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CALENDAR

Thursday, December 5
 12 pm—The Network Monthly Meeting, The Hostess House, 723 W. 4th St., Marion. This is a meeting of professionals in Grant County to discuss current events, share volunteer and business happenings, and network. There is no agenda and no speaker, and meetings will last just one hour. Cost: Lunch. Info: (765) 664-3755.

 12 pm—Early Childhood Coalition, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Works to ensure that all children are prepared for success in school and reading above grade level by the end of third grade. Free. Info: 765-668-2900.

 5 pm—Christmas in Converse, Town of Converse, 210 N. Jefferson St., Converse. Join us as we light the bonfires down the center of Jefferson Street to kick off the Christmas season in this fun small town celebration! Caroling, raffles, small business specials. Free. Info: 765-395-3878.

 5 pm—Historic Marion Neighborhood Association, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Feel free to attend if you live/work in our beautiful, historic neighborhood. Free. Info: 765-382-3797.

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

Last ‘Crossroads’ show to air Tuesday

WIWU-TV will present the final episode of Crossroads on Tuesday, December 10, at 7 pm. The program is coming to an end due to staffing and budget cuts announced in September by IWU that will also close WIWU-TV station operations at the end of December.

The newsmagazine program first went on the air in October, 2005, and has presented more than 500 stories featuring local people, places and events over the past 15 years.

“We promised ourselves from the beginning we would never let this show get stuck in the TV studio, but would always be out in Grant County. I’m happy we kept that promise,” said Randall E. King, co-host, professor of communication, and director of WIWU-TV.

The final episode will feature highlight clips from all 15 seasons

and some cameo visits by former on-air personalities. Community guests who have been on the show over the years and friends of WIWU-TV have also been invited to be part of the studio audience.

“We have so much to celebrate, being able to produce a true local TV show for 15 seasons. We’re going to take a look back and remember the stories our producers have witnessed and so many of the great people who make Grant County go. I hope everyone will tune in to celebrate with us,” King said.

The final episode airs at 7 and 10 pm on Tuesday, December 10 on digital channel 28.1, Spectrum 23 and other local cable systems. The show will be released online the same day via Facebook and YouTube. Highlights from all 15 seasons of Crossroads are posted on youtube.com/wiwutv.



Photo supplied
Randall King and student producer Annika Peterson host a recent episode of Crossroads at the James Dean Festival .

Christmas City celebration to be held on Saturday

by Alan Miller

Christmas City USA is back after an absence of several years—at least in name—and that is cause enough for celebration. That daylong celebration in downtown Marion on Saturday will feature everything from Santa to Shakespeare.

The Christmas City USA name was copyrighted two decades ago, but over the years both the name and the activities associated with the name drifted away.

The Walkway of Lights organization, which sponsors more than 120 displays with 2.5 million lights in Matter Park each year, has taken over coordination of this Saturday’s festival and has been at work for several months to turn back the

clock.

There will be events beginning at noon and continuing until 9 pm, stretching from the Grant County Family YMCA on the north side of the Mississinewa River to Boston Hill Center at Fifth and Washington streets.

For starters, the Christmas Parade, which starts at 7 pm, has returned to downtown Marion. The parade will begin at the YMCA parking lot, go south on Washington Street to Sixth Street, and then return to the Courthouse on Adams Street.

The Christmas tree lighting on the Courthouse lawn will follow the parade at 9 pm, and will be topped off by a display of fire-

works, launched from the north side of the square.

Fifty vendors, including food trucks, will be located at Marion City Hall and at the Boston Hill Center at Fifth and Adams Streets from noon to 9 pm.

Marion Civic Theatre will present a play, “Sheiks, Shebas and Speakeasy Santas,” at 4 pm at the Civic Theatre building. Hoosier Shakes, which does summer Shakespeare productions in downtown Marion, will present “The Santaland Diaries” at 9 pm at the 100 S. Washington Street Building.

Tickets for both productions will be available at the door.

Other highlights of the day include:

- Pictures with Santa, face paint-

- ing, music by the Posse and dancing by Faith in Motion at City Hall.
- Pictures with Frosty the Snowman and the Grinch, Mexican dancers and balloon sculptures at Boston Hill Center.
- “The Christmas Story” at Marion Public Library.
- A fire pit with s’mores and hot cocoa at the Fifth Street Commons. (Also cocoa at the YMCA.)
- Music by the Harness Family Band at Jerry’s Leather Shop, and the Drifters on the Courthouse stage.
- Trolley rides and people mover rides throughout the evening hours in downtown Marion.

INDIANA QUIZ

1. Former Indiana governors Paul V. McNutt and Roger Branigin were both born in what Indiana city?
 2. On what date each year is “Statehood Day” in Indiana?
 3. Name the three county seat cities in Indiana which start with “Green.”

Answers are on page 7.

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DEATHS

Charles Elrick Thomas
 1936-2019
 Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Monday, December 2 at 1 pm.

William James Gerstorff
 1990-2019
 Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, on Wednesday, December 4 at 1 pm.

Raul Rodriguez Sanchez
 1944-2019
 Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Friday, November 29 at 1 pm.

Maria LaFlamme
 1937-2019
 Funeral services were held at St. Paul Catholic Church on Saturday, November 30 at 10:30 am.

Annalysa McMillan
 2000-2019
 Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, on Monday, December 2 at 1 pm.

Lydia Mae Combs
 1940-2019
 Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Saturday, November 30 at 1 pm.

Rosemary Parker
 1925-2019
 Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Monday, December 2 at 11 am.

Barbara McPeak
 1947-2019
 Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Tuesday, December 3 at 1 pm.

Margaret Louella (Johnson) Barnett
 1941-2019
 Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt, Fairmount, on Wed., December 4 at 12 pm.

What we have to offer in service to God

Romans 12:1, 2

If you had to choose one book of the Bible as your favorite, which one would it be? Our Heavenly Father gave us 66 books, and they all have great importance. Time has a way of changing us, and our needs definitely change, as do our thought patterns. I don't see things as I once did because I realize I am in a different phase of life.

The book of Romans is definitely a masterpiece of systematic theology concerning the New Testament. It is a thorough manuscript of what Christ has done for us and where we are in Him. In the first 11 chapters of Romans we receive instruction as to what has been given to us as believers. These chapters set the tone that we might be part-takers of spiritual worship.

In Romans 12 the Lord tells us to move on in the faith and begin to exercise the freedom and liberty of the faith we have received: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 2:1,2).

In this passage Paul is presenting a challenge of dedication to his brothers and sisters in the faith. What are you dedicated to? We all have those things in life that are special to us and they, many times, become our passion. They

can become obsessions if we are not careful. I would have to say all those issues for me revolve around the Lord's work.

Paul goes on to make a plea to the family when he says, "I beseech you, brethren." He is pleading his case so we might be dedicated to the work of the Lord. He continues in detail how this should be carried out. He says that the first step is to "present ourselves." Now, as I consider presenting myself to the Lord, what do I have to offer? What is my gift? What is my service? These questions are very important as to what I will do for the Lord. Don't fall into the trap of saying you have no ability. The Lord is looking for availability, not ability. If you are available, He will equip you for the job. We all have something to offer in the service of the Lord, and we should do it.

Paul states the second step of this process is to present ourselves as a living sacrifice. Paul told the church at Galatia that he was crucified daily with Christ, yet Christ lives in me (Galatians 2:20). What Paul is conveying is that we need to be alive in Christ. This involves action on our part. It is a continual process, a mindset that I have declared that I am going to



JUST A THOUGHT

Rev. Tom Mansbarger



be alive in Jesus. He has given me life, and I need to live it to the fullest.

This will ultimately happen by the renewing of my mind on a daily basis. If I am not going to let the philosophy of the world

control my thoughts and my life, I need to continually partake of God's Word through the reading of the Bible. He says that this is our reasonable service to Him. As I think on the word "reasonable," I must consider what Christ has done for me. A man that knew no sin became sin for me that I might have forgiveness. He paid a debt that He didn't owe because of His great love for each and every one of us. The more I ponder these thoughts I know He is a Wonderful Savior!

Tom

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Taking a look at the different ways that we grieve

It has been interesting to watch how each of us siblings have handled grief in the wake of my dad's sudden death this summer.

As the oldest—and probably the most reserved—sibling, life is going on for me.

While 16 days certainly

also doing better because I am removed from my parent's home by hundreds of miles, so that constant reminder that my dad is gone is not physically there.

My sister, who lives in the same town as my parents and cared for my dad until the moment he took his last breath, also seems to be



A SLICE OF LIFE

Linda Wilk



undergraduate and graduate degrees in soils, eventually leaving the cocoon of the University of Nebraska Lincoln and entering the working world with organic farming. Currently my brother works as a supervisor for a California-based organic farming licensure company, working out of his home.

The fact that my brother is a vegetarian was also a sticking point for my dad, who couldn't understand how anyone in Nebraska wouldn't enjoy a good steak. It was also difficult for my dad to get past my brother's long hair and hippy lifestyle.

Probably the most difficult division between my dad and my brother was about religion. My brother, like me and my sister, was raised in the Lutheran Church. My sister and I both strayed at various points in our lives, then returned to the Lutheran Church. That has never happened for my brother. At my dad's deathbed, though, my sister shared that my brother found some comforting Christian songs from a hymnal and sang them to my dad. I have to believe that the Christian values and beliefs instilled in my brother still are there, just buried, so to speak. □ I pray for my brother and let him know I am there for him. We are not terribly close, however.

I remember, as I was driving home to Nebraska after I had received word that dad was actively dying, my brother called me to see if I wanted to stop on the interstate just an hour from my parent's home to talk. My brother had been with my dad, sister and mom for what would turn out to be all but the last hour of my dad's life.

My brother called to let

me know he was going home for a little bit and wanted to know if I wanted to talk. I declined, sensing that my brother needed to talk, yet selfishly wanting to get home just in case I could see my dad one last time before he died. That didn't happen, of course—I was about 15 minutes too late. Had I agreed to stop on the interstate and console my brother, I am not sure whether or not I would have regretted that more than the comfort I may have been able to give my brother.

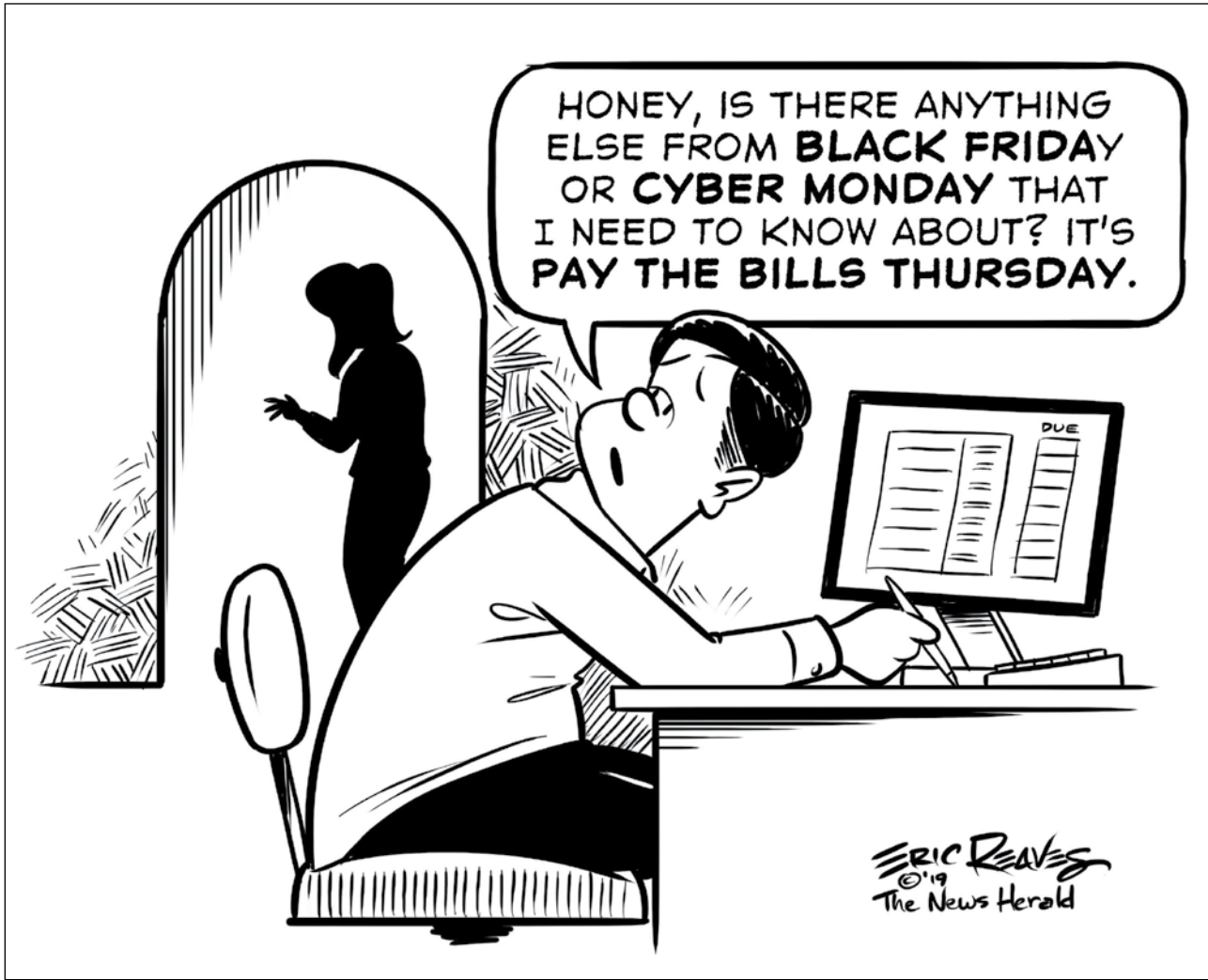
There have been other times I have been able to offer a comforting word to my brother—the meal we had together, just the two of us, before I went back to Indiana in July, or the most recent visit, where we just hung out, with no agenda or hard conversations.

Each one of us naturally will grieve and move through life differently. I just pray for my brother's sake that he realizes that life will be so much easier to navigate if he turns his grief and other problems over to God.

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

FEATURES

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Calendar, Continued from 1

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—The Mississinewa Valley Choir presents "A Star Spangled Christmas," Grace Community Church, 1810 E. Bradford Pike, Marion. This 60-voice choir will open with a selection of patriotic arrangementst. There will be a sing-a-long portion. Refreshments to follow. Info: 765-661-0616.

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

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

7:30 pm—Sheiks, Shebas, and Speakeasy Santas, James Dean Memorial Theatre, 509 S. Washington St., Marion. Adult tickets \$12. Senior/Student tickets \$10. Tickets available online. Info: 765-668-7800.

7:30 pm—Taylor University String Recital, Taylor University, 236 W. Reade Avec., Upland. Free. Info: 765-998-5292.

Friday, December 6
6 pm—Christmas City Walkway of Lights, see Dec. 5.
6 pm—Gas City Christmas Lights in the Park, see Dec. 5.

7 pm—Community School of the Arts presents "Cinderella," F. Ritchie Walton Performing Arts Center, 750 W. 26th Street, Marion. Tickets online at csa-marion.com/tickets or at the Community School of the Arts, 305 S. Adams Street, Marion, Indiana Monday through Thursday from 10 am-8 pm. Cost: Adults \$18, students \$12. For more information call 765-662-6263.

7:30 pm—Handel's Messiah, Phillippe Performing Arts Center, 4201 S. Washington St., Marion. Brought to you by the Indiana Wesleyan University Division of Music. Info: 765-677-2152.

7:30 pm—Sheiks, Shebas, and Speakeasy Santas, see Dec. 5.

9 pm—Hoosier Shakes presents "The Santaland Diaries," Sender Wellness of Marion, 100 S. Washington St., Marion. Humorous account of David Sedaris' stint working as a Christmas elf in 'Santaland' at Macy's Department store. Tickets \$10, \$12 at the door. Recommended for mature audiences. Limited seating. Info: <http://www.hoosiershakes.com>.

Saturday, December 7
12 pm—Christmas City USA Walkway of Lights Event, Downtown Marion. Parade, food vendors, craft and home goods vendors, music, entertainment. Info: 765-382-3761.

7 am—Upland Ambulance and Fire Holiday Breakfast, Medic 8, 127 N. Main St., Upland.

8 am—Sweetser Lions Club Breakfast with Santa Claus, Sweetser United Methodist Church, 413 Main St., Sweetser. A free will offering will be taken with proceeds going towards an Oak Hill scholarship and the Sweetser UM church missions. Info: 765-384-7470.

8 am—Breakfast with the Grinch, Lakeview Christian School, 5318 S. Western Ave., Marion. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 ages 4-12, ages 3 and under are free. Family photo with the Grinch, \$5. Info: 765-603-8127.

9 am—Christmas Craft & Collectables Sale, Grant County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1403 E. State Road 18, Marion. Cost: \$20 per table. Info: 765-651-9928.

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A Hoosier who had the courage to stand firm

Thought of a little ditty by writer John Updike the other day, on Thanksgiving Day, when Bill Ruckelshaus died and no one paid much notice to it. “A shrug and tearless eyes will greet my overdue demise,” Updike wrote not all that long before his own death, “and the wide response will be, I know, ‘I thought he died a while ago.’”

Sad reality is that people sometimes outlive their own generation, as the 87-year-old Ruckelshaus probably did, and those who are here sometimes forget the things done by the departed and the heroism they showed so long ago.

Bill Ruckelshaus was a remarkable man in many ways. It was he who gave shape and form to the Environmental Protection Agency that we have today. But it was for a singular moment on a Saturday night in 1973 that I shall remember Bill Ruckelshaus most fondly, a singular moment when he displayed personal courage in the face of the naked power of the government, of the President of the United States.

It was the 20th of October. Richard Nixon , besieged and beleaguered, was still 10 months away from resigning the presidency. In Nixon’s clouded view,



special prosecutor Archibald Cox had to go, had to be fired because he was tightening the noose around the Nixon White House. That job—the firing of Cox—had to be done by the attorney general of the United States, a good and decent Republican New Englander, a patrician of the old school, Elliot Richardson. In a few words, Richardson refused and resigned.

Nixon stepped over the body and approached the next in line, the deputy attorney general of the United States, another good and decent Republican, this one from Indiana. He had come to Washington from Indianapolis several years earlier, at Nixon’s behest, to head up the new and ill-defined

EPA, the agency that would become responsible for cleaning up the environmental mess of the past century. Remember: This was about the time that the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland was so rancid that it caught fire. So dense was the pollution that the river burned.

Ruckelshaus was a Hoosier son of some wealth and considerable Republican power. He came from a family of Indianapolis lawyers and was a graduate of Princeton University, with a law degree from Harvard. He had been briefly in the Indiana General Assembly before going to Washington.

He moved quickly from the EPA—his first of two tours running the agency—to become at least

the temporary boss of the FBI, then deputy attorney general, which is where he found himself on that October night when Nixon came calling.

He, too, refused. Said he could not, would not, dismiss Mr. Cox.

He resigned as the night wore on, in the hours before Robert Bork stepped up to do the evil deed. That night and all its attendant shenanigans almost immediately become known as the Saturday Night Massacre.

He bounced around Indiana and Washington for several years until, in 1983, he was asked by President Reagan to once again head up, clean up the Environmental Protection Agency. Once again, he did. He

Business throughout state government—from the Governor’s office on down—halted. Cars of the fancy and unfancy varieties zipped across town to a place out on the south side of the city.

and his family later moved to Seattle, WA, where he worked as a CEO in the timber and waste removal industries, pretty much out of the public eye.

But he was remembered and revered by Indiana Republicans. A few years ago, in a story told by a man who was there to know, Ruckelshaus returned to Indianapolis, probably on a business trip. To them, to the old guard of the GOP, he was forever known simply as “Ruck.” The word spread that day: Ruck’s in town and wants to have a drink. You know where. Business throughout state government—from the Governor’s office on down—halted. Cars of the fancy and unfancy varieties zipped across

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A MOMENT

Ed Breen



town to a place out on the south side of the city.

Ruck was there and, indeed, they tipped a few with the old man who in his youth had had the courage to stand firm when the call came.

No small accomplishment in any time or place.

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Panthers denied state title by WeBo, again

by Sean Douglas

Behind a running game that grew stronger with each week and an ascending defense, the Eastbrook Panthers racked up 12 consecutive victories, winning their 15th sectional championship, their seventh regional championship, and their fourth semi-state championship in the process, and advancing to the Class 2A state title game for the third time in the last four years.

However, after making the run to Lucas Oil Stadium, the Panthers’ and Head Coach Jeff Adamson’s quest for their first state championship once again fell short. In a rematch of last year’s championship game, the Western Boone Stars, led by senior quarterback Spencer Wright and a dominant defense of their own, controlled Saturday afternoon’s contest from start to finish, winning their second straight title by a score of 44-7.

Throughout the season, despite being smaller in stature, the Panthers’ defense used its team speed to advantage, consistently winning games against teams that were much bigger. The Stars had the size advantage, but they also had the speed to go with it.

“They had speed on both sides,” Adamson said. “They were big enough where we couldn’t move them to get anything consistent going offensively. Hate to say it, but this Western Boone team is even better than the one we played last year.”

The Stars finished with 512 yards of offense—267 yards on the ground and another 254 through the air. Three Western Boone rushers finished with at least 54 yards on the ground, while Wright completed 14 of his 18 passes, throwing for two touchdowns.

“They did their homework, and they hit us where it hurt,” Eastbrook senior wide receiver/defensive back Jackson Ailstock said. “They hit us where they needed to, and they played a better game than we did.”

Western Boone started the game on offense, and after 10 plays and 65 yards, 57 of which were on the ground, Connor Hole found room off the right side and scampered in for an eight-yard touchdown, giving the Stars a 7-0 lead.

The Panthers’ first possession got off to a promising start, but the drive stalled at their own 41-yard line, and they were forced to punt.

The punt and a block in the back penalty by Western Boone pinned them at their



Photo by David Roorbach

Zeke Binkerd (#21) led the Panthers with 58 yards on seven carries, including a 43-yard run on Eastbrook’s lone scoring drive.

own three-yard line, but 10 plays and 97 yards later, the Stars increased their lead to 14-0. On second-and-11 from the Eastbrook 31-yard line, Wright threw a perfect pass to Hole, who raced 31 yards, untouched, to the end zone.

Armed with the momentum, the Stars’ defense forced an Eastbrook three-and-out, getting the ball back just 1:37 later. Starting on their own 26 yard line, Western Boone embarked on their third consecutive 10-play drive, highlighted by a perfectly placed bomb from Wright to wide receiver Cortez Soudemire, who picked up 34 yards on third-and-eight.

“Spencer Wright pulled a rabbit out of a hat with some amazing plays,” Adamson said. “He’s the kind of guy that can elevate everybody’s play on his team.”

Four plays after the Soudemire catch, Western Boone running back Robby Taylor scored his first of three touchdowns on the afternoon, rumbling in from a yard away to increase the Stars’ advantage to 21-0.

Eastbrook’s fourth drive of the first half was their most efficient, picking up 39 tough yards on 15 plays. But a tipped pass from Bragg was intercepted by Austin Bowman and returned 52 yards to the Eastbrook 30, ending the Panthers’ scoring threat.

Braxton Bowser returned the favor at the other end, intercepting a Wright pass in the back of the end zone, but the Panthers went into halftime trailing by three touchdowns.

After two quarters of play, the Stars had outgained the Panthers 264-74.

“We needed to be able... to keep it away from them,” Adamson said. “We just couldn’t do that consistently enough to keep it away.”

Disaster struck the Panthers on their first drive of

the second half, as a Wyatt Stephenson fumble was recovered by Caleb Freeman in the Eastbrook red zone. The Stars were able to turn that turnover into points just four plays later, as Taylor scored his second one-yard rushing touchdown to make it 28-0.

After another Eastbrook three-and-out, the Stars scored again. Facing a second-and-20 from their own 49 yards line after a personal foul penalty, Wright completed a 14-yard pass to Hole before finding a wide open Connor Garrity for a 37-yard touchdown pass on their next snap. The extra point was no good, but the Stars still led 34-0.

Taylor scored his third rushing touchdown early in the fourth quarter, and Western Boone kicker Jacob Taylor capped off the Stars’ scoring with a 26-yard field goal.

Eastbrook broke Western Boone’s shutout bid early in the fourth quarter, using a three-play, 43-yard drive to get on the scoreboard. After a one-yard loss by Bragg, senior running back Zeke Binkerd ripped off a 43-yard run—Eastbrook’s longest play of the afternoon—to set up a first-and-goal at the Western Boone one-yard line. Stephenson punched it in one play later, but at that point the game was already out of reach.

In the game, Eastbrook compiled just 127 yards of offense. Binkerd led the way with 58 yards on seven carries, while Stephenson finished with 22 yards on 13 carries. Isaiah Dalton caught Eastbrook’s lone completed pass for 13 yards.

For the third time in the last four years, the Panthers came one game short of their ultimate goal, but their loss on Saturday does not lessen the accomplishments that this group achieved during the 2019-2020 season.

just, ‘Hey, we have to get back to work. We have to get our hands dirty and do what we do.’ The seniors really led that charge, and I think that got everybody refocused on just doing the simple things that we do every day in practice.”

Stephenson, Bragg, Binkerd, Ailstock, Malijah Foust, Gabriel Sanchez, Kamron McGriff, Dylan Dearth, Parker Kelley, Klayton Kitts, Cobee Rice, Jacob McCoy, and Alex Baker each played their final high school football game.

“They are tremendous players, but also high quality individuals,” Adamson said. “The way that they brought some of those younger guys along and made them understand how hard they had to play and how important it was, was just outstanding.”

“Those are my brothers for life,” Bragg said. “Obviously, I’m upset we couldn’t finish the job here today, but I wouldn’t take anything back these last four years of football with them. It’s been amazing.”

“These guys are my brothers,” Stephenson added. “I wouldn’t trade them for anything. I love these people.”

“This was the greatest time in my life,” Ailstock said. “Coach is the G.O.A.T.—the greatest of all time. It’s been amazing, both on the field and off the field.”

“I love him to death,” Bragg added. “Tough we couldn’t send him off with a state championship, but he’s done everything he can for us. We played our hearts out for him. It’s just been a great honor to be able to play for one of the best coaches in Indiana football history.”

The Panthers finished the season with a 12-3 record, and though they will head back to eastern Grant County with another state-runner up trophy, the future of this football team is still bright.

“We want this to be the expectation every year,” Adamson said. “I think they’ve raised that standard. We’ll be back. We’ll get to work in a few days and start looking towards next year.”



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County boys basketball Mississinewa starts season 2-0

Argylls drop opener

Opening their season on the road against the North-western Tigers last Tuesday, the Madison-Grant Argylls' offense struggled mightily, shooting just 29 percent from the floor in a 72-47 loss.

The Argylls trailed only 15-10 after the first quarter of play, but the Tigers outscored Madison-Grant 36-19 over the following two quarters to pull away.

Northwestern senior and IWU commit Tayson Parker lit up the scoreboard for the Tigers, finishing with 37 points.

Argylls fall in fourth

Wabash trailed Madison-Grant 46-37 after the third quarter, but outscored the Argylls 21-8 in the final frame to hand Madison-Grant a 58-54 loss. Turnovers proved costly.

"We made some ill-advised passes late," Madison-Grant Head Coach Brian Trout said. Three Argylls finished in double figures, led by Grant Brown's 16 points. Lance Wilson recorded 12 points, while Kaden Howell collected 11.

Indians top Marion

In an electrifying affair at the Bill Green Athletic Arena, a strong start, combined with some key shots down the stretch and a bit of poise, positioned the Mississinewa Indians to beat the Marion Giants, 80-78.

Mississinewa was lights out in the first half, knocking down 14 of their 19 shot attempts, good for 73.6 percent. Marion, on the other hand, shot just nine-of-21. The Indians' defense did an excellent job of keeping Marion star point guard Jalen Blackmon in check, holding him to just seven points in the first two quarters.

In the final 2:33 of the third quarter, Marion scored 13 points, which included five points from Blackmon and two threes from Rasheed Jones to trim Mississinewa's lead to 57-48 heading into the final frame.

Mississinewa's Swanner scored four straight points to give the Indians a 77-73

advantage with 15.1 seconds left. Over the next 13 ticks, though, three free throws from Thomas, a free throw from Horton, and two more from Blackmon knotted the contest at 78-78 with 2.9 seconds to play.

With overtime looming, Horton, took the inbounds pass and was fouled 50 feet from the basket, resulting in two more free throws with 0.5 seconds on the clock. "I just knew that if I missed the free throws, we were going into overtime, so there wasn't that much pressure," Horton said.

Horton hit both free throws, a desperation heave from Blackmon fell harmlessly to the ground, and the Indians escaped with one of their biggest victories in recent memory.

Four Indians finished in double figures. Swanner led the way with 22 points, while Ogleby, in his first game in a Mississinewa uniform, came away with 16, including four threes. Horton finished with 11 points, while McClung added 11.

Blackmon, after scoring just seven points in the first half, exploded for 24 after halftime and finished with a game-high 31, passing his brother, Vijay, for ninth place on Marion's all-time scoring list. Thomas finished with 27, while Goolsby put together an excellent performance in his first varsity action, scoring 11 points.

Giants rout Fort Wayne North

The Marion Giants picked up their first win of the season with an 89-63 triumph over the Fort Wayne North Side Legends. Marion controlled the game from the start, taking a 23-10 lead after the first quarter and holding that double-digit advantage the rest of the way.

Jalen Blackmon led the Giants with 27 points, while Matthew Goolsby, after a strong opener, poured in 20. JK Thomas finished with 14, while Rasheed Jones came away with 10.

Indians improve to 2-0

The Mississinewa Indians

picked up their second win of the season on Saturday evening at home, defeating the Huntington North Vikings by a score of 57-45. The Indians led from the onset, taking a 13-11 lead after the first quarter and increasing that advantage to 29-21 at halftime.

The game really turned in Mississinewa's favor in the third quarter. Behind some stellar defense, particularly from Anthony Horton, the Indians outscored the Vikings 21-9 in the frame to take a double-digit lead they would not relinquish.

Horton led the Indians with 24 points. Tai McClung and Landen Swanner each finished with 14.

Golden Eagles win season opener

Playing in their season opener on Wednesday night, the Oak Hill Golden Eagles shot 64 percent and played stout defense in a 71-62 triumph over the Wabash Apaches.

Oak Hill led from the start, taking a 16-8 lead after the first quarter before increasing that advantage to 39-23 at halftime. "Tahj Johnson led us with 23 points and was able to attack the basket with success," Renbarger said. "Clay [McCorkle] had 18 and had a couple of big threes, and I think did a really good job handling the pressure of the Wabash guards who are really good. Tristen [Hayes] had 15 and was a strong presence in the post. Kody [Dubois] had 12 on four three-point shots."

Oak Hill falls to Manchester

The Oak Hill Golden Eagles fell to the Manchester Squires by a score of 53-52. The Golden Eagles cut the Manchester lead to 51-49 with 19.3 seconds left, but two free throws from Manchester's Weston Hamby thwarted the Oak Hill's comeback bid.

Clay McCorkle led the Oak Hill offense with 13 points, while Kody Dubois finished with 12. Mason McKinney added 11 in the Golden Eagles' loss.

Given up on the Browns yet?

OK, let me take you back to late August and early September. Remember the cover of Sports Illustrated? "The Browns are back", it said. All over the national airways, sports-honks were not only picking the Cleveland Browns to make the playoffs, many had them as the favorite to win the Super Bowl.

Well, it finally all collapsed on Sunday in Pittsburgh. Playing a dreaded rival who they had not beaten in the Steel City in more than 15 long years, the Browns were not only favored, they had a chance, for the first time in a quarter—a quarter of a century, that is—to sweep the team that has lorded it over them for...well, ever.

The Browns were on a roll, having won three in a row after a horrible start, and now playing a team that had no one I had ever heard of, except for defensive back Joe Haden, who actually used to play for the



SPORTS TALK

Jim Brunner



Browns.

The first quarter went all Cleveland: A 10-0 lead and the Browns gained nearly 100 yards to 2—that's

TWO—yards for Pittsburgh. The Cleveland fans had to be ready for a celebration to end all celebrations: sweeping the Steelers and getting ready to make the playoffs for the first time in 25 years. Then it happened.

Again. Total collapse by You-Know-Who.

The next thing you know, it's all Steelers all the time, and when former Brown defensive back Joe Haden picked off a pass by the over-rated Browns' quarterback Baker Mayfield, it was time to say, "Here we go again."

Browns out of the playoff hunt and the Steelers, without two players you have ever heard of, now leading the race for the wildcard in the AFC playoff picture.

And people continue to ask me: "Hey, JB, have you given up on your Browns?" That answer is "yes."

Any more questions?

Jim Brunner is the voice of sports in Grant County.

County girls basketball Eagles win two, Argylls lose two

Eastbrook tops Cowan

The Panthers shot just 11-for-40 from the field (27.5 percent) and lost to the Cowan Blackhawks last Tuesday, 43-31.

"Nothing looked smooth; it was all rushed," Eastbrook Head Coach Jeff Liddick said.

Brianna Stepp started the contest with a field goal for Eastbrook, but the Panthers went on to make just one of their next 12 shots in the opening frame.

Cowan star Kaylee Kear led Cowan with 20 of their 43 points, while Shelbye Crabtree finished with eight.

Madison-Grant loses to Wabash

In the first half of their game against the Wabash on Friday, the Madison-Grant Argylls stuck right with the Apaches, playing great defense and allowing just 17 points. However, in the second half, the Apaches pulled away, outscoring the Argylls 35-12 in the final two quarters to hand Madison-Grant a 52-29 loss.

"I thought we played one of our better halves of basketball in the first half Friday night," Madison-Grant Head Coach Brandon Bradley said. Madison-Grant shot just four-for-23 after halftime and turned the ball over 18 times. For the contest, the Argylls were just 10-of-43 (23.3 percent) from the field.

After starting the season 2-0, the Argylls have dropped their last four games. Azmae Turner and Blayklee Stitt each scored seven points for Madison-Grant, while Gracey Fox collected five points and seven rebounds off the bench.

Kyle finished with 27 points and 16 rebounds, while Vermilion collected 24 points. With her 27 points, Kyle moved into third place on Marion's all-time scoring list with 1,327 points, trailing only Trena Keys (1,433) and Gina Johnson (1,481).

Indians fall to Bellmont

The Mississinewa Indians recorded their second

straight defeat on Monday evening, falling to Bellmont by a score of 38-33. Some clutch baskets for the Squaws down the stretch proved to be the difference.

"Our girls played really, really hard," Mississinewa Head Coach Laura Friday said. "In the end, they made a couple more than we did."

Alayna Webb put together a strong performance for the Indians, coming away with 11 points on three-of-seven shooting from beyond the arc. She also collected two assists and two steals. Riley McKee scored six points, while Caily Bolser and Darah Watson each added five.

Oak Hill defeats Southwood

The Oak Hill Golden Eagles' defense helped to carry them last Tuesday evening in a 43-23 triumph over the Southwood Knights.

"We were really struggling to score tonight," Oak Hill Head Coach Todd Law said. "We did not shoot the ball real well. It was just one of those grind-it-out games. It was not a game where we particularly played well, but we did what we had to do to get the win."

The Oak Hill defense held Southwood below 10 points in three of the game's four quarters, and to just eight-of-38 from the field (21 percent) and five-of-21 (23 percent) from beyond the arc.

On the glass, Oak Hill outrebounded Southwood by a margin of 34-18, which included 13 offensive rebounds.

"When you are struggling, [defense and rebounding] are areas that you have to be good in," Law said. "And we

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STATE OF INDIANA, IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2

COUNTY OF GRANT, 2019 TERM

IN RE THEADOPTION OF: 27D02-1911-AD-000049
SCARLETT RENEE MCGRIFF,
Minor Child

JAMES E. THOMASON,
RUTH E. THOMASON,
Petitioners

ASIA RENEE MCGRIFF,
Mother

DANIEL MCGRIFF,
Father

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

DANIEL MCGRIFF is notified that a petition for adoption Of a child, named SCARLETT RENEE MCGRIFF, born to ASIA MCGRIFF 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:

- 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 parent or parents if the child is adjudged to have been abandoned or deserted for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the filing of the petition for adoption.
 - 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
 - Knowingly fails to provide for the care and support Of the Child when able to do so as required by law or judicial decree.
- If a parent has made only token efforts to support or to communicate With the child, the Court may declare the child abandoned by the parent. IC 31-19-9-8(b).
- "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 above-named court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.

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 MCGRIFF will be irrevocably implied and DANIEL MCGRIFF will lose the right to contest either the adoption or the validity of DANIEL MCGRIFF'S implied consent to the adoption.

No statement made by ASIA MCGRIFF or anyone else to DANIEL MCGRIFF relieves DANIEL MCGRIFF of DANIEL MCGRIFF'S obligations under this notice.

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

11/21/2019

WITNESS, My name and seal of the Grant County Superior Court No. 2, on the 21st day of November, 2019.
/s/Pamela K. Harris, Clerk

The following manner of service of notice of adoption is designated:
(X) Notice By Publication
TODD A. GLICKFIELD
Attorney at Law
605 S. Washington St.
Marion, IN 46953
(765) 664-6251
TNH 11/27, 12/4, 12/11

INDIANA QUIZ ANSWERS

- Franklin,
- December 11,
- Greenfield (Hancock County,) Greencastle (Putnam County,) and Greensburg (Decatur County)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT III OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA

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, 2019.

/s/Pamela K. Harris
Pamela K. Harris, Clerk
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT III OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA.

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

Cause Number: 27D03-1911-EU-102

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

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

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

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

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IWU women's soccer team advances to NAIA quarters

For the first time in program history, the IWU Wildcats women's soccer team advance to the NAIA national championship tournament quarterfinals, defeating the Lindsey Wilson Blue Raiders 1-0 on Monday night.

The Wildcats enacted some revenge over Lindsey Wilson, who defeated the Wildcats in their season opener back on August 20 by a 2-1 score, in overtime. It was IWU's first win over the Raiders in nine years.

After a scoreless first half, Emily Carter broke the tie in the 63rd minute off a perfect cross from Lauren Turner. Carter's goal was just her second of the season; her first came in tournament play as well.

Lindsey Wilson's best scoring chance came in the 18th minute, but Sam Castaneda made the save and went on to record her 14th shutout of the season.

IWU will play either William Carey or Mobile on Wednesday, December 4 at 2:30 pm.

Schedule

Thursday, December 5

6 pm—W—Oak Hill @ Northfield
7 pm—WV—IWU @ Concoridia (NAIA National Championship Pool Play)

Friday, December 6

6 pm—MB—Ohio-Chillicothe @ Taylor (23rd Annual Ivanhoes Silent Night)
7:30 pm—BB—Wes-Del @ Madison-Grant
7:30 pm—BB—Marion @ Lawrence North
7:30 pm—GB—Mississinewa @ Eastbrook
7:30 pm—GB—Elwood @ Oak Hill

Saturday, December 7

8:30 am—W—Marion @ Maconaquah Invitational
9 am—W—Eastbrook @ South Adams Invitational
9 am—W—Madison-Grant @ South Adams Invitational
9 am—W—Mississinewa @ Elwood Super Duals
9 am—W—Oak Hill @ Elwood Super Duals

Tuesday, December 10

6 pm—W—Kokomo @ Eastbrook
7:30 pm—BB—Eastbrook @ Southern Wells
7:30 pm—GB—Lapel @ Madison-Grant
7:30 pm—GB—Marion @ Guerin Catholic
7:30 pm—GB—Maconaquah @ Oak Hill

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were."

Kate Hornocker led the Golden Eagles with 13 points to go along with seven rebounds, and continues to get better with each passing contest. Taylor Westgate finished with 11 points and 12 rebounds, while Nikki Alston recorded seven points in 11 minutes off the bench.

For the game, the Golden Eagles shot seven-of-16 from beyond the arc. Abby Shaw knocked down five, while Audrey Leak and Carlee Biddle each had one.

Shaw led the way with 15 points, while Westgate collected another double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Puzzle is on page 3, courtesy of Bestcrosswords.com

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