

# Eastbrook girls gasketball team wins first Grant Four title in five years

By Sean Douglas

Throughout his nine-year career at the helm of the Eastbrook girls basketball program, Jeff Liddick’s philosophy has remained the same. Success on the hardwood starts with defense.

The Panthers have taken pride in that facet of their game throughout the 2020-2021 season, and it was the major factor in their 50-27 triumph over Oak Hill Wednesday night in the Grant Four Championship — their first county tournament victory in five years

After a closely contested first half, the Panthers dominated the final two quarters, holding the Golden Eagles to just nine points, one in the fourth quarter, and three total field goals, all of which came in the third stanza.

“I have to give the girls all the credit for stepping up to the challenge that we set forth for them. To hold them to nine points in a half is pretty amazing,” Liddick said.

As the second half progressed, the Panthers ramped up their defensive intensity, keeping the Oak Hill offense grounded and forcing the Golden Eagles into a plethora of mistakes, which allowed them to pull away.

However, the Golden Eagles did not do themselves any favors by turning the ball over 13 times in the second half and 21 times overall, many of which were unforced.

The first quarter was tightly contested, with neither team leading by more than two possessions in the opening eight minutes. Eastbrook opened the scoring with a pair of buckets in the paint from Kristin Goff, and Carlee Biddle answered with four points of her own to twice but Oak Hill ahead by two.

However, freshman Olivia Howell gave the Panthers the lead back for good in the final 23 seconds, converting on a three-point play to make it a 9-8 Eastbrook advantage after one.

## Indians

of the second half to put the Indians up by 10. Swanner, who was essentially a non-factor in the December 18 matchup, was all over the floor on Tuesday night, leading the Indians with 19 points, eight of which came in the third quarter.

“It was tough, but I got some back door [looks.]” Swanner said. “[Grant Brown] took away the three, so I had a lot of drives to the basket. I just drove a little bit more.”

The Argylls, however, continued to battle throughout the second half, chipping away at the Mississinewa lead little by little. After cutting the Indians’ advantage to six points after three quarters, an 8-0 run to begin the fourth, which included a three-point play by Jackson Manwell, a three by Howell, and a pair of free throws by Justin Moore, tied the contest at 40-40 with 4:30 to play.

But despite this adversity, the Indians never wavered.

“We just told ourselves to stick to the gameplan, be patient, and get stops,” Swanner said. “We executed at the end.”

Colin Yoder and Hayden Ulerrick answered Moore’s free throws with back-to-back baskets, and Swanner added another field goal at the 2:16 mark to put Mississinewa back up six.

Moore hit another pair of free throws just 14 seconds later, and Howell followed with another three to cut the advantage to 46-45, but that was as close



Eastbrook posing with their Grant Four championship trophy - their first county championship in five years.**Photo by Sean Douglas**

The Panthers used a 10-0 run in the first four minutes of the second quarter to build a 19-8 lead, which included a pair of threes from freshman shooting guard Sophia Morrison, a jumper from Goff, and a score off a steal from Howell.

However, the Golden Eagles pushed back, ending the first half on a 10-4 run, including a three at the buzzer from Audrey Leak, to cut Eastbrook’s advantage to 23-18.

Feeling that his team suffered a few defensive lapses and break-downs late in the first half, Liddick challenged them to go all out on the defensive end on every possession.

And the message was heard loud and clear.

“I felt like the execution and the effort was inconsistent,” Liddick said. “I challenged them...to go out on both ends of the court, make them hate to guard you, and then, when you’re on the defensive end, make them hate being guarded. I thought we did a great job of that in the second half.”

A contributing factor to the Pan-

thers’ staunch defensive play was the performance of junior Lily McLaughlin. Primarily a JV player, McLaughlin earned varsity minutes after a stellar performance in the JV Grant Four Championship, in which she scored 30 of the Panthers’ 50 points.

From the moment she stepped on the court, the energy level was immediately raised. The Panthers began to execute better, and their defensive play drastically improved. Though she only scored three points, she also came away with five rebounds, along with several

steals in crucial situations.

“We’ve been wanting Lily to do that all season long,” Liddick said. “We knew she was capable of giving us minutes like that at the varsity level all season long. I told her before the game, ‘You are going to get an opportunity here. I want you to play with the same confidence and the same intensity that you played with in the JV championship.’ When she came in, the bench was super excited for her. Her teammates on the floor fed off of that, and she gave us a big lift.”

Eastbrook built a 38-26 lead after

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT III, GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF ALBERT V. MILLER  
ESTATE NO. 27D03-2012-EU-127

Notice is given that JOE L. MILLER and LINDA S. BRAITHWAITE were On the day of December 2020, appointed as the Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of ALBERT V. MILLER, who died testate on the 5th day of June, 2020. The Co-Personal Representatives are 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 29, 2020.

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COUNTY OF GRANT ) CAUSE NO. 27D01-2012-MF-000078

GRANT COUNTY STATE BANK  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
GARY L. GIBBS, Deceased;  
HEIGHTS FINANCE CORPORATION;  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND  
DEVEISEES OF GARY L. GIBBS,  
Deceased; and UNKNOWN OCCUPANT(S)  
Defendants

### SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF INDIANA TO THE PERSONS ABOVE NAMED: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF GARY L. GIBBS, DECEASED

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named by the person named as Plaintiff. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint on Promissory Note and to Foreclose Mortgage With No Right to Settlement Conference.

This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF GARY L. GIBBS, DECEASED, whose whereabouts is unknown.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must respond within thirty (30) days after the last publication herein and in case you fail to do so, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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the third quarter and outscored the Golden Eagles 12-1 in the final frame to secure the victory.

Morrison, after scoring just nine points in the Panthers’ semi-final against Mississinewa, put together a strong performance against Oak Hill, scoring 16 points, including all of Eastbrook’s three-point attempts. Howell finished the game with seven points and five rebounds, while Goff, Johwen McKim, and Sehдах McKim each added six points.

For Oak Hill, Biddle led the way with seven points, while Treniti Thurman and Joy McDivitt each scored five.

With their victory on Wednesday, the Panthers accomplished one of their major goals.

Now, the work continues.

“If we can find some consistency, we will be pretty tough going into tournament time,” Liddick said. “Hopefully, that’s the point we get to here over the next four to four and a half weeks.”

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### NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT #3 OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA.  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT A. CHAPMAN, deceased.  
ESTATE NUMBER 27D03-2010-EU-117

Notice is hereby given that Danny Chapman was on the 15th day of December, 2020, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert A. Chapman, who died on the 22nd day of October, 2020, and is 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 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 said claim will be forever barred.

Dated at Marion, Indiana, on January 4, 2021.

/s/Pamela Harris  
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT #3 OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA.  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN S. HUNTER, deceased.  
ESTATE NUMBER 27D03-2009-EU-103

Notice is hereby given that Stephen Swafford was on the 22nd day of October, 2020, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Karen S. Hunter, who died on the 21st day of August, 2020, and is 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 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 said claim will be forever barred.

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