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CALENDAR

Thursday, December 19
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>.

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 sweetser-clerk@yahoo.com

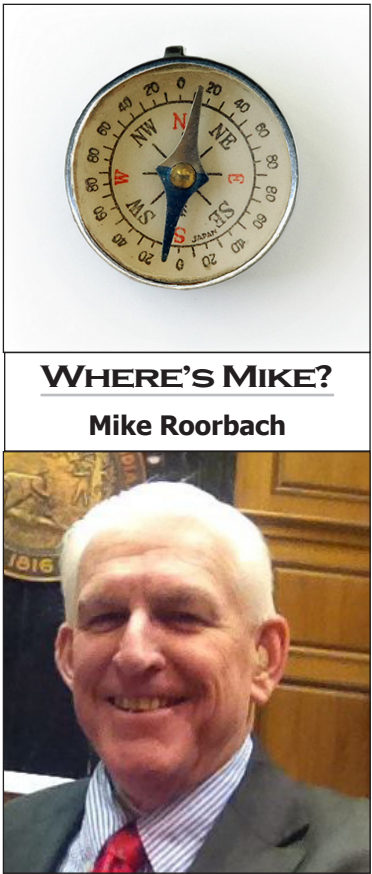
Friday, December 20
10:30 am—Wee Tales, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Interactive program for children infant to 3 years. Music, books and activities. Info: 765-668-2900 ext. 1105.

6 pm—Christmas City Walkway of Lights, Marion Riverwalk, Marion. See Dec. 19.

6 pm—Gas City Christmas Lights in the Park, Beaner Linn Park. See Dec. 19.

Saturday, December 21
11 am—Santa & Mrs. Claus Visit Brandt's I-69 Harley-Davidson, 6333 E. Steltzer Dr., Marion. Santa and Mrs. Claus are stop-

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WHERE'S MIKE?
Mike Roorbach

Following Dem candidates

Last week, Mike Roorbach shared his impressions of some of the Democratic candidates who were campaigning in Iowa. Here is the completion of that story.—Ed.

After seeing Sen. Michael Bennet and Sen. Elizabeth Warren on Monday, I headed north and spent the night in Waterloo. In the morning I continued another 90 miles north for Mason City, a city the size of Marion 30 miles from the Minnesota border, to see former Vice President Joe Biden who has been the frontrunner among the Democrat candidates.

I arrived in Mason City around 10:30 for Biden's 11:15 appearance, which was being held downtown in the lobby of a bank. By the time he appeared, 400 people were crowded into the space with 300 chairs, so the feeling of overwhelming popularity was created. It's an art that Biden's campaign pulled off better than any of those I witnessed.



TNH's Mike Roorbach (center, with white shirt and hair) gets his 15 seconds of fame while covering a Cory Booker press conference on the campaign trail in Iowa.

Four dignitaries spoke and introduced themselves and other candidates. Finally, around 11:30, Joe Biden was introduced and walked calmly to the podium, picked up a microphone and began speaking. He was dressed in loafers, gray slacks, navy blue sport coat, dress shirt and no necktie and spoke in a low-volume monotone that reminded me

of a college lecturer from the 1960s. I was seated in the front row on the same level and about 15 feet from him, and several times he walked close and looked right at me.

I didn't take notes on the content of his speech and I honestly cannot remember anything he said. The audience applauded three or four times, politely. He was well received and they seemed to like him, which probably explains why he's leading the polls. After his 20-minute speech he spent a long time greeting anyone patient enough to wait for a turn. I stayed for 30 minutes and when I left he was still holding court, although the number in the room had dwindled to less than 50.

Perhaps that scene illustrates what the Iowa caucuses provide. There are few other places where, in the space of a couple of hours, you can secure a front row seat, hear and see a major candidate up close, and have a few minutes to talk with him/her afterward. I'm not sure the folks in Iowa know how lucky they are that every four years they get this opportunity. Then again, some of them don't like it and probably wish it were happening in some other state. I would welcome it here in Indiana.

After an unsuccessful attempt to find a Maid-Rite sandwich, I left Mason City and headed west for Sioux City and the NAIA Women's Volleyball Tournament. While that was a major reason I had come to Iowa it's not a part of this story, so we will skip over to Thursday.

Thursday, December 5
I left Sioux City before sun-up and headed east on I-80 to Des Moines. It's a 200-mile trip and I got to the site in East Des Moines about 30 minutes before the scheduled 10:30 starting time. I got a seat in the front row, to the right side of the podium, which was on a small, two-foot-high

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Manufacturers meet with Ivy Tech

by Alan Miller
About 25 managers from manufacturing companies in Grant County gathered for breakfast at Ivy Tech Community College last week to discuss what the college can do to help identify, and then train, the local workforce.

The Marion-Grant County Chamber of Commerce and the Grant County Economic Growth Council worked with Ivy Tech to facilitate the meeting. The participants spent part of the 90-minute discussion debunking two persistent myths about the Grant County job market.

First, that there are not enough jobs available in the county. In fact, there are hundreds of jobs available but not enough trained people to fill them.

"We need 18 people for maintenance technology positions, and I have three openings right now. We are contracting with people from outside the county because we can't find local people to fill the jobs," said James Malone, plant manager of the Prysmian Group, new owners of the former General Cable plant in Marion.

Managers of four other local plants represented at the gathering,

American Woodmark, Wiley Metals, Huhtamaki and Weaver Popcorn, shared similar stories.

The second myth: that good-paying manufacturing jobs are gone, and they are not coming back. Some major manufacturers did, in fact, leave, but many have stayed and are prospering. Malone cited a study showing that people with technical skills earned more the first three years of their careers than people with four-year degrees.

Alex Huskey, chancellor of the

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Photo submitted
Charlotte Blair, State Regent of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution, places a wreath at the Marion National Cemetery as part of the Wreaths Across America program. Blair was visiting Grant County's General Francis Marion chapter of the DAR.

INDIANA QUIZ

"A Christmas Story" is based upon Hoosier Jean Shepherd's childhood in Hammond.

1. Name the boy who is the main character.

2. What is his favorite radio show?

3. What message was revealed by the secret decoder ring?

Answers are on page 6.

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The amazing story of Jesus' coming continues

Luke 1:26-32

As we quickly move closer to the Christmas season, we want to continue our thoughts from last week. The angel Gabriel gave the Divine announcement at a desolate location called Nazareth. Nazareth was an obscure place, where nothing good had ever happened. He said our Savior would be conceived there and gave all of the details.

When God sent Gabriel to Nazareth, he revealed himself to a special young lady who had found favor with the Lord. The Scripture tells us she was a virgin and she was to be espoused to Joseph, the carpenter. Her name was Mary. You may

wonder why God would go to such lengths, at such a place, to choose Mary. I will never be able to figure out why God chooses the people He does. However, He sees things from a completely different viewpoint than we do. I believe no one could have fit except Mary because she was the one He wanted. We don't have to understand all of it, just believe it. Mary was just a common young maiden that had probably come from little means, but she was pure.

The angel (Gabriel) salutes Mary as a saint, but he does not worship her as a goddess. Scripture tells us that she was full of grace and full of glory. Mary was a young maiden that had

that holy glow. We have all seen women who epitomize the glory and grace of God. There are some that have that glory of God shining on them at all times, and Mary was one of them. Now, maybe you are wondering, "Was Mary perfect?" No, but she was pure, and she had found favor with God and that is why God called her for this task. What an honor it must have been to carry the Son of God and then give Him human life.

As Gabriel presented the message to Mary, she was afraid. At this point, it is believed that Mary was a very young maiden and had no idea of the things of this world. If an angel appeared to you and told you this story, what would

be your response? The first thought that I have is, "nobody would ever believe a story like that." This had to be a word from God and a mandate from God. The angel calmed Mary of this fear, and it quickly turned to comfort. She knew and accepted that this was a word from God. This attitude was not easy because there would be people who would never accept this. And above all, what would Joseph think?

Here is the amazing part of this story: God can do anything, and it is nothing for Him to work out the details. He not only changes Mary's heart, but He has to prepare Joseph as well. If we would put ourselves in Joseph's place, what would



JUST A THOUGHT
Rev. Tom Mansbarger



be our thoughts? At first Joseph was going to get out of this situation as gracefully as he could with the least amount of damage for

all. Then the angel touched Joseph's heart, and the rest is history.

Gabriel describes this little One that Mary was carrying in an unusual way: He shall be Great! He will be the Savior of the world, and He has come to save sinners from their sin.

Next week we will describe the baby just as He is. Oh, what an amazing Gift, and just think, God sent Him especially for you and me. That is one Gift we can never forget.

Tom

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Recollecting some of the best presents of years past

Itend to be a pretty practical person. I typically buy most of my clothes at secondhand stores or on clearance racks. I pack my lunch each day for work, and, since I don't drink coffee, I have never bought anything at Starbucks. I still remember the time a few years back when I was given a Starbucks gift card, went to the drive through and ordered a Diet Coke. I wasn't sure what to say when I was told they

didn't sell sodas. Since then I have given up soda altogether and started drinking iced tea, so I could use that Starbucks card now, however, I would prefer to just drink sun tea I make or instant tea.

That leads me to a few of the most cherished presents I have been given over the years.

I remember the year my husband Larry gave me a new toilet for my birthday. Now that may seem like a terrible

gift to you, however, for me, after having to unplug our old toilet almost daily, this high-volume, guaranteed-not-to-plug toilet was just great.

Last year there was the memory calendar that my daughter Andrea created for Larry and me. Each month was a focus on a different family member, allowing me moments to reminisce as I worked.

Possibly the best gift I have been given was for my birth-

day in October. Larry and I decided this year we were not going to give each other gifts—we just don't need anything. So, when Larry asked me to close my eyes, I wasn't sure what to expect, other than that he was going back on what we had agreed to.

When I opened my eyes, I couldn't have been more surprised, or speechless.

About seven years ago, on one of my annual summer trips to Nebraska, I convinced my dad to let me take a broken-down rocking chair back to Indiana with me. The chair was in multiple pieces, and was warped. I wasn't even positive all the spindles were there.

The chair had been stored in a pole barn with my parent's camper, canoe and all kinds of other odds and ends. My dad had told me he had taken it from his brother, who had gotten it from their parents' farm. At one time the chair had been in one piece and had belonged to my dad's grandmother, who immigrated from Germany. My dad's grandmother, who only spoke German, lived with my dad and his family on their homesteaded farm in Crete, Nebraska.

My plan in hauling it

back to Indiana was to give our daughter Laura a 4-H project, since she liked to do home improvement projects. Well, the rocking chair never did get put together; it was more of a project than Laura wanted to tackle. Instead, it just moved from a storage place in Nebraska to my attic in Indiana.

I would walk by the pieces of the rocking chair every time I went into our attic to get something. A few months ago, I even thought about throwing out the pieces, thinking I needed to declutter the attic a bit.

Well, while I was in Nebraska in September, Larry was busy at home. Little did I know, until the evening of my birthday, what he had done while I was visiting my mom and sister and brother.

The broken-down rocker has been completely refurbished and put back together. Now I sit in our living room and look across the room into our dining room where I see the rocker with a back that has so much detail and meaning. It brings tears to my eyes at times, when I think about how proud my dad would be seeing the rocker now. It makes me ecstatic to think about the history behind the



A SLICE OF LIFE
Linda Wilk



rocker and how, God willing, it will remain in our family for generations to come.

So, as Christmas is approaching and each of us try to find that perfect gift for each other, take time to think what someone might really want this year. It may not be something that costs a lot of money or is a tangible item at all. It may be a refurbished heirloom or a photo book or even a handwritten letter stating just how special they are to you.

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



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Manufacturers,

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Marion Ivy Tech campus, said local manufacturing firms--in partnership with Ivy Tech--need to do a better job of selling what they have to offer the community to build a strong local workforce.

“We once were a huge manufacturing community, but when things started to fall off a little, people became afraid of manufacturing,” Huskey said. “We need to overcome that hurdle. We need to be having conversations with high school students, and with their parents, about their attitudes toward manufacturing. We need to enlighten this generation that they can make a good living and have a good life without ever leaving Grant County.”

Ivy Tech offers several academic programs leading to associate’s degrees and certificates in industrial technology programs, including advanced automation, robotics technology and welding. Manufacturers now say the critical

need is for workforce programs to teach specific skills.

“Our workers need multiple skills because they are exposed to a lot of complex equipment,” Malone said. “They struggle. Some of the people we hire look good on paper, but we sometimes have to let them go because they can’t do the job when they get in the building.”

Huskey urged the managers to work together to define their common needs, so that Ivy Tech can begin to develop and offer cost-effective workplace programs. Two committees were formed to keep the conversation moving forward between the college and area businesses.

“We can’t be everything to everyone, but we are committed to doing what we can to help you succeed,” Huskey said. “Forty percent of the high school graduates from the service area that our campus serves will not go to college. It’s really important that we equip them to make a living.”

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ping by, and we invite you to bring your wish list and visit with the big guy! Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be available for pictures and/or selfies with you. Complimentary lunch served from 11 am until gone. Free. Info: 765-664-1331.

2 pm—STEAM Stations, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Families are invited to explore hands on activities. Sign up in Children’s Department. Info: 765-668-2900 ext. 1105.

6 pm—Christmas City Walkway of Lights, see Dec. 19.

6 pm—Gas City Christmas Lights in the Park, see Dec. 19.

7:30 pm—Marion Philharmonic Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert, F. Ritchie Walton Performing Arts Center, 750 W. 26th St., Marion. Join us for music from your favorite Christmas movies. You’ll hear songs from Polar Express, It’s A Wonderful Life, and The Grinch. The concert also features select youth of Grant County. Adults \$20, Seniors (65 and over) \$15, Students (age 13 and over) \$10, Students (12 and under) no admission charge. Season tickets available \$50. Info: 765-662-0012.

Sunday, December 22
6 pm—Christmas City Walkway of Lights, see Dec. 19.

6 pm—Gas City Christmas Lights in the Park, see Dec. 19.

Monday, December 23
10 am—Creation Station, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Come and create your own project in the Children’s Department. Info: 765-668-2900 ext. 1105.

Mike,

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portable stage that had nine American flags behind it. There were 200 chairs, which were filled, and about 50 people stood around the sides. In the back were TV cameras and bright lights, with about 15 media people present.

At 10:45 Senator Cory Booker walked in and, without any introduction, took the stage, picked up a microphone and began speaking. The motto of his campaign is “Rise Together,” and he said his campaign is not just about beating Republicans, but “I want to unite our country.” He spent some time lamenting that Sen. Kamala Harris had dropped out of the race so soon, saying that the election is about diversity and the loss of it is disappointing. He said building a coalition of diversity will come by looking to the faith that binds us together. He closed by saying, “Beating Trump is the floor not the ceiling. I want to call you to the mountain top.” He finished by citing some family roots in Iowa and asked them to attend the caucus in their precinct on election night and vote for him.

Booker is an effective speaker and this audience received him well. When he was finished, he worked the crowd as his staff was trying to hurry him to a set-up behind the stage where a news conference was being prepared. As he was working his way that direction I has able to have this exchange with him:

Me: Hello, Senator, I’m from New Jersey also—Cape May! (*That’s where I grew up.*)

Booker: What are you doing out here?

Me: Following your campaign.

Booker: Thank you, man! CNN carried the news conference live, and I was notified by friends in Massachusetts and Indiana that they had seen me on TV. I guess that’s my 15 seconds of fame. I didn’t ask any questions, deferring to the national me-

dia people who cover him on a daily basis. Around 11:45 I left to see another candidate.

Amy Klobuchar

I had plenty of time to grab a Mclunch and get to a local Machinists Union hall to see Senator Amy Klobuchar. When I arrived there were a few folks and two staff people and they were glad to see a member of the media. I was offered a front-row seat and a bottle of water and was quizzed about The News Herald. I guess when your candidate is lagging in the polls you’re appreciative of any media attention.

Klobuchar is a U.S. Senator from the neighboring state of Minnesota and is supported by and works for organized labor. This campaign stop was set up as a panel discussion for Sen. Klobuchar to hear the concerns of the panel members, some of whom were union leaders. As she entered the union hall she shook hands with nearly everyone in the room.

My first impression was surprise at how short she is at 5-4, but her sparkling eyes and friendly voice are impressive, and she’s an experienced campaigner.

The panel was a friendly discussion that included endorsements and questions that were easily handled by a veteran like Senator Klobuchar. She was relaxed and at ease as she spoke to major labor themes such as health care, consumer protection, and increasing the minimum wage. She cited her Grange background, her organized labor background, and her push for public employees collective bargaining. She very gladly received the endorsement of Marti Anderson, a Democrat state representative who was one of the panelists.

Then it was done, and she was on to the next stop, having spent less than an hour and having reached about 25 people.

That’s typical of an Iowa presidential campaign. It’s presidential politics at the retail level, and I had a great time watching it for three days.

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The Hoosier behind our favorite Christmas movie

Everything about Jean Shepherd's life was kind of a mess. When he was born. Where he was born. Exactly what he did for a living. Even his obituary in the New York Times can be debated and disputed, like when he said he had no survivors, except, of course, he had a son and a daughter, both of whom are very much alive and not very pleased with their father.

He created a best-selling book that not only wasn't a best seller, but hadn't even been published. Indeed it had not been written.

Oh, and did I mention that this is very same Jean Shepard who gave us what is now regarded by many as maybe the best of the bunch of Christmas season movies, "A Christmas Story"? You've watched it, surely you have. But maybe you don't like to admit it in polite company because, well, because polite people like to talk about "White Christmas" and "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Miracle on 34th Street," and all those other flicks that are, honestly, boring.

Two exceptions, of course: "A Christmas Story" and "National Lampoon Christmas Vacation," in which Cousin Eddie's arrival at the

Griswold home—Clark and Ellen and Rusty and Audrey—is one of the funniest moments on film, or at least a lot of my low-life uncultured friends and I so believe.

Jean Shepherd may have been born over in Illinois, on Chicago's Southside or in Hammond, Indiana. Depends on what source you believe. He was probably born on July 21, or maybe July 26, and it could have been in 1921 or 1929 or sometime in between. It depends.

We know he lived his formative years in Hammond. There is documentary evidence that he went to Harding

Elementary School in Hammond and that he graduated from Hammond High School in 1939, which seem to give lie to the claim of a 1929 birth date. He spent some time in the Army and some time at Indiana University in Bloomington and then went to work for a radio station in Cincinnati.

"Hammond, of course, is where I grew up, 2907 Cleveland Street, to be exact," he said back in 1980 when the hometown folks invited him back to be honored. "Hammond is also the town that is the center of all of my writing," he acknowledged.

But we don't want to get bogged down in fact here because Jean Shepherd is too much fun for that. He gave us Ralphie and Randy and the Old Man and Scut Farkus and the Bumpus Hounds and the tongue frozen to the flag pole and the leg lamp and the major award and...if you've read the story or seen the movie, you know. If you haven't, you need to.

It was November 1983 when the movie was released to little or no acclaim. It took a couple of decades before it became a staple of the season, including the 24-hour marathon showing each Christmas on one of Ted Turner's channels.

It all originated in his book titled "In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash," a collection of 31 short stories published in 1966. The movie

script, which he wrote and narrated on screen, is cobbled together from snippets of four of the stories, and the titles alone tell you much about the man and his mind.

They are: "Duel in the Snow," "The Counterfeit Secret Circle Member Gets the Message," "My Old Man and the Lascivious Special Award That Heralded the Birth of Pop Art," and "Grover Dill and the Tasmanian Devil."

But we have to tell you about "I, Libertine," the best-selling novel that wasn't. This is back in 1956 when Shepherd was doing a late-night-all-night radio show on WOR in New York City, a daily excursion to another galaxy. "It all started when I got into a discussion one day about people who pretend to know everything," Shepherd said later. "We thought it might be a good gag to undermine their faith by creating a demand for something that didn't exist. A book seemed fine. We dreamed up the name and the author on the spot."

Shepherd started to plug the title on his show that same night and kept it up for a couple of weeks. By then:

- Doubleday Publishing's New York store got 27 calls for "I, Libertine" in one morning.
- A Pan Am airline pilot encouraged his colleagues to raid bookstores in Chicago, San Francisco, Paris, Miami, and Finland for copies

of the book.

- Another disc jockey awarded fake author Frederick R. Ewing the "Burbage Award" for "outstanding historical research" and interviewed the mythical author over the radio.


This could go on forever, but we can't. Jean Shepherd died in the fall of 1999. He was 78 years old, more or less.

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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Indians top Golden Eagles in intracounty tilt

by Sean Douglas

From the opening tip to the final whistle in Friday night's Central Indiana Conference contest between Mississinewa and Oak Hill, it was clear that James Reed's Indians were locked in. They shot the ball with almost surgical precision: 65 percent from the floor. Their play on the defensive end was outstanding, too, holding the Golden Eagles to just 18-of-48 from the floor (37.5 percent) and forcing 13 turnovers.

Most importantly, just five games into their season, the Indians' chemistry was evident, and it played a major factor in their third win of the season, 69-46.

"When we play this way, teams might be able to stay with us for a half, but they are going to be worn out in the second half," Reed said. "That was the message tonight."

Trey Miles played his best game as an Indian, scoring 19 points, 12 coming in the second half, on eight-of-nine shooting from the field and three-of-three from beyond the arc. Bryce Oglesby, after scoring just three points in the first half, finished with 11, shooting five-of-six in the process.

"That team shouldn't lose two or three games the rest of the year," Oak Hill Head Coach Kevin Renbarger said. "They've got all of the pieces offensively to be really, really good. When they get some points from their ancillary folks, they are really, really tough to guard."

Landen Swanner opened the game with a triple on Mississinewa's first shot, and the Indians led the rest of the way, leading 18-14 after one quarter and 31-24 at halftime. Mississinewa's half-court press gave the Golden Eagles fits, forcing seven turnovers, and each time Oak Hill made a push, the Indians always seemed to have an answer.

"Bottom line, they were a step quicker to everything than we were, and they made us pay for every time they were a step quicker," Renbarger said. "When we would miss a close-in shot from five feet away and not get the rebound, they were

going down on this end and getting an easy look. We fumble a pass that should have been caught, and again, they get the loose ball and they go down and score on the other end."

Mississinewa put the game away in third quarter, outscoring Oak Hill 20-11 to build a 51-35 advantage. After scoring seven points in the first half, Miles came alive in the third, scoring 10 points, including eight in a row, on four-of-four shooting.

The Mississinewa defense continued to smother the Oak Hill offense, forcing four more turnovers and making it difficult for the Golden Eagles to establish any sort of rhythm.

Coming off the bench, Miles and Oglesby combined for 30 of Mississinewa's 69 points. "To have Trey Miles and Bryce Oglesby come in and just [be] powerhouses this night, that was so much fun," Reed said. "When those guys are playing well, and when our first seven are playing well, it's just going to be hard for teams to outlast them for four quarters."

After shooting 10-of-21 (47.6 percent) in the first half, the Golden Eagles went cold after halftime. They hit on just eight field goals in the final two quarters, which included a paltry three-of-15 mark in the fourth. For the game, Oak Hill shot just three-of-19 from beyond the arc. Two of those came in the first quarter.

"We have got to find different ways to score," Renbarger said. "We can't continue to sit out and shoot three after three after three."

Tristen Hayes, Oak Hill's junior center, finished with 15 points and six boards. Dubois and Johnson each scored 10 points for the Golden Eagles, while Clay McCorkle collected six.

In other county action:

Eastbrook opens with loss

With the start of the Eastbrook boys basketball season pushed back due to the success of the football team, the Panthers opened their 2019-2020 campaign last



Mississinewa's Anthony Horton (#24) drives against the Oak Hill Golden Eagles in their game last Friday night. The senior finished with six points and seven assists.

Tuesday evening. Despite some strong performances and a plethora of positives, the game ended in a loss, as the Panthers were defeated by the Southern Wells Raiders, 61-52.

"I think you could definitely tell that tonight was game number one," Eastbrook Head Coach Greg Allison said. "We did some nice things, [and] we did some negative things, as expected with the first game. We obviously have some areas to clean up, but then we also had some areas where we did a nice job that we will keep improving on."

Despite the loss, Allison was pleased with several aspects of his team's performance. "We did a nice job of getting to the free throw line. We shot 24 free throws," Allison said. "Unfortunately, we only made 12 of the 24, so that's a bit of a negative, but at least we got to the free throw line. We out-rebounded them. We had 37 rebounds and they had 31 rebounds. We got to the basket...[but] we missed some layups tonight."

Dylan Bragg led the Panthers in scoring with 22 points, 12 of which came in the third quarter. Skylar Harwood collected nine points, while Bryce Schamber finished with eight points and a remarkable 17 rebounds. Alex Baker added eight points and seven boards, while Zeke Binkerd collected five points and four assists.

Panthers fall to Frankton

The Frankton Eagles made life difficult for the Eastbrook Panthers on offense all evening, and it played a major role in the

outcome as the Panthers fell to 0-2 with a 50-37 loss.

The Eagles took a 9-4 lead after the first quarter of play and increased that lead

to 19-8 at halftime. Despite offensive struggles in the opening two quarters, Eastbrook's defense kept the game close.

"We only made one field goal in the first half," Eastbrook Head Coach Greg Allison said. "We only scored eight points in the first half. That hurt us. We were one-of-14 from the field in the first half. Luckily though, we were six-of-six from the foul line and [were] only down 11 going into halftime."

For the game, Eastbrook shot 13-of-18 from the foul line, while holding the Eagles to just 31 percent from the field (17-of-54).

"To hold a team to 50 points total in a basketball game is pretty good defense," Allison said. "If you tell me every night, 'Hey, you're going to hold the opponent to 50 points,' I think we have a chance. I think we defended pretty well."

Skylar Harwood led the Panthers with eight points, while Alex Baker finished with seven. Jake McKim and Bryce Schamber each came away with six points in the Panthers' loss.

Norwell routs Panthers

The Eastbrook Panthers struggled mightily on Satur-

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Golden Eagles top Indians in intracounty tilt

by Sean Douglas

The Oak Hill Golden Eagles lost four starters and several key bench players from their state championship team a year ago, but they still have Taylor Westgate, and in a contest dominated by defense at Fredenberger Court in Gas City, the performance of Oak Hill’s senior center played a major factor in the Golden Eagles’ seventh consecutive victory.

Westgate’s 19 points and 18 rebounds, combined with some stellar defense after halftime, helped the Golden

Eagles improve to 8-3 on the year and 3-0 in the conference, as they defeated the Mississinewa Indians 44-40 on Saturday afternoon.

Just 24 hours before Saturday afternoon’s matinee, the Indians learned that Caily Bolser, their leading scorer, had a fractured fourth metacarpal, an injury that could keep her out until the playoffs. Shooting guard Alayna Webb sat out due to a head injury.

“It was a well-fought battle,” Mississinewa Head Coach Laura Friday said. “We’ve had some adversity,

and I think our girls shined through that. They really took the challenge [and] put a chip on their shoulder today to play hard for their teammates. I’m really proud of that aspect of the game.”

In fact, the Indians led at the end of the first quarter, 12-7, but the Golden Eagles were able to regroup early in the second quarter. Dahla Watson capped off a perfect first half, sinking her fifth field goal to give the Indians a 19-17 lead at halftime.

Watson was firmly in rhythm, and Westgate was starting to find hers. She scored six of Oak Hill’s 10 points in the second quarter and began to assert her dominance in the post.

“We just didn’t get her enough touches, especially in the second quarter,” Law said. “There were times that we had her open, and our guards were already looking to reverse the ball. Obviously, the caliber of player she is, we need to get her as many touches as we can.”

In the second half, the Golden Eagles made it a priority to get Westgate the ball underneath the basket, and it yielded positive results.

“There is no way you can stop a Taylor Westgate, truly, for the whole game,” Friday said. “She will find a way to get the ball and she will find a way to get it in the basket. We should have stayed with our defense that we played more in the first quarter.”

Westgate scored eight of Oak Hill’s 10 third quarter points, and the game was tied at 27 heading into the final frame. Abby Shaw provided a spark for the Golden Eagles to start the fourth quarter. After missing six consecutive shots, the senior shooting guard knocked down a pair of threes in consecutive possessions to give Oak Hill a lead they would not relinquish.

The Golden Eagles held a game-high six point advantage on two separate occasions in the fourth quarter, and while the Indians kept it close the rest of the way, some big free throws and a few more clutch baskets from Westgate helped to seal the deal.

“As a coach, you expect that,” Law said of Westgate. “She’s a girl who has played for four years [and] who has started for four years. She needs to do that for us, and she did it today.”

Kate Hornocker added seven rebounds to Westgate’s 18 as the duo out-rebounded the Indians by a count of 25-20. “That’s the second key to our success – we have to defend well, and we have to rebound well,” Law said. “Kate kept us in it early with some putbacks, but Taylor has a really good nose for where that ball is going when it leaves the shooters’ hands. She played really well.”

With 42 points, Ra’Shaya Kyle etched herself in the history books, becoming the Lady Giants’ all-time leading scorer with 1,482, surpassing Gina Johnson.

After shooting seven-of-18 in the first half, the Mississinewa offense was ice cold after halftime. Oak Hill’s defense held the Indians to just five-of-20 shooting in the final two frames, including a two-of-nine mark from the perimeter.

“The difference was a missed rebound or a missed layup,” Friday said. “Really, that’s all it was today. They had a few offensive rebounds that we should have got, and this game was so close that could have made a difference.”

In a game where the Indians needed their younger players to step up, Watson certainly answered the call, scoring a career-high 21 points on six-of-10 shooting from the field.

Catey finished the game with 10 points and seven rebounds, while Carly Bolser collected six points for the Indians.

In other county action:

Panthers fall to Frankton

Playing at home for their second CIC game of the season, the Eastbrook Panthers struggled against the Frankton Eagles on Friday night, falling behind early and never recovering in a 56-28 loss.

The game was close after the first quarter, as the Panthers trailed just 11-6, but the Eagles dominated the rest of the way, outscoring Eastbrook 45-20 in the final three frames.

Eastbrook loses to Eastern

The Eastbrook Panthers’ offensive woes continued on Saturday in a 44-27 loss to the Eastern Comets.

“It’s the same issues we’ve had all year,” Eastbrook Head Coach Jeff Liddick said. “Tonight, we shot 23 percent from the field and 30 percent from the line....Defensively, we are doing things that keep our opponents in check and give us a chance to win, but on the offensive end, we are not doing a good job of taking care of the basketball. When we do get shots, we are just not taking our time and putting them in. We had 42 shots and some really good looks at the bucket and only hit 10 of them.”

The Panthers have struggled shooting the basketball all season long, and Liddick and his coaching staff have used multiple tactics to try to fix the issue to no avail.

“I’ve reached out to a lot of coaching mentors and a lot of college coaches [and] got their advice. We’ve tried everything,” Liddick said. “Nothing seems to be work-

ing.”

Argylls lose to Lapel

Last Tuesday evening in Fairmount, the Madison-Grant Argylls dropped their seventh straight contest, falling to the Lapel Bulldogs by a score of 42-32. Last year, Lapel dominated the Argylls, winning by 48 points. This year, the Bulldogs returned four starters and three other regular rotation players from a season ago, and Madison-Grant gave them everything they had for 32 minutes.

“I think we are taking care of the ball much better each week, and we did so last night,” Madison-Grant Head Coach Brandon Bradley said. “Defensively...We defended well-enough to win. Offensively, because we are taking care of the ball better, we have started to get a lot more shot attempts, but we have several kids who throughout their lives haven’t been accustomed to being shooters/scorers, so habitually they are still a little indecisive.”

Argylls defeat Elwood

The Madison-Grant Argylls earned their first conference win of the season, 46-32, over the Elwood Panthers on Saturday evening. Madison-Grant led from the onset, taking a 10-7 lead after the first quarter and never trailing. Furthermore, the Argylls defense held the Panthers to under 10 points in every quarter.

“Offensively, we did score in double figures each quarter, and defensively we limited them to single digits each quarter,” Madison-Grant Head Coach Brandon Bradley said. “I believe that was the first game we’ve had like that this season.”

While mistakes were still made on the offensive end of the floor, the Argylls did a much better job of putting the ball in the basket against Elwood, knocking down high percentage looks at a more efficient clip.

Gracey Fox led the way for the Argylls with 11 points, while Daya Greene and Zoey Barnett each finished with nine points in the win.

Giants beat Ft. Wayne Wayne

The Marion Lady Giants put together a dominant performance against the Fort Wayne Wayne Generals last Tuesday evening and senior center (and Purdue commit) Ra’Shaya Kyle etched herself in the history books.

With 42 points, Kyle became the Lady Giants’ all-

time leading scorer with 1,482, surpassing Gina Johnson, and Marion came away with a 62-31 triumph over the Generals.

“Ra’Shaya was completely dominant tonight,” Marion Head Coach Lawrence Jordan said. “It’s been difficult for teams to match up with her. If they don’t put two or three people around her, she is going to have her way.”

While Kyle was having her way offensively, the Marion defense put on a clinic. The Giants took an 18-4 lead after the first quarter and led by double digit points the rest of the way.

“The defense was really good. Our full-court pressure was working really well tonight,” Jordan said. “We created a lot of turnovers.”

Ellie Vermilion was second on the Giants with 11 points, while Shalay Jeffries scored four and Taylor Kitts and Ashanti Cardine each finished with two.

Marion falls to Huntington North

Offensive struggles proved costly for Marion on Saturday in a 32-28 loss to Huntington North.

“It was an ugly game,” Marion Head Coach Lawrence Jordan said. “Defensively, I was happy with it...and down the stretch, we still were in a position to win the game. [But] we made a bunch of detailed errors down the stretch. Just too many detailed mistakes, and mistakes kill you. We [weren’t] clicking on all cylinders.”

The Giants held a two-point advantage after three quarters, and led 26-24 with 4:36 to go in the contest, but the Vikings outscored Marion 8-2 the rest of the way, handing Marion its third loss of the season.

Kyle scored 19 of Marion’s 28 points in the game, while Ellie Vermilion scored four, Zariyah Hahn three, and Kaliyah Jones two.

Indians defeat Southwood

After a sluggish first half, the Mississinewa Indians rallied in the second half to record their seventh victory of the season, defeating the Southwood Knights 44-39 on Wednesday evening.

The Indians held a four-point advantage at halftime, and Head Coach Laura Friday did not think her team’s play was as crisp as it had been in recent games.

“[Southwood] had a good game plan,” Friday said. “They decided to take away Caily[Bolser], and when we had the opportunities to hit the shot on the outside, we didn’t hit the shots. They didn’t fall for us.”

The Knights took a 33-31 lead into the fourth quarter of play, but the Indians out-

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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.

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day evening, falling to the Norwell Knights by a score of 68-24. With the defeat, Eastbrook fell to 0-3 on the young season.

Argylls rout Elwood

After losing their first two games, Madison-Grant increased their winning streak to three on Friday night, dominating the Elwood Panthers from start to finish in an 80-26 rout.

Madison-Grant's defense was the difference. After giving up 10 points in the opening eight minutes, the Argylls allowed just 16 points the rest of the way, including zero points in the final frame. For the game, the Argylls combined for 20 steals, which led to several easy buckets in transition throughout the evening.

"The things we talked about before the game were being focused, being fundamental, and staying true to what we do," Madison-Grant Head Coach Brian Trout said. "We knew that they struggled to take care of the basketball, and we were going to pressure them....and that's what we were able to do."

Grant Brown led the Argylls with 23 points, while Kaden Howell finished with 20. Lance Wilson rounded out Madison-Grant's double-digit scorers with 12 points. As a team, Madison-Grant shot 31-of-57 from

the field (54 percent).

Giants defeat Richmond

The Marion Giants put together a strong performance in their North Central Conference opener on Friday night as they defeated the Richmond Red Devils, 81-66. The Red Devils took a 14-12 lead after the first quarter of play, but the Giants regrouped, regaining the advantage midway through the second quarter and never relinquishing it.

"I thought that Richmond came in very prepared," Marion Head Coach James Blackmon said. "They handled the ball well in the first quarter. They shot the ball well. [But] I thought that our defense got stronger as the game went on. Guys came off the bench and gave us energy, and I thought we played well on both ends of the court tonight...the guys put 32 solid minutes together."

Jalen Blackmon, JK Thomas, and Rasheed Jones combined for 64 of Marion's 81 points. Blackmon led the way with 30 points, Thomas collected 18, and Jones finished with 16.

Indians defeat Yorktown

The Mississinewa Indians used a strong fourth quarter to defeat the Yorktown Tigers 69-52 at Fredenberger Court.

The Indians had no problem scoring and their defense was sound, but Yorktown was able to stick with them for the first three

quarters. Mississinewa held a 14-11 lead after the first quarter, and led 33-29 at halftime

"We were a little tired from last night," Mississinewa Head Coach James Reed said. "I think we underestimated how much they put on the floor and what a good game they played."

After a solid third quarter, the Indians got back to their style of basketball in the final frame, outscoring the Tigers 23-10 to secure the victory.

"When things got gritty towards the fourth quarter, we responded in the way that we really should have been playing the whole game," Reed said. "We picked it up, the energy came back, and they did what they had to do to pull away."

Anthony Horton led the way with 20 points, while Tai McClung finished with 19 and Landen Swanner collected 15.

Golden Eagles defeat Maconaquah

The Oak Hill Golden Eagles salvaged their weekend with a victory, defeating the Maconaquah Braves 55-53 on Saturday evening. The Golden Eagles got off to a strong start, taking a 16-8 lead after the first quarter before heading into the halftime break up 26-20.

"We did a good job of establishing an offensive presence going to the rim either through the drive or

through the post," Oak Hill Head Coach Kevin Renbarger said. "We also got out and ran some in transition. Friday night, we were incredibly tentative and very stagnant....We were a lot better focused in our approach last night."

Maconaquah battled back in the third, outscoring Oak Hill 18-12 to tie the game up at 38-38.

"We just could not make enough plays particularly on the defensive end to close it out comfortably," Renbarger said. "Two or three times we pushed the lead out to 10 but then allowed a couple of three-point baskets or and-ones to allow them to get back into the game."

But the Golden Eagles prevailed, securing the two-point victory with 17 points in the final frame.

"I think we escaped, to be honest," Renbarger said. "We were able to make just enough defensive stops and made just enough free throws."

Tahj Johnson led the Golden Eagles with 15 points, while Tristen Hayes collected 14 points and seven rebounds. Ryan Pederson provided a spark off the bench when Hayes found himself in some foul trouble, finishing with five points and two rebounds.

With the win, Oak Hill improved to 3-3 on the season.

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scored Southwood 13-6 the rest of the way.

"After halftime, we talked about it and got it together," Friday said. "We started playing our defense in the second half. We found a way to win just by working it inside out in the end."

Mia Catey and Caily Bolser each recorded double-doubles in the win. Catey finished with 14 points and 10 boards, while Bolser collected 13 points, 10 boards, three assists, four steals, and six blocks.

Darah Watson added nine points, while Carly Bolser came away with six points, three rebounds, three assists, and two blocks.

Golden Eagles over Braves

Despite struggling on offense (shooting 30 percent and 1-10 from beyond the arc) and defense (gave up 17 points in the third quarter), the Oak Hill Golden Eagles scored 15 points in the fourth quarter and beat the Maconaquah Braves 41-32.

"We were very, very fortunate to win this game," said Head Coach Todd Law. "...our kids were just not ready to play tonight."

After turning the ball over three times in the opening quarter, the Golden Eagles committed seven turnovers in the second, allowing the Braves to hang close, but

Taylor Westgate scored four straight points to end the half, giving the Golden Eagles a 19-12 halftime advantage.

The third quarter was one to forget for Oak Hill. Not only did they turn the ball over seven times, which included four possessions in a row, they struggled to keep the Braves off the scoreboard. Maconaquah shot seven-of-15 from the field in the frame, and outscored the Golden Eagles by a 17-7 margin, taking a 29-26 lead.

In the final five minutes, the Golden Eagles were finally able to right the ship. Trailing 31-28, the Golden Eagles ended the game on an 11-1 run to secure their sixth straight triumph.

"That last four minutes, I thought we played better," Law said. "But we still didn't hit free throws very well tonight. If you're trying to protect the lead or extend it at the end, you have to make those free throws, and we didn't do a good job in that area either."

Westgate finished with 19 points and 16 rebounds, while Abby Shaw collected eight points. Hornocker added seven points and 12 rebounds. Oak Hill's one big positive was their play on the glass, where they out-rebounded the Braves by a margin of 45-22.

Maple led Maconaquah with 10 points and five rebounds, while Alex Merritt finished with seven points and Averii Miller collected six.

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