inc	440 E 8th St	Marion	157,690	10
General Motors LLC	2400 W 2nd St	Marion	28,883,560	5,10,10
Huhtamaki Inc	1629 S Joaquin Dr	Marion	2,845,810	5
Lein Corp	3301 S Hamaker St	Marion	37,950	10
Matthews Feed & Grain	928 S Mass. Ave	Matthews	787,520	5,10
Modern Machine & Tool Inc	621 S First St	Van Buren	188,980	5,5,5,5,5
Riverside Comm Fed Credit Union	101 N Washington St	Marion	6,390	5
Structural Steel Services Inc	1100 N Park Ave	Marion	22,130	10
Walmart Stores East	100 Fischer Parkway	Gas City	363,150	10
Weaver Popcorn Co Inc	408 West Landess St	Van Buren	70,030	5
Total Personal Property Abatements			45,236,610	
Total amount of all deductions for eligible vacant buildings			\$0.00	
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County boys basketball

Madison-Grant wins a pair; McCorkle lifts Eagles



Argylls rout Wes-Del

Coming off two straight losses against Northwestern and Wabash to start their season, the Madison-Grant Argylls landed in the win column for the first time on Friday night, putting together a complete performance in an 80-57 rout of the Wes-Del Warriors in their home opener.

Earlier in the week, there were fears that starting point guard Grant Brown would be unable to play. According to Madison-Grant Head Coach Brian Trout, Brown sprained his ankle badly in practice on Wednesday, but after sitting out of practice on Thursday, and after testing the ankle on both Thursday and Friday before the game, Brown deemed he was ready to play. “That was a huge boost for the whole team,” Madison-Grant Head Coach Brian Trout said.

With Brown running the offense, Madison-Grant shot the ball well throughout the contest, knocking down 33 of its 57 shots (58 percent), which included a 6-of-12 mark from the perimeter. On defense, after giving up 18 points in the first quarter, the Argylls gave up just 22 points in the second and third frames, which helped them build a comfortable cushion.

“We finally put a complete four quarters together and played really, really well,” Trout said.

Madison-Grant began to pull away in the second quarter, outscoring the Warriors 17-11 behind some strong play from sophomore Seth Lugar.

“Seth was really getting to the rim, and that really caused [Wes-Del] problems defensively,” Trout said. “They didn’t know where to turn from there. We were getting to the rim in the half-court, we were able to kick it out

and get some good looks on the perimeter, and we were able to get out in transition.”

Madison-Grant took control of the contest in the third quarter, outscoring the Warriors by 16 points.

“We put up 28 points in the third quarter, and it was due to our defense,” Trout said. “We were getting tips, we were getting steals, we were getting rebounds, and we were just running the floor. Any time you put up 28, you are getting some easy looks.”

The Argylls scored 15 more points in the fourth to secure the 23-point victory.

Kaden Howell led the Argylls with 25 points on nine-of-12 shooting, while Justin Moore finished with 14. Both Brown and Lugar collected 13 points in the Argylls’ triumph.

Argylls defeat Adams Central

On Saturday the Argylls came away with their second straight victory, defeating the Adams Central Jets by a score of 75-60. Using an aggressive full-court press, the Argylls threw the Jets’ offense out of rhythm, forcing multiple giveaways and scoring a plethora of buckets in transition.

“They normally like to sit back in a 2-3 zone and slow the game down, so the game plan was to speed things up. We forced them into 22 turnovers and got several easy buckets offensively due to our defense,” Madison-Grant Head Coach Brian Trout said.

After shooting 58 percent against Wes-Del, the Argylls were even more efficient against the Jets, shooting 27-of-45 (60 percent) from the field. “It’s the defense creating easy shots,” Trout said. “You get these easy turnovers, and you get all the way to the rim for layups, and that helps your percentage a great deal.”

Jackson Manwell led the charge for the Argylls, finishing with 21 points, while Kaden Howell collected 14 points. Grant Brown collected 12 points and 13 assists, while Justin Moore rounded out Madison-Grant’s double-digit scorers with 11.



Marion falls to Lawrence North

The Marion Giants fell behind early in the first quarter and were unable to recover, as they were defeated by Jack Keefer and the Lawrence North Wildcats 83-63. With the loss, the Giants fell to 1-2.

Marion’s offense could not get anything in the first quarter and a half, as the Wildcats led 27-4 with 5:38 remaining in the first half. Lawrence North held that double-digit advantage the rest of the way.

“We got ourselves in a hole, and it was hard digging ourselves out of it,” Marion Head Coach James Blackmon said. “In the first half, they just killed us on the glass and with second-chance points and transition buckets.”

“In the second half, we just played them even,” Blackmon said. “We didn’t do enough to put ourselves back into position. We [cut their] lead to 14, but we dug ourselves a big hole and it was hard to come out of it tonight.”

Jalen Blackmon finished with 26 points for the Giants, while Rasheed Jones collected 23. JK Thomas added 12 points in Marion’s loss.

Giants beat Homestead

The Marion Giants bounced back in a big way on Saturday evening, improving their record to 2-2 with a 62-47 triumph over the Homestead Spartans.

“This was a tough weekend for us,” Marion Head Coach James Blackmon said. “Against Lawrence North... we learned a lot of valuable lessons. We learned that if we are not prepared for the game, we can get ourselves in a hole...Friday was a good wake-up call for us.”



The Giants took a 13-9 lead after the first quarter, and while they did trail 17-14 at one point, Marion had control of the game from the beginning. After building a 28-23 halftime advantage, the Giants never trailed again, outscoring the Spartans 34-24 in the second half.

Marion star point guard Jalen Blackmon led the Giants with 31, continuing his tremendous start to his junior campaign. “He was pretty solid,” Blackmon said. “I thought he came out of the gate really fired up. I thought he set the tone of the level we wanted to play. The guys rallied behind him.”

Rasheed Jones was second on the team with 20, while JK Thomas joined Marion’s 1,000 point club with six points.

“You’re a special player when you make it to that point,” Blackmon said. “JK has had a great career. He brings a lot of energy. I thought tonight he played explosive and kept the defense on their heels. He was in attack mode.”

Indians fall to Norwell

Last Tuesday night, at home against the Norwell Knights, the Indians came up short in a 55-52 defeat.

“We just couldn’t seem to get anything to work there at the end,” Mississinewa Head Coach James Reed said. “But that’s selling it short a little bit about how we performed tonight. We’ve only had two practices and three tough games. I don’t want to give them an excuse, but they were tired.”

Mississinewa’s lack of energy was evident both on offense and on the glass. For the game, the Indians shot just 20-of-51 (39.2 percent) from

the field, which included a paltry five-of-15 (33.3) percent from beyond the arc.

On the boards, the Indians were thoroughly outmatched, coming away with just 19 rebounds. In comparison, Norwell star Will Geiger recorded 15 rebounds in the contest. For the game, Norwell out-rebounded Mississinewa by 15. “We got dominated on the boards,” Reed said. “That has to be fixed immediately.”

The first quarter featured four lead changes and two ties, ending 11-11. The second stanza was much like the first, and the first half ended 23-23.

The back-and-forth affair continued in the second half, and the Knights led 40-38 heading into the final stanza. In the fourth quarter, the Indians switched it up, using a full-court press to try to create turnovers and offense in transition, and it worked, but the Indians never regained the lead.

After the Knights grabbed a 44-38 advantage on two straight baskets from Geiger to start the fourth, Horton scored six straight points of his own, cutting Norwell’s lead to 46-44. McBride, who had only made two of his nine three-point attempts for the game up to that point, sunk his third triple on Norwell’s next possession to put the Knights back up by five.

Mississinewa again cut the Norwell advantage to two points, but some clutch free throws from Geiger and Eli Riley kept the Indians at arm’s length. The Indians had one more chance in the waning seconds, but a turnover ultimately ended their comeback bid.

Looking back, Reed wished he had run the full court press sooner, but he deemed that it would have been ineffective given his team’s fatigue throughout the evening.

“We wanted to, we tried to, and we talked about it, but our guys were just so dead,” Reed said. “We had to wait until they had a spark, and then we threw it on and it worked right away. Our guys just didn’t have the energy tonight to get into it. In hindsight, I wish we would have gone to it earlier.”



Indians fall to Northwestern

After dropping their first game of the season against Norwell, the Mississinewa Indians fell to 2-2 on the season on Saturday evening after a 55-51 loss at the hands of the Northwestern Tigers.

“We just had trouble finishing,” Mississinewa Head Coach James Reed said. “We couldn’t get layups to go in. We couldn’t get shots to go in early. And Northwestern played a tough game.”

The game was close throughout, as Northwestern only led by a few possessions from start to finish, but the Indians were unable to get over the hump. The Indians once again had issues in the rebounding department, and that is something that Reed plans to address.

“I think we got out-rebounded 39-24 or something like that. It was pretty ugly,” Reed said.

Landen Swanner led the Indians with 20 points in the loss.

McCorkle lifts Golden Eagles

Playing in their third game of the season on Saturday evening, the Oak Hill Golden Eagles picked up their second win in dramatic fashion, as point guard Clay McCorkle hit the winning shot at the buzzer to defeat the Taylor Titans 54-52.

The Golden Eagles got off to a strong start, taking a 36-26 lead at halftime, but the Titans pushed back, cutting Oak Hill’s advantage to 46-41.

In the final frame, the Titans outscored the Golden Eagles 11-6 heading into their final possession, tying the game up at 52-52, but McCorkle’s last second floater found twine.

Tristen Hayes led the Golden Eagles’ offense with 18 points, while freshman Landon Biegel finished with 11 points. Koby Dubois collected nine points, while McCorkle added eight.

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Odle Arena was as loud and boisterous as any major college fieldhouse in the nation.

“We joke around that we’re kind of the side show, [and] that the fans and the students are the real main event,” Robinson said. “It’s awesome, after that tenth point, just getting the crowd behind you, it’s amazing. We had the best student section in the country tonight.”

Hartman’s second three pulled the Hilltoppers to within four points, but that was as close as Ohio-Chillicothe would get to the Trojans for the rest of the evening. Back-

to-back threes from Degenkolb and Robinson gave the Trojans a double-digit advantage, one they would hold the rest of the way.

The Trojans steadily increased their lead throughout the first half, leading by as many as 24 points with 5:29 left. The Hilltoppers cut the Trojans led down to 16 with 19 seconds left, but Degenkolb’s fifth triple of the game gave Taylor a 47-28 advantage heading into halftime.

Coming into Friday’s contest, the Trojans had really struggled shooting the ball from the perimeter, particularly in their first two conference games. Against Marian, the Trojans shot just three-of-22 (13.6 percent), and against

Grace they shot seven-of-29 (24.1 percent).

Against the Hilltoppers, though, the Trojans were lights out in the first half. In the opening 20 minutes, the Trojans shot 16-of-31 from the field (51.6 percent) and a scorching nine-of-13 from beyond the arc (69.2 percent.) For the game, Taylor shot 31-of-64 from the field (48.4 percent) and 11-of-22 (50 percent) from the perimeter.

“That was the first time we shot it at home like that from the perimeter,” Andrews said. “That was a really good thing.”

Degenkolb was five-of-seven in the first half, scoring 15 points.

“At the end of the day, we

knew we still had to come out and play,” Degenkolb said. “It’s nice for us to see the ball go through. In the past couple of games, we haven’t shot very well.”

After the offense carried the Trojans in the first half, their defense was the story after halftime. Ohio-Chillicothe scored their first two points of the second half with 17:44 on the clock, and they would not score again until the 9:55 mark—nearly eight minutes of game time.

“We settled in that second half,” Andrews said. “We defended better.”

A field goal by Degenkolb put the Trojans up by 41 points, 71-30, halfway through the second stanza,

and the Trojans led by 36-46 points the rest of the way, before cruising to their 39-point triumph. Four of Taylor’s five starters finished in double figures with Degenkolb leading the way with 23 points.

For Degenkolb, it was his final Silent Night basketball game, and as he gets ready for the next stage of his life, this experience is something he will never forget.

“I just feel really blessed to be a part of something that is way bigger than me,” Degenkolb said. “To be a part of the tradition of Silent Night at Taylor has been awesome. To have my family be able to come and watch me and just enjoy the atmosphere is an amazing opportunity for

me as a 22-year old guy on a basketball team. It’s a tradition that’s nowhere else in the world.”

Hubbard collected 15 points and six rebounds. CJ Penha posted 13 points and added a team-high eight rebounds, while Robinson added 11 points in the victory.

Gabriele Chiossi led the Hilltoppers with 14 points, while Hartman finished with nine.

“This game came at the right time,” Andrews said. “In the league, we had some really good looks in those first two Crossroads League and they just weren’t [falling.] You sneak this game in here, and hopefully that eases us up as a team.”

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT III OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA.

In the matter of the Unsupervised Estate of: Elizabeth Ellen Young, deceased.

Cause Number: 27D03-1911-EU-000104

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of December, 2019, Louis Richard Young, II was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Elizabeth Ellen Young , deceased, who died on the 6th day of November, 2019.

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

Dated at Marion, Indiana, this 5th day of December, 2019.

/s/ PAMELA K. HARRIS
Clerk, Grant Superior Court III

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT III OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA.

In the matter of the Unsupervised Estate of: JANE JACKSON, deceased.

Cause Number: 27D03-1911-EU-102

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of November, 2019, Jill Jackson was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JANE JACKSON, deceased, who died on the 14th day of August, 2019.

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

Dated at Marion, Indiana, this 20th day of November, 2019.

/s/ PAMELA K. HARRIS
Clerk, Grant Superior Court III

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STATE OF INDIANA,
COUNTY OF GRANT,
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT 3
2019 TERM
CAUSE NO. 27D03-1911-EU-000103

BILLY EUGENE YORK, deceased

CONSTANCE YORK,
Petitioner

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
Notice is given that CONSTANCE YORK was, an December 2, 2019, appointed personal representative of the estate of Billy Eugene York, who died intestate on September 20, 2019. The personal representative is authorized to administer the estate without Court supervision.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of the Courts within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Grant County, Indiana this 3rd day of December, 2019.

/s/Pamela K. Harris
PAMELA HARRIS
CLERK OF GRANT COUNTY COURT

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TNH 12/11, 12/18

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT III

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF LEVINA ELIZABETH SLODERBECK
ESTATE NO. 27D03-1910-ES-000012

Notice is given that PHILLIP E. SLODERBECK was on December 4, 2019, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of LEVINA ELIZABETH SLODERBECK, who died testate on the 26th day of August, 2019. The Personal Representative is authorized to administer the estate with Court supervision.

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 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 December 5, 2019

Pamela K. Harris (Seal)
CLERK, GRANT SUPERIOR COURT III

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT III OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA

In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration
of the Estate of Lois E. Davis, Deceased

Donald R. Pollard, the Personal Representative
Cause No. 27D03-1911-EU000097

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

In the matter of the Unsupervised Estate of: JANE JACKSON, deceased.

Cause Number: 27D03-1911-EU-102

Notice is hereby given that Donald R. Pollard was, on the 10th day of November, 2019, appointed Personal Representative of the unsupervised estate of Lois E. Davis, who died testate on the 9th 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 14th day of November, 2019.

/s/Pamela K. Harris
Pamela K. Harris, Clerk
Grant Circuit and Superior Courts
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Marion, In 46952. 4058
Fax: 765.668.6541
Phone: 765.668.8121

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

In the matter of the Unsupervised Estate of: JANE JACKSON, deceased.

Cause Number: 27D03-1911-EU-102

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STATE OF INDIANA,
COUNTY OF GRANT,
IN RE THE ADOPTION OF:
CADENCE ROSEN,
HUDSON ROSEN,
OLIVIA ROSEN
Minor Children

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT NO.2
2019 TERM
CAUSE NO. 27D02-1911-AD-44
CAUSE NO. 27D02-1911-AD-45
CAUSE NO. 27D02-1911-AD-46

FRANKLIN NUNLEY,
Petitioner

KELLY NUNLEY,
Natural Mother

NICHOLAS ROSEN,
Natural Father

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NICHOLAS ROSEN is notified that a petition for adoption of a child, named CADENCE ROSEN, born on 10/16/2011, HUDSON ROSEN, born on 10/6/2009 and OLIVIA ROSEN, born on 11/19/2007, all of which were born to KELLY NUNLEY was filed in the office of the clerk of Grant Superior Court 2, located at 101 East 4th Street Marion, In 46952. The petition for adoption alleges that the consent to adoption of NICHOLAS ROSEN is not required because:

1. Pursuant to Indiana Code 31-19-9-8 states that consent to adoption which may be required under Indiana Code 31-19-9-1 is not required from any of the following
a. A parent or parents if the child is adjudged to have been abandoned or deserted for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the filing of the petition for adoption.
b. A parent of a child in the custody of another person if for a period of at least one (1) year the parent:
i. Fails without justifiable cause to communicate significantly with the child when able to do so; or
ii. Knowingly fails to provide for the care and support of the child when able to do so as required by law or judicial decree.

2. If a parent has made only token efforts to support or to communicate with the child, the Court may declare the child abandoned by the parent. IC 31-19-9-8(b).

3. "Commission of an intentional act by parent, witch not only results in the parent's incarceration for the duration of the child's minority, but which also deprives the child of the love, affection and care of the other parent is sufficient to constitute abandonment of the child, negating the need for parental consent to adoption. "Williams v. Townsend, 629 N.E. 2d252, 1994 Ind. App.

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If NICHOLAS ROSER seeks to contest the adoption of the child, CADENCE ROSEN, HUDSON ROSEN or OLIVIA HUDSON, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above-named court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.

If NICHOLAS ROSEN does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice the above-named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. The consent to adoption of CADENCE ROSEN, HUDSON ROSEN and OLIVIA HUDSON will be irrevocably implied and NICHOLAS ROSEN will lose the right to contest either the adoption or the validity of NICHOLAS ROSEN's implied consent to the adoption.

No statement made by KELLY NUNLEY or anyone else to NICHOLAS ROSEN relieves NICHOLAS ROSEN of NICHOLAS ROSEN's obligations under this notice.

This notice complies with IC 31-19-4.5-3 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes."

WITNESS, My name and seal of the Grant County Superior Court No. 2, on the 8th day of November, 2019.

Pamela K. Harris, Clerk

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The following manner of service of notice of adoption is designated:
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Tonagel claims 400th



Men's Basketball Head Coach Greg Tonagel (center, in red tie) earned the 400th victory in his 15-year career at IWU on Saturday when the Wildcats topped Marian, 96-75. Tonagel's first win came on November 2, 2005, over Cornerstone University. His 100th was on November 6, 2009, over Purdue Calumet. Number 200 was on February 12, 2013, over county rival Taylor University, and number 300 came on March 14, 2016, a 66-65 over Davenport in the NAIA DII national championship tournament semifinals.



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A big week for early-season hoops

We all knew this would be the week where we found out in a big hurry what was what for the men's and women's basketball teams at Indiana Wesleyan University, and, as they were playing two of the top five teams in the state, how good were the Marion boys basketball Giants.

Start with Tuesday, where, in the game of the year, Kyle Mangas hit an impossible tip-in from 14 feet out with 00.01 left on the clock for a stirring road win over archrival St. Francis, 74-73. St. Francis is the program IWU beat a couple of years ago for the NAIA national men's championship. Wednesday night, the ladies routed a top ten-ranked team, namely the Lady Cougars of St. Francis, 75-62, playing what was easily the Wildcats' best game of the season.

The great thing about the St. Francis wins is that they were played up in Fort Wayne, where neither Cougar team ever loses.

Then came Friday, and the dreaded trip to powerhouse Lawrence North, where Marion wins about once every ten years. With two minutes to go in the first half, the Giants were down 41-14. That's 27

points. That just doesn't happen. After a 20-point blowout of Marion, Jack Keefer said this was his best Wildcat team in six long years.

The next night, who knew what to expect when Marion played at Homestead, a team five years removed from the Class 4A state title and ranked number five in the big boys' preseason pool.

What we got was as good a game as Marion has played in a long time, blowing the Spartans out of their own sold-out gym, 62-47. If Coach James Blackmon can get Jalen Blackmon, JK Thomas, and Rasheed Jones all on the same page, good luck beating the Giants later in the season.

Then it was time for the Lady Wildcats to take on Marian out of Indy, ranked third in the nation and they followed their best game of the season with their worst, losing 71-49. They have a month to think about a 1-2 start in the Crossroads League and their need to become more consistent.

But, oh my did the men ever celebrate Greg Tonagel's 400th win, blowing out Marian's men, 96-75, in a game where they led by 30 at halftime. If they play like this in March, they win their fourth



SPORTS TALK

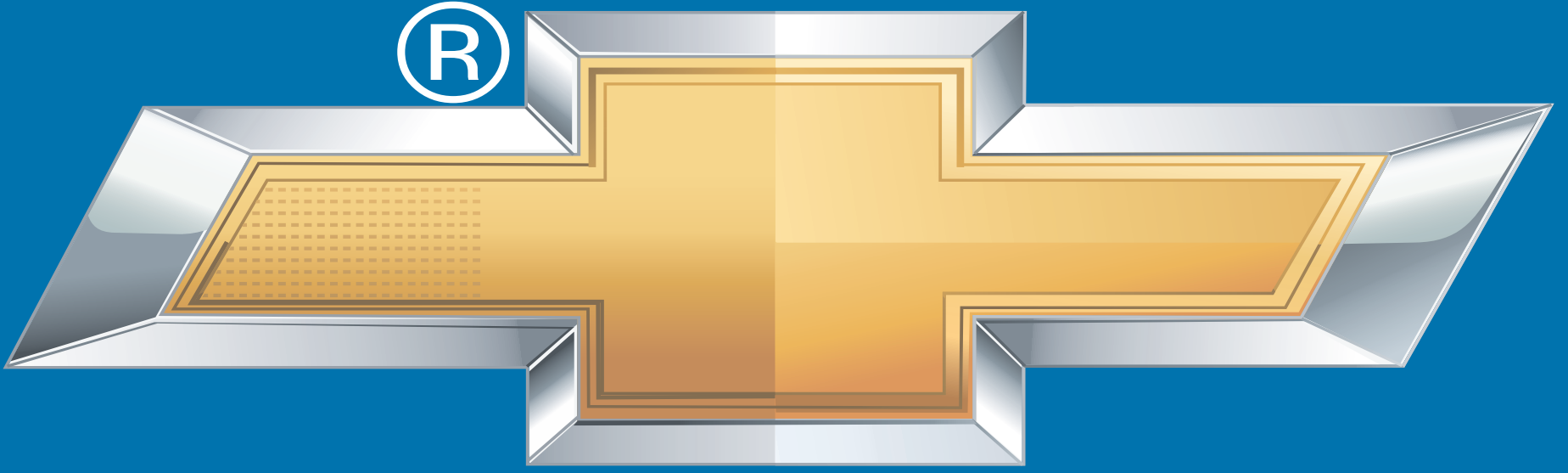
Jim Brunner



NAIA national title. Finally, a quick note for Greg Tonagel: You are without question the best small-college basketball coach in the country, and I love getting a chance to observe your greatness weekly. It's early in the high school and college local hoops season, but we should be in for fireworks all year long.

Jim Brunner is the voice of sports in Grant County.

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