Breen: Gallagher (pictured at right) is one of us—pg. 5

Eastbrook football moves on to state finals—pg. 6

IWU Women's soccer team advances in nationals—pg. 12



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CALENDAR

Thursday, November 28

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7 am—Turkey Day 5K, Grant County Family YMCA, 123 Sutter Way, Marion. This is a fun run/ walk, so bring the whole family. Registration begins at 7am, race begins promptly at 8am. Registration fee is a monetary donation or the donation of non-perishable food items. Info: 765-662-0988.

5 pm—Basic Needs Working Group, College Wesleyan Church, 200 E. 38th St., Marion. Works to ensure that families have knowledge, skills, and support to meet basic needs and progress towards self-sufficiency. Free. Info: (765) 674-8541.

6 pm—Christmas City Walkway of Lights, Marion Riverwalk, Marion. The route is 2.5 miles long and encompasses 2.5 million lights and 125 displays. Lit nightly from 6-10 pm. \$5 per car per visit. Hot chocolate, apple cider, and Christmas goodies are available in the Gift Shoppe, along with holiday gift items. Appearances by Santa on Friday nights, The Grinch on Saturday nights, and everybody's favorite snowman Olaf on Sunday nights from 6 pm-9 pm.

Friday, November 29

6 pm—Christmas City Walkway of Lights, see Nov. 28.

6 pm—Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Post 95, 424 S. Main St., Jonesboro. Join us for the 24th Annual Christmas Auction. Donated goods and services help needy families in our community. Free. Info: 765-674-

Saturday, November 30

10 am—Boston Hill Center Shop Small Saturday Kickoff, Boston Hill Center, 428 S. Washington St., Marion. Join us for Shop Small Saturday. We'll be passing out

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Vermilion tours district, listens

State Rep. Ann Vermilion (Republican, District 31) went on a listening tour of the district last Wednesday to meet and hear from constituents, employers and community leaders on local and state

"It was a pleasure to meet with everyone who stopped by our public meetings and hear their views on various topics ranging from public health and education to infrastructure," Vermilion said. "I encourage anyone who was unable to attend to reach out with any questions or comments. Listening to your ideas and insight on different issues continues to be a priority to me as we move into session."

Vermilion's tour included public meetings in Blackford and Grant counties, with stops at Car-



State Representative Ann Vermilion (Republican, District 31), at right facing camera, listens to members of her district regarding local and state issues last Wednesday at Jackie's Restaurant in Gas City.

City, the YMCA of Grant County in Marion and Jackie's Restaurant in Gas City.

The 2020 legislative session starts on Jan. 6. Vermilion said rie's Restaurant in Montpelier, constituents with ideas for new

Common Grounds in Harford laws can contact her at 317-232-9600 or h31@iga.in.gov.

Vermilion represents District 31, which includes all of Blackford County and portions of Delaware. Grant and Wells coun-

Foundation listens, hoping for \$5 million

by Alan Miller

of Grant County is all ears. For several weeks, Foundation leaders, assisted by two rural development consultants from Iowa, have County.

Their collective mission is to gather information that will serve as the basis for a proposal that could lead to a \$5 million grant from Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment, Inc. The deadline for assume a larger leadership role." submitting the grant proposal is March 2020.

Dawn Brown, president and CEO of the Foundation, told a group of community stakeholders gathered at Ivy Tech Community

College, that Lilly Endowment is week ago. The Community Foundation encouraging community foundations to become more involved in determining priorities for their communities.

"During the first 35 years of been on a listening tour of Grant the Grant County Community Foundation's history, our mission largely has been to build an endowment to provide income for local charitable causes," Brown said. "Now, Lilly Endowment is asking community foundations to

> The local Foundation has begun that process with a series of Community Conversations throughout the county. About 50 people, primarily from Marion, attended two of the conversations at Ivy Tech a

Brown also said the Foundation has talked about poverty with 500 people in the county, most of them living in poverty. "We have about 60 hours of tapes from those conversations to transcribe," said Frank Spillers who, with his wife Kimberlee, are facilitating the conversations.

The Spillers, owners of Iowabased Rural Community Solutions, have 30 years of experience as consultants in rural development.

Lilly Endowment has committed \$125 million to the latest initiative. The specific invitation from the Endowment asks com-

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THANKSGIVING

November 27-December 3, 2019

George Washington was the first president to proclaim a day of thanksgiving, issuing his request on October 3, 1789. Exactly 74 years later, President Abraham lincoln issued the proclamation below, written by Secretary of State William Seward.

By the President of the United **States of America.**

A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God...

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

INDIANA QUIZ

- 1. What Kentucky city lies across the bridge from Evansville?
- The "four horsemen" made up the legendary backfield for what college football team? 3. Who will be the new owner of the India-
- napolis Motor Speedway?

Answers are on page 10.



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Madaline Kay Marshall

1927-2019 Funeral services were held at

Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Monday, November 25 at 2 pm.

Linda Lou Smith

1942-2019 Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Monday, November 25 at 1

Ryan Scott Herring

1998-2019 Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, on

DEATHS

Tuesday, November 26 at 1

Esther L. Luttrull Hoffman 1925-2019

Visitation will be at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Saturday, November 30 from 10 am to 12 pm. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home at 12 pm.

Michael A. Vetor

1949-2019

Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Fairmount, on Saturday, November 23 at 11:30 am.

Janet Kelsay

1930-2019

Per Kelsay's request, there will be a private family memorial service at a later

Juanita (Williams) Comer 1917-2019

Funeral services were held at Center Christian Church, Fairmount, on Tuesday, November 26 at 10 am.

Charles F. Shroyer

1947-2019 Funeral services were held at Mt. Olive United Methodist Church, Marion, on Monday, November 25, at 11 am.

FEATURES

NOW IT'S TIME FOR

CHRISTMAS!

Giving thanks should be a way of life for all of us

quickened us and gave

us new life. He made us

alive. When He did this,

He adopted us into His

in Heaven. This world is

are just passing through. I

am convinced that Heaven

will be breathtaking when

just a part of His gift to us.

He goes on to tell us in

verse two that we are fam-

viewpoint, we don't know vet what we will be, but

He tells us we will be like

Jesus. We will be able to

see Him as He is. Can you

imagine that? He also tells

us we have a great hope.

There are lots of things

ily. Now, from a human

we get there, but that is

not our home anymore. We

here are so many times in life that I have not given thanks for all I have in the manner I should have. Have you ever thought about all you have? The old hymn of the

faith, "Count Your Blessings," speaks volumes to what we ought to do. I realize that I have been placed in an unusual situation being a pastor. I have the privilege of trying to help others overcome their problems. It is a good thing folks have someone to turn to for spiritual ad-

vice. The hurts and struggles can be exhaustive to

the one listening because

they have a draining effect

on our spirit. I usually go

away from these sessions

realizing I really don't have any problems. There are a lot of people who are suffering. These issues help remind me how thankful I should be.

Giving thanks should be

a way of life for all of us. Recently, while presiding over a funeral service for a 49-year-old woman, I delivered a message about what we have. This young woman knew Christ as her Savior and there was no doubt that she was in the presence of Jesus. I wanted to expound on what she had already experienced.

Have you ever stopped to think of what we have in Christ? The Scripture says in I John 3:1-3, "(1) Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that

children of God; therefore, the world knoweth us not. because it knew him not. (2) Beloved, now are we the children of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. (3) And every man that hath this hope in him pu-

rifieth himself even as he

This passage reveals to us several important principles that we need to embrace as children of God. In verse one John begins by trying to convey to the believer just how much God really loves us. I will never live long enough to understand why God loved me. When we were dead





about this life that I don't know and don't claim to know, but life without hope is futile. The amazing thing about this hope (verse 3) is that it purifies

thoughts, I realize I have a lot. The reason I have these things is not due to anything I have done, but it is all a result of how

As I ponder all of these

much my Heavenly Father loves me. The bottom line is I have a lot and I need to give thanks for it. I hope you don't take for granted the blessings of God and His great love for each of us. We can all say that we are blessed!

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

JUST A THOUGHT



This week, especially, let's work at being kind to one another

white newspaper photo of my preschool class dressed up as Indians and Pilgrims for our Thanksgiving celebration. I was one of the Pilgrims. I remember having multicolored ears of corn and making paper turkeys while talking about what we were thankful for.

truly celebrated. There were not Christmas decorations in stores until after Thanksgiving. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, my hope is we each take time to celebrate with each other and focus on what we can be thankful for.

While this year has certainly had extreme highs and extreme lows for my family, I continue to be so very

grateful and thankful for all we have. We are truly blessed with amazing children and the opportunity to do what we want to do every day.

I could spend most of this column listing all the reasons I am thankful, however, instead, I will just encourage each of you to list your own ways you have been blessed. And, don't forget to think about ways you and your family can enrich other

people's lives as we reflect on all our blessings. One simple thing we can

do is a handmade sign I saw one day driving back from Indianapolis. The multi-colored sign with white wording made from duct tape said, "JUST BE KIND." I would like to think that would be easy enough for each of us to do. However, just watch the evening news on a given day and you will find the many ways that violence seems to be a norm for today's society. Instead of focusing on the horrific acts of violence that take place across our state and nation, let's look at ways we can make a difference in

each other's lives. Take the two elderly sisters who looked out their window morning after morning and saw children waiting for the school bus. These two women decided to walk down to the bus stop and start a conversation with the children. Now, initially, the children were suspicious and didn't have much to say to these women. The sisters were persistent, however, and just kept coming back each weekday. Eventually, the children responded to the women and

looked forward to their early

morning conversations. In fact, one day, when only one of the sisters came to the bus stop, the children worriedly asked where the other sister

That small gesture touched those children's lives. It reminds you that no matter your age, there is always a way you can enrich someone



It is so important that we always work to celebrate and find ways to encourage others. Today, where it seems the easier thing to do is to find fault with one another, let's work this Thanksgiving holiday to find the good in each other, and, as the handmade sign along the side of the road says, "Just Be

Linda Wilk is a Marion resident, former journalist and commushe is in life. What a message *nity activist*.

Amy Downing Prearrangement Counselor





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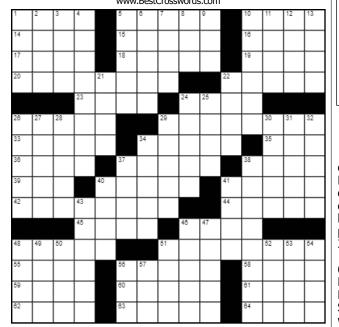
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November 27, 2019

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CROSSWORD

Rating: $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6$. Solution is on page 11.



Across

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- 20. When
- 24. Tax experts: Abbr.
- 33. Takes home
- 34. Sporting blades 35. Lamprey
- 36. You're making
- 41. Laziness 42. Sororal
- 45. Or 46. Hightail it
- 55. Scholarship criterion 56. "Hill Street Blues" actor
- 58. Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- 61. Cheerio!
- 62. Timber 63. Dummy Mortimer

- Down Biological bristle 2. Vientiane is its capital
- 3. Collective word for intellectual pursuits
- 4. Flowering
- 5. Rodeo horse
- . Actor Lorenzo
- . Elevator man
- 8. Intelligence
- 9. Figs-10. Potemkin mutiny city
- 11. Monetary unit of West-
- ern Samoa
- 12. Stressed type: Abbr.
- 13. Composed 21. Wild ones are sown
- 22. Buddies 24. Summit
- 25. Artist Mondrian 26. Crews
- 27. Jewish scholar 28. Puccini pieces 29. Thorny
- 30. Peter and a Wolfe 32. Hilo hi
- 34. Banishment 37. Slips up 38. Make hostile
- 40. Animal skin 41. Hook's helper
- 43. Cared for 46. More delicate 47. Christopher of "Back to
- the Future 48. Reason to cancel school 49. Kid's building block
- 50. Aviation prefix 51. Garage event
- 52. Stick in one's 53. Major ending?
- ___ Abby 56. Airline to Stockholm

an ornament to decorate the

6 pm—MGH 30th Annual

Lights of Love Ceremony,

N. Wabash Ave., Marion.

Marion General Hospital, 330

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per honoree, an individual or

organization receives a light

to honor the memory of their

special loved one. Info: 765-

6 pm—Jonesboro Tree

Lighting Ceremony, Jones-

St., Jonesboro. Join us for

this fun, family event in

Jonesboro. In addition to

ceremony, there'll be hot

the Christmas tree-lighting

boro Town Hall, 414 S. Main

town's tree.

660-6410.

coffee, treats, and Scavenger Hunt forms to fill out and compete for prizes as you explore Grant County small businesses. Free Christmas photos with Santa. Info: 937-

Calendar,

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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. Bring the entire family and enjoy this holiday tradition. Free. Info: http://www.gascityindiana.

6 pm—Christmas City Walkway of Lights, see Nov. 28.

Sunday, December 1 10:30 am—Lakeview Music

Ministry presents "The King is Here," Lakeview Wesleyan Church, 5316 S. Western Ave., Marion. All are welcome as the choir, orchestra and children's ministry present this Christmas story. Free. Info: www.lakeviewweslevan.org

1 pm—Twin City We Care Auction, RJ Baskett Middle School, 125 N. Broadway St., Gas City. Join us for the Annual Twin City We Care Auction. Merchandise and collectibles will be auctioned off, with the proceeds benefiting local families in need during the holiday season. Free. Info: https://www. facebook.com/Twin-City-We-Care-111864965547322/

Tree Lighting Ceremony, 200 3rd St., Fairmount. Family friendly and fun activities from 5 pm - 7 pm at the corner of 1st St. and Main St. in Fairmount. Cookies, hot chocolate, coffee, visits with Santa, kids craft area,

face painting, kids storytime, goodies to enjoy. Kids are 12 pm-Marion Parks and wagon rides, sign cards for loencouraged to bring an ornacal troops, and Christmas carment to hang on the town's ols. 6 pm Tree lighting. Bring

Monday, December 2 10 am—Marion Board of or cityofmarion.in.gov

10:30 am—Preschool Tales, Marion Public Library and Museum, 600 S Washington 765-668-2900, ext 105, tjones@marion.lib.in.us

Recreation Board Meeting, Marion City Hall Second Flood Conference Room, 301 S. Branson St. Info.: Rose Cadena, rcadena@cityofmarion

Lights in the Park, see Nov.

AS SOON AS

THE TRYPTOPHAN

WEARS OFF!

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

St. Free. Info.: Tylanna Jones,

2 pm—Grant County Com-

missioners Meeting, Grant County Council Chambers, 401 S. Adams St., Marion. Info.: TC Hull, 765-668-4776 or commissioners@grant-

6 pm—Understanding Grief, Family Life Care, 705 S. Baldwin Ave., Marion. Adults (18

6 pm-Christmas City Walk-

way of Lights, see Nov. 28.

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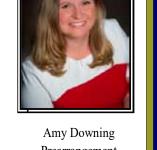
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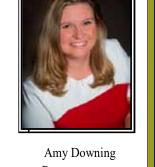


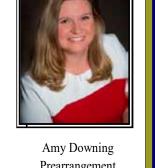












else's life.

an elderly gentleman at my The cookies vary, usualong with an occasional times—sometimes com-

> that he spreads joy to so many, just by sharing his tin of cookies. summed up how each of us should view our lives: "If you wake up each morning

tin of cookies to Bible class. ally some kind of chocolate, vanilla wafer or short bread. This man has high and low menting how he is not sure why he is still living, having outlived two wives and a daughter. In response, I am quick to make sure he knows

Kathy Lee Gifford recently and you have a pulse, you have a purpose—God is not done with you yet," Gifford said, referring to how blessed



each of us can take away and

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- 17. Baum barker 18. Leaves out
- 22. Sacred song 23. PC alternatives
- 26. Characteristic 29. Ceylon, now
- 37. Be
- 38. Cartoonist Peter 40. Publish
- 44. Beethoven's "___ Solem-
- 48. Bias 51. Prevented from speaking
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- 64. Large pitcher

57. Slender metal fastener

5 pm—Fairmount Christmas

6 pm—Christmas City Walkway of Lights, see Nov. 28. in.gov 6 pm—Gas City Christmas

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up), free. Recurring. Info.: Jeff Luttrell, 800-355-2817

6 pm—Gas City Christmas

chocolate, popcorn, and other

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Soli deo gloria: It is the desire of the owners of THE NEWS HERALD that everything

ongratulations are due to the good folks at the VIA Credit Union for the recognitions they received recently from the Indiana Credit Union League. Credit goes to Dave Abernathy, VIA president/CEO and all the good employees at VIA. They received awards for Social Responsibility, Philosophy in Action, and Youth Financial Literacy from the Indiana Credit Union League and are now in the running for national recognition, which could come early in 2020. Abernathy credited his employ ees for their commitment to and for practicing the credit union's philosophy of "people helping people."

Good job, VIA Credit Union! I want to recognize and applaud all the good steps that have already been taken by Gas City and the Mississinewa School Corporation to build a Civic Center on the east side of Gas City. There are many groups and organizations involved in the project at both the local and state level, and progress continues to be made. Credit goes to Mississinewa Superintendent Tab McKenzie, Gas City Mayor Larry Leach, and many blessings that others

Mike Roorbach

DOING GOOD



and outside performances and will be a good addition to the community. The spirit of cooperation in getting it done is a good sign, Just a quick mention of

the Eastbrook High School football team for winning the semi-state. (See full story, page 6). They will play this weekend in the state final game and they could win the first state football title for Eastbrook. Congratulations to coach Jeff Adamson and the players and their parents for making and keeping the commitments it takes to put a sports program at that level. Good work,

Panthers! Thanksgiving is this Thursday and it's a good idea for all of us to pause and reflect on the many blessings we enjoy. We live in a prosperous place in a free country and enjoy Mayor-elect Bill Rock. The do not have. This is good,

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idea for all of us to pause and reflect on the many blessings we enjoy. We live in a prosperous place in a free country and enjoy many blessings that others do not have. This is good, and I

It's a good

and I don't want to take it for granted. I hope you have a place to celebrate on Thanksgiving Day with your family and friends and reflect on God's bountiful goodness to us all. God bless you!

don't want to

take it for grant-

The final good word this week comes from the Good Book—the Holy Bible where we read in Psalm 95: "Oh, come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms For the LORD is the great And the great King above

Grant County Crime Stoppers



765-662-TIPS (8477)

Crime Stoppers needs your help in locating Erik Moore, who has active warrants out of Grant County for theft (seven counts) and illegal entry into a motor vehicle (three counts). Moore is a 33-year old male who is approximately 5-8 and weighs approximately 130 pounds.

Crime Stoppers pays up to a \$1,000.00 cash reward for information that results in the arrest or indictment of persons who commit felony crimes. If you know any information where Erik Moore can be located, call Crime Stoppers at 765-662-8477. The Crime Stoppers tip line is staffed 24 hours a day and tipsters remain anonymous. You can also report information on Erik's whereabouts by going to www.p3tips.com.



HOOSIER HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

November 28, 1839 Indiana's first Thanksgiving is declared by Governor David

November 29, 1806 Vincennes Univ. is incorporated. Founded by William Henry Harrison, it is one of two schools in the nation started by a President. The other

November 30, 1863 The U.S. Department of War authorizes Governor Olive P. Morton to raise a Civil War infantry regiment composed

of African. Americans

is Univ. of Virginia (Thomas

December **December 1, 1891** The first game of basketball is played in Springfield, MA. It soon becomes the sport most closely identified with Indiana

December 2, 1840 William Henry Harrison is elected President of the

United States, defeating incumbent Martin Van Buren. Voter turnout is 80.2%

December 3, 1803

The Vincennes Library Company is incorporated **December 4, 1868** Two steamboats, the "America" and the "United

States," collide on the Ohio River, killing 72 people **December 5, 1679** Robert LaSalle reaches the portage between St. Joseph and Kankakee Rivers. He is

considered the first explorer

to reach Indiana **December 6, 1924** "Limberlost" author Gene Stratton Porter dies in Los Angeles when her limousine is struck by a streetcar. Her novels, poetry and nature

December 7, 1941

outdoor Indiana

books capture her love of

Japanese planes attack Pearl Harbor, leading to World War II. Over 400,000 Hoosiers go into uniform; 11,783 are killed, over 17,000 wounded

December 8, 1821 Alexander Ralston publishes his map of Indianapolis, a one. mile square with four diagonal streets and a circle

December 8, 1983 President Ronald Reagan gave a speech about excellence in education at the Indiana Convention Center.

in the middle

December 9, 1963 Studebaker announced its closing in South Bend. The company had begun more than 100 years earlier with the production of wheelbarrows. They became the world's largest maker of wagons and carriages and evolved into a major manufacturer of cars and trucks.

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munity foundations "to

submit a concept paper describing how the foundation would use up to \$5 million to respond to an especially compelling challenge or opportunity."

The project is called GIFT VII, signifying it is the seventh phase of the Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) program, which was launched in 1990 when there were fewer than 12 community foundations in Indiana. Thanks largely to Lilly En- questions

dowment funding, there now • What are our three county tions throughout the state. Brown said the localcom-

four specific goals: Design a generational vi-

sion (25 years) for community vitality. Identify community prior-

ities for the next 3-5 years. • Define the Community Foundation's role in community leadership.

Develop leadership.

The community conversations have focused on three

development priorities to move Grant County ahead in the next 25 years? munity conversations have What are the biggest ob-

stacles to achieving these priorities? What role will the Com-

munity Foundation play?

"Your input will provide the Community Foundation with a starting point for creating a vision that positively impacts our commucollaborative nity. Thanks, in advance, for

sharing what you feel is important for us to do in Grant County for the next generation," Brown said.

Navy SEAL Gallagher is, in many ways, one of us

was in the middle is in the middle of a bigger mess than he ever could have imagined.

He is a Navy SEAL, and he will remain that, at least for a while longer as President Trump and the shiniest of the brass in the U.S. Navy tussle over whether he remains a SEAL and, indeed, in the Navy at all. He is Chief Petty Officer

Edward Gallagher. He used to be Navy Special Operations Chief Edward Gallagher, but that was before he was put on trial for a long list of sins and convicted of only one: Bringing discredit

for photos with the dead body of a teenage enemy who he may or may not have killed. A little back story here. We

care about Eddie Gallagher because, in many ways, he is one of us. Former Hoosier, former Fort Wayne resident, Bishop Dwenger High School class of '97. He joined the military and, he wrote several years ago, "I come from a patriotic family where nearly every male has served. My first four years I was attached to the Marines as a medic. During this time I knew I was called to do more and wanted to be challenged so I decided to become a SEAL." He did. Did it all. Combat deployments to

stan. Missions as a medic, sniper and squad leader. Medals for valor, meritorious service and good conduct.

Then things went terribly wrong. Members of the Navy SEAL platoon Gallagher led in Mosul, Iraq, in 2017 claim he stabbed to death an unarmed and wounded teenage fighter for the Islamic State, also known as ISIS. They also say Gallagher shot two civilians in Iraq, killing an old man and injuring a young girl. "I saw Eddie Gallagher

shoot someone who didn't deserve to die. I shot more warning shots to save civilians from Eddie than I ever did at ISIS," another in his

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lagher's court-martial last summer. Another SEAL team member testified that Gallagher had said of the dead teenage prisoner, "This was

just an ISIS dirtbag." That wasn't the way he was remembered back home in Indiana during the trial. "Ed was one of those guys where it was easy for him to make friends. He had that personality. We became friends right away," Matt Baumgartner, who still lives in Fort Wayne, told the Journal Gazette last summer.

Another friend, a girl who went to North Side High School, said of him, "he was always kind of quiet but very chivalrous and very consider-

stand up and be the comedian or the life of the party. But always kind and helpful." Mixed bag. So was the verdict. Acquitted of murder and

mayhem, but guilty of bringing shame to the SEALs. The Navy brass tried to show Gallagher to the exit. They demoted him and began paperwork to oust him Then, last week, no less than

Donald J. Trump stepped in. The President reversed the demotion, which he can do. In fact, there is little with the military the President can't do. Said one pundit, "If the President says everyone in the military wears a long red tie every Tuesday, that's what they do. He's the commanderin-Chief."

On Thursday, the President stepped in again and said Gallagher should not be ousted. Referring to the pin that signifies membership in the SEALs, Mr. Trump said on Twitter that "The Navy will NOT be taking away Warfighter and Navy SEAL Eddie Gallagher's Trident Pin. This case was handled very badly

to business!' The secretary of the Navy and the admiral who leads the SEALs have threatened to resign or be fired if this happens, the New York Times reported Sunday. The newspaper described it as "an extraordinary development in what was already an extraor-

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dinary case, one with few precedents in the history of presidential relations with the American military."

Navy Secretary Richard Spencer later denied that he had threatened to guit but said plans against Gallagher would proceed because he did not consider Mr. Trump's statement on Twitter to be a formal order.

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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Panthers capture semi-state, head to finals

The old adage fense wins championships" summed up Eastbrook's semi-state 26-14 win over Andrean on Friday night.

For 48 minutes, the Eastbrook defense, led by a host of sophomores, put on a clinic. "All 11 of them out there were just great," Eastbrook Head Coach Jeff Adamson said. "We were giving up a ton of size, and guys just never backed down.

The Eastbrook defense made big plays in crucial moments, forced key turnovers and shut down a highpowered Fighting 59ers' offense, punching the team's ticket to its third Class 2A State Championship game in the last four years.

"We just knew what we Dalton said. "We'd never get down on ourselves, even when we faced adversity.

After falling behind early, the Panthers scored 20 unanswered points and never gave the lead back.

"The defensive linemen played great," Adamson said "The linebackers and





Above left, the Eastbrook Panthers line up on their way to a touchdown in their 26-14 win over Andrean in the semi-state game. After the game, the players—such as Jonathan Delaporte in photo above, right—took turns holding the championship trophy.

Braxton Bowser, outside drives. linebacker Logan Collins, We've been coached that and Dalton—are all sophoall year long, so we were mores. Dalton had a fumble just ready to step it up and recovery for a touchdown, take on any challenges in Hale recorded an intercepour way, and we did exactly tion and Bowser collected to wide receiver Nicholas 59ers missed the ensuing ilton to Dominic DiTola, but two sacks.

"It's unbelievable," senior strong safety Jackson Ail- for just four plays. On firststock said. "All of the soph- and-10 from the Eastbrook it's the juniors too – they've through the Fighting 59ers' really stepped up this year."

the secondary got a couple to work early because the ing 69 yards untouched to of kev turnovers when they Eastbrook offense struggled tie the game at seven. needed to. The offense put to start the contest. Their them in a bind at the start first possession ended with again. of the game, but they hung a blocked punt, setting the when they needed to, es- 27-yard line, and on their second quarter, as Dalton quarters. pecially in the second half. next series, Eastbrook quar- forced an Andrean fumble



Dylan Bragg hands off to Wyatt Stephenson in fourth-quarter action against Andrean last Friday night.

ting the win," sophomore Eastbrook's top four tack- of the year—and gave the fore the end of the half, and Dalton said. "They've done a 35-19 defeat to Marion lers—middle linebacker 59ers great field position for were helped out by a crucial it all year. After that first and a 44-7 shellacking at Jason Hale, defensive end the second time in as many roughing the kicker call on half, we knew the defense the hands of Delta. Instead

The Panthers gave up just

omores have done great, and 31-yard line, Dalton burst defensive front, reaching the The defense had to go second level and scamper-

a 14-7 lead.

the Panthers drove down the deep in Andrean territory. field, eating up chunks of The Panthers ended up seven. yards before Dalton scored giving the ball right back

Andrean had a chance to "We knew the defense alcome away with points be- ways had to come up big," season with a pair of losses, group.'

fourth down.

seven points on those two Eastbrook defense had the game.' drives—a nine-yard touch- answer, as Wyatt Stephen-13-point lead heading into

In the first half, the Panthers held Andrean to just 72 yards of total offense. Fightthe game with 2,132 rushing The Panthers never trailed yards, 27 touchdowns, and

thers territory on its first downs to win the game." After holding the 59ers to drive of the second half, but The Panthers finished

his second rushing touch- with a fumble of their own, 124 yards on 29 carries, down from six yards out to but they held firm one more while Hamilton finished 22increase Eastbrook's advantime, stopping the 59ers on of-27 for 148 yards and two that's one of the best ath-

fourth down.

wasn't allowing another of letting those losses define Once again, though, the score and that it was our

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Andrean did score late down pass from Andrean son recorded a 10-yard sack in the fourth quarter on a quarterback Noah Hamilton of Hamilton. The Fighting touchdown pass from Hamfield goal attempt, and the the drive took 7:39 off the Andrean held the lead Panthers preserved their clock in the process, giving Eastbrook a chance to put the game away.

Six plays after Andrean's score, Dalton found the end ing 59ers' star running back zone for the fourth time, ic-Ryan Walsh, who came into ing the contest with a 34yard touchdown run.

an 8.6 yards per carry aver- always there for me," Dal-Eastbrook added to their age on the season, gained ton said. "They had a hard tight and made the plays 59ers up at the Eastbrook lead on the first play of the just 32 yards in the first two week of practice. Whenever really started asserting their we [got] closer to the end... The Eastbrook defense we knew our hogs were go- tive, but they got everybody terback Dylan Bragg threw and returned it 25 yards for was not done making plays. ing to drive us back and help else on board. It's that old Even more impressive: an interception—his first the score to give Eastbrook Andrean drove into Pan- us get those last few first adage about the process—

> a three-and-out after their a Hamilton pass was tipped with 293 rushing yards on defensive score, the East- at the line of scrimmage, and 57 carries. Dalton led the brook offense put together Hale secured the intercep- way with 174 yards on 13 their most efficient drive of tion. On the Fighting 59ers' carries, while Bragg was the night. Over the course of next drive, the Panthers second with 57 yards. Hale 14 plays, 71 yards, and near-forced another fumble, and led the defense with 11 tackly five minutes of game time, Collins recovered the ball les, while Bowser recorded 10, Collins nine, and Dalton

> > Walsh led Andrean with

The Panthers started the like our chances with this

them, the Panthers worked harder. "After that, we were like, 'Okay, we're tired of losing and everyone doubting us," Ailstock said. "And this is what it has led to."

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The result? A 12-game win streak, their fourth straight regional title, and now, their second straight semi-state championship.

"In the Marion game, we felt like that was the game that was going to make us better," Adamson said. "I love my hogs-they are "But after the Delta game, it didn't feel that way. The seniors—that's when they leadership. It was all posiyou have to put the work in The guys just kept working to get better."

> Eastbrook will face Western Boone for the second straight season for the Class 2A State Championship this coming Friday at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. "They're good, obviously," Adamson said of Webo. "They've got a quarterback letes in the state, but I really

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Girls basketball: Giants keep winning; Indians take two of three

Panthers fall to Northfield the Giants collected their

were defeated in their home 48-21 triumph over the Aropener on Wednesday night, gylls. falling to the Northfield Norsemen 43-32.

The first quarter was low scoring; the teams played to paint, but after that, the Ara 4-4 tie. Eastbrook built an gylls would not score again 11-6 lead in the second quar- until the final 15 seconds of ter, but the Norse went on a the second quarter. The Gi-10-2 run to take a 16-13 lead ants' offense responded with

"They had that little run in the second quarter, and I think they were able to carry ison-Grant's smaller lineup, it over into the third," East- recording 10 of Marion's 13 brook Head Coach Jeff Liddick said. "That was the dif- the first nine points of the ference in the ball game for second frame, increasing sure. A big part of that run their run to 22-0; freshman was just a lack of focus on Daya Greene finally broke our part coming out at half- the Argylls' scoring drought, time. I don't think the inten-

Northfield scored the first

secutive game, scoring 15 bounds points, 11 of which came in the final quarter.

Madison-Grant falls to

Another remarkable defensive effort and another

The Eastbrook Panthers fifth win of the season in a

Madison-Grant got on the board first, as Azmae Turner scored a field goal inside the 13 unanswered points in the opening frame. Kyle scored early and often against Madpoints. The Giants scored Kyle, the Marion Giants making it a 22-4 Marion defeating the Columbia City lead at halftime. Eagles 50-43.

After a 14-point first six points of the third quar- half, Kyle scored all nine of ter, grabbing a 22-13 advan- Marion's points in the third tage before extending that quarter, dominating on the lead to 31-19 heading into glass and coming away with the fourth. Eastbrook out- several second chance opscored Northfield 13-12 in portunities which she capitalized on. Kyle continued to score at will in the final pulled away in the fourth, Johwen McKim led the frame, finishing the evening Panthers for the second con- with 31 points and 14 re- to secure the triumph.

> Lugar led the Argylls with eight points and seven re- and closed the game in the bounds, while Barnett fin- fourth quarter," Jordan said. ished with four points.

Giants top Columbia City

Behind another strong girls finished strong." stellar outing from Ra'Shaya performance and another Kyle made the difference, as huge outing from Ra'Shaya 32 points and 15 rebounds.



Kaliyah Jones (#13, in the post) had 31 points and 14 rebounds against the Madison-Grant Argylls last week.

picked up their sixth win of Indians rout Bluffton the season on Friday night, Coming off their first loss

of the season to a strong Cathedral, the Mississinewa Marion fell behind 13-7 Indians returned to their after the first quarter, but winning ways last Tuesday outscored the Eagles 11-6 night, recording their fourth in the second to cut their ad- win of the young season in vantage to 19-18 at halftime. a 51-28 rout of the Bluffton The contest remained close

in the third, but the Giants "It was a complete team win," Mississinewa Head outscoring the Eagles 22-12 Coach Laura Friday said. 'We mixed it up. We played "We really hammered a little bit of our zone. We down on them in the second. played a little bit of our man. I think that's what helped us get our offense." "We took the lead towards

Bluffton led 7-6 after the the beginning of the fourth first quarter, but the Indians quarter and never let up. The outscored the Tigers 45-21 the rest of the way. Kyle led the Giants with

a double-double with 10 38 percent from the floor as

points and 11 rebounds while a team. collecting two blocks. Caily Bolser and Riley McKee better in the fourth quarter, also scored 10 points apiece, scoring 21 points, but they while Mia Catey collected nine and Alayna Webb add-

Indians beat Manchester

On Saturday, the Mississinewa Indians recorded their fifth win of the season, holding the Manchester Squires under 10 points in all four quarters in a 54-26 triumph.

Mississinewa took a 12-8 lead after the first quarter, but began to pull away in the second after allowing just five points. In the second half, the Indians took full control, outscoring the Squires 32-13 in the final two quarters.

Riley McKee came away with one of her strongest performances of the season to date, finishing with 16 points, six steals, four rebounds, and three assists. Caily Bolser recorded 13 points, two steals, and two blocks, while Darah Watson added eight points, four steals, and three assists.

The Mississinewa Indians got outscored 35-11 in the second and third quarters and fell to the Fort Wayne Bishop Luers Knights, 56-42. The Knights shot sevenof-13 from beyond the arc,

The Indians played much

could not overcome the double-digit deficit. "In the third quarter, they kind of pulled away a little bit, and we got down on ourselves a little bit," Friday said. "But in the fourth quarter, we came back a little bit and kept

Caily Bolser put in a nice performance for the Indians, finishing with 23 points, 10 rebounds, and five blocks. Alayna Webb collected six points and five rebounds. while Riley McKee added four points and three assists.

Oak Hill loses to Jay

The Oak Hill Golden Eagle have struggled with turnovers and it led to their third loss, as the Jay County Patriots came away with a 48-43 win. The Golden Eagles committed 25 turnovers in the contest, giving up 11 points off of those give-

Oak Hill led Jay County 19-17 after the first two quarters, but gave up 31 second half points in the eventual five-point loss. Taylor Westgate recorded another double-double with 23 points and 14 rebounds. while Katie Hornocker col-Carly Bolser recorded while the Indians shot just lected 10 points in 25 min-



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Boys basketball: County teams prepare to tip off season



In Greg Allison's first year, the Eastbrook Panthers finished with a 3-19 record. Record aside, Allison completed the first step of the long-term goal he set when he took over the Eastbrook boys basketball program a season ago: he laid the foundation of a successful basketball program.

Throughout the season, Allison's young group showed advancement. They battled with every team they played, and their core players, all of whom will be back for the 2019-2020 campaign, grew as players and as leaders.

Heading into his second year at the helm, Allison is looking for his team to take players are comfortable nior class. the next step in their development. With a solid group of returners and several promising up-and-comers, should be a much-improved

several shootouts and held gel offseason workouts, spend-

lison said. "There has been but it's definitely something the floor, and Deniro Trout, a lot of skill development that we are working on. We who started several games work, increasing skills, and have had good leadership late in the year, was a ca-[improving] all of the vari- with the group we've had. pable three-point shooter. ous aspects—shooting the We are getting there. It's dribbling the ball. It's been but I think we are taking them to carry that growth about improving basketball steps in a positive direction. over into the season.

a new head coach, try- develop a little bit of depth. son said. "All of them uning to integrate his system We have some kids who we derstand their role and their Panthers are a year more a varsity game that maybe are improved—they are all experienced, Allison is a played freshman basketball better players today than year more seasoned, and the last year of JV basketball they were at the end of the coach-player bond is even last year. That's going to be year last year. They are go-

tems that we are going to try leadership.' to run. They understand the

of the Panthers' top play- anywhere on the floor. Cen- while sophomores Jackson culminating the year with those who have been there, Eastbrook's toughest play- Bowser, and Issac Rans add final. Over the summer, the though, Allison has noticed ers to guard. Bryce Scham-depth. Panthers participated in that the group has started to ber (7.6 PPG, 5.9 RPG).

ing time in the gym working that," Allison said. "Obvi- team's best rebounder. Zeke to the kids," Allison said. Wyatt Rudy, the talent that weight room—getting bigto improve. "It's been a lot ously, not having our en- Binkerd provided constant "We want to compete for Madison-Grant has return- ger, stronger, and quicker," of the same stuff since we tire group, I haven't seen energy and defensive prest he Grant Four, we want to ing, and the growth that Trout said. "The kids really took over the program," Al- it entirely put in place yet, sure every time he touched compete in the conference, they have shown throughout bought into that and did a

"We feel like, in a year's A year ago, Allison was time, we have been able to to accept their roles," Alliwith a new team. Now, the feel comfortable playing in responsibility. All of them a good mix with the amount ing to be solid, night-in and "I'm definitely more con- of seniors that we have re- night-out. The biggest thing fident, but, more than any- turning. I think we've seen for them will be the leaderthing else, the kids are more improvement from play- ship aspect. They are the confident," Allison said. ers...and we will take that ones who are going to lead "They understand the sys- depth, along with the senior our group in practice and in

While the Panthers did to seeing them develop." drills that we are going to do lose second-leading scorer Additionally, the Panin practice, so we are able to Garrett Holder (11.1 PPG, thers have several younger Grant Argylls—led by a move more efficiently from 4.5 RPG, 2.7 APG), they players looking to carve young, capable core of drill to drill...I'm comfort- are certainly not short on out roles for themselves in sophomores—put together able with the players. The talent, especially in the se- the rotation. Juniors Sky- another solid campaign.

All five had strong sumball, passing the ball, and always a work in progress, mers, and Allison expects

> "All of them are willing games. I'm looking forward

lar Harwood, Jake McKim, Madison-Grant finished the Point guard Dylan Bragg and Bryce Dymszewicz are season 13-12, which includ-

"We are a deeper team some key pieces, including cal in their style of play. despite only playing in 16 than what we were last one of the top scorers in "I've seen a little bit of games last year, was the year, and that's a credit Madison-Grant history in focuses was hitting the

the offseason, have the Argylls primed for another big season in 2019-2020.

With the graduation of Rudy (11.4 PPG, 4.5 RPG) and starting center Issac Cooper (11.4 PPG, 6.1 RPG), the Argylls lost not only two of their top four scorers from a season ago, but both of their top rebounders as well.

and we want to compete in "It's tough to replace a the state tournament. But in kid like Wyatt who finished order to compete in all of third or fourth in scoring those things, [we need] to all-time at Madison-Grant, have constant improvement and he finished seventh throughout the year, day in rebounding," Madisonin and day out in practice, Grant Head Coach Brian and day in and day out for Trout said. "Right now, we don't have one kid that can Eastbrook will open its do that, so it's going to be season on the road against a team effort to replace that scoring and that rebounding. With Coop, he was a major threat inside. Again, Last year, the Madisonit's going to be a team effort

to replace those guys." challenged his group to take their weight lifting and conditioning seriously, and the Due to the success of the (14.1 PPG, 2.6 RPG) has looking for more playing ed a sectional-opening upset. Argylls answered the call. football program, many the ability to score from time in the coming season, victory over Tipton, before They put in their time at the gym not just getting up the Eastbrook Panthers ers have been unavailable ter Alex Baker (8.6 PPG, VanBelcum, Tyler Harness, a tough, 33-point loss to shots and working to imfor basketball practice. For 5.4 RPG) became one of Brody Brodkrob, Braxton Alexandria in the sectional prove on the defensive end of the floor, but bulking up While the Argylls did lose and becoming more physi-

weight room. They were in Sophomore Seth Lugar there before the sun was up will look to play significant most of the time. We really minutes in the Madisonfocused on were defense Grant rotation, too. "Seth and rebounding. Those are had a really good summer," [areas] that we knew had Trout said. "We had a game to get better at. We felt like down at Grand Park against

great job of getting in the into that."

that went really well."

"We don't want posi-

being a year older," Trout one.

mendous strides as a shoot- takes to win." er and a defender. All three will be relied on this year.

minutes off the bench last ready to get started. year, joins the starting rotation. "I have really seen Marion lot of growth in Lance over

cent of the time." cused. The guys are buying fore falling to Culver Acad- grow on.'

Tipton, and Seth took over The Argylls worked on the game. He was getting to becoming better all-around the rim and scored eight or players. While each player 10 straight points for us to fills his own specific role, really open that game up. Trout wants them all to be From that point on, he felt solid in all facets of their like he was a part [of the emies in the Class 3A semigame to make it tougher on team,] and that he could get the job done."

"We feel like we have their top players returning, tion guys, we want play- unfinished business as far Marion will head into the ers," Trout said. "We want the sectional goes," Trout season fully healthy and kids who can score the said. "We went through a a year more experienced. basketball, we don't want top state-ranked team in the Over the offseason, the Gikids who are just shooters. first game, beat Eastbrook ants, naturally, worked on We want our guys to be as for the third time, which is improving their individual well rounded as they possinever easy...and then it was skills, but, more than that, bly can so that [it] makes it kind of the perfect storm they worked on coming more difficult for opponents against Alexandria in the together as one cohesive championship game. Early, unit. Each player took time Trout likes what he has nothing went well for us to carve out his role, and seen. "They are bigger, and everything went well throughout summer workstronger, [and] faster, not for them. From that point outs and camps, the Gionly because of being in the on, it was an uphill battle. ants played off each other's weight room, but because of Obviously, that's number strengths,

"Number two, I think The Argylls return three the conference this year is well [together] as a team, of their five starters from a more open than it has been. season ago: Grant Brown That's not something that Blackmon said. "I really (11.5 PPG, 3.3 RPG, 6.3 we've really focused on the thought this summer we had APG), Kaden Howell (12.2 last couple of years, but I a good experience. We were PPG, 3.3 RPG), and Jack- think that's something that able to go to the universities son Manwell (5.9 PPG, 3.4 is a little more wide open and get some solid games RPG). Brown is an athletic this year. But my biggest in with our team concepts. specimen, a great shooter, thing I'm looking [for] is I thought our guys did a reand one of the best facilita- improvement every day. I ally good job this summer, tors in Grant County. How- know that is kind of a cli- and I thought we [really] ell is one of the team's best ché thing, but if you do that, grew." shooters and the leading those championships hapscorer from a season ago. pen because you are putting November 11, Blackmon Manwell, in his first year in the work every day and and the Giants have focused starting last year, made tre- every game. That's what it primarily on the basics, and

Madison-Grant begins its mage against Indianapolis season on Tuesday, Novem- Tindley in the annual "Turn Lance Wilson (4.6 PPG), ber 26 on the road against Back the Clock" night, after seeing considerable Northwestern and they are Blackmon admitted that he

The 2018-2019 season against longtime rival Misthe summer," Trout said. was another strong cam- sissinewa. "And over these [first] eight paign for James Blackmon days, Lance has really gone and the Marion Giants. De- to put the basic fundamen-

ers, particularly Blackmon, of big things from him." have bulked up significantposition in 2019-2020. "We get after it," Black-

we've been after it. We had we started in early Septem- to go. ber, so the guys that actually were serious about being a RPG), Rasheed Jones part of our program, they came out and really worked D'Angelo Jones, forced to void left behind by the deand got themselves in de- play major minutes early partures of Quran Howard Heading into this third

cent shape.' pectations placed on him. an excellent facilitator of forward. the basketball, and after last driver to the hoop.

strengthening After leading the Giants "We focused on playing assists (3.8) a season ago, Marion Head Coach James bigger season in his junior year after adding 15 pounds of muscle and improving in all facets of his game. 'There were a lot of things Since practices began on

Along with all of their just one area of improvehard work on the court ment. We just wanted to imthroughout the offseason prove his overall game. It's and preseason, it's clear that a different team than we had the Giants took the weight last year, so hopefully he room seriously over the can bring that same leadersummer. Many of the play- ship. We are expecting a lot

JK Thomas, despite playly, and Marion looks to be a ing in just 16 games last much bigger team at every season, was still the team's second-leading scorer (14.8 PPG) while leading the mon said. "Since day one, Giants in steals per game (1.8). He heads into the sea- Fort Wayne Snider. As a a conditioning period that son fully healthy and ready

Balfour (3.4 PPG, 2.5 (9.4 PPG, 2.4 RPG), and At 6-5, Woods will fill the last season, grew with each passing game, becoming efyear leading the offense, ficient contributors as the Jalen Blackmon has already season progressed. Now, exceeded many of the ex- after a year of varsity experience, they are all ready He's a phenomenal shooter, for an expanded role going

"I expect them to come year, a much more confident in and understand that their experience that they had can help us moving forward," in scoring (26.9 PPG) and Blackmon said. "That's the key with playing young he looks primed for an even guys. Hopefully, the experience that they gained in the past can help us this year."

The Giants also added two transfers in Francesco Boniciolli and Jermaine that we wanted to improve Woods. Boniciolli, a junior on," Coach Blackmon who hails from Italy, is a said. "He was strong in the gifted passer, and could be weight room. His appetite in line for some backup picked up a little bit to gain point guard minutes when



transferred to Marion from sophomore with the Panthers last year. Woods averaged 4.0 points per game and 2.7 rebounds per game. and Dre Aguilar. "Francesco came from

Italy, and I think he is going to be a really good, solid player," Blackmon said. "He comes to practice and works hard every single day. I think he brings the mental toughness that we need, and I think he is going to help our team in a positive way. Jermaine is a bigger kid, and I think he will fill that hole where we lost Quran and Dre. When you think about replacing the bigs, it's just a perfect fit."

Senior Jake McCarthy and junior Matthew Goolsby, who played primarily on the JV team last year, are also looking at more minutes in the varsity rotation

"I think both of those guys had a great summer,'

-Heather French Henry



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hard all the time. That's one spite starting the year with tals in," Blackmon said. thing we've always asked key injuries at multiple po- "In a short period of time, from Lance. We need 100 sitions, another tremendous [we worked on] transition percent of Lance 100 per- campaign from point guard defense, our philosophy on Jalen Blackmon, combined defense, and what kind of After seeing action in 11 with growth from players identity [we] are going to games last season, senior like D'Angelo Jones, Josh have on offense. There were Jonah Johnson will take on Balfour, Louis Guerrero, a lot of things that needed a bigger role in the coming and Rasheed Jones, helped to be done in a short period campaign. "Jonah brings a the Giants win 19 games, of time, so we had to do a lot of energy to the group," their 69th sectional cham- crash course. Moving for-Trout said. "He helps keep pionship, and their 39th ward, we will see the things everybody fired up and for regional championship, be- that we need to continue to

after having their scrim-

would have a better idea of

the areas that still need work

heading into their opener

"We are still just trying

their bond.

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the weight. It was just all- Jalen Blackmon goes to the around improvement that bench. we were looking for, not Woods, also a junior, >> Basketball, page 11

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Blackmon said of McCarthy

to look past game by game. and hard for a lot of kids. want to try to do is improve ourselves."

ber 27 at 7:30 pm.

pecting them to contribute as a unit, bond with each part of the success in high other, and figure out what school basketball—that, mon said. "I'm not going ent system. It was confusing our team. past the team you are actu- lot about unity, [and] as a that the kids [trust,] but it's find that fit on our team." ally playing and take stuff group, we've bonded. It's a another thing when peers for granted. So what we focus on each other, and not are talking to peers," Reed While Reed had been a

Marion's home opener moted to head coach, he admitted that there was a for his players, but for himself as well. "Your first year, you don't know what to ex-When looking back at pect, so you're just going in

The Indians spent most of round of the sectional, they the summer months worklaid the foundation of what ing to grow together as one could be a very successful unit, but since practices began on November 11, the There were growing focus shifted more to the pains, of course. There al- fundamentals, particularly ways are when a first-year their play on the defensive head coach implements end of the floor. More imhis system and the players portantly, the Indians have spend the preseason, and the made it a priority to put perfirst few games, acclimat- sonal goals aside, instead ing themselves. Once they prioritizing the needs of the

For Reed, that has been can be when all facets of the most impressive develtheir game are executed at a opment that he saw from his group in the offseason Most of their core con- and what he has seen from

are back, and, after a strong the preseason. "We've had ants. A strong defender, offseason, the Indians will some great practices the last and a quick learner, Reed is be a team to watch in the week," Reed said. "We re- looking forward to incorpocoming campaign. "We re- ally focus on defense early. rating Miles into the Indiand Goolsby. "We're ex- ally worked hard to form We really think that's a big ans' rotation. "He's a strong "I'm going to stick with our roles are." Reed said. and working together and Reed said, "He's strong de-

Oglesby, also a guard, did not see much playing time said. "There's a different last year with Ben Davis, level of accountability, and but Reed believes he will ment. That's what counts." years before being pro- are leading by example. cumstances have led him to Whenever you have your our team," Reed said.

best players sacrificing as think you are going to get November 27 against Mari-The Indians return a solid Arena, and, with the talent group of players, including that they have in their pos- missions trip, and all the their top three scorers—Tai session, the Indians have a positives that came of it, will McClung, Landen Swanner, shot to win their first section-

McClung, after leading game(6.2), added size and out, he's lost some weight, football season," Reed said.

ter than ever, and he is more Eagles will look to unlock better individually."

who played for Marion last Along with that, the team natural speed.

Renbarger said. "I think the noticeable difference is gocal strength is going to be

While the Golden Eagles spent the summer developing their skills and growing as basketball players, a misimportant—the strengthening of relationships, an a deeper relationship with

Renbarger believes the carry his group throughout

the season "Among many things that sive game started to come

gan back on November 11,

over the offseason, and we and [we were] not competi-

PPG, 6.3 RPG) really developed as a post player as last season progressed, and with a year of experience, he will be expected to take on a bigger role in the Oak Hill offense. Last year's starting point guard Clay McCorkle (5.0 PPG, 2.0 RPG, 2.9 APG) also improved over the offseason and will be relied on even more as a junior

Junior Tristen Hayes (6.0

"Tristen and Clay have really worked on their bodies and I think have shown didn't have this time last have potential to be our leading scorer, and both need to take an ownership role while on the floor."

last year, junior Kian Hite (3.9 PPG), provided boundless enthusiasm and passion every time he touched the floor. He played strong defense all year, and his offenalong late last season.

Along with those four, to make their mark in the

"Kody Dubois came off Coming off their first state Renbarger and the team the bench late in the seawhom went on to play colle- mer as well as the basics an excellent shooter. Mason giate basketball at the NAIA of our defense," Renbarger McKinney is a 6-3 wing behind a talented, but inex- team is really ready for all ence maker for this team. of the scenarios they might He has good range, as well Early last season, that in- see going into the first week as the ability to put the ball ing, and that's just going to experience played a factor of games. Confidence out of down on the floor. He will multiply his impact on the in their first eight games, as the gate to start the season either start or come off the the team started 1-7. After is a big thing and you don't bench. Ryan Pederson will Horton (6.3 PPG, 3.7 that, however, the Golden want a lack of confidence also play significant min-RPG, 4.3 APG) returns as Eagles began to find their to come from not being utes as back up post as well identity, winning nine of prepared. So, we take a calas Peyton Harts at the backand Reed raved about the their last 15 games and pro-culated approach to install- up point. I would say keep

> Oak Hill will begin their season on Wednesday, No-

toughest to guard due to his be competitive when it gets

and get better."

Mississinewa

last season, James Reed's blind," Reed said. "Howevfirst year at the helm of the er long you do this, whenev-Mississinewa basketball er you move over into that program was a success. The next chair, it's just different. Indians finished 12-10, and It takes some adjustment." while they lost in the first

tributors from a season ago them in the early stages of

INDIANA QUIZ

Last week, we inadvertantly failed to print the answer's to the Indiana Quiz. We apologize. Here are the questions and

- 1. Hoosier artist Robert Indiana created a sculpture formed from what four letters?
- 2. On what college campus is the David Letterman Communications and Media Building?
- 3. Name the fictional Indiana town which is the setting for the TV show "Parks and Recreation."

- 1. L-O-V-E
- 2. Ball State University

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did, the Indians provided a team. glimpse of how good they high level.

Swanner (12.2 PPG, 3.3 RPG, 3.1 APG) was the basketball ability," Reed said. "He's one of the hardgoing to show this season. He's not 15/16 anymore, perienced group. he's 16 now. He's grow-

good results."

and Anthony Horton.

the Indians' point guard, throughout the offseason. focused than he ever has that potential. been," Reed said. "I'm ex-

starting to play free." two transfers in Trey Miles, weaknesses." via Ben Davis.

Indians after winning both challenge.

leadership ability as well," confident, and he's easily

al championship since 1955. However, the Indians sive from the success of level of effort is that point."

team's best shooter from a championship in school his- have been harping on fun- son last year and won us a season ago, and has taken tory, last season was one of damentals—dribbling, pass- game at Southwood," Renall the necessary steps to transition for the Oak Hill ing, shooting, and defense. barger said. "He will be bring his game to another Golden Eagles. Not only "We have been working on someone that we will count level. "Landon Swanner has did the team graduate four reviewing a lot of the things on to stretch the floor. He grown in athletic ability and of their five starters, all of we installed over the sum- has good range and can be est working kids in the state level, they also lost several said. "It takes about two player with tremendous poat his game, and I think it's key bench players, leaving weeks to make sure your tential. He can be the differ-

championship with the Gi- really hard on their bod- this year."

regularly. Heading into the of the program on a daily really improved so our work Miles, who averaged 1.7 2019-2020 season, Ren-basis," Renbarger said is definitely cut out for us, points and 1.1 rebounds off barger was looking for his "We are counting on him but I would be disappointed the bench for Marion last team to be bigger, faster and to make sure we stay the if we weren't competitive in year, brings some cham- stronger, and the Golden course in that regard. He all three areas. Last year, we pionship experience to the Eagles responded to that has improved significantly were not in the upper tier,

to sectional time. Many of make strides in these areas."

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In the matter of the Unsupervised Estate of: RALPH EUGENE

Cause Number 27D03-1812-ES-000163

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of January, 2019, William H. Barnes was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of RALPH EUGENE BARNES, deceased, who died on the 8th

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 7th day of November, 2019.

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

Jason McVicker (26210-02) SPITZER HERRÍMAN STÉPHENSON HOLDEREAD CONNER & PERSINGER, LLP 122 East Fourth Street

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT III OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA.

In the matter of the Unsupervised Estate of: LARETTA F. BAUGH-MAN, deceased

Cause Number: 27D03-1911-EU-000095

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of November, 2019. Bruce Koontz was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of LARETTA F. BAUGHMAN, deceased, who died on the 20th day

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 18th day of November, 2019.

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

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT III OF GRANT COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Evangeline E. Smith, Deceased

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

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,

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

Prepared by:

TNH 11/27, 12/4

Teri A. Pollett. Hinkle, Ind. Atty. No. 22105. 18 Attorney for the Decedent's estate 514 S. Washington St. Marion, IN 46953, 1961 Email: teri@pollettlaw.com Fax: 765 662 7796 Phone: 765.662.7777

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT III OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA.

In the matter of the Unsupervised Estate of: JANE JACKSON, de-

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,

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, which-

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

ever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred

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

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT III

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF JAMES ESTATE NO. 27D03-1911-ES-000014

Notice is given that GREENFIELD BANKING COMPANY was on implied consent to the adoption. the 10th day of November, 2019, appointed Personal Representa-

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, tively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adopor within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is tion statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Clerk Grant Superior Court III

ATTORNEYS FOR ESTATE Albert C. Harker, Attorney 7465-27 Martin A.Harker, Attorney 22382-27 KILEY, HARKER & CERTAIN 300 West Third Street/ P.O. Box 899 Marion, IN 46952 Telephone 765 664 9041

TNH 11/20, 11/27

Dated at Marion, Indiana November 13, 2019

The following manner of service of notice of adoption is designated:

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IN RETHEADOPTION OF:

SCARLETT RENEE MCGRIFF,

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DANIEL MCGRIFF is notified that a petition for adoption 0f a child, named SCARLETT RENEE MCGRIFF, born to ASIA MCG-RIFF on 8/24/2011 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 SCARLETT RENEE MCGRIFF 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 peti-
- b. A parent of a child in the custody of another person if for a period of at least one (1) year the parent: Fails Without justifiable cause to communicate significantly with the Child When able to do so; or

Of the Child when able to do so as required by law or

ii. Knowingly fails to provide for the care and support

- 2. If a parent has made only token efforts to support or t0 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, which 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. If DANIEL MCGRIFF seeks to contest the adoption of the child, SCARLETT RENEE MCGRIFF, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the abovenamed court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service

If DANIEL MCGRIFF 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 SCARLETT RENEE MCGRIF'F will be irrevocably implied and DANIEL MCGRIFF will lose the right to contest either the adoption or the validity of DANIEL MCGRIFF'S

day of October, 2019. The Personal Representative is authorized to DANIEL MCGRIFF relieves DANIEL MCGRIFF of DANIEL MCGRIFF RIFF'S obligations under this notice.

> This notice complies with IC 31-19-4.5-3 but does not exhausthe Indiana adoption statutes."

> > WITNESS, My name and seal of the Grant County Superior Court No. 2,

on the 21st day of November, 2019.

(X) Notice By Publication TÓDD A. GLÍCKFIELD Attorney at Law 605 S. Washington St.

guard, and he's got great ies during the offseason,

my same mindset," Black- "Last year, it was a differ- building leadership within fensively all the time, he's ing to be our overall physi-"It's one thing when you picking up the system that much more representative Sometimes, you can look This year, we've talked a have a good coaching staff we work in and trying to this year of a varsity level basketball team."

ourselves in a position to part of the Mississinewa I think we are lucky in the make an immediate impact. sions trip to Jamaica showmove forward in the tourna- coaching staff for a few fact that our upperclassmen "I just feel lucky that cir- cased something even more year," Renbarger said. Both Mississinewa opens up increased bond between leaders for your team, I their season on Wednesday, teammates, and, above all, on at the Bill Green Athletic Christ.

> the Indians in points per won't be satisfied with a we were able to accomplish, game (15) and rebounds per sectional. They believe they one of them was definitely have the talent to go even a trust among teammates strength throughout the off- further, and so does their of all ages as well as a season. After living in the coach. "This team has set brothers-in-Christ-kind-ofpost for the Indians last sea- their expectations at a state love that can develop on a ing how to harness that enson, he worked on becom- championship, and if that's trip like this," Renbarger ergy into disciplined energy ing even more of a physi- what their goal is, I don't said. "I think this team has that is more effective. Kian cal presence in his junior see why I would coach any an opportunity to make this has the skill to be very good campaign. "I just figured other way than to hold them a special year that may or if he can learn how to play I would be getting the Tai to that expectation," Reed may not have anything to do under control." from the end of last season, said. "[Throughout the sea- with wins and losses. The but he has really lengthened son,] we will focus on the preseason and the trip was Renbarger has several other little things, being consis- a catalyst for this. In short, key players at his disposal and he's just more aggres- tent and making sure our our offseason couldn't have all of whom are looking gone any better."

> growth he has seen in him viding a glimpse of their ingall facets these first two an eye out for 6-4 freshman promise. With most of the weeks as well as getting into Landon Biegel. He is an in-"Anthony is back, he is bet- group returning, the Golden basketball shape and getting stant scorer and if continues

> Oak Hill graduated five to be a great addition to this "I think our focus is not a seniors from a year ago, team." tremely excited to see what lot different during the off- including leading scorer his senior season is going season than any other off- Konner Cabe (12.3 PPG. to hold, because he is just season we have had around 4.1 RPG), but the Golden vember 27 at home against The Indians have other Kevin Renbarger said. "We returners. Senior Tahj John- "I don't think our goals key pieces back in the fold spend a lot of time on the son (7.7 PPG, 3.4 RPG, 2.0 ever change," Renbarger as well, including Colin offensive end of the floor SPG), the lone holdover said. "I think we are im-Yoder, who excelled as a and really enforce individu- from Oak Hill's state cham- proved enough to put ourthree-point shooter and as a al improvement. We're try-pionship, is one of the most selves in position to condefensive specialist last sea- ing hard to develop shooters athletic basketball players tend for conference and son. The Indians also added and improving individual in the area, and one of the Grant 4. We also want to

> year, and Bryce Oglesby, took their weight-lifting "[Tahj] knows what is the upper level teams in our who came to Mississinewa seriously, hitting the gym expected from the culture conference and county have a sectional and regional "The kids have worked look for more out of him tive. We need to continue to

While he was not a starter

"Kian is definitely the energy guy for our team," Renbarger said. "He has worked hard at understand-

Since the preseason be- Golden Eagles' rotation.

to improve has the potential

IWU women's soccer

Right before the opening kick of Saturday afternoon's match between No. 10 Indiana Wesleyan University and the No. 14 Georgia Gwinnett Grizzlies in the NAIA National Championship Opening Round, a steady snowfall began at Turner Stadium, and it continued throughout the match, making the ground slick and ball movement difficult.

However, the Wildcats put together a strong performance in the adverse conditions, scoring two second-half goals in a 2-0 win over the Grizzlies. With the victory, IWU advanced to

the National Championship goal with 16:25 left to play, Final Site in Orange Beach, Alabama, where tournament play will continue on Monday, December 2.

Lexis Garcia and Sydney Brown have been a lethal combination all season for the Wildcats. Coming in, the two had combined for 22 goals and 17 assists, and the duo would team up once again with 29:43 remaining in the match. Brown sent a beautiful cross to Garcia in front of the Georgia Gwinnett net, and the senior made no mistake, sending the ball to the back of the net to give IWU a 1-0 lead.

IWU added an insurance

as Kristy Bowden scored off a Lauren Turner cross.

IWU will face off against either Lindsey Wilson or Spring Arbor in their first game in Alabama.

"Georgia Gwinnett is a great team, all credit to them," IWU Head Coach Daniel Seiffert said. "I have been a part of this game for a long time, and I don't [remember] many games like this. It changed the way we wanted to play a little bit, but credit to the girls for coming out and not letting the environment affect them and really just focusing on the process."



Gamble's never-ending season



t's a season that will not end. Molly Gamble attended the Oak . Hill cross country summer camp in July; then ran a full regular season for the Eagles in August, September and October; then ran four weeks in the IHSAA postseason; and then, after being named First Team All State and making the Indiana All Star team, last week led that team to a championship over the best from Michigan and Ohio.

With 36 of the best senior ladies on the course in Kettering, OH, last Saturday, Gamble finished fourth the best ever by an All Star from Oak Hill in this 33-year-old event.

It doesn't end there. Gamble announced after her fourth place finish in the Mid East Cross Country Championships that she will be headed to Wisconsin to run in the national cross country affair known as the Foot Locker Champion-

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What was interesting about Gamble's run this past weekend was that she didn't run in typical Molly Gamble form. Normally a slow starter, she realized it was a loaded field, with 36 of the best seniors in the Midwest, so she went out fast and was in 10th at the 1,000-meter (1K) mark. From there it was typical Molly form, closing on the leaders and coming in fourth behind the top three runners and finishing second among her Hoosier teammates.



Jim Brunner

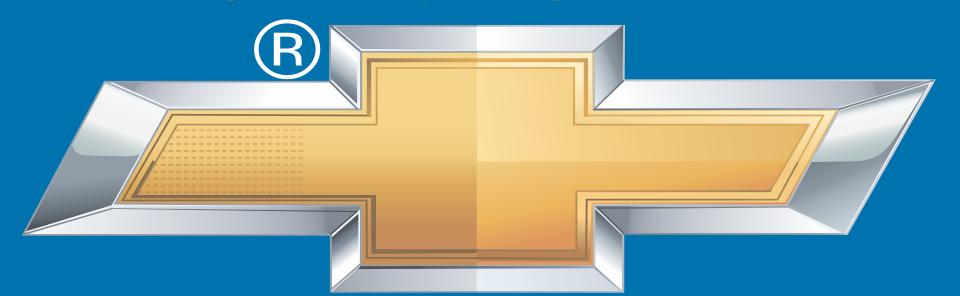


It was an even more satisfying event for Gamble since she helped win the event for her high school coach Paige Brunner who was named this past fall as the Indiana All Star coach.

So if you are driving around the west side of Grant County this week and see a young lady running like a deer down the roads, it's just Molly Gamble continuing a season for the ages.

Jim Brunner is the voice of sports in Grant County.

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