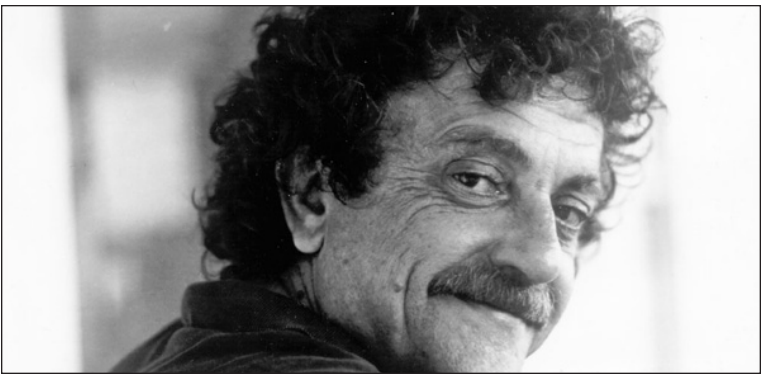


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CALENDAR

Thursday, January 9
10:30 am—Sensory Tales, Marion Public Library and Museum, 600 S Washington St. Free. Info.: Tylanna Jones, 765-668-2900, ext 105, tjones@marion.lib.in.us

4 pm—Let's Knit and Crochet, Marion Public Library and Museum, 600 S Washington St. Beginners, \$15. Info.: Sue Bratton, 765-668-2900, ext 145, sbratton@marion.lib.in.us

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

Saturday, January 11
1 pm—STEAM Festival, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Explore the universe with hands on activities. Free. Info: 765-668-2900 ext. 1105.

Monday, January 13
10:30 am—Preschool Tales, Marion Public Library and Museum, 600 S Washington St. Free. Info.: Tylanna Jones, 765-668-2900, ext 105, tjones@marion.lib.in.us

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

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

Tuesday, January 14
9:15 am—Chair Yoga, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. For adults. Must register at the Reference Desk. Info: 765-668-2900 ext. 1117.

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Elected officials sworn in



Photo by Ed Breen

Marion Mayor Jess Alumbaugh, assisted by three of his six grandchildren, takes the oath of office from Grant Superior Court Judge Dana Kenworthy on New Year's Day. Alumbaugh was elected to a second four-year term in November when he defeated Republican David Homer.

by Ed Breen

A mayor was retained in office and four new faces were added to the Marion City Council on New Year's Day when winners in November's municipal election were sworn into office.

The four joined the five incumbents, along with Mayor Jess Alumbaugh and City Clerk Kathleen Kiley when they took the oath of office in the council chambers in the Marion Municipal Building.

New to the council are Republicans Mike Cline, Gary Fordyce, and Brian Cowgill and Democrat Robin Fouce. They will join incumbents Brad Luzzader, Don Batchelor, Deb Cain, Steve Henderson and Jim Brunner on the nine-member council.

Deb Cain is expected to be elected president of the council at its first meeting this month and

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Photo by Ed Breen

Gas City City Judge Steve Barker administered the oath of office and Bill Rock's 89-year-old mother Barbara held the Bible, as he became mayor of Gas City Wednesday. Rock defeated Larry Leach in the November municipal election.

by Ed Breen

Bill Rock began his administration as mayor of Gas City on New Year's Day by clearly violating the law. Regulations posted on the wall of the City Council chamber where he was sworn in state a maximum occupancy in the room of 49 people. More than 100 jammed the room as he took the oath of office.

Rock is only the fourth mayor in

Gas City in the past 60 years. He was elected in November when he defeated longtime mayor Larry Leach in a hotly contested race. Rock, who had previously lost to Leach in the mayoral race, ran as an independent.

At 2:10 p.m. on Wednesday, Rock, with assistance from his 89-year-old mother, took the oath

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McVicker starts filings by 2020's office seekers

by Alan Miller

Less than a week into 2020, the first hat has been tossed into the ring for this year's Grant County elections.

Jason McVicker, a local attorney and the current Marion City Court judge, became the first candidate to announce publicly that he would seek the Republican nomination for Judge of Grant County Superior Court 3.

McVicker said he is aware that at least three other local lawyers may announce their candidacy for the seat, and he expects there may be others. Warren Haas, a Republican who has held the seat since 2009, announced earlier he would not seek another term.

Filing for the May 5 primary election began Wednesday and will end at noon on February 7. The general

election is November 3.

Other Grant County offices on the 2020 ballot include Superior Court 1 judge, county recorder, county treasurer, county surveyor, District 1 county commissioner, and three at-large seats on the county council.

McVicker is a seventh-generation resident of Grant County. His father, Jerry McVicker, worked 38 years for the Marion Community

Schools, primarily as an administrator. His grandfather, the late Merritt McVicker, was president and chairman of the former First Federal Savings Bank.

Jason McVicker graduated from Marion High School in 1992. After earning a degree in sociology from Purdue University, he went on to

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INDIANA QUIZ

Modern radio broadcasting began a century ago with the introduction of KDKA in Pittsburgh. Here is a list of early radio stations in Indiana. Name the city each one serves:

1. WOWO, 2. WBAA, 3. WKBY, 4. WHBU, 5. WGBF, 6. WBOW

Answers are on page 10.



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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

We can gain insight into children from Jesus' example

There are some things in life that never grow old. At the top of the list are the stories of Jesus found in the Gospels. One of those stories gives us great insight into children. Luke 18:15-18 says, “(15) And they brought unto Him also infants, that He would touch them; but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. (16) But Jesus called them unto Him, and said, permit little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. (17) Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God like a little child shall in no way enter it.”

Why would Jesus draw such attention on a group of

little children? There is no doubt they were important to Him, or He would not have given this subject any time.

As I ponder this passage I want to ask some questions to try and illuminate what Jesus said. What do we really know about children? In Psalm 127:3 the Scripture tells us that they are a heritage of the Lord. What does that mean? We have the privilege of overseeing what God has created and given us. However, children are only on loan to us. They belong to God and we are His stewards. Contrary to what some people believe, they are not a ward of the state; children don't belong to the government.

Another question that I think of is: What responsi-

bility do I have to children? God's Word says, “Train up a child in the way he should go and, when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6). It is obvious from this passage that we have a mandate from the Lord to train our children. We must teach them in the ways of Scripture.

You may be thinking at this point: “Are we raising them to be religious fanatics?” I hope not! One thing that we don't need any more of is religious people. There are lots of people who are religious, but lost. We must train our children the way of being ambassadors for Christ. If we don't take the time to train our children in the things of God, remember, the devil has time for them. He will do all he can

to ruin their lives with lies and broken promises of pleasure.

When Jesus encouraged the people to bring the little ones to Him, He was setting a powerful precedent for life itself. We see Christ's favor to these little ones. They were not being brought to Jesus in order that He would teach them. They were too young and not capable of understanding His message. They were not brought to be healed, unlike most who came to Jesus. They didn't need to be healed because they were healthy little children. They were simply brought to Him so He could bless them. When Jesus saw the little ones He touched them by laying on of hands and prayed down a blessing from the Father for them.



JUST A THOUGHT

Rev. Tom Mansbarger



Jesus makes it very clear in the Gospels that He wants to bless the little children. They are so trusting and naïve. They are not like older people who have been

scarred and battered from the storms of life. Sin takes a toll at times on older individuals. Little children have not been subjected to all the things we have experienced.

I hope this year that we are all more like Jesus and sensitive to the needs of little children. They need lots of instruction, encouragement, and love. I know that I have the capability to do those three things, and I am committed to putting the plan into action. How about you?lest this year.

Happy New Year!
Tom

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

Follow along as Mike blazes a trail through the South and various bowls

The Christmas season this year was a very enjoyable time for our family. We had the usual times of seasonal celebrations at home, church, and community. Highlights included the downtown Marion Christmas parade, the Mississinewa Valley Band Christmas concert, Lakeview Wesleyan Church's Christmas cantata, and special events that we enjoy being a part of the IWU family. (Karen is now retired from IWU, but two of our children, and a grandchild are employed there and we still consider ourselves a part of the IWU campus family.)

Christmas Day found 15 family and friends at our house for a lovely Christmas dinner and gift exchange. Barb Ihrkey's baklava is always a highlight, as is guessing who had my name in the exchange. We were content to relax and rest that evening and the next day, but for the next week I had plans that included places to go, people to see, and experiences to be enjoyed.

plore the replica of Noah's Ark. I arrived before noon, and noticed at the Ark Encounter that it was not overly busy. I parked for \$10, paid \$48 for senior admission, and boarded a shuttle bus for the mile ride to the site.

I was immediately impressed by how BIG the Ark was and is. While the parking lot was not crowded, there were a lot of people already inside the attraction. There is a lot to see, do, read, observe, and experience, both inside the Ark and on the grounds around it. Coffee and snacks were sold at many places, as well as souvenirs and informative books about the great flood, Noah, and other Bible subjects.

Inside the Ark, there are three levels of displays, two theaters that show 20-minute depictions of the flood, and ample snack bars, rest rooms, and lots of things to keep it interesting. My overall impression is that it is very well done, and worth the visit and the money spent. I don't see it as a repeat stop, but definitely worth it for one time. If you haven't been and are curious about the Flood you'll have a good time.

I spent three hours there,

but I didn't pause to read many displays, choosing to keep moving and catch it by osmosis. That's typical of how I visit museums and other such places, and it works just fine for me. If you're more inquisitive, you probably should allow all day at the Ark.

I continued south to Rocky Top, TN, where I had a reservation for the night at an Econo Lodge motel. I use the Choice Hotels app on my iPhone and frequent a number of their hotel brands, which include Rodeway, Quality Inn, Sleep Inn, Clarion, and Comfort Inn and Suites.

(Day 1: 400 miles)

Saturday, Dec. 28

I left Rocky Top around 8 am and headed south to Atlanta, GA, where I was planning to meet a former student, Marion resident, and Taylor University alumnus, Mindy Clark. Mindy has become a very good friend of Karen and I and has had a very Succes\$ful career selling effective cancer drugs to doctors and hospitals. She is a delight to be with and lives on the 22nd floor of a 47-story high-rise in downtown Atlanta.

There's no one better to

see Atlanta with than Mindy. She and I had made a deal that she would get tickets for the Peach Bowl football game, which was also the NCAA semi-final, and I would buy our pregame meal. The game had a 4 pm start, so we arrived downtown at 1:00 and had lunch at Ruth's Chris steakhouse. We walked around downtown Atlanta and past Centennial Park, which right now is being featured in the movie "Richard Jewell."

The football game was known officially as the Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl and was played at Mercedes-Benz Stadium between the #1 LSU Tigers and the #4 Oklahoma Sooners. The stadium is a state-of-the-art venue that features a large TV screen in each corner of the field and all the amenities that modern stadiums have. Mindy and I both wore purple for the game and cheered for LSU. Our seats were in the middle of a bunch of LSU fans, so it worked out great. I like LSU anyway, ever since my son Adam spent some years there coaching softball and Karen and I were able to attend a couple of LSU home football games.

The game was a runaway in favor of LSU, which scored three minutes into the game, led 21-7 after the first quarter and was up 49-14 at halftime. I was disappointed that the college bands didn't get to perform at halftime because of some professional "entertainment" that I couldn't identify. I really enjoy the college bands and while they did a brief pregame routine, I wish they had been the halftime show like they are at other bowl games. The final result was a 63-28 rout of a good Oklahoma team, but we were not there for the final whistle. We chose to leave after the third quarter to avoid traffic and so I could get on the road. I left Atlanta and headed an hour south, to Forsyth, GA, where another Econo Lodge had a bed awaiting me.



WHERE'S MIKE?

Mike Roorbach



(Day 2: 300 miles; total: 700 miles)

Sunday, Dec. 29

I took off at sunup and headed south down I-75 with a destination of Jacksonville, FL, where my Indianapolis Colts were to play the Jaguars at 4 pm. When I planned this trip in the fall I had hoped that this last game of the regular season might be battle for the AFC South. It didn't work out that way, but it was on the itinerary, so I kept the appointment.

My good friends Joe and Marty Cox from high school and Marion College days live in Jacksonville and have access through family to tickets at TIAA Bank Field. (Their son-in-law, and his brother and father, work the yardage markers for games there.)

I got to Jacksonville around noon and enjoyed lunch with Joe and Marty at Sonny's Barbeque. It's one of my favorite Southern style restaurants and I enjoyed my pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, and sweet tea. Ken Sandefur, a former Hoosier (he used to pastor the Sweetser Wesleyan Church), now retired and living in Florida, came with

us. We cheered for the Colts, to the delight of the Jaguar fans as the Colts messed up again and again while losing the game, 38-20. As we left with a few minutes to go, I bowed to the crowd near out seats and they applauded. We took pizzas back to the Cox's house where all five of us played cards until late at night.

(Day 3: 300 miles; total: 1,000 miles)

Monday, Dec. 30

I got up and out of Jacksonville "dark and early" and headed south on I-95 to Miami for the Orange Bowl, where the home state Florida Gators were hosting the Virginia Cavaliers at 8 pm. The traffic on I-95 was relatively light and the slight overcast made the visibility very comfortable. I noticed the temperature outside creeping up from the 50s to the 60s and then to the 70s, and I enjoyed it every step of the way!

I arrived at my Quality Inn in Hollywood, FL, at noon, and, as it was too early to check in, I went to eat lunch. My afternoon activity was a plan to surprise the Taylor University women's basketball team and their likeable coach, Jody Martinez, at their Christmas break game at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens, FL, just minutes from my hotel and the Orange Bowl.

I did surprise Coach Martinez, but also was surprised myself as I discovered Taylor University's #1 fan Eric Turner and his wife Cyndy were also at the game. It was fun to watch the Lady Trojans move to 14-0 for the season as they beat the Bobcats, 79-50. It also gave this Hoosier some relief from the football.

Then it was on to the Capital One Orange Bowl at Hard Rock Stadium on Don Shula Drive in Miami. The Orange Bowl has been played annually since 1935, making it tied for the

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10. Genuine
14. Work up lather
15. Puzzled
16. Buffalo's county
17. Heavenly strings
18. Informative
19. Periodic movement of the sea
20. Worker
22. Member of a motorcycle gang
23. From a distance
24. Monopoly token
26. The blahs
29. Synopsis
33. Way to cook
34. Sarcastic
35. Mag. staffers
36. End in ____ (draw)
37. Coarse wool cloth
38. Eye layer
39. Mazel ____
40. ____ is human
41. Move stealthily
42. Unequal
44. I cannot ____ lie
45. On
46. Petri dish gelatin
48. Student of Socrates
51. Female trapper
55. Main Hawaiian island
56. Goatlike antelope
58. Author Turgenev
59. River to the Baltic
60. Hurled
61. Baseball team
62. Song of praise
63. Consumers
64. High level of satisfaction

- Down**
1. Tennis great Arthur
2. Be a vagabond
3. Tombstone lawman
4. Hand clapping
5. Country singer Tucker
6. Guide
7. ... ____ forgive our debtors
8. Hi- ____ monitor
9. Express
10. Eye membrane
11. Actor Estrada
12. West Wing worker
13. Lecherous look
21. Think nothing ____
22. Marrow host
24. Less cordial
25. Comedian Foxx
26. Sister of Clio
27. ____ your life!
28. Unsophisticated
29. Dummy Mortimer
30. Live it up
31. Standard of perfection
32. Honshu port
34. Use a broom
37. Fuss
38. Infallible
40. One of the Jackson 5
41. Sports figure
43. Sixth planet
46. Boring tool
47. Chews
48. Winnie-the- ____
49. Godiva, for one
50. Throat-clearing sound
51. Put on the payroll
52. Devil's doing
53. Having a sound mind
54. Cut, old-style
56. Actor Erwin
57. Sounds of understanding

GRANT COUNTY'S NEW MAYORSHIP

ALUMBAUGH AND ROCK
WELCOME TO THE 20's!

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11 am—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration, VA Northern Indiana Healthcare System, 1700 E. 38th St., Marion. Join us for a celebration of the life and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King's famous speeches will be played at 11am and 12pm. Refreshments will be served following the events. The event will be in Building 172-2D/E. Free. Info: 765-674-3321 ext. 73114.

5:30 pm—Read To The Dogs, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Children may choose a book to read to a therapy dog. Free. Info: 765-668-2900 ext. 1105.

7 pm—Jonesboro City Council, City Hall, 414 S. Main St. Info.: Brittany Couse, Clerk-Treasurer, 765-677-2014, clerk@jonesboroindiana.net or jonesboroindiana.net

8 pm—Al Anon meeting, New Life Club, 1301 W. Third St., Marion. Support program for individuals affected by another person's drinking. Info.: 765-662-8288

Wednesday, January 15
10 am—Cancer Services of Grant County Open House, Cancer Services of Grant County, 305 S. Norton Ave., Marion. Take a tour. Meet our staff, and learn about our services. Ribbon cutting at 1:00 for our newly expanded post-mastectomy boutique. Pick up Walk of Hope packets and ask about sponsorship opportunities for all 2020 events. Free. Info: 765-664-6815.

DEATHS

Vernita Ann Browner
1934-2019
Funeral services were held at House of Worship for All People, Marion, on Friday, January 3 at 12 pm.

Clarence Dale Ross
1932-2019
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, on Saturday, January 4 at 1 pm.

Barbara Elaine Compton
1924-2019
Private graveside services were held at Grant Memorial Park.

Marolyn Sue Sotdorus
1938-2019

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Thursday, January 2 at 1 pm.

Lois I. Helm
1936-2019
Funeral services were held at Marion Memorial Tabernacle on Saturday, January 4 at 2 pm.

Rodney Lee White
1958-2019
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Sunday, January 5 at 5 pm.

Wendell O. Detamore
1924-2020
Visitation will be held at

Grace Community Church on Thursday, January 9 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Funeral services will follow at 12:30 pm.

Bonetha M. Smith
1929-2019
Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Marion, on Thursday, January 2 at 10 am.

Genevieve Brookshire
1921-2020
Visitation will be held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Fairmount, ON Tuesday, January 7 from 5 pm-8 pm. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, January 8 at 11 am.

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The first year after the death of a loved one is the hardest to handle

They say the first year is the hardest, and I would agree. When we went home to Nebraska to spend Christmas with my mom and siblings, I saw how difficult it is for my mom after my dad’s sudden death in June.

Physically, she is doing amazing since her stroke in March. She regularly exercises at a local fitness center and does her post-stroke mandated exercises before she goes to bed each night.

As I wrote this, she did her morning devotions, which caused her to be weepy, praying for countless requests from the church, family, friends and for missionaries whom she has never met. That was a tradition my mom and dad did each morning together, one that is very important to her, yet also very hard.

She sifted through a three-inch stack of computer-generated prayer requests, adding to the stack each morning after checking her email for potential new prayer requests, printing new ones out and adding them to the stack.

There are other traditions that she struggles with, and, as time goes on, I am confident she will begin to make new traditions, never forgetting my dad, just learning how to live without him.

This Christmas season, however, it was still about the traditions my mom and dad held dear. such as going to Christmas Eve service, then Christmas Day service, and then staying for the church’s community dinner before having our family dinner a few hours later.

Initially I was offended when she said she wanted to attend the community

dinner, especially after she commented that our family dinner could be celebrated any time. I stepped back though, realizing that, for my mom, it had become a tradition that she and dad did since the church started hosting the community dinner 11 years ago, and it was important to her.

What could I say, anyway? We had not traveled to Nebraska for Christmas since 2013 because of Andrea and Marissa’s basketball practice schedule which kept us homebound.

It made more sense, too, as I learned my sister had to work until 3 pm on Christmas Day and my brother and his wife didn’t plan to arrive until mid-afternoon. We had to eat somewhere, so why not at the church’s community meal?

Another tradition that did not happen this year

was the giving of gifts. My mom said she and dad had decided that last Christmas would be the last year of gift giving. What I didn’t realize, until she handed out envelopes to each of us, was that what she meant by no gift giving, was she would give money instead of buying gifts for each of us.

This turned out to be much better, given that mom struggled each year with what to buy each of us, not seeing us more than once or twice each year. It wasn’t uncommon for my mom to buy gifts from local elementary school fundraisers and forget what she had bought; by the time she gave my girls the items they had outgrown them by numerous years.

In addition to the gift of money, since everyone was home this year, mom decided to let each of us pick



A SLICE OF LIFE

Linda Wilk



from 32 hand-crafted bowls my dad made. My mom kept a few additional bowls for herself. Each bowl is unique, as my dad would make bowls out of pieces of wood he found here or there or stumps he ran across

while traveling. More than once he hauled a stump home from our stash of fire-place wood in Indiana.

We also ate a lot—another tradition of my parents: they never missed a fundraiser, open house or opportunity to enjoy food. I noticed that my mom has lost at least 20 pounds, since she has drastically reduced the times she is eating out.

The time we were able to spend with my mom this Christmas meant a lot to each of us. It was not the same without my dad and never will be, however it did provide us with some new memories that we can each hold on to for years to come.

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

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earn a law degree in 2000 from Regent University Law School in Virginia.

McVicker is a partner in the Marion law firm of Spitzer Herriman Stephenson Holderead Conner & Persinger and has served as Marion City Court judge since 2015. He has been the Swayzee town attorney since 2013 and previously served

as a deputy prosecutor in Grant County and two counties in Florida.

McVicker and his wife, Nicole, who also is an attorney, have two children.

“I’ve had the best of all worlds since returning to Marion a few years ago,” McVicker said. “I’ve had the honor and privilege of serving as the city court judge in my hometown and as a partner in a law firm that has some of the finest attorneys

you will ever meet.”

While McVicker said he is content with his current roles as an attorney, he has had a desire to serve as a full-time county judge. Marion City Court judge is a part-time position.

“It’s unlikely that I ever would have challenged a sitting judge, but Judge Haas’ decision to retire provided an opportunity to announce my candidacy for the Superior Court 3 seat,” he said.



Photos by Ed Breen

Seven of Marion’s nine city council members await their turn to be sworn into office in ceremony in the Marion City Council chamber on New Year’s Day. They are, from left, Steve Henderson, Mike Cline, Brian Cowgill, Jim Brunner, Gary Fordyce, Deb Cain and Don Batchelor. Council members Robin Fouce and Brad Luzzader had already taken their oath of office. Below, Grant Superior Court Judge Dana Kenworthy signs the necessary paperwork for Marion City Council members to take their seats on the council. They are, from left: Mike Cline, Jim Brunner and Steve Henderson.

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will succeed Alan Miller as presiding officer. Miller did not seek reelection to the council.

Alumbaugh, elected in a landslide four years ago, was easily reelected when he defeated Republican David Homer in November. Alumbaugh did not speak at the inauguration ceremony, but has his annual state-of-the-city speech scheduled for February. He has said that he intends to retain most, if not all, of his city hall staff in place, and he has indicated that he will continue to pursue economic revitalization of downtown Marion, particularly the four blocks surrounding the Courthouse Square.

A major issue for the mayor is not in his hands to



resolve: the disposition of the lawsuit seeking judgments against several people and companies in connection with the failed “Old YMCA” project dating back to the Wayne Seybold administration.

The lawsuit filed by the city was halted when Judge Warren Haas ruled that it failed to meet timeliness re-

quirements under the statute of limitations. The city has appealed Haas’ decision and is awaiting a decision, expected sometime in the next couple of months, from the Indiana Court of Appeals.

If the suit is allowed to continue, Alumbaugh has said he intends to pursue it in the courts.

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of office administered by Gas City Court Judge Steve Barker. Barbara Rock, who is confined to a wheelchair, held the Bible on which her son placed his hand during the ceremony.

Rock was preceded during the past half-century in

the mayor’s office by Leach, Eugene “Beaner” Lynn and Melvin Huffman in a succession going back to the mid-1960s. “This is not just ceremonial,” Judge Barker told the standing-room-only crowd. “These people are being sworn in not just for themselves, but for the good and betterment of all the residents of Gas City.

“The ‘Rs’, ‘Ds’ and ‘Is’ are all gone now. Let’s keep it that way,” Barker said, as he administered the oath to the mayor and five members of the city council.

Karen Wood was sworn in as clerk-treasurer, with the oath administered by Ron Mowery, former Grant County Sheriff and former Mayor of Marion.

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A somewhat-less-than-proper Hoosier is starting to get his due

Kurt Vonnegut isn't for everyone, although he probably should be. For that reason, a group of folks, primarily Hoosiers, has labored for years to get proper recognition for this sometimes-less-than-proper man from Indiana.

Vonnegut, a disheveled sort by any definition, may well end up being the most important writer Indiana ever gave to the larger world. Distinctions like that come only with time and the boy who went to Shortridge High School and then fought through World War II is still a little too fresh in living memory to be put on that kind of pedestal just yet, but he is close.

Evidence of that can be

found in the innards of a nice old building at 543 Indiana Avenue, just north and west of downtown Indianapolis. It is the newly created Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library, not to be confused with the more modest version that existed a couple of blocks down the street on Senate Avenue for several years.

This is the real deal, thanks mainly to the enormous determination of a woman named Julia Whitehead and the generosity of some people who believe Vonnegut's memory and work need to be on public display. They are correct.

To backtrack a little here, it has been more than a decade since Vonnegut died at age 84. It is the idea and the passion of Whitehead, a woman not un-

like Vonnegut herself: Military veteran, frustrated by some things, passionate about others and a refugee from corporate life. She once worked for Eli Lilly Co. in Indianapolis. Not incidentally, her favorite quote from all of Vonnegut is this: "I urge you to please notice when you are happy and exclaim or murmur or think at some point, 'If this isn't nice, I don't know what is.'"

At the time of his death, Vonnegut had written 14 novels, three short story collections, five plays and five non-fiction books, and, presuming you care about Vonnegut at all, your preference might well be determined by the age at which you met the man: Might be "Cat's Cradle" from 1963, or more likely "God

Bless you Mr. Rosewater" from '65, or "Slaughterhouse Five," the blockbuster from 1969, or maybe "Breakfast of Champions" from 1973. The list goes on.

He was always just a couple of bubbles off plumb, just close enough to the edge to see the absurdity of it all, but never fall overboard into the abyss.

Vonnegut, whose hair always seemed electrified and usually dressed befitting a dumpster gathering, never truly departed Indiana, although he lived in New York. Remember: The family owned the hardware store and he was a Shortridge grad, which is not to overlook Cornell University, the University of Tennessee and

the University of Chicago, all of which he attended. The permanent tribute on Indiana Avenue, which is close to the streets where the great jazz guitarist Wes Montgomery gave birth to his music, opened a couple of months ago in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the publication of "Slaughterhouse Five," in which Vonnegut indicted war and gave us the unforgettable character of Billy Pilgrim and his flight to Tralfamadore. A review of the place and the program in Indianapolis Monthly magazine described it nicely:

"On the quiet third floor of the new museum, the book that made more noise than any other by a Hoosier finally gets a permanent tribute. 'Unstuck in Time: Slaughterhouse-Five Then and Now' sheds new light on a novel many of us thought we were familiar with. A series of 50 paintings depicts lesser-known passages of the story. A wall-size image of the book's many covers, plus translated copies on display, recall its global impact. A fabricated, crumbling tunnel invites visitors to walk through and learn about Vonnegut's experiences as a prisoner of war in firebombed Dresden. There's a lot to see and enjoy in this museum, including Edward Battista's playful cafe Mr. Rosewater, still taking shape."

"To grow up in such a city as I did," Vonnegut wrote, "was to find cultural institutions as ordinary as police stations or fire houses. So it was reasonable for a young person to daydream of becoming some sort of artist or intellectual, if not a policeman or fireman. So I did. So did many like me."

He explained himself as writer this way: "It just turned out that I could write better than a lot of other people. Each person has something he can do easily and can't imagine why everybody else has so much trouble doing it."

For Vonnegut, that was writing, and we're thankful that he could.

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Mississinewa captures girls Grant Four title

The Oak Hill Lady Golden Eagles led for almost 30 minutes in the championship game of the 37th Grant Four last Saturday night, but the Mississinewa Lady Indians took the lead with 2:37 left, lost it, got it back again and held on for a 44-42 win and the title.

“They had so much heart tonight, and they wanted it—they wanted it really, really badly,” said Indians Head Coach Laura Friday.

Oak Hill got off to an early, 6-0 lead, and stretched it to 14-6 at the end of the first quarter, but the game changed with 1:48 left in that period when the Eagles’ Taylor Westgate picked up her second foul and went to the bench shortly thereafter.

To that point, the Indians had been playing a triangle-and-two defense, with Mia Catey guarding Westgate and Darah Watson on Oak Hill’s senior guard Abby Shaw.

“We played [the triangle-and-two defense] when we

played Oak Hill earlier this season and it worked,” said Friday, “and the reason we lost [that game] was because I took it off. So we stuck with that the whole time and I think it threw off their offense a little bit.”

Their defensive pressure hurt us a little bit. We just struggled to get into our offense at times and we’ll handle that better down the road.

The defense—combined with Westgate’s absence—slowed the Eagles in the second quarter, just when the Indians were finding some offense.

“Their defensive pressure hurt us a little bit,” said Oak Hill Head Coach Todd Law, “We just struggled to get into our offense at times.”

“We settled down a little bit [in the second quarter],” said Friday, “We were able to get to our game plan and settle in to the game.” Behind six points from Riley McKee and five from Catey, the Indians pulled close—close

enough so that Law considered putting Westgate back into the game, despite her two fouls.

“My coaching decision was: As long as we held the lead I was going to keep her on the bench,” said Law. Two three-pointers from Shaw—they only points she would get—kept Oak Hill in the lead and Westgate on the bench. “In hindsight maybe I should have brought her back in with a minute to go [in the second quarter], but I was just trying to protect her if we could and give her three fouls to work with in the second half.”

The third quarter started with Oak Hill leading 22-21, and the lead hadn’t changed by the end of the quarter: it was 33-32. There was one notable event: Westgate pulled down a rebound that made her the all-time leading rebounder in Oak Hill history.

In the fourth quarter, the Indians finally got out in front, 40-39, when Catey made a layup, was fouled, and made the free throw. With 8.2 seconds left, McKee made a free throw to give the Indians a 44-42 lead.

“We got some turnovers, we got the ball back, and at the end there we got Taylor a good shot,” said Law.

As for the Indians: “We were just sticking to what we did the whole game,” Friday said, “We were face-guarding Shaw. We were face-guarding Westgate. We knew that they were probably going to get up a shot, but we knew that we were going to get the rebound.”

Westgate did get a shot up, but it didn’t go, and Mississinewa corralled the rebound, and then it was over: the Indians were the Grant Four champions.

“You can do anything when you believe, and I think this team believes,” Friday said.

Westgate finished with 15 for Oak Hill, while Kate Hornocker added 8 and Carlee Biddle had 7. Catey’s 17 led both teams, McKee had 13, and Alayna Webb scored 12.



Photo by Joy Roorbach

Mississinewa won the girls Grant Four title last Saturday night with a 44-42 win over the Oak Hill Golden Eagles.



Photo by Joy Roorbach

Oak Hill’s Taylor Westgate won the WBAT sportsmanship award at the Grant Four.

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Grant County boys basketball

Marion falls to Indy Cathedral in Classic

Coming into Saturday night's battle with the Indianapolis Cathedral Irish, the last time the Marion Giants had played a competitive basketball game was before the Christmas break. The Irish, on the other hand, had played five games in that same stretch, including a 91-88 victory over Avon the night before.

"Our last game was on December 22. We were on a five- or six-game winning streak," Marion Head Coach James Blackmon said. "During the Christmas break, we definitely want to get kids some time off to spend with their families, but not having a game until January 4th, [that's] a big gap."

A sluggish start quickly put the Giants behind, and while the heroics of Jalen Blackmon and JK Thomas pushed the game to overtime, poor free throw shooting, combined with some missed shots in close, proved costly, as Marion fell to the Irish 85-80.

The Giants wouldn't score their first bucket until the 3:35 mark of the first quarter when Rasheed Jones hit a three. Marion only scored six points the rest of the quarter, as the Irish took a 17-9 lead.

In the second quarter, the Giants' offense woke up, scoring 29 points, 20 of them coming from Blackmon. Blackmon opened the quarter with five straight points, cutting Cathedral's advantage to 17-14, but Grant Taueg responded with a triple, putting the Irish back up by six.

Rasheed Jones, D'Angelo Jones, and Blackmon followed with back-to-back-to-back threes for the Giants, but the Irish continued to keep the Giants at bay. Sophomore Peter Moe, who had a solid game off the bench for the Irish, knocked down a pair of free throws, and a triple shortly after by Tayshawn Comer increased Cathedral's advantage back to seven.

Blackmon then put the Giants on his back, scoring Marion's final 11 points of the half and briefly giving Marion the lead, before Jalen Johnson hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to give Cathedral a 40-38 lead at halftime.

While the Giants ended up shooting 61 percent from the field and 50 percent from beyond the arc, they shot just five-of-nine from the free throw line, a theme that would carry over into the second half.

"I thought we put ourselves in a [good] position, but we have to take advantage of free throws," Blackmon said. "We left a lot of free throws out there."

The third quarter was close, with neither team leading by more than five points. Blackmon scored 10 more points, and the Giants took the lead on three separate occasions, but they were unable to pull away. The Irish always had a response, and after the Giants pulled ahead 54-53 on another basket from Blackmon, they ended the quarter on a 9-3 run, taking a 62-57 lead into the fourth frame.

A three from Rasheed Jones, a field goal from Thomas, and yet another triple from Blackmon put the Giants up 65-64, but, moments later, the contest completely changed.

Attacking the rim on the Giants' next possession, Blackmon appeared to bang knees with another player and immediately went to the ground, writhing in pain for several minutes. He walked off under his own power, and came back into the game several times, but he never regained control of the offense and it was clear he was in pain.

"When you take our playmaker out, that takes a lot away from us," Blackmon said. "With the outcome of

the game, we would have much rather had him down the stretch."

JK Thomas, after scoring just eight points in the first three quarters, took the mantle from Blackmon, scoring 15 points in the fourth.

"I thought JK did some incredible stuff as far as making his shot," Coach Blackmon said.

Furthermore, Thomas scored the last 13 points for the Giants, saving his best shot for last. In a thrilling sequence in the final minute of regulation, Thomas scored to tie the game at 75-75, Taueg answered with a three on the other end, and Thomas then sent the Marion faithful into a frenzy, knocking down a corner three to send the game into overtime.

Unfortunately, the Giants were unable to carry their momentum over into the extra session, as the Irish outscored Marion 7-2 to secure the victory.

The Giants ended up shooting 48.2 percent from the floor (26-of-61), but they were just 14-of-24 from inside the arc, missing several easy layups throughout the contest. Furthermore, they were just 13-of-24 from the line, a woeful 54.2 percent.

The two teams combined to take 63 threes in the game, with both teams knocking down 13 of their 32 attempts.

Blackmon, Thomas, and Rasheed Jones combined for 74 of Marion's 80 points. Blackmon ended his night with 36 points, Thomas 25, and Jones 13.

Taueg scored 28 points to lead Cathedral, while Moe and Comer each finished with 18.

In other county hoops action:

Argylls dominate Raiders

After a disappointing end to 2019—an 81-62 loss to the Mississinewa Indians in the Grant Four championship game—Head Coach Brian Trout and the Madison-Grant Argylls spent the week working tirelessly on the defensive end of the floor.

"That was really our focal point tonight," Trout said. "We had a couple of areas that we wanted to show better tonight than we did in [the Grant Four championship] against Mississinewa."

Did they ever.

Behind an effective half-court trap and full-court pressure, combined with five Argylls finishing in double figures, Madison-Grant began the new decade on the right foot, dominating the Southern Wells Raiders 75-45 on Friday night for their seventh win of the campaign.

It was the second-fewest amount of points that the Argylls have given up all year.

"We kept guys in front a little bit better," Trout said. "When we were running our pressure, we were doing a good job of getting to our traps and not fouling and then, making plays from there. I was real pleased with that."

For the game, the Argylls forced a remarkable 22 turnovers, never allowing the Raiders to establish any sort of rhythm offensively.

"It just helped us relax a little," Madison-Grant forward Justin Moore said. "We didn't allow them to be in the game at all. We focused a lot this week on ball pressure and keeping our guys in front of us."

Of Madison-Grant's 22 forced turnovers, 10 of them came in the first quarter and seven came in the first 5:23 of the contest. Behind their defense, the Argylls rushed out to a 15-0 lead and would hold that double-digit advantage the rest of the way.

"We started out the game really well on defense," Madison-Grant point guard Grant Brown said. "We got back-to-back-to-back stops and got our momentum going. I think that what was what led us throughout the game."

The Argylls knocked down seven field goals in the opening eight minutes, while holding the Raiders to just two field goals, building a 17-4 lead in the process.

Southern Wells pushed back in the second quarter, shooting eight-of-12 from the floor and three-of-five from the three-point line, cutting their deficit to 12 points, 36-24, at halftime.

But after Trout challenged his team at halftime, the Argylls came out of the locker room with renewed vigor and put the game away in the third stanza.

"We got a little tired in the second quarter," Trout said. "Southern Wells knocked down two or three threes there late in the first half, so I told them at halftime that the first four minutes of the second half were really important."

"They took that to heart. They came out and took care of business right there."

The Argylls started the quarter on an 11-0 run, and eventually scored 26 points on 10 field goals. Defensively, Madison-Grant allowed just six points and forced three more turnovers.

"We worked all week long on defense, and we just got after it after we got back," Madison-Grant forward Lance Wilson said.

Leading 62-30 after three quarters of play, the Argylls' lead never dipped below 27 points in the final eight minutes.

For the game, the Argylls finished 30-of-59 (51 percent) from the floor, while holding the Raiders to just 19-of-45 (42 percent).

Wilson, who has played well offensively in recent games, put together another strong performance against Southern Wells, leading the Argylls with 20 points.

"The game is just coming to me," Wilson said. "I couldn't do it without my teammates. I'm just shooting with more confidence and getting better looks."

"He had a great weekend in the Grant Four. He put up 19 against Oak Hill and 21 against Mississinewa. He shot 55 percent from the floor in those two games combined," Trout added. "We just felt like we had to keep moving the ball. We had driving lanes where we could get to the rim. Any time you can do that, you will shoot a pretty good percentage. I was really happy with our shot selection."

Moore recorded a double-double for Madison-Grant, collecting 14 points and 12 rebounds in the 30-point triumph.

"That's one of the biggest focal points I've had this season—getting at least eight rebounds a game," Moore said. "I've been trying to focus on that more."

Brown added 14 points, five rebounds, and eight assists, while Seth Lugar was effective off the bench, posting 11 points and eight rebounds.

"We have five guys right now averaging double digits, and Seth is kind of moving up the ladder," Trout said. "Seth has done really well in certain games. He just has to get a little more consistency so that we know a little more night in night out what we're going to get from him. But has had some really, really good games, and I thought he played really well tonight. Not only scoring-wise, but he created a bunch of turnovers in the first half to get us going."

Madison-Grant returns to action this coming Friday night, January 10, when they travel to Blackford to take on Luke Brown and the Bruins.

Panthers fall to Daleville

On Friday night, the Eastbrook Panthers put together their best performance of the season but were unable to get over the hump in a 49-45 loss to the Daleville Broncos.

The game was close throughout the evening, as the Panther never trailed by fewer than eight points. Eastbrook pulled within one point of the Broncos in the final minute, but Daleville's Camden Leisure hit a three to keep the Panthers at bay.

The Panthers shot just four-of-10 from the free

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Free throw shooters raise money for charity

by Sean Douglas

As the city of Marion and Grant County as a whole were celebrating the beginning of a new decade, representatives from nine of the 10 Grant County basketball teams brought in 2020 on the hardwood, looking to prove they were the best free throw shooters in the second annual Charity Shots for Charity contest at the YMCA on New Year's Day.

Free throw shooting is often one of the most overlooked areas when it comes to basketball, but it is also one of the most important. More often than not, games are won and lost at the charity stripe, and this event gave players a chance to work on their free throw shooting, as well as money for a great cause.

"I've been kind of fascinated by free throws," Doug Roorbach, owner of The News Herald and The Sports Herald, said before the inaugural event last year. "In a typical game, about 25 percent of the points come from free throws, so they make a huge difference in a game, and yet, it's something that a lot of teams don't do very well. So, I think we need to put a little more emphasis on it."

The event was broken up into four segments: the qualifying round, the girls final round, the boys final round, and, lastly, the team round. This year, each player shot 10 free throws at three of the YMCA's six baskets, using the other three for practice while they waited for their turn to shoot. After that, the top two shooters from each division faced off in a final round which consisted of shooting 10 one-and-one free throw attempts.

In the girls division, after hitting 25 of her 30 free throws attempts in the qualifying round, Marion's Ra'Shaya Kyle took home first place honors, defeating Eastbrook's Lily Moore 15-6 in the final round.

The boys division had its share of fireworks and intensity, featuring a three-way, sudden death shootout between Oak Hill's Kody Dubois, Mississinewa's Kreigh Young, and Madison-Grant's Zack Pretorius for the right to advance to the final round. In the end, Mississinewa's Colin Yoder was the star of the show. After shooting 26-of-30 in the first round, Yoder knocked down 18 out of a possible 20 free throws in the final, narrowly defeating Dubois by score of 18-17.

"I shot pretty well last year, but that's the thing I wanted to improve in," Yoder said at the conclusion of the event. "[I've been] working on getting to the line, because free throws can make or break it in the fourth quarter for big games."

"You just have to make your free throws."

For the second year in a row, the Mississinewa Indians took home the team trophy as well. Facing off against Oak Hill, all four players from each team shot five more free throws to determine the winner. With the Golden Eagles leading 13-9, Yoder closed out an incredible day of shooting, knocking down all five of his final free throw attempts to secure the victory.

All proceeds from the event were donated to the Cancer Services of Grant County.



Above, left: Mississinewa's Colin Yoder won the boys division; above, right: Marion's Ra'Shaya Kyle took the girls division—both accepted their trophies from Sports Herald Editor Sean Douglas. At right, bottom, News Herald Editor Doug Roorbach presents the team trophy to Mississinewa for the second straight year. Below, at left, Yoder shoots in the boy's final while Kody Dubois waits his turn. Below, right, Oak Hill's Taylor Westgate shoots during the team competition.



Grant County girls basketball Marion outlasts Danville in the Classic

In the first two quarters of their contest with the Danville Warriors on Saturday evening in the Marion Classic, the Marion Lady Giants showed some rust. The Giants struggled to put the ball in the basket, and had trouble stopping Danville from doing so.

But a strong second half effort, combined with another brilliant performance from Ra'Shaya Kyle, helped the Lady Giants defeat the Warriors by a score of 55-53.

"We had two really, really good weeks of practice," Marion Head Coach Lawrence Jordan said. "The girls bought in. We just dialed in on some weaknesses we had seen the last three or four games. We had everybody on deck, great effort, and great practices. I'm not surprised by the effort I got from the girls today."

Though the contest ended with a Marion victory, the Giants got off to a sluggish

start. They turned the ball over three times, shot just two-for-seven from the field, and scored only four points as the Warriors built a 12-4 lead.

Danville's Isabelle Wooten gave the Warriors a game-high 10 point lead on their first shot of the second quarter, and while the Giants started to find their offense, turnovers killed any momentum they had.

Marion cut Danville's lead to 16-11 on a pair of Kyle free throws, but a turnover on their next possession led to an easy transition basket for Ella Collier. Kyle hit two more free throws, but another turnover led to free throws for Maddie Patterson, who made them both.

Two more times, the Giants cut into Danville's lead, only to have the Warriors force a turnover and score in transition; they took a 24-18 lead into halftime.

Despite all the struggles

they faced, the Giants were in striking distance throughout the second quarter, some adjustments were made and discussions were had, and Marion returned to the floor with renewed vigor.

"It was a six-point game. We had 13 turnovers and five or six missed free throws," Jordan said. "But the effort was there. I stayed positive with them. I felt like we could pressure their perimeter players. That pressure started to get to them. They turned it over a couple of times. We were able to finish, get the lead, and keep it."

After scoring just 18 points in the first half, the Giants exploded for 19 points in the third quarter, nine of those coming from Ra'Shaya Kyle. With Danville leading 33-24, Marion ended the quarter on a 13-4 run, tying the game at 37-37 in the process.

Kyle and Ellie Vermilion

combined for 12 of the 13 points.

"Everything starts with those two girls," Jordan said. "They get all the credit. They deserve it. I tip my hat to her and Ra'Shaya. They are the reason we came out on top. Those two spearheaded the effort."

Vermilion opened the fourth quarter with her second three of the contest, jumpstarting a 12-4 surge and giving Marion a lead they would not relinquish.

Danville made a late push, outscoring the Giants 11-4 to cut the lead to two with 15.4 seconds left, but the Giants survived in the final moments, pulling out the victory.

After shooting just 37.5 percent in the first half, Marion's offense was much more efficient after halftime, scoring at a 52.2 percent rate. For the game, the Giants shot 18-of-39 (46.2).

Defensively, after a poor

first quarter, the Giants rebounded nicely, holding the Warriors to just 21-of-54 (38.9 percent) from the field.

Kyle led the way with 27 points, while Vermilion came away with 16.

In other girls basketball action last week (see also, the Grant Four story on page seven):

Indians drop game to Norwell

The Mississinewa Indians began 2020 with a loss, as giveaways proved costly in a 62-29 loss to the Norwell Knights.

The Indians trailed from the outset, failing behind 18-10 after the first quarter and 26-16 at halftime.

Norwell blew the game open in the third quarter, outscoring the Indians 22-4 in the period.

"We just had too many turnovers," Mississinewa Head Coach Laura Friday

said. "We were prepared, but we were making silly decisions. They switched it up between man and 1-3-1, but we shot ourselves in the foot. We made some silly passes and kept the ball too long."

The Knights cruised the rest of the way, handing Mississinewa their sixth loss of the season.

Stats were not readily made available for the contest, but Friday was pleased with the play of senior Laekyn Emmons and sophomore Mia Catey.

"I think Mia had a really good game," Friday said. "She is starting to shoot a little bit better now, and she is starting to shoot with confidence. Laekyn Emmons stepped up in a leadership role today. Some of our other players were struggling a little bit, and she stepped up vocally. She did a really good job in helping us get through the game."

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT III, GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF GEORGE J. EHMER
ESTATE NO. 27D03-1912-EU-113

Notice is given that Star Financial Bank was on the 18th day of December, 2019, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of GEORGE J. EHMER, who died testate on November 17th, 2019. The Personal Representative is authorized to administer the estate without Court supervision.

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

Dated at Marion, Indiana on December 23, 2019

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

ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT III OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA

In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration
of the Estate of Richard D. Donahue Sr, Deceased

Kelly H. Kincaid, the Personal Representative
Cause No. 27D03-1911-EU000110

Notice is hereby given that Kelly H. Kincaid was, on the 6th day of December, 2019, appointed Personal Representative of the unsupervised estate of Richard D. Donahue Sr, who died testate on the 26th 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 9th day of December, 2019.

/s/Pamela K. Harris
Pamela K. Harris, Clerk
Grant Circuit and Superior Courts
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Marion, In 46952. 4058
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Marion Community Schools, Grant County, Indiana, that the Board of School Trustees of the Marion Community Schools, as proper legal officers, will consider the following additional appropriations for the current year (2020) at their regular meeting at Marion High School, 750 West 26th Street, Marion, IN 46953, at 7:00 PM, on the 14th day of January, 2020.

Fund Name: Rainy Day Fund
TOTAL for Rainy Day Fund: \$ 1,000,000

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (the Department). The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated: December 31, 2019

Fiscal Officer: Dr. Robert W. Schultz

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN GRANT SUPERIOR COURT 3 OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA
In the Matter of the Estate of Juanita Comer, deceased.
Estate Number 27D03-1912-EU-000114

Notice is hereby given that LINDLEY COMER was on the 19th day of December, 2019, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JUANITA COMER, who died on November 22, 2019, and authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of 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 19th day of December, 2019.

PAMELA K. HARRIS,
Clerk of the Grant Superior Court 3

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JOHNSON AND BEAMAN
1125 N. Western Avenue, Suite A
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON DECREE IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACTION

By virtue of a certified copy of a Decree of Foreclosure to me directed by the Clerk of Grant Circuit Court, Grant County, Indiana, in Cause No. 27D01-1907-MF-000099, wherein GRANT COUNTY STATE BANK is Plaintiff and ESTHER SON is Defendant in which action a judgment was rendered on against BRIAN MATTHREW BRUBAKER and in favor of Plaintiff in the sum of \$53,124.42 plus interest at the statutory rate from date of judgment and cost and accruing cost in this action ordering me to sell the following payment of said judgment, costs, accruing costs and account for the balance to whomsoever is lawfully entitled, I will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on the 19th day of February, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., on said date, at the Sheriff's Office at 214 East Fourth Street, Marion, In iana, the following described real estate in Grant County, Indiana and legally described as follows to-wit:

That portion of land situate in the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 24, North, Range 9 East of the Second principal Meridian in Grant County, Indiana being more particularly described CU. /blimps" Considering the West line of the Southwest Quarter as bearing North 00 '32 '19 "West with all other bearings herein contained relative thereto,. Commencing at a nfound /nag nail at the Southwest Corner of said Quarter; thence on the West line of said quarter South 00'32'19" West 179.00 feet to a said mag nail with a washer stomped "RMA FIRM #0074"; Thence continuing on said West line North 00'32'19" West 165.000" to a found mag nail at the Southwest corner of the land described in said Deed Record ; thence South 00'32'19" East 171.10 feet to a set rebar ; thence parallel with the South line of the Southwest Quarter North 89'01 '50" West 330.10 feet to the Place of Beginning, containing 1.27 acres more or less.

Commonly known as 945 South 700 East Marion, Indiana, 46953

Parcel #27-08-08-300-024.001-020

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.

Said sale will be without any relief whatsoever from valuation or appraisalment laws and for cash.

The undersigned, Sheriff of Grant County, Indiana, will issue to the purchaser of said real estate a Sheriff's Deed for said real estate as provided by law under Chapter 90 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana for 1931, as amended and supplemented,

Date 12/18/19
/s/Reggie E. Nevels
Reggie E. Nevels
GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF

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second-oldest bowl game in the country (with the Sugar Bowl and the Sun Bowl). Parking at the stadium was \$50, and since that was out of my price range, I headed to a nearby neighborhood where I saw people asking much less. I drove to a shopping center and parked in a lot about half a mile from the stadium.

I was going to cheer for Florida so I wore a blue shirt and walked around the stadium looking to buy a ticket. Online tickets were going for as much as \$400, but my experience at bowl games is that there are a lot of tickets on the street. That’s changed somewhat since many tickets are no longer printed but stay in the digital world, but I was hopeful. I had fun walking around, bargaining, walking away, and “working the market” as they say. I had the advantage for a number of reasons: I needed only one ticket, I didn’t care where I sat, and I didn’t even

have to go in. I was able to get a ticket easily for \$25, and enter the stadium when the gates opened at 6 pm, two hours before kickoff. I perused the concession stands, found some delicious pulled pork (again!) and got to my seat in plenty of time to enjoy the warmups and the excellent pregame band shows.

Florida scored first, never trailed, led by 10 at halftime and won 36-28. The home state fans were quite happy and that made for a festive stadium. Traffic back to my hotel was quite heavy and it took me almost an hour to go what should have been 15 minutes.

I got to the hotel at 1 am to find to find no desk clerk, just a sign saying he had left to reboot the computer and would be right back. It was 2 am before I got my room and into bed. All part of the adventure.

(Day 4: 400 miles; total: 1,400 miles)

Tuesday, Dec. 31

Since I got to bed so late the night before I slept in and

STATE OF INDIANA	IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT 3
COUNTY OF GRANT	CAUSE NO. 27D03-1912-EU-115
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT E. BRYAN, JR., DECEASED	
<u>NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION</u>	
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT 3 OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA.	
In the matter of the Unsupervised Estate of: Robert E. Bryan, Jr., deceased.	
Cause Number 27D03-1912-EU-115	
Notice is hereby given that on December 18, 2019, ROBERT L. PATE was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of ROBERT E. BRYAN, JR., deceased, who died on December 12, 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 18 day of December, 2019	
Herbert A. Spitzer, Jr. (21779-27) SPITZER HERRIMAN STEPHENSON HOLDEREAD CONNER & PERSINGER, LLP 122 East 4th Street P.O. Box 927 Marion, IN 46952 (765) 664-7307 TNH 1/8, 1/15	/s/Pamela K. Harris Pamela K. Harris, Clerk, Grant County Superior Court 3

Schedule	
Thursday, January 9 5:30 pm—BS—Marion @ Oak Hill 5:30 pm—GS—Marion @ Oak Hill 6 pm—W—Madison-Grant @ Eastbrook/Marion 6 pm—W—Blackford @ Mississinewa 6:30 pm—W—Northwestern @ Oak Hill 7:30 pm—GB—Mississinewa @ Mount Vernon (Fortville)	Meet TBA—GS—Marion @ NCC Meet 8 am—WCS—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Centre Colonel Classic (Day 2) 9 am—W—Oak Hill @ Peru Super 6 12:30 pm—GB—Oak Hill @ Blackford 1 pm—WB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Spring Arbor University 1 pm—WB— Mount Vernon Nazarene University @ Taylor University 3 pm—MB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Spring Arbor University 3 pm—MB—Mount Vernon Nazarene University @ Taylor University 7:30 pm—BB—Eastbrook @ Wes-Del 7:30 pm—BB—Oak Hill @ Peru
Friday, January 10 8 am—WCS—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Centre Colonel Classic (Day 1) 6 pm—GB—Marion @ Richmond 7:30 pm—BB—Madison-Grant @ Blackford 7:30 pm—GB—Eastbrook @ Wes-Del 7:30 pm—BB—Oak Hill @ Peru	Meet TBA—GS—Marion @ NCC Meet 8 am—WCS—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Centre Colonel Classic (Day 2) 9 am—W—Oak Hill @ Peru Super 6 12:30 pm—GB—Oak Hill @ Blackford 1 pm—WB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Spring Arbor University 1 pm—WB— Mount Vernon Nazarene University @ Taylor University 3 pm—MB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Spring Arbor University 3 pm—MB—Mount Vernon Nazarene University @ Taylor University 7:30 pm—BB—Eastbrook @ Wes-Del 7:30 pm—BB—Oak Hill @ Peru
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left Miami at 9 am, heading north to Orlando. I didn’t have any football game to attend this day, so I had planned to go to my brother Bert’s house near Orlando in Eustis, Florida, and celebrate the New Year with him and his wife Nancy. However, that morning I was looking at the ESPN app on my iPhone and noticed that the University of Central Florida in Orlando--and just an hour from Bert’s house--was playing men’s basketball with the Temple Owls.

So right about 2 pm I pulled onto the UCF campus and bought a \$10 ticket for the basketball game. Students weren’t in school and the arena that holds 10,000 had about 1,000 people at most. With little cheering or crowd noise, it was eerie. I left at halftime of the game with the home team winning 33-28, but Temple came back and won 62-58. By the end of the game I was at Bert’s house making plans for the evening.

We decided to go see a movie and since they had not seen “Richard Jewell” we chose that one. I had seen it in Marion, but slept through parts of it, so I enjoyed it the second time, even though I slept through parts of it again. (Remember, I was up until 2 am.) Afterward, we stopped at Perkins for dinner and shut the place down at 9 pm. We went home and I went to bed a happy man and rang in the New Year with sound sleeping.

(Day 5: 300 miles; total: 1,700 miles)

Wednesday, Jan. 1

New Year’s Day used to be packed with football bowl games, but now there are just four on January 1: the Outback Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Rose Bowl and the Citrus Bowl. All feature high-ranked teams that didn’t quite make it into the playoffs. My brother Bert and I were going to go to the VRBO Citrus Bowl at Camping World Stadium in downtown Orlando. The game was between #13 Alabama and #14 Michigan and Alabama was a seven-point

favorite. I bought a Michigan hat, not because I particularly like Michigan, but I do like the Big Ten conference and both of my sons are big Michigan fans. The hat I bought was black with a gold “M” on it, so I can wear it to the Marion Giants games here at home.

Getting to the stadium was easy. Bert lives in Eustis, about 40 miles northwest of there and we drove downtown and took a free shuttle bus to the stadium. We arrived wanting to eat lunch and buy tickets for the game so we set about doing both. I got a crab cake sandwich and Bert a sausage sandwich and we found tickets for \$25 each from an Alabama couple looking to sell so they could buy better tickets. We ate lunch, lined up to go through security, and got in and found our seats in the upper deck, directly in bright sunshine.

After the first quarter we headed for the other side of the field and found seats in the shade in the middle of Alabama fans. This worked out: since I was in the shade I didn’t have to wear the Michigan hat.

Michigan led after the first quarter 10-7, and at halftime 16-14. The second half was all Alabama, though, and we left midway through the fourth quarter of what turned out to be a Crimson Tide flood, 35-16. The Big Ten was now 4-4 in this year’s bowl games and it would be up to Indiana tomorrow to uphold the conference honors and secure a winning record for the conference.

We drove home, picked up food, and took it home to enjoy with my brother’s wife Nancy. We had a nice time together and enjoyed the gorgeous, sunshiny day.

(Day 6: 100 miles; total: 1,800 miles)

Thursday, Jan. 2

I left Eustis at 8 am and got to Jacksonville before noon. I was staying with the Cox’s again, and they were arranging tickets and transportation to the Gator Bowl at 7 pm. A number of the members of his son-in-law’s family were

Mississinewa 7:30 pm—BB—Oak Hill @ Eastern	Mississinewa 7:30 pm—BB—Oak Hill @ Eastern
Monday, January 13 5 pm—BS—Huntington North @ Oak Hill 5 pm—GS—Huntington North @ Oak Hill	Mississinewa 7:30 pm—BB—Oak Hill @ Eastern
Tuesday, January 14 5 pm—MB—Huntington University @ Indiana Wesleyan University 5:30 pm—BS—Marion @ Bluffton 5:30 pm—GS—Marion @ Bluffton 7 pm—MB—Taylor University @ Goshen College 7:30 pm—BB—Northfield @ Eastbrook 7:30 pm—BB—Southwood @ Oak Hill 7:30 pm—GB—Wabash @ Eastbrook 7:30 pm—GB—Madison-Grant @ Taylor 7:30 pm—GB—Marion @	Mississinewa 7:30 pm—BB—Oak Hill @ Eastern

planning to be at the game because they were honoring the patriarch of the clan for his 50 years of running the yardage markers for games there at the Gator Bowl stadium. This was the only one of the four bowl games in which I had a real interest in the outcome. I was going to cheer for Indiana and hope that they could win their ninth game. They were playing the Tennessee Volunteers who were favored, but only by three points.

The game was both interesting to watch and exciting to cheer for. The first half was a see-saw battle that found Tennessee leading 6-3 at halftime. IU dominated the third quarter and led, 19-9 going into the last period. It was all Hoosiers now and they were rolling, leading 22-9 with just 10 minutes left in the game. They just had to keep doing what they were doing, but Tennessee had other ideas and scored twice, the second time with four minutes to play to take the lead, 23-22.

Indiana had plenty of time and drove the length of the field, but missed a field goal attempt. Final score: Tennessee 23, Indiana 22, a heart-breaking loss for the Hoosiers.

I sat in the middle of a lot of orange-clad Tennessee fans and proudly wore my IU hat and cheered whenever the Hoosiers did well. The fans were gracious and good-natured and those who hadn’t left when their team faltered in the third quarter enjoyed the comeback and the victory.

It was a very good game in a nice stadium on a gorgeous weather night in Jacksonville, FL. I wish the Hoosiers had held on to win, but that’s what makes the games so much fun to watch. “Wait until next year!”

(Day 7: 100 miles; total: 1,900 miles)

Friday, Jan. 3

The drive home was direct and straightforward. I didn’t stop any more than necessary for gasoline and the rest room. I left Jacksonville at 6:30 am and arrived in Marion just after 9 pm. That’s 14.5 hours for 950 miles, an average of 65 miles per hour. It rained the last 13 hours--all through Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Indiana. At least I didn’t have to squint because of the sun, and it didn’t turn into snow.

(Day 8: 1,000 miles; total: 2,900 miles)

Home again

It’s difficult to put into words exactly why I’ve made trips like this in the past, or why I continue to do so. I try to do them efficiently and conservatively, spending neither time nor money unnecessarily. I get satisfaction from planning it and then pulling it off successfully, which I was able to do this time.

I am thankful to the Lord for many things. I am thankful for an understanding wife who prefers to stay at home and track me and pray. I am thankful, also, for a nice 2004 Cadillac Deville that is comfortable, easy to drive, and dependable after 175,000 miles. I am thankful for being healthy enough to get by with minimal food, sleep, and feeling fine all week. I am thankful Dwight Eisenhower foresaw, planned, and pulled off the interstate highway system; it’s a tremendous thing and a wonder to experience every day for a week. I am thankful for safety in driving almost 3,000 miles without an accident, incident or speeding ticket!

I am thankful for friends and family who hosted me, got game tickets, and enjoyed the experiences with me. It’s much more fun to share these experiences. I am thankful for my brother Doug and this newspaper, for allowing me to write it up and share it with you. And I am humbly grateful for you readers who read it and make kind comments about enjoying it. While I do enjoy Facebook, and the feedback it provides, I’m still partial to newsprint. God bless you, dear reader: thank you!

Boys basketball, Continued from 8

throw line and turned the ball over 16 times in the loss, but Head Coach Greg Allison continues to be pleased with how his young team is progressing. "I truly believe that the boat is moving in the right direction," Eastbrook Head Coach Greg Allison said. "We are getting there. We are moving in the right direction. I challenged our seniors and our captains to keep everybody together, and I challenged them that this coming week...we have to have our best week of practice we've had all year."

Alex Baker led the Pan-

thers with 16 points, while Deniro Trout finished with 11 points and seven rebounds.

Golden Eagles fall to Western

In their first game of the New Year on Friday night, the Oak Hill Golden Eagles' offensive struggles continued as they were defeated by the Western Panthers 36-31. While the game was close throughout due to Golden Eagles' defensive play, the Golden Eagles had trouble putting the ball in the basket.

Despite the defeat, Oak Hill Head Coach Kevin Renbarger believes his team is taking positive steps forward, particularly

on the defensive end of the floor. "Even though the score doesn't look like a lot of fun it was a good game," Renbarger said. "It was one of our first adventures into the waters of typical 3A basketball. The game was very physical, very disciplined and hard fought. We made just a few too many mistakes offensively. We struggled to finish and score. We hit just one three-point shot all night and several shots around the basket that didn't fall.

"[But] if we continue to progress defensively as we did between this game and Madison-Grant we are going to be in every game we play."

Grant 4, Continued from 7

on Saturday morning and afternoon, the Eastbrook Panthers finished in third place, while the Madison-Grant Argylls came in fourth.

Eastbrook began the day against Mississinewa, falling by a score of 45-41.

The Indians took a 13-8 lead after the first quarter of play, but the Panthers opened the second quarter with five straight points to tie the game at 13. Mississinewa responded building its advantage to 24-18 at the halftime break.

Eastbrook came storming back in the third, outscoring the Indians 15-4 in the frame and building a 33-29 advantage, but Darah Watson scored 10 of her game-high 17 points in the final quarter, helping the Indians secure the four-point triumph.

"Our Achilles heel all year has been the free throw line and shots in the paint," Eastbrook Head Coach Jeff Liddick said. "We missed 18 shots in the paint and nine free throws and lost by four points. We had plenty of opportunities and just didn't capitalize on them."

Rachel Manning led the Panthers with 13 points, while Johwen McKim had 12.

In the second semifinal, despite another encouraging effort from his young group, Brandon Bradley's Argylls were defeated by the Oak Hill Golden Eagles 34-24.

Oak Hill took an 11-6 lead

after the quarter and increased that advantage to 17-8 midway through the second quarter. But the Argylls made it close, outscoring the Golden Eagles 5-1 the rest of the way to cut Oak Hill's lead to 18-12 at halftime.

"I felt like today versus when we played Oak Hill earlier in the year, we were much more aggressive from the jump," Madison-Grant Head Coach Brandon Bradley said. "In our previous matchup this season, I felt like we started the game a little tentatively due to past results in recent years. Today, though, we competed immediately at each end of the floor."

Oak Hill took control of the game in the third quarter, outscoring the Argylls 8-2 to go up by 12. Madison-Grant scored 10 points in the final frame but could not muster a comeback attempt.

"I felt like, in total, we were much better today than in most of our games so far this season," Bradley said. "There were three things that stood out to me where we could have been a little better, especially against such a quality opponent... we had some critical turnovers when we made runs. We were just 1-7 from the free throw line, and those six points could have been huge in a close game like this... Defensively, we were great for all but about four to five possession...If we correct one of those three areas, we probably make it a 2- to 4-point game. If we correct two of

those areas, maybe we give ourselves a chance to win that game."

For Oak Hill, Taylor Westgate led the way with 11 points and 11 rebounds, while Kate Hornocker finished with eight. Azmae Turner led the Argylls with 11 points.

In the consolation, Madison-Grant got off to a fast start, taking a 10-6 lead after the first quarter and holding a 20-18 advantage at halftime.

"It just didn't seem that we were ready to play," Liddick said. "We came out real flat. We picked it up a little bit in the second quarter and were able to outscore them 12-10, but we were still down two at halftime."

But in the second half, Eastbrook's defense turned the tide, holding Madison-Grant to just seven points in the second half, securing a 36-27 triumph.

"I just challenged them in that third quarter to go out and play like they were playing for a championship," Liddick said. "And they did. We outscored them 12-1 in the third and get the lead [for good.] In the second half, we held them to one point in the third and six points in the fourth. Any time you hold a team to seven points in a half, you are doing something right."

Manning led Eastbrook in scoring in the consolation game as well, scoring eight points, while Lexi Binkerd and Sedah McKim each scored six. Daya Greene scored eight to lead Madison-Grant, while Zoey Barnett collected seven.



Sandi Watson,
Admissions
Coordinator

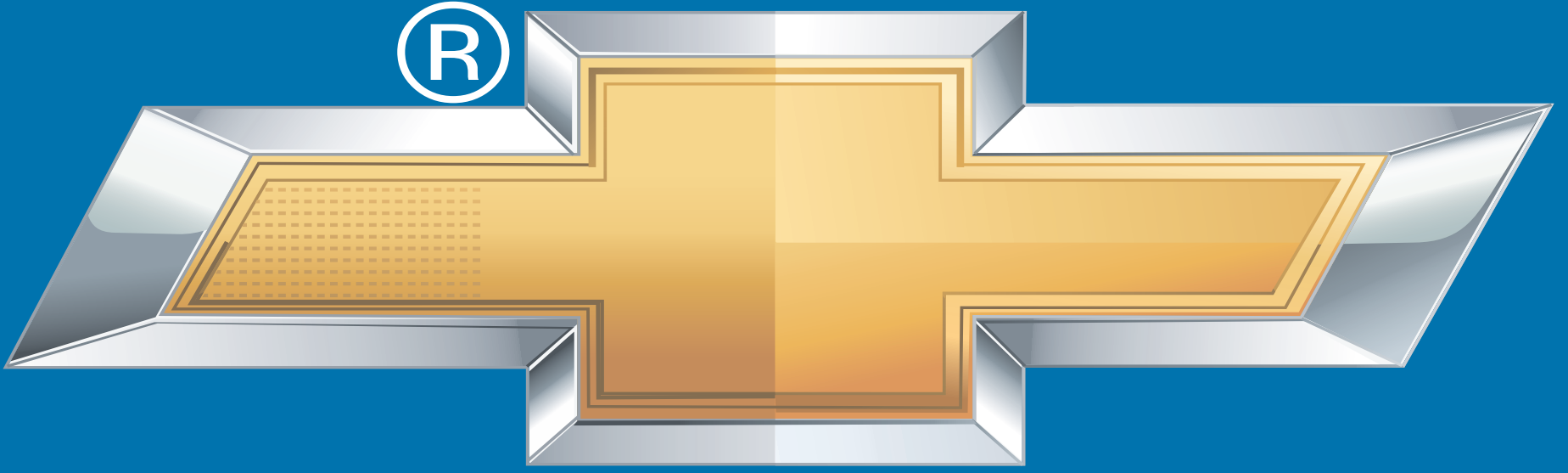
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