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New school for M-G?

Monroe-Gregg looks to buy 101 acres across from Homestead for new school complex

By Jared Quigg
MCC Reporter

MONROVIA — The Monroe-Gregg school district is looking to expand.

On Monday evening, the district’s school board gave the nod to its lawyer, Steve Harris, to begin early discussions with the owners of Eagle Pointe Property about potentially buying their land for a new school complex.

The details about this possible acquisition were laid out during the board’s work session Oct. 1. The land the district wishes to purchase is 101 acres and appraised at \$2.295 million. Importantly, Eagle Pointe Property is in a prime location — right across the street from the Homestead neighborhood.

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ANSWERING THE CALL



Five National Guardsmen from Morgan County among 600 Hoosiers deployed to the Middle East

By Jared Quigg
MCC Reporter

CAMP ATTERBURY — In the middle of a rainy week in Indiana, the sun shined over Camp Atterbury long enough to say farewell.

The afternoon of Sept. 25 gave 600 Indiana National Guardsmen a chance to say goodbye to their families at the military post west of Edinburgh as they are set to be deployed to the Middle East.

The soldiers — five of whom are from Morgan County — are part of the Indiana National Guard 38th Infantry Division, and will deploy to seven different countries as part of Operation Spartan Shield, described by the Guard as a U.S. operation “to strengthen defense relationships and build partner capacity through leader engagements, multinational exercises and response planning.”

The deployment has been in the works for about a year, and comes as tensions throughout the region are rising. The

war in Gaza has now gone on for over a year with no end in sight, and Israel has launched a ground invasion of Lebanon.

By time of publication, the Morgan County Guardsmen along with the other 595 troops will be training at Fort Cavazos, Texas, where they will remain for about a month before being sent to military headquarters in Kuwait. From there, they will move to their designated posts in the region, and their deployment will last for about a year.

The northern barracks at Camp Atterbury were packed, with well over 1,000 people, troops and their families, some reuniting after months apart only to say farewell. The 38th Infantry Division band provided the soundtrack, upbeat patriotic tunes washing over the crowd. The horns blasted Greatness, Strength, Resilience; the audience listened and felt Excitement, Anxiety, and Sadness, all at the same time.

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FROM TOP: Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb addresses 600 Hoosier National Guardsmen and their families during a deployment ceremony Sept. 25. The troops — which include five Morgan County soldiers — are currently training in Texas, but by next month will have deployed to the Middle East as tensions continue to rise throughout the region. // Sgt. First Class Leo Kent of Martinsville poses for a photo at the deployment ceremony last month. A husband, father and Guardsmen for 14 years, Kent will be gone for nearly a year serving in his first deployment. (Jared Quigg photos / MCC)



County makes way for healthier living

By Keith Rhoades
MCC Chief Correspondent

MORGAN COUNTY — During their meeting Monday morning, the Morgan County Commissioners approved several memorandums of understanding between the county’s health department and local organizations that will help promote the health and safety of county residents.

The funding comes from a state grant intended to help the county promote programs that will help improve the health of county residents.

The funds will help those organizations to develop programs that protect against disease, inform residents and prepare for natural and other disasters, and maintain the well-being of all residents through health education.

The community partners and associated funding include:

- Franciscan Health Foundation, Inc., \$88,235
- Churches in Mission, \$30,000
- Chambers Consulting and Training, \$3,875

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Madison Twp holds tense meeting

By Keith Rhoades
MCC Chief Correspondent



From left: Madison Township Advisory Board members Matthew Pranger, Nelson Hoggatt and Dawn Horock discuss the fire department’s budget during its meeting last Wednesday night. (Keith Rhoades photo / MCC)

MADISON TOWNSHIP — Despite nearly three hours of often tense discussion, the Madison Township Advisory Board could not reach a decision on the 2025 budget at its meeting last Wednesday.

They decided to meet again on Oct. 22 to continue their discussions.

Township trustee Larry Ellis may consider using some of his “personal services” funding to hire an umpire, a referee or the Morgan County SWAT team to keep order during the meeting.

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Obituary

Dallas Hacker, 85

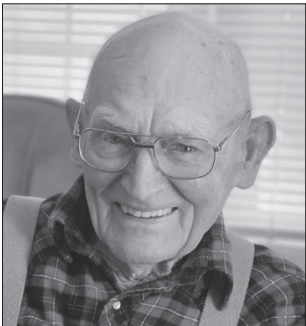
MARTINSVILLE — Lifetime Morgan County resident, Dallas Lee Hacker, 85, Martinsville, entered eternal rest on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at Franciscan Hospice House in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dallas was one of eight children born to the late Ira Franklin and Verna Kathleen (McDaniel) Hacker. Dallas was born Tuesday, February 14, 1939, in Martinsville.

Mr. Hacker owned and operated Dallas Hacker and Son Trucking and Excavating in Martinsville. He was also a former school bus driver for the MSD of Martinsville, formerly worked for Allison's Transmission, was a farmer, and alongside his son, he also was a gravedigger for many years.

Dallas was a member of the Morgan County Antique Machinery Association and had a love for Allis-Chalmers tractors. He enjoyed attending auctions, riding his golf cart and three-wheeler with his grandchildren, as well as, taking them on pony cart rides.

He married the love of his life, Sharon Kay (Hacker) Hacker on February 19th, 1955; she preceded him in death on September 26th, 2004. He leaves behind a host of loving family including his son, Anthony Kevin "Tony" Hacker and daughter, Alesia Ann Payne, both of Martinsville; brother, Ira Franklin "Frank" Hacker (wife, Phyllis) of Martinsville; sister, Catherine Etter of Martinsville; grandchildren, Rachael Linnette Hampton (husband, Michael), Anthony Wade Hacker (wife, Hallie), Staci Leigh Vanzant (hus-



band, Jeromey Schabel) and Dustin Lynn Vanzant (wife, Samantha) and step grandson, Jeremy Letcher Payne (wife, Katie); great-grandchildren, Elijah James and Elysia Nicole Murphy, Emerson Kay-Lee Brown, Keira Makenzie and Mallory Alexis Hacker, Lily Jeanne Vanzant and Jenna Leigh Schabel; one great-great-grandson, Mateo James Murphy and three step great grandsons, Lance Connor Schabel and Cameron Letcher and Neil Edward Payne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brothers, Jerry and Rickey Hacker, sisters, Peggy Sighting, Harriet Carter and Beckey Rynard and son-in-law, Dennis Payne.

His family has honored his wishes, and his earthly remains will be cremated and laid to rest alongside his wife, Sharon at New South Park Cemetery in Martinsville.

Neal and Summers Funeral and Cremation Center has been entrusted with arrangements and online condolences may be shared with his family at www.nealandsummers.com.



Jail Bookings

These are preliminary charges and do not represent a conviction. Suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Jazmyn Joy Anders, 20, Washington, criminal confinement and intimidation.

Ryan Douglas Atherton, 36, Martinsville, serving time – probation violation.

Zachary Lee Baker, 30, Morgantown, intimidation with a deadly weapon and pointing a firearm.

Zachary Mark Bales, 41, Morgantown, operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior conviction, possession of methamphetamine, and resisting law enforcement–defendant uses a vehicle.

Tonnayia Barbee, 22, Bloomington, wanted on Monroe County warrant and wanted on Brown County warrant.

Jacob William Bennington, 34, Martinsville, failure to appear.

Wilbur E. Bridgewater, 77, Gosport, probation revoked.

Dustin Travis Burton, 40, Martinsville, intimidation, invasion of privacy, and probation revoked.

Kenneth F. Caincross, 65, Martinsville, driving while suspended-prior.

Kevin Vern Caldwell, 51, Solsberry, failure to appear.

Thomas Christopher Campbell, 37, Indianapolis, failure to appear.

Ty Donovan Chaney, 54, Morgantown, intimidation, disorderly conduct and domestic battery.

Edward Shane Chadwick, 43, Bloomington, contempt of court.

Jamison Darnell Chapman, 36, Bloomington, driving while suspended-prior.

James Edward Clark Jr., 41, Martinsville, serving time – probation violation.

Jaycob Kenneth Cook, 24, Mooresville, serving time – interfering with public safety.

Brett Matthew Cooper, 26, Martinsville, possession of a hypodermic syringe or needle, possession of paraphernalia, and interfering with public safety.

Lateesha Marie Emra, 29, Martinsville, operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 percent or more.

Daniel Garza, 64, Indianapolis, theft-vehicle with prior conviction and unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle.

Steven James Goode, 35, Martinsville, operating a vehicle while intoxicated-prior conviction and resisting law enforcement – defendant uses a vehicle.

Cassandra Ann Green, 38, Indianapolis, forgery and fraud.

Bryan Keith Grimm Jr., 38, Vincennes, failure to appear.

Bryan Douglas Hall, 44, Nashville, habitual traffic violator.

Donald Edward Haymaker, 36, Martinsville, criminal mischief and disorderly conduct.

Linda Marie Hicks, 44, Spencer, identity deception and possession of marijuana.

Charles Thomas Hutchings, 49, Indianapolis, operating while intoxicated alcohol/drugs.

David James Jagers, 44, Indianapolis, driving while suspended-prior.

Kelby Lee Jagers, 29, Mooresville, domestic battery.

Obituary Notices

Nancy Hartley, 62

MOORESVILLE — Nancy M. Hartley, 62, of Mooresville, died Sept. 29, 2024. Arrangements by Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service and Crematory in Mooresville.

Judith Ooley-Shover, 72

MORGAN COUNTY — Judith "Judy" Ann Ooley-Shover, 72, of Morgan County, died Oct. 2, 2024. Arrangements by Light Memorial and Funeral Chapel in Monrovia.

Death Notices

Morgan County Health Department

Juanita Louise Edwards, 86, Martinsville
Erik C. Durbin, 53, Mooresville
Ruth S. Clift, 95, Plainfield

Marriage/Divorces

Marriage Licenses

Jack Allen Robbins III, Mooresville; Brooke Elizabeth-Danielle Fowler, Mooresville
Haley Elizabeth Card, Mooresville; Casey Alexander Martin, Mooresville
Jordan Andrew Scroggs, Martinsville; Savannah Renee Harris, Martinsville
Kristen Michelle Braswell, Martinsville; Austin Cole Johnson, Martinsville
Jessica Alice Remick, Martinsville; Joshua Lee Slevin, Martinsville
Jeffrey Keith Heifner, Indianapolis; Crystal Mae Emberton, Mooresville
Benjamin Foster, Martinsville; Reagan Roberson, Martinsville
John Barnett, Martinsville; Stacy Miller, Martinsville
Miranda Elaine Delongchamp, Martinsville; Jordan Austin Gray, Martinsville
Jack A. Reed Jr., Monrovia; Kelly Sue Haake, Corydon
Alexa Corrine Enoch,

Martinsville; Dylan Bales, Martinsville
Samuel McGhee, Camby; Mikayla Ricketts, Avon
Lacey Lynn Brown, Mooresville; Chase Allen Hawley, Winchester
Ian Patton, Mooresville; Rica Mae Bea, Mooresville
Jesse Eggers, Martinsville; Savannah Brock, Martinsville
Karen Crenshaw, Mooresville; Seth Ream, Mooresville
Gary Coffey Jr., Martinsville; Emma Hayden, Martinsville
Coty Govern, Martinsville; Cherokee Critchfield, Martinsville

Divorces

Phebe Atwood vs. Shearl Dean Atwood
Shelby O'Farrell vs. Aaron O'Farrell
Angella McCary vs. Robert Atkinson
Jennifer Burchard vs. Kenneth Burchard

alcohol/drugs, and possession of a hypodermic syringe or needle.

Shane Andrew Richardson, 41, Martinsville, contempt of court.

Tarrah L. Sedam, 44, Martinsville, public intoxicated by alcohol/drugs, criminal trespass, and disorderly conduct.

Justin Ryan Shipley, 37, Martinsville, domestic battery-simple assault, battery, possession of paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana.

Kelly Renee Smothers, 39, Indianapolis, operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and laving the scene of a property damage crash.

Ava Lee South, 18, Greenwood, interference with custody, disorderly conduct, possession of a hypodermic syringe or needle, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine, and possession of paraphernalia.

Brandi Marie South, 18, La Porte, possession of hypodermic syringe or needle, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, possession of cocaine, possession of paraphernalia, and possession of methamphetamine.

Jennifer Lynn Tafoya, 48, Camby, serving time-probation violation.

George R. Whirley, 64, Greenwood, operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment and operating with a controlled substance in body.

Roberson passes unexpectedly

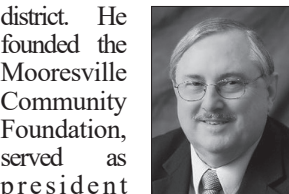
Staff Report

MOORESVILLE — Dr. William Roberson, vice president of the Mooresville school board and former superintendent for the Mooresville Consolidated School Corp., died unexpectedly Oct. 1 at 78.

The 1964 Mooresville High School grad went on to lead the district for 30 years (1972-2002), acting as principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent during his tenure.

He would later come out of retirement to serve as the interim superintendent for both the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville and the Monroe-Gregg School District. Outside of Morgan County, Roberson also was interim superintendent for the Yorktown and South Henry school districts.

Roberson was heavily involved in the Mooresville community beyond the school



ROBERSON

district. He founded the Mooresville Community Foundation, served as president of Mooresville's Board of Zoning Appeals and was vice president of Mooresville's Plan Commission, amongst many other roles in town.

In addition to his community service and political endeavors, Roberson was a professor at Indiana University and an administrator at Indiana Wesleyan University, taking his educational vocation to the highest levels. He co-authored five books on school finance, facilities and leadership, and was working on a sixth book at the time of his death.

A visitation celebrating Roberson's life was held Saturday inside the North Gym at Mooresville High School.

Court News

Morgan County Superior Court I Judge Dakota Vanleeuwen

William Brickley, 44, Mooresville, resisting law enforcement and operating while intoxicated-endangerment. Sentenced to 270 days in jail, 365-day license suspension, fines and costs of \$390.

Jaycob Cook, 24, Mooresville, resisting law enforcement. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, suspended except for 12 days to serve, 353 days probation, fines and costs of \$190.

Randal Eggers, Martinsville, probation violation. Sentenced to 230 days in jail, fines and costs of \$2,185.

Christopher Zullo, 57, Plainfield, fraud. Fines costs and restitution of \$390.

Superior Court II Judge Brian H. Williams

Deonta D. Burks, 40, Indianapolis, criminal mischief. Sentenced to 100 days in jail (time served), fines and costs of \$190.

William Hiatt, 40, Noblesville, operating a vehicle after forfeiture of license for life. Sentenced to 1,460 days in Indiana Department of Corrections, suspended except for 273 days to serve (time served), 1,187 days probation, fines and costs of \$190.

Charles Hutchings, 49, Indianapolis, operating while intoxicated-endangerment. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, suspended except for six days to serve, 359 days probation, 180-day license suspension, fines and costs of \$390.

Alicia C. Stiles, 47, Martinsville, operating while intoxicated-endangerment with prior conviction. Sentenced to 730 days in jail, suspended except for 120 days to serve (20 days jail, 100 days home detention), 610 days probation, two-year license suspension, fines and costs of \$390.

Dylan Stout, 25, Monrovia, operating while intoxicated endangering. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, suspended except for six days to serve, 359 days probation, 180-day license suspension, fines and costs of \$390.

Nemessis Venegas, 34, Perris, Calif., reckless driving. Sentenced to four days in jail (time served), fines and costs of \$190.

Superior Court III Judge Sara A. Dungan

Kenneth L. Bingaman, 37, Ho-

bart, residential entry. Sentenced to 455 days in jail, suspended except for 190 days to serve (time served), 265 days probation, fines and costs of \$590.

Jennifer R. Harding, 40, Indianapolis, theft. Sentenced to 270 days in jail, suspended except for 16 days to serve (time served), 270 days probation, trespassed from business in Mooresville, fines, costs, and restitution of \$1,181.

Holly J. Huff, 47, Muncie, possession of methamphetamine. Sentenced to 545 days in jail, suspended except for 90 days to serve (time served), 545 days probation, fines and costs of \$790.

Ashlie Jones, 38, Martinsville, possession of methamphetamine. Sentenced to 545 days in jail, suspended except for 30 days to serve, 545 days probation, fines and costs of \$790.

Ricky Logan, 20, Martinsville, resisting law enforcement and minor consumption of alcohol. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, suspended except for six days to serve, 345 days probation, fines and costs of \$191.

Glenn McCullough, 32, Mooresville, false identity statement. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, suspended except for 90 days to serve, 275 days probation, fines and costs of \$590.

Karl G. Petiotte, 33, Indianapolis, operating while intoxicated endangering a person. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, suspended except for six days to serve, 359 days probation, 90-day license suspension, fines and costs of \$590.

Sara L. Scott, 41, Bargersville, operating while intoxicated endangering a person. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, suspended except for eight days to serve (time served), 359 days probation, 90 day license suspension, fines and costs of \$790.

Bradley A. St. Clair, 55, Gosport, unsafe lane movement. Fines and costs of \$340.

Meredith Walker, 22, Martinsville, two counts of domestic battery and disorderly conduct. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, suspended except for 82 days to serve (time served), 280 days probation, fines and costs of \$590.

Stephen Willoughby, 38, Indianapolis, possession of methamphetamine. Sentenced to 545 days in jail, suspended except for 232 days to serve (time served), 365 days probation, fines and costs of \$790.

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Government Meetings

Oct. 10 The Martinsville Board of Works will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.	of Health will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the administration building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.
Oct. 28 The Morgan County Library Board will meet at 6 p.m. at the main branch, 110 S. Jefferson St. in Martinsville.	
Oct. 29 The Martinsville Fire Merit Board will meet at 6 p.m. in the FD training room, 160 W. Morgan St.	
Oct. 15 The Martinsville Police Merit Board will meet at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.	Nov. 4 The Morgan County Drainage Board will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the administration building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.
The Mooresville Town Council will meet at 6:30 at the Government Center, 4 E. Harrison St.	The Morgan County Commissioners will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the administration building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.
Oct. 16 The Harrison Township Fire District will meet at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall behind New Beginnings Church, 8657 Waverly Road north of Martinsville.	The Mooresville Library Board will meet at 4 p.m. in the Bonita C. Marley Community Room at the library, 220 W. Harrison St.
The Martinsville Unsafe Building and Hearing Authority will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.	Nov. 5 The Mooresville Town Council will meet at 6:30 at the Government Center, 4 E. Harrison St.
Oct. 17 The Mooresville Police Commission will meet at 6 p.m. at the Government Center, 4 E. Harrison St.	Nov. 6 The Morgan County Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the administration building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.
Oct. 21 The Morgan County Redevelopment Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the administration building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.	Nov. 7 The Mooresville Redevelopment Commission will meet at 6 p.m. at the Government Center, 4 E. Harrison St.
The Mooresville Park Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the park office, 1101 Indianapolis Road.	Nov. 11 The Mooresville Park Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the park office, 1101 Indianapolis Road.
The Monrovia Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 6:30 p.m. at town hall, 60 Marley Way.	Nov. 12 The Morgan County Redevelopment Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the administration building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.
The Morgan County Commissioners will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the administration building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.	The Martinsville Park Board will meet at 6 p.m. in the park office at Jimmy Nash City Park, 360 N. Home Ave.
Oct. 22 The Martinsville Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.	The Mooresville Police Commission will meet at 6 p.m. at the Government Center, 4 E. Harrison St.
The Monrovia Town Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Government Center, 60 Marley Way.	The Monrovia Plan Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. at town hall, 60 Marley Way.
The Martinsville Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.	The Martinsville Board of Works will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.
Oct. 23 The Martinsville Board of Works will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.	The Martinsville City Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.
The Martinsville City Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.	The Morgan County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds, 1749 Hospital Drive in Martinsville, for its annual meeting.
The Monroe Township Fire District will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 450 N. Chestnut St. in Monrovia.	Nov. 13 The Martinsville Redevelopment Commission will meet at 7:30 a.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.
Oct. 24 The Morgan County Board	

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County road closures

From Morgan County

NOW OPEN

Robb Hill Road: Bridge construction is complete, and the road is now fully open.

UPCOMING CLOSURES

- Yale Road will be closed on or after Oct. 11 for paving.
- Twin Oaks Road will be closed on or after Oct. 14 for paving.
- Harvey Road will be closed on or after Oct. 15 for paving.
- Hurt Road will be closed on or after Oct. 15 for paving.
- Woodside Drive will be closed on or after Oct. 16 for paving.
- Penny Lane will be closed on or after Oct. 16 for paving.
- Rainbow Lane will be closed on or after Oct. 16 for paving.
- Rosewood Drive will be closed on or after Oct. 16 for paving.

- Magnetic Acres Road will be closed on or after Oct. 17 for paving.
- Cedarview Drive will be closed on or after Oct. 17 for paving.
- Woodlawn Drive will be closed on or after Oct. 17 for paving.
- Callie Drive will be closed on or after Oct. 24 for paving.
- Markland Drive will be closed on or after Oct. 24 for paving.
- Levi Lane will be closed on or after Oct. 24 for paving.
- Etna Green Drive will be closed on or after Oct. 25 for paving.
- Cedar Grove Court will be closed on or after Oct. 25 for paving.
- Walton Drive will be closed on or after Oct. 25 for paving.

ACTIVE CLOSURES

Leonard Road Small Structure 1251 Replacement – Emergency closure in January of 2024. Project is beginning design phase and construction anticipated Spring/Summer 2025.

State road closures

- Ind. 42: The structural overlay project with culvert replacements located west of Monrovia is expected to open up in late fall. The new hard closure will be 3/10ths of a mile West of Lake Ditch Road, which is in between Lake Ditch and Hall Road.
- Ind. 144 over White River: Traffic will be restricted to one lane with a width of 14'3" until Oct. 21.
- Ind. 67 near Centerton: Bridge rehabilitation work continues on southbound Ind. 67 approximately half a mile southwest of Centerton to complete a small structure replacement project in Morgan County. Work is expected to be complete by late November, weather permitting.
- Ind. 39: The bridge will be closed on Ind. 39 in both directions between Ind. 67 and Ind. 142 (4 miles south of the Monrovia area) through Dec. 6.

Calendar of Events

Oct. 4 to Oct. 27

Hall's Haunted Halls 2024 season, 5955 W Hurt Road in Monrovia every Friday and Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m.

Oct. 7 to Oct 18

Fall Break Activities at Anderson Orchard, 369 E Greencastle Road in Mooresville from 8 a.m. to dark each day. petting zoo, hayrides, face painting, food trucks, pick your own apples or raspberries.

Oct. 10 to Oct 13

Fall Foliage Festival at the square in Martinsville from 5 to 9 p.m. daily, carnival rides and vendors.

Oct. 10

Cruise-in on the Square, 10 E Washington St., in Martinsville from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday Euchre at Martinsville Senior Center from History Center and Museum Ice Cream Social at 127 S Main St. in Martinsville from 5 to 7 p.m. All ages welcome.

Oct. 11

Friday Euchre at Martinsville Senior Center from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. \$5 All are welcome.

Farmer's Market at Rhea's Park, 11672 Walters Road in Eminence from 4 -7 p.m.

Jimmy Nash Park Pumpkin Patch at 360 N Home Ave in Martinsville from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

First 200 children up to age 16 can pick a pumpkin from the patch, free event.

Open Studio and Open Mic night,

Art Sanctuary, 190 N. Sycamore St.in Martinsville, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tour working artists studios and enjoy local live music.

Live Music at Cedar Creek Winery, 3820 Leonard Road, featuring the Electric Martins at 6 p.m.

Taps on the Square at southwest corner of the courthouse square in Martinsville at 6:50 p.m.

Karaoke Stars with Bobbi Delane at Hoosier Que/Foxcliff Golf Club, 1970 E. Mapleturn Road north of Martinsville at 7 p.m

Oct. 12

Benefit Breakfast and bake sale at Paragon Volunteer Fire Department 101 W Union St., 8 a.m. to noon. Proceeds to help make the Birchfield home handicap accessible.

Fall Foliage Festival Bed Races, on the square at 10:30 a.m. sponsored by Hudson.

Live Music at Cedar Creek Winery, 3820 Leonard Road, featuring Jack McDivitt at 2 p.m.

Visiting Artist Matthew Skillern at Krypton Comics, 77 E Washington St in Martinsville from noon to 5 p.m.

Pork Chop Dinner at VFW 1000 S Josephine in Martinsville from 6-8 p.m. Pork chop, baked potato, green beans, salad and roll for \$20. This event is open to the public.

Bar Mc Rodeo at Paragon Speedway, 8486 W Old Ind 67. starts at 7p.m., gates open at 5 p.m. Adults \$20, 12 and under free. Handicap parking is free, other parking is \$10.

Live Music at Foxcliff Golf Club/ Hoosier Que 1970 E. Mapleturn Road north of Martinsville featuring J.C. Clements at 7 p.m., free event, all ages welcome.

Oct. 13

Live Music at Cedar Creek Winery, 3820 Leonard Road, featuring John Ryan from 2 to 7 p.m.

Oct. 14

Pioneer Pathfinders walk at Pioneer Park, 1101 N Indianapolis Road in Mooresville 9 to 10 a.m., meet at shelter #2.

Free Hot Meal Monday's at First Christian Church, 89 S. Main St. in Martinsville from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Recovery Ministry at Mt. Gilead Church, 6019 E. State Road 144 in Mooresville, Monday evenings from 7-8:30 pm, snacks and fellowship at 6:30.

PAL Parents of Addicted Loved Ones at The Haven Youth Center,

39 E. Jackson St. in Martinsville. Meets each Monday for education and support, 6:30 to 8 p.m. 317-494-8794

Oct. 16

Grief Share at Monrovia Christian Church, 710 Gordon Road 6 to 8 p.m. 317-374-1166

Oct. 17

Cruise-in on the Square, 10 E Washington St., in Martinsville from 5 to 9 p.m.

Open Mic Night at Cedar Creek Winery, 3820 Leonard Road, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Thursday Euchre at Martinsville Senior Center from 6 to 9 p.m. \$3 All are welcome.

Morgan County Republican Women monthly meeting at the Martinsville Youth Center, 165 Morton Ave., at 6 p.m.

The Foxcliff Chess Club at the Manor House, 4041 N. Foxcliff Drive in Martinsville, at 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 18

Friday Euchre at Martinsville Senior Center from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. \$5 All are welcome.

Farmer's Market at Rhea's Park, 11672 Walters Road in Eminence from 4 -7 p.m.

Taps on the Square at southwest corner of the courthouse square in Martinsville at 6:50 p.m.

Karaoke Stars with Bobbi Delane at Hoosier Que/Foxcliff Golf Club, 1970 E. Mapleturn Road north of Martinsville at 7 p.m

Oct. 19

Morgan County GOP Monthly Breakfast at Brooklyn Christian Church, 7 S. Church St. at 8:30 a.m.

Cedar Creek Wine Run 5K at 3820 Leonard Road east of Martinsville at 9 a.m.

2024 Mooresville Arts-A-Palooza at Mooresville Arts Partnership, 697 Indianapolis Road from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m Music, Food, Art and Fun. This is a free event.

Morgantown Fire Department Fall Fish Fry on N Highland St from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fall VBS Food Truck Party at Jimmy Nash Park, 360 N Home Ave in Martinsville, playground shelter house Noon to 4 p.m. Hosted by M1 Nazarene Church. All Welcome.

Drumming Circle at The Venue 183 N Jefferson St. in Martinsville from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Drink at the Creek Concert at Cedar Creek Winery, 3820 Leonard Road, Elton John and Billy Joel tribute Show at 5 p.m.

Oct. 20

Trunk or Treat at the Morgan County Fairgrounds, 1749 Hospital Drive in Martinsville from 2 to 4 p.m., also accepting canned food donations for Thanksgiving meals. Sponsored by Morgan County 4H Junior Leaders.

Live Music at Cedar Creek Winery, 3820 Leonard Road, featuring Steve Fulton at 2 p.m.

Sammy Terry Show and Meet N Greet at The Art Sanctuary, 190 N. Sycamore St., in Martinsville, Free to enter, doors open at 5:15 starts at 6 p.m.

Oct. 21

Pioneer Pathfinders walk at Pioneer Park, 1101 N Indianapolis Road in Mooresville 9 to 10 a.m., meet at shelter #2.

Free Hot Meal Monday's at First Christian Church, 89 S. Main St. in Martinsville from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Recovery Ministry at Mt. Gilead Church, 6019 E. State Road 144 in Mooresville, Monday evenings from 7-8:30 pm, snacks and fellowship at 6:30.

PAL Parents of Addicted Loved Ones at The Haven Youth Center, 39 E. Jackson St. in Martinsville. Meets each Monday for education and support, 6:30 to 8 p.m. 317-494-8794

Oct. 22

Community Sew at Wilber/Kendell Room, Morgan County Fairgrounds, 1749 Hospital Dr. Martinsville 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Project provided, bring sewing equipment. Sponsored by Morgan County Homemakers, meets 4th Tuesday of the month. 765-343-6671

Oct. 23

Trunk or Treat at Martinsville Youth Center, 165 Morton Ave from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Grief Share at Monrovia Christian Church, 710 Gordon Road 6 to 8 p.m. 317-374-1166

Indiana Spirit of '45 Battle Buddy and Spouse Support Group at 75 East Washington St. in Martinsville at 6:30 p.m. All veterans and veteran spouses are welcome to attend.

Oct. 24

Dirt Diggers Garden Club of Morgan County meeting in the basement of Morgan County Public Library, 110 S Jefferson St. in Martinsville at 1 p.m. making Thanksgiving centerpieces, \$15 for supplies. New members are always welcomed.

Cruise-in on the Square, 10 E Washington St., in Martinsville from 5 to 9 p.m.

Thursday Euchre at Martinsville Senior Center from 6 to 9 p.m. \$3 All are welcome.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taking policy out of politics

The past few years, I have been thinking about the idea that somehow, as Americans, we have drifted away from politicians who have character and morals. Why do some of us believe that putting an immoral person in office will somehow make our country safer?

For many, this November's election doesn't have to do with policies — it has to do with values and morals.

Trump lost the election in 2020. He challenged the results 65 times in court in front of Trump-appointed judges and lost all but one small challenge. Is it OK for him to continue to say he won and sow distrust? That is immoral.

Do we really want a president who has been found by a jury of his peers liable for sexual assault? Does a moral person mock the disabled and laugh about a man being attacked in his home with a hammer? Do we want protesters who beat police officers pardoned as Trump has promised? Jan. 6 makes him unfit for office. He DOES NOT stand for law and order and is immoral.

Over 200 Republicans from the Reagan, Bush(s) and Trump administrations have said they are voting for Harris. Among them, Liz Cheney and Dick Cheney — for heaven's sake! Even Trump's own vice president won't endorse him. That leads me to believe they understand the danger this man presents to our country.

We don't need "legacy media" to make this stuff up; we have the man himself who, upon opening his mouth, spills hate, lies and grievances.

On Nov. 5, can we finally move on and return the Republican Party to the days where it cared about fiscal responsibility and sensible conservatism instead of a party full of hate and lies?

I would strongly encourage your better angels to vote for leaders who shy away from derision, negativity and dishonesty, and place people in office who will do their best to make our world a better place.

Get out and vote — the future of our nation depends on you to turn away from this immoral behavior.

Elizabeth Bodi
Martinsville

Their definition doesn't stand up to scrutiny

The "go-to" phrase of the Marxist Democrats is quite ironic, "We must save our Democracy!"

First, our system of government is not a democracy — it is a republic. So either they believe those two words to be devoid of any distinction and interchangeable or they simply believe if they shout them often enough, it will make it so, in which case they are being intentionally deceitful.

But just for the sake of argument, let's play along for a while:

Exactly how and when are they saving democracy?

Is it by leaving our borders wide open, allowing violent criminals in?

Is it when they allow the drug trade to flourish, human trafficking to prosper and children to be enslaved?

Is it when they oppose any kind of voter identification and any efforts to clean up voter logs?

Is it when they promise to stack the Supreme Court, eliminate the filibuster, and do away with the Electoral College?

Is it when they mandate what car you can drive, what stove you must buy and what fuel you must use to heat your home?

Is it when they control the media narrative, censor social media and weaponize the IRS?

Is it when they vilify and defund the police, sissify our military and radicalize our schools?

Is it when they overregulate fossil fuels, withhold permits and set aside enormous swaths of public lands?

Is it when they demand our wives and daughters share bathrooms with men and force our daughters to compete against biological men?

Is it when they deny you any choice in where your children go to school because their bond with the teacher's union is mightier than your ability to choose for yourself?

Is it when they demand late-term abortion in the name of women's rights to the total exclusion of the rights of the unborn?

Is it when they demonstrate appeasement to our enemies and betrayal to our allies?

This and more is what one must support to pull the election lever for Democrats.

So if that's your definition of "saving democracy," we can't help you. It isn't our definition.

Mike Pflum
Waverly

A great voice for the local music scene

I wanted to write to express my appreciation for the work of Billy Owens.

His coverage of music, both nationally and locally, will bring attention to the important art being made in our area. Not only is he covering local artists, but he is also offering information on where musicians who are just getting started can find places to be on stage.

Thank you!

J.C. Clements
Bloomington
(formerly Martinsville)

Political 'rivals' gone full circle

My parents were part of The Greatest Generation — children during the Depression of the 1930s and high school students during World War II. They had no prom, and items from gas to sugar to nylon hose were rationed.

When my dad was drafted when he turned 18 in February of his senior year, his basketball coach accompanied him to the draft board and persuaded them to stall his military processing until after his graduation in May.

After basic training that summer, Dad was deployed to Italy where his proficiency in typing landed him a job in a military hospital where he received medical training to give shots and plan meals for patients with special diets.

Soon after Dad's service in the army, my parents were married. They had been an item since first grade, and they remained a team throughout a marriage of 63 years.

When Dad became a farmer after growing up in a family of mechanics, Mom helped him transition. She drove tractors to cultivate as he planted, helped truck the harvest to the mill and allowed nearly frozen piglets to warm up on the registers in our house.

They bowled together, and she was his best fan at baseball games cheering from the stands in good weather or from the car on cold days blowing the car's hilarious AAHH-OOGA horn when Dad hit homeruns.

On Election Day, they worked at the polls as part of their patriotism.

But here was the difference. Even though they grew up in the same small rural community, their families supported different political parties. So, Mom worked for her party, and Dad worked for his.

I remember good-natured



Side Dish
DIANA HADLEY

teasing when one or the other would say we might get our county road blacktopped if only the other belonged to the "right party." And when Dad ran for a couple of local offices, Mom would say she really hated to split her ticket to vote for him, yet she printed his cards and was proud of his victories.

Their approaches to activism varied. Mom was the one who wrote a feisty letter-to-the-editor berating a farm magazine for its tepid support for farmers.

"I know you won't print this," she began.

She signed the letter with both of their names to the amusement of family and friends who read it when it was published and figured Mom was the likely author. Everyone recognized Dad's persuasive techniques as the more genial "compromise" and "let's all get along" approaches.

After my parents had become senior citizens, I was talking about a political contest with my mom and realized she didn't know all of the issues. So, I gave her the platforms of the candidates but didn't identify them. I just asked her to review the platforms and give me her reaction. As I suspected, she didn't choose her party's platform. She was surprised but intrigued and

continued to study the issues that related to her interests for the rest of her life.

She never left her party, but she began to split her ticket.

A few years later when Mom and Dad were on the way home after voting, Dad said, "You voted pretty fast."

When she described her vote, he asked if she had voted for a popular candidate of her party, and she said, "No, he is too old." Dad said, "But I voted for him. He may be old, but he's a good man."

After many decades, their election choices had come full circle.

And thus, they had canceled each other's votes once again.

Although my parents have passed, I think of their involvement in community projects well into their senior years. I study the issues as they learned to do, and I participate in the election process.

As I consider my choices, I seek reliable sources for information, and I contact public officials. My goal is to ask important questions and to make fair, informed points. When I vote, I evaluate the candidates' effort to respond and my effort to keep trying.

A few specific questions help me.

Was there a response, and if so, was it informative, supportive, condescending, personal or canned?

I ask myself if I am willing to put in the time to keep working for causes — and be feisty like my mom as I try to make effective persuasive appeals.

And finally — I ask if I can rise above the frustration that political engagement often includes to model my dad and say, "There now. Let's all get along."

Diana Hadley is a retired educator who has lived in Morgan County since 1971.

A wild ride on Cimarron Rose

During the 1950s while growing up on Turkeyneck hill, we had a big herd of polled Hereford cattle. Of course, we had swine herds of Duroc hogs, too.

The best part about the old bulls was we could ride them, and they didn't care. Truthfully, the older they got, the more docile they became. In fact, it was common for us to hang around the barnyard where they were kept. Therefore, they were used to us.

In case you wondered what the word, polled meant, it simply means they were without horns. If I remember correctly, only the males had horns on the beef cattle. The male hogs had tusks, and the sharp tusks stuck out beyond their lips. You know there's nothing scarier than an excited boar hog frothing at the mouth with their tusks sticking out of their lips, hog lips.

So anyway, on lazy afternoons, I watched my brothers get on the back of an old bull in the barn. Most of the time, the bull just stood there. What's the fun in that? The one bull we all remember the most was named two initials, L D.

In fact, Lois loved that bull so much she tattooed herself just above her right knee with his initials. At least that is what I thought until I realized L D was her initials also.

Well, old bull, L D, weighed over a ton, and he moved rather slowly. So, when we had city friends out to the farm, we showed them how brave we were to ride on his back. The bulls that riders mount in the rings are agitated to buck like they do, but the commoner might not be aware of that little trick. It was a delight to be around the old gentle cattle. The young ones — not so much.

In 1964, I was 15, and my



Life on Turkeyneck Hill
PHYLLIS BEX

friend Sandy was 16. We were buddies from the GAA club, (Girls Athletic Association). One day after GAA, Sandy offered me a ride to my sister Clara's home. Clara and her husband, Frank, with their four rambunctious children, lived in the country out on Mahal- asville Road. Frank always enjoyed having a horse or pony around — not that they rode them much, but "just in case."

One year, he bought a beautiful Palomino horse named Cimarron Rose. She looked like Roy Rogers' horse, Trigger. Her coat was golden flax with a long white mane and tail. I never rode her but dreamed of galloping on her back with my long blonde hair waving in the breeze.

When Sandy saw the horse in the gated barn lot, she exclaimed, "What a beautiful horse! Can we take her for a ride?"

Sandy was experienced with horses, although she lived in town.

Clara and family were not home, so I said, "Sure, but I don't know much about horses."

"Don't worry, I know a lot about them," she said. "Do you know where the saddle and bridle are?"

I didn't know, but that didn't slow her desire. We found the bridle hanging on the fence

post near the gate.

"Do they have any carrots or apples?" she asked.

I scurried to the house to check and came back with two carrots.

"Perfect," Sandy assured me as she lured Cimarron Rose with the carrots and adorned her with the bridle.

I opened the gate and the two came through to the lane. Once we steadied the huge horse to the wooden gate, we climbed up the gate onto her bare back. There we sat, all bright eyed, full of lofty expectations. Sandy began guiding Cimarron down the half-mile lane to the county road. It took forever because the horse was not interested in a trip down memory lane. Cimarron attempted to turn back towards the barn every couple of steps.

When we finally reached the road, Sandy warned me, "Hang on, this might be a fast run back to the barn."

I reached around Sandy and grabbed two handfuls of white mane for safety. Sure enough, the horse jolted like a shot out of a cannon.

I screamed, "Stop! Slow down! Do something!"

But to no avail, the horse ran lickety split clear to the barn.

What took 30 minutes to get to the county road, only took two minutes to get back.

Arriving in a full gallop, Cimarron Rose stopped abruptly at the gate. Surprisingly, we slid off and landed on our feet. What a thrill!

However, I never did that again, but at least my long hair got to blow in the breeze just like in my dreams.

Phyllis Dow Bex, author of Life on Turkeyneck Hill: A Memoir, is a native of Morgan County, who grew up on a farm northwest of Paragon. She presently lives in Greenwood. Contact her at phyllisbex@gmail.com.

A bicentennial burial



From left: Dale and Melanie DePoy pause for a photo after laying a wreath Oct. 1 at the gravesite of Samuel and Eliza Moore at the Old Cemetery on West Washington Street in downtown Mooresville. (Susan Haynes courtesy photo)



From left: Mooresville Parks and Recreation Department Maintenance Supervisor Morgan Wilkins stands by as park superintendent Phil Cornelius puts another shovel of dirt onto the time capsule Oct. 1, while Jim Taylor, Sharon Taylor and Chris Branson observe. (Susan Haynes courtesy photo)

- Time capsule contents**
- Brochure from the Mooresville Chamber of Commerce
 - Mooresville High School T-shirt from Tri County Sports
 - News article on Morgan County Leadership Academy
 - Mooresville 200 pin
 - 1839, 1914 and 2024 photos of the Methodist Church
 - Mooresville news article
 - Kiwanis Club of Mooresville pin, list of the current members, and the clubs duties
 - St. Thomas More Catholic Church medal
 - A commemorative coin from the First United Methodist Church from their 1995 dedication
 - Mooresville Lions Club pin
 - Mooresville Public Library envelope, and literature
 - Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service and Crematory current price list
 - Mooresville Indiana local history treasure trove and information about Paul Hadley, and an Indiana State flag
 - Mooresville library fan, homepages phonebook, map
 - U.S. flag

Staff Report

MOORESVILLE — Following the Faith Celebration and time capsule dedication Sept. 29, Mooresville 200 organiz-

ers completed the tasks on Tuesday, Oct. 1, by burying the time capsule near the Founder's Stone at Bicentennial Park and laying a wreath at the gravesite of Samuel and Eliza Moore.

Mooresville has been celebrating the town's 200th anniversary throughout the year with a slew of activities, including the recent ceremony honoring the town's religious roots.

And as part of the anniversary events, organizers wanted to bury a time capsule that included a wide array of items from 2024. A plaque will ultimately be installed over the time

capsule to commemorate the occasion and the location for the future. The capsule will be opened in 2074 — the 250th anniversary of the town's founding.

Free books for county kiddos

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to include all Morgan County children

Staff Report

MORGAN COUNTY — The Artie Fest Committee began offering enrollment in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to children in Martinsville in 2023. But now, thanks to a partnership between Artie Fest and the Morgan County

Public Library Foundation, the program is expanding to include ALL children living in Morgan County. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library mails a high-quality, age-appropri-



ate book directly to children's homes each month. Each child enrolled in the program receives one book per month from birth to age 5 — at no cost to families. Parton envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading and inspiring children to

Dream More, Learn More, Care More and Be More. The county program is funded in part by the State of Indiana, and from local donations. "We're so excited about the expansion of this program," said Morgan County Public Library Director Krista Ledbetter. "Early childhood literacy is the key to future academic achievement, and the access to high quality books that the Imagination Library provides means that

parents can easily support their child's learning." Mooresville Public Library Director Diane Huerkamp echoed the sentiment. "Early childhood is a magical time for learning and exploration," she said. "We want every child in Morgan County to be given the best possible chance to read and succeed, and by partnering with Artie Fest, the Morgan County Public Library System and local donors, we are honored to ensure that our county's

children have access to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library." Parents interested in registering their children can visit imaginationlibrary.com or stop by any library location in the county for a form. Donations for continued support of this program may be made to the Morgan County Public Library Foundation (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization), P.O. Box 1532, Martinsville, IN 46151.

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Classmates from the Martinsville High School Class of 1954 gathered for their 60th class reunion on Sept. 21. Those in attendance included Ken Addington, Jacquie Alexander (Worley), Pam Allen (Lanham), Lloyd Bailey, Tessa Ballinger (Blackketter), Bill Berry, Sandy Brummett (Mason), Elden Carmichael, Mary Beth Champlin (Fetherolf), Roger Coffin, Terry Collier, Roy Davis, Karl Dorff, Phillip Dow, Pam Driscoll (Guinn), Melinda Duncan (Williams), Joy Elaine, Gary Etter, Mickie Eubank (Fewell), Mary Ann Fulford (Wooster), Gary Gose, Cathy Gregory (Neal), Mickey Hillman (Spradlin), Frans Hollanders, Theresa Houchin (Rynard), Donna Johnston, Jim Lankford, Scharme Lash (Smith), Linda Marple (Strickland), Gary Mason, Joe Mason, Jim Parker, Rick Prather, Janice Price (Routt), Rita Schell (Layman), David Shafer, Shelia Shireman (Puckett), Jo Anne Shireman (Sichting), Dale Smith, Pauline Spangler (Jeffries), Janet Stewart (Rickett), Michael Telfer, Roy Thompson, Jeannette Whaley (Goss), Rebecca Williams (Leonard), and Kathy Wilson (Munoz). (Connie Etter courtesy photo)

HWA delivers 40th canine of the year

Nonprofit’s mission is to offer trained therapy dogs to local heroes

By Pamela Siddons
MCC Contributor

MORGAN COUNTY — “Maverick” is an appropriate name for the 40th service dog delivered to a qualified candidate in 2024 by Heroes Wildlife Adventures (HWA).

Maverick, a Dutch Shepherd from Ohio, accompanied Otis Pugh back to Morgan County, and was immediately given to the hero for self-training.

Each week, Maverick and his hero leave their Morgan County home for training. There, Maverick and his hero are shown how to accomplish necessary tasks and given homework. At home, the hero must log in the tasks worked on and accomplished each day. Each week the trainer evaluates Maverick’s ability to do the tasks and teach new tasks. It is possible that some weeks Maverick’s training will remain the same. When training is completed, Maverick will receive a Good Canine Citizen graduation certificate.

HWA pays for the 125-hour training, and Maverick will be tested every six weeks on what he has been trained to do. Maverick came to his hero as a puppy in order for the hero and dog to bond at the beginning of training.



‘Maverick,’ a (rather larger) Dutch Shepherd pup, is held by his new owner upon his arrival from Ohio. (Courtesy photo)

transporting the puppy to Morgan County. This puppy was donated to Richard Clayton, a deputy at the Morgan County Sheriff’s Office.

Upon completion of training, the puppy will be Deputy Clayton’s personal service dog and the entire sheriff’s department therapy dog.

Last month, HWA was able to reach out to an organization in Kansas. Kansas DNR sent their folks out, tested Lab puppies, and selected a puppy for scent and search-and-rescue training. HWA was able to obtain this puppy, now known as “Gunny,” and give it to Conor Christman, Morgan County DNR officer, for service to Morgan County after training is completed. Christman had previously been selected by DNR for canine training. When Christman retires, HWA has the right to determine if Gunny can go to Christman or come back to HWA. HWA will pay for Gunny’s training through February 2025. In February, Christman and Gunny go to DNR canine school.

The excitement the folks at HWA have to obtaining service animals for our heroes is contagious! In 36 weeks, they have delivered 40 puppies and dogs to assist Morgan County heroes. HWA has now acquired their 41st puppy for placement.

For more information, visit the HWA website: heroeswildlifeadventures.org. For information on qualifications necessary to obtain a service dog, send an email to heroeswildlifeadventures@yahoo.com.



Local orgs partner up for county heroes

By Pamela Siddons
MCC Contributor

MORGAN COUNTY — Homes for Heroes recently gave a \$5,000 grant to Heroes Wildlife Adventures (HWA) to help Morgan County heroes.

The grant, given Sept. 26, is to be used by HWA for informing the public about their mission statement and to assist heroes to help themselves to become productive citizens. Jay Flynn and Angela Turley were instrumental in obtaining this grant for HWA and were able to present the check to Otis Pugh.

The mission statement of HWA is to “provide unique



From left: Home for Heroes mortgage rep Angie Turley hands off a grant check Sept. 26 for \$5,000 to Otis Pugh, co-owner of Heroes for Wildlife Adventures along with his wife, Dee. (Courtesy photo)

hunting and fishing opportunities, outdoor education, and help with purchasing service dogs for our heroes.”

HWA has a goal of empowering Morgan County heroes and families in everyday life. They serve veterans,

first responders, police officers and nurses.

The grant will also be used to provide one-time assistance on household utilities, house or rental payment, or car payment. Recipients must work with HWA on a budget.

Several heroes have stated that HWA saved their lives and given them purpose.

One touching story of success is a female veteran named “Amy.” She was living in basement and not in a good spot. HWA was able to get her a service dog and training — in three years, she has moved, finished her college degree, is now out of state, has employment, and is living on her own. Amy still has her service dog, “Michtor.”

SIGNS OF FALL



Workers with the Morgan County Corrections get new autumn banners installed on the light posts in downtown Martinsville at the end of September in the lead up to Fall Foliage Festival this week. (Stephen Crane photo / MCC)

50 YEARS OF NICE-PAK



From left: Mooresville Town Councilman Josh Brown, Nice-Pak Executive Vice President Deb Steinke, councilman Tom Warthen, Nice-Pak Chief Commercial Officer Alec Frisch, Nice-Pak Director of Site Operations Starla Toddy, Nice-Pak Chief Executive Officer Gary Giles and councilman Kirk Witt pause for a photo in Mooresville. Due to inclement weather outside, more than 500 Nice-Pak associates and their families — along with top members of Nice-Pak management and town officials — gathered inside the gym Sept. 28 at Mooresville Christian Academy honoring the company’s 50 years in the town. (Dianna Hatten courtesy photo / Nice-Pak)



MCA’S SEPTEMBER HONORS

FAR LEFT: From left: Sponsor Chad Baldwin, dad Ryan Matthews, mom Hope Matthews, MCA September Student of the Month Gabe Matthews and Mooresville 200 sponsor Jim Taylor gather to honor Gabe, a second-grader at Mooresville Christian Academy, with a certificate, gift card and Mooresville 200 commemorative pin on Sept. 25. Gabe was nominated by his teacher, Mrs. Coffey, for being an outstanding student above and beyond his academics. // LEFT: From left: North Salem State Bank sponsor Sherry Sichting, A-1 Windows sponsor Andy Hendricks, MCA September Teacher of the Month Stephanie Gegg, Indiana Farm Bureau sponsor Carrie Kirk and Mooresville 200 sponsor Jim Taylor honor Mrs. Gegg after the third-grade teacher was named as Mooresville Christian Academy’s September Teacher of the Month. She received a certificate, gift card, Mooresville 200 pin, and a bunch of swag from NSSB in honor of her accolade. (Stephen Crane photos / MCC)



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ELECTION 2024

Morgan County Council race

Staff Report

MORGAN COUNTY — This week, *The Correspondent* is covering the four candidates vying for the three seats up for grabs on the county council.

Back in May, challenger Joe Crone, along with incumbents Vickie Kivett and Kim Merideth, were victorious in the Republican primary.

With no Democrats running in the primary, Melvin Bolden, Jr. since decided to throw his hat in the ring in the lead-up to the general election, where all four candidates will be vying for the three seats on the council.

Melvin Bolden, Jr. (D)
Occupation: Chief Nursing Officer
Education: Doctorate of Nursing Practice
Community associations: Board of Indiana League of Nursing, Board of WGU Distinguished Alumni, LifePoint Health DEIB Council



Family: Married 19 years, with four children ages 23, 20, 15 and 12
General biography: I am an easygoing individual. I come from a low-income background and have worked hard to get where I am today. I moved to Morgan County in 2005. I value my family and friends. I enjoy coaching my girls in basketball.

Joe Crone (R)
Occupation: Owner of Crone Logging LLC
Education: Graduate of Martinsville High School; graduate of Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association Training School; continuing business management education
Community associations: Elks Lodge, Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association, National Hardwood Lumbermen's Association, Jackson Center in Mooresville (supporter), Martinsville Little League (supporter), Martinsville Middle School Baseball Team (supporter)
Family: Married, with five children
General biography: I am a lifelong Morgan County resident. My family has been here for six generations. I graduated from Martinsville High School in 1999 and went to work in my family's lumber business. In 2016, I started Crone Logging LLC. I enjoy spending time with my family and serving our community.



Vickie Kivett (R)
Occupation: Retired from county government.
Education: High school. I have taken various continuing education classes pertaining to county government operations.
Community associations: Director for Morgan County Fair and 4-H Association, Morgan County, History Museum, Churches in Mission, treasurer for Morgan County Republican Women's Club, member of Morgan County Antique Machinery Associ-



ation. Professionally, I am a member of Association of Indiana Counties and serve on the Morgan County Community Corrections Board.

Kim Merideth (R)
Occupation: Insurance agent with the Mayfield Insurance Agency in Mooresville
Education: Graduate of Monrovia High School. I went on to further my education in insurance, becoming a licensed insurance agent.
Community associations: Current member of the Morgan County Council
Family: I am married to my husband Bret Merideth, and we have two grown sons, Brandon and Cory, that are married and have blessed us with two granddaughters.



General biography: I have lived in Morgan County all my life, growing up in the western part of the county and graduating from Monrovia High School.

Questions

Q: *Why do you want to run for county council?*

Bolden: I have watched the county grow incredibly since moving to Morgan County. I want to see the county grow, but I want to see it happen responsibly. The infrastructure in the county cannot handle how quickly we are growing. We can use our resources to help create a better infrastructure.

Crone: Morgan County has been my family's home for over 200 years. It's given me the opportunity to operate a successful logging company. It's time to give back. I am not a career politician. I want to lower out-of-control taxes, support first responders and focus on a better future for everyone.

Kivett: I currently serve and am vice president. I keep myself educated on what affects Morgan County to make my decisions based on what is best. I want to see our current projects finished and work through future growth. If you know me, you know I love Morgan County.

Merideth: I first came on the Council in 2016 in one of the at-large seats. I then ran for my second term in 2020. I was elected as president of the council, being the first woman to serve as president in Morgan County.

Q: *What relevant experience do you have to be a council member? (50w)*

Bolden: I am the CNO of a hospital. I have the responsibility to manage the budget and make difficult decisions, to do what is best for the patients, staff and facility. I sit on the boards of the Indiana League of Nursing and The Distinguished Alumni for WGU.

Crone: My real-life work experience provides me with the skills and experience to be an effective council member. I am a successful business owner who has to make payroll every week and operate a company within a reasonable, responsible, fiscally conservative budget. I will bring those management skills to the council.

Kivett: My service on council and my background in local government has educated me in budgeting and finance work with sheriff/jail (aver-

age 235 inmates daily), 911, EMS, highway, courts, and other facets of government providing services and technology to 400-plus employees, including county building projects.

Merideth: I feel I bring a level of experience to the table with my years in insurance and an understanding of property values. Having previously served on the Washington Township Board and creating budgets for the township, I was able to have an understanding of local government and the budget process.

Q: *What do you see as the three most important tasks carried out by the county council?*

Bolden: 1. Set up our infrastructure to handle the growth we are having. Examples would be the educational system, water, sewage, electricity, trash services and gas.

2. Working to set up better help resources while being fiscally responsible. Right now, parts of the county are restricted with quick access to fire and police services if needed.

3. Look at the county taxes. Then make a recommendation for changes to the tax levels depending on what is found.

Crone: 1. Managing the budget: Eliminating unnecessary spending and lowering our out-of-control taxes (we shouldn't be the fourth highest taxed county in Indiana). 2. Supporting first responders: Providing the necessary resources to protect our community. 3. Providing opportunities for families: Focusing on reasonable economic development programs the create jobs.

Kivett: Public Safety: Everyone expects when dialing 911 that a trained dispatcher answers and dispatch law enforcement, firemen and apparatus, an ambulance staffed with qualified paramedics to arrive. We provide nearly countywide EMS service. Budget adoptions that adequately fund all aspects of local government, staying within our perimeters set by Indiana. Keeping our infrastructure workable and in compliance. This includes our buildings, roads, ditches and drains.

Merideth: Tasks carried out by the council are of course creating the annual budget. I feel that we have to have the ability to understand departments within the county and their needs. Being able to separate wants from needs when reviewing department budgets and being open to department head suggestions. I think educating our constituents on what our role is, is very important. Educating ourselves, on legislation that impacts our county is also vitally important.

Q: *What are your thoughts concerning the four-phase, \$72 million justice center project?*

Bolden: The project seems pretty large for the county. I also don't see how the project is being paid for. They took bonds out on the property tax, but we should have a plan to pay them back. The Justice Center needs to be updated, but it

should be done responsibly.

Crone: Although the Justice Center fills a need in our community, it's already over budget because of mismanagement, government bureaucracy and a lack of transparency. This is unacceptable. As a county council member, I will insist on instituting strict budget management procedures and being accountable to taxpayers.

Kivett: Two words — LONG OVERDUE. Our 1858 courthouse has internal issues. The Judicial Center will address safety and growth issues. Public input was allowed. Property taxes are based on your assessment set by Indiana, not Morgan County. Other area projects factor in. A 50-word reply limits me. Contact me.

Merideth: The current Judicial Center project is part of a multiphase project that will allow us to provide much-needed space for our court system.

Q: *What do you see as the council's role when it comes to economic development?*

Bolden: I feel the council has an important role in the economic development of the county. We need to bring good-paying jobs to the county. I feel if we invest in our infrastructure, we will have good-paying jobs and help the economic development of the county.

Crone: The council needs to strike a balance between controlled growth and preserving the Morgan County that we love for our children. We need to help create good job opportunities for local families, not over-build huge apartment complexes. We need to manage the bidding process and create innovative, cost-effective initiatives.

Kivett: Now, more than ever, our role is the utmost important with projected growth in future planning of what goes where. Job creation, housing and retail infrastructure are coming. We are laying the groundwork, including an aquifer study protecting our water from other counties, all while keeping taxes low.

Merideth: Economic development is vitally important at this point in the county. We are being looked at by many potential partners. I think we have to be attentive to the vision that we have. We don't want to jump on the first thing that wants to build here.

Q: *With the completion of I-69, how do you feel about the anticipated growth in the county?*

Bolden: The county is going to grow whether we want it to or not. Morgan County is on a major highway right before a major city. With the completion of I-69, we need to get ready for growth. If we plan now, we can make the growth a success.

Crone: We must integrate I-69 into our community, rather than treating it as an unwanted intruder. We must grow by Morgan County standards, which means bringing good jobs, building nice homes, supporting local businesses and keeping our community safe. We don't

need an overgrown county. Let's keep our unique, family-friendly identity.

Kivett: Morgan County won't stop growth, but we can plan for it accordingly. A bedroom community with easy access to Indy's southside and Bloomington's northside, we offer lower taxes, more affordable housing, and relaxed community living. Attractions include parks, restaurants, concerts, an upcoming community theater, and skate park.

Merideth: I will be honest, the anticipated growth within the county concerns me a little. Again, I just don't want to see us grow so fast that we aren't prepared for it. Infrastructure, schools and services are things that need to be addressed before we keep building more and more homes.

Q: *If you could change one thing in our zoning code, what would it be and why?*

Bolden: I would like to see when people come to the board for rezoning, they've already done the research and have the answers to common questions.

Crone: The zoning ordinance to subdivide large timber and farm ground should be tightened up to prohibit the subdivision of large rural properties.

Kivett: Morgan County should be in good shape due to the recently updated Unified Development Ordinance addressing combined zoning and subdivision control.

Merideth: When it comes to zoning, I'm not one who likes to have "big brother" telling me what I can and cannot do with my property.

Q: *How do you feel about the current conversations surrounding fire district consolidation in the county?*

Bolden: Part of the issue is the lack of firefighters in Morgan County. I want to make sure all areas of the county can be reached quickly in an emergency. If there is some consolidation, we may end up losing lives or property because we're unable to reach the people quickly.

Crone: I've heard both sides of the issue from various interest groups, and quite honestly, I need to understand what the citizens of Morgan County want. What will protect them? Does consolidation save both money and lives? It will be my priority to listen to our residents and act accordingly.

Kivett: Although complicated, it's a trending topic among counties with expectations to combine personal, equipment, training and possible locations. It's a several step process, including public input with goals of more service and lower ratings for insurance. Fire departments, trustees and government would work together. I'm open to hearing more information.

Merideth: I think we need to start to take a look at potentially combining some of these departments in order to provide the equipment and staffing that will protect our homes and lives. Those are hard conversations to have, but they are important to have. Consolidation is not a dirty word.

Q: *Morgan County has one of the highest income tax rates and one of the lowest property tax rates in the state. What adjustments,*

if any, should be made to the county's approach? (50w)

Bolden: While no one wants to have higher taxes, we need to do a study and see what is better for the county as a whole. If we need to increase property taxes, maybe we could lower the income tax in the county.

Crone: Our income tax rate is the fourth highest in the state. That's unbelievable. "Tax-and-spend" seems to be the approach of current council members, with few controls on the taxing or the spending. I will institute stringent business management practices and eliminate unnecessary spending, so that our tax problem is controlled.

Kivett: Between property or income taxes, budgets are funded. If one goes down, the other makes the shortfall — or services get cut. Our budget funds county government, the fair, humane society, parks, libraries, etc. Former councils set sound policies making us fiscally sound today. Contact me.

Merideth: While it may not be popular and some feel it is a deterrent in people moving to Morgan County, I just don't feel that is the case. Home sales are up because taxes are low by state standards. In my opinion, I think that is a good thing.

Q: *What are the three biggest challenges facing Morgan County? (75w)*

Bolden: 1. Growing faster than we can handle. Additions are popping up all around the county. We're growing too fast without a good plan in place. 2. Education: Right now, our schools are maxed. An elementary school in Mooresville had to put a class in a storage room because they don't have enough classrooms. 3. Infrastructure isn't up to par. To handle the growth from above, we need to invest in our infrastructure to help accommodate the growth.

Crone: 1. Controlling economic development and growth, so that we preserve Morgan County's character and don't become just another sprawling suburb of Indianapolis. 2. Managing and reducing our high income tax rate, through conservative fiscal policies and transparency. 3. Improving infrastructure and increasing community safety, so that our children will want to remain here and raise their families in a Morgan County that makes us all proud.

Kivett: Follow a strategic growth plan with jobs, housing and supporting the infrastructure to make it happen by area. Recent installation of high-speed fiber is an asset to homes and businesses. Maintaining our workforce in areas including public safety, prosecutor's office and probation departments. Work with area fire departments for workable solutions with everyone's input. With planning we will move forward but remain a place we all want to call home.

Merideth: We do face some challenges in Morgan County. Growth always brings challenges, and I feel this will be one of the biggest challenges in my opinion. Jobs is another, we have to provide more sustainable wage jobs for our children. I have granddaughters that I want to see grow up and want to live here in Morgan County. We have to create opportunities for employment right here. Workforce, I continue to see as a problem.

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Tax sale yields \$1.6M-plus



By Keith Rhoades
MCC Chief Correspondent

MORGAN COUNTY — The 2024 Morgan County Tax Sale for properties with delinquent property taxes was held Oct. 1 at the county administration office. While there were 30 people registered to bid on the properties, around 50 people showed up.

Jayson Puckett, of SRI Services, informs prospective bidders of the process they must follow to purchase tax delinquent properties at the sale last week. (Keith Rhoades photo / MCC)

The county had 60 properties listed on the sale sheet with \$148,585 in total taxes owed. Before the sale began, three properties were removed from the list. Just over half of the properties were sold during the sale. One property sold for the minimum bid of around \$237 while another property with a minimum bid of around \$11,000 brought in a bid

of \$198,000. All told, the county sold 35 properties — with back taxes totaling \$68,723 — of the 57 and brought in \$1,660,000. Those people who had their property sold have one year to redeem it before the person who purchased it can apply to the court to claim ownership of the property.

Town council talks comp time

By Lance Gideon
MCC Correspondent

MOORESVILLE — The Mooresville Town Council may start looking into ways to change how town employees use their paid time off, otherwise known as comp time. At the end of the Oct. 1 town council meeting last week, councilman Josh Brown brought the topic up for discussion. “I know earlier during the budget hearing, we talked about doing away with comp time,” Brown said. “Is that something we want to address maybe next meeting, or look into it?”

According to Brown, a department head agreed that changing how employees accrue comp time could have some cost savings. Councilman Jeff Cook said he would like to keep the comp time for employees as it is. “I don’t see an issue with it,” Cook said. “It gives the employees an opportunity to save up some time to take off.” According to Cook, the town is “short handed” on employees and the town’s pay is not comparable to other communities. Brown responded that employees could still earn comp time, but it would be paid out

at the end of each calendar year. “That’s what we talked about during the budget hearing,” town council president Tom Warthen said. “Yeah, I don’t think it’s totally eliminating it,” Brown added. Currently, the town maxes the amount of comp time an employee can accrue at 480 hours for police officers and firefighters, and 240 for civilian employees. “So, at the end of the year, whatever comp time they have, they would be paid for that,” Brown said. “Then it would start over at zero.” “But what if they get sick, like you just said, then their

time has been bought out,” Cook responded. “They should still have some vacation time and then they can accumulate their comp time,” Brown added. Brown then added that one problem he’s heard from department heads is that when an employee leaves, the town has to pay out the comp time to that employee. “Then that cuts into their budget,” Brown said. “And then they’re lower on the budget.”

Wreaths Across America closure
On Dec. 15, the American Legion Post 103 Auxiliary

will sponsor a Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Mooresville Cemetery. According to Auxiliary member Sharon Regnier, the plan is to lay at least 500 wreaths on the graves of veterans at the cemetery. Regnier told the council that the plan is to have a ceremony on Franklin Street in front of the cemetery. The Auxiliary was requesting that Franklin Street be closed from High Street to Broad Alley from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. that day. “We should be finished before that, but I want to make sure it’s enough time,” Regnier said. She noted that students

from Mooresville High School would be helping lay the wreaths. The council unanimously approved the street closure, 5-0. **In other business** • The council approved a sewer adjustment for a property in the 400 block of St. Clair Street. • It held a public budget hearing for the town’s 2025 budget. *The next regular meeting of the Mooresville Town Council is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the Mooresville Government Center, 4 E. Harrison St.*

Final budgets submitted to the state

By Lance Gideon
MCC Correspondent

MORGAN COUNTY — With the calendar turning to October, taxing units around Indiana have less than one month to approve their budgets for 2025. **Eminence Community School Corp.** Eminence Community School Corporation has advertised a \$6.15 million budget for 2025, which will be split between four separate funds as follows: Referendum Fund – \$980,000; Debt Service Fund – \$489,500; Education Fund – \$2.87 million; Operations Fund – \$1.8 million. The Eminence School Board will conduct a budget hearing at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10, Eminence Com-

munity Schools, 6760 Ind. 42. The board is expected to approve its budget at a meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24. **Town of Monrovia** The town of Monrovia has previously advertised a budget on Indiana Gateway, a state-operated transparency website, on Sept. 12. However, that budget was “archived” and the town has submitted a second budget notice to the website. The town’s has advertised \$699,725 budget for 2025 to be split between several funds as follows: Casino/Riverboat Fund – \$10,000; Rainy Day Fund – \$20,000; General Fund – \$376,925; Local Road and Street Fund – \$22,000; Motor Vehicle Highway Fund – \$72,000; Continuing Education Fund – \$3,000; Park and Recreation Fund – \$9,000; Cumulative Capital Improvement

Fund – \$5,000; Cumulative Capital Development Fund – \$10,000; Economic Development Income Tax Fund – \$115,000; Public Safety LOIT Fund – \$39,800; ARP Grant Fund – \$11,000; Local Road and Bridge Matching Fund – \$0; Park Donation Fund – \$3,000; Precision Data Escrow Fund – \$3,000. The Monrovia Town Council will conduct a public budget hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Monrovia Government Center, 60 Marley Way. The council is expected to adopt the budget at its meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22. **Town of Paragon** The town of Paragon has advertised a \$308,800 budget that will be split between three separate funds as follows: General Fund – \$251,800; Local Road and Street Fund –

\$12,500; Motor Vehicle Highway Fund – \$44,500. The Paragon Town Council will conduct a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7, at 300 N. Main St. The council is expected to approve its budget at its meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 21. **Upper Wildwood Shores Conservancy District** The Upper Wildwood Shores Conservancy District has advertised a \$75,000 budget for 2025, all of which has been set for its General Fund. The conservancy district’s board will conduct a public budget hearing at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7, at the Madison Township Fire Station 32, 7047 E. Landersdale Road in Camby. It is then expected to approve its budget at a meeting at 7 p.m. on

Thursday, Oct. 17, at 12101 N. Earls Lane, Camby. **Tri-County Conservancy District** The Tri-County Conservancy District has advertised a \$5.9 million budget for 2025, all of which is set for its General Fund. The district’s board will conduct a public budget hearing at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 170 N. Perry Road in Plainfield. The district is then expected to approve its budget at a meeting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22. **Looking ahead** Taxing units in the state must approve their budget on or before Nov. 1, or it will be required to live under the same budget as 2024. Advertised budgets can be found online at budgetnotices.in.gov.

Town RDC approves \$2.7M for sewer project

By Lance Gideon
MCC Correspondent

MOORESVILLE — The Mooresville Redevelopment Commission approved funding up to \$2.7 million for the next phase of the town’s sewer project during its Oct. 3 meeting. Last month, town council president Tom Warthen presented the request at the RDC’s monthly meeting. According to Warthen, Morgan County is giving the town some of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the sewer project. But, the additional \$2.7 million is needed

to complete the work. During the Oct. 3, Warthen reiterated the overall plan for this phase of the sewer project that began several years ago. “This is the final plan,” Warthen said. “This is Phase 2 of a two-phase plan, and what this does is this takes in the industrial park that we have, Flagstaff Industrial Park. It is going to gravity feed all of that down to Merriman.” He went on to note that there is a large lift station on Merriman Road that was designed to handle “extremely large users.” “The other thing that it does ... it replaces the infrastruc-

ture that is aged just a little bit, and also, there is a better design available today than what there was when it was installed,” Warthen said. RDC member Brian Culp asked if funding the project would help keep sewer rates in the town lower. “I’m going to tell you at this point in time, absolutely it will,” Warthen responded. RDC and town council member Greg Swinney said the sewer project is “a much-needed project that we are going to have to do one of these days.” “I look at it as the goal of what we are looking to do is

to bring in businesses, and it is increasing the capacity that we have to do our job going forward and bring in more business,” Culp added. Because the project is using ARPA funds, the money from the county has to be obligated by the end of this calendar year. The commission unanimously approved contributing up to \$2.7 million for the project. **Main Street project** With work continuing to progress on the Main Street project, the RDC approved

a \$32,000 amendment to its agreement with Banning Engineering. According to RDC project manager Chelsey Manns, the amendment allows Lochmueler Group, a traffic subcontractor on the project, to be hired to retime the traffic signal at Indiana and Main streets, as well as design and prepare construction plans for the new traffic signal at the intersection. The commission unanimously approved the amendment on the contract. **In other business** • Manns told the commis-

sion that the new signal at Merriman Road and Ind. 67 is fully installed and now operational. • Manns also told the commission that Old Dominion has made progress in the construction of its building near the intersection of Merriman and Bethel roads. • The new road north of Glanbia at the intersection of Ind. 67 and Old Ind. 67 is also taking shape, Manns noted. *The next regular meeting of the Mooresville Redevelopment Commission is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7, at the Mooresville Government Center, 4 E. Harrison St.*



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Front row, from left: Homecoming Princess candidates Isabelle Hurst, Taylor Goss, Aidra Rafferty, Kendall Garrison and Lexi Acuff join Homecoming Queen candidates (back row, from left) Lexi Stephey, Taylor Davis, Samantha Resler, Ava Hess, Cassy Berry and Kaycee Metcalf. During Homecoming last Friday, Lexi Acuff was named Princess, and Ava Hess was named Queen. (MSD of Martinsville courtesy photo)

County park board hears updates

By Keith Rhoades
MCC Chief Correspondent

MORGAN COUNTY — The Morgan County Park and Recreation Department Board met Monday after the commissioner meeting.

Board member and commissioner Kenny Hale said the annual festival was canceled this year due to weather conditions. He said they are working with the vendors who had booked

space at the festival. Most, he said, told them to hold their reservations until the 2025 festival.

Hale said the new tractor and mower have been very helpful in keeping the grass mowed. He said they are looking for a new small vehicle with a dump bed and is enclosed for the park.

End of year activities, Hale said, include the Waverly Weed Wrangle on Oct. 12, the Haunting of Waverly on Oct. 26, and Santa in the Park on Dec. 14.

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Discussions between the district and the property owners may go nowhere, however. The board expressed serious doubt that they would be able to afford the parcels of land, and questions were raised about the land even being suitable for a school. It was determined at the Oct. 1 work session that should talks move forward, the district would hire a surveyor to conduct a feasibility study to ensure the soil is ideal for building a school. The board said the study would likely cost around \$30,000.

As for what kind of school might be built, all options were left on the table. Suggestions of a second elementary school, a possible elementary-middle school hybrid and a brand new high school were all discussed as possibilities.

Regardless of whether or not the district is able to buy the property, discussions about expanding the district will continue. Monrovia has been experiencing tremendous growth in recent years, and the town expects 1,000 new homes will be built in the next decade — and with more homes, comes more students.

2025 budget

The board also approved the budget for 2025, including capital project plans and bus replacement plans for the coming year.

The district's budget totals \$23,483,762. That money is derived from four funds: Operations (\$4,584,048); Education (\$12,069,034); Debt Service (\$6,354,180); and Rainy Day (\$476,500).

The district plans to replace three school buses in 2025, and estimates doing so will cost \$495,000. The bus replacement plan also lays out what the district intends to do from 2026-2029 — as of now, it is set to replace 14 buses, which will cost more than \$2 million.

There are many items on the district's wish list when it comes to capital projects. The costliest thing on Monrovia's to-do list is upgrading all the gymnasiums to LED lights and adding occupancy sensors, coming in at \$65,000.

The other items, which include power washing the elementary school, increasing the size of the bus garage parking lot and installing a concrete pad at the top of the auditorium, amongst others, will cost the

district an estimated \$230,000.

Superintendent Trent Provo noted at the meeting that the district will be transferring 15 percent of the Education fund into the Operations fund. This is the maximum legal amount that can possibly be transferred under state law, and will total \$1.9 million.

The Education fund is what pays teacher salaries in school districts, while Operations pays for things like bus fuel and building repairs. School districts throughout the state have repeatedly experienced Operations budget shortfalls and have had to resort to moving money from Education to Operations. The Metropolitan School District of Martinsville and the Mooresville Consolidated School Corp. also transfer 15 percent of their Education funds into their Operations funds.

Provo expressed regret at having to make this transfer, and said he hoped in future years that the district would be able to save money elsewhere in order to avoid taking money out of the Education fund.

In other news

- The board, as it does every month, recognized the students of the month for October. Four students were honored: Rosie Dolan and Liam Shaver (Monrovia Elementary), Nathalie Smock (Monrovia Middle School), and Samantha Kluemper (Monrovia High School). The students were awarded a plaque and coupons for McDonald's.
- The 2025-2026 district calendar was approved at the meeting.
- Andrew Grismore, the grant administrator for the district, presented a proposed mission statement he has been working on for the board's consideration. The board first was presented with Grismore's work at its work session Oct. 1. The mission statement, which the board has favorably received, is still being revised, but currently reads as "Monrovia: Always taking the next STEP."

STEP is an acronym that stands for Strengthening Communities, Training Leaders, Encouraging Growth and Providing Opportunities. The board said at the work session that it may consider adopting the mission statement at its November meeting.

The next meeting of the Monroe-Gregg school board will take place Monday, Nov. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Office.

Drainage board deals with 'chocolate milkshake'

By Keith Rhoades
MCC Chief Correspondent

MORGAN COUNTY — "It looked like a chocolate milkshake."

That's what county surveyor Terry Brock described to members of the Morgan County Drainage Board during their meeting Monday morning.

Brock was talking about an incident at the Hanna Farms subdivision on Artesian Avenue in Martinsville. Brock said someone pumped out water and silt from a pond on the property. That mixture ran into the Hildale Cemetery Ditch.

That ditch, he said, was recently reconstructed and cleaned out by the county. He said the county will have to see if the person's action caused any

problems, and if it did, the county will have them pay for the ditch's recleaning.

Brock said the cost of the original work on the ditch was lower than estimated. The county had paid for the work by a grant from the state. He said there is funding left over that can be used for other drainage projects.

He gave the board three items to consider.

First is the bridge between the two mobile home parks off of Ohio Street in Martinsville. The existing "structure" now being used is two railroad tanker cars that had their ends removed and then placed in the ditch. He said it has been there for years and is considered unsafe for large vehicles.

The second project is a ditch around Artesian Avenue that needs to be cleaned out, and the third is the Nutter

Ditch, which will need work next year.

He said the city is currently constructing the pump house for the new levee now under construction. Water from Nutter Ditch will have to be pumped from the ditch into the river after the new levee is finished.

He said the bridge on Second Street over the ditch is in need of repair or replacement. Board members said there are several bridges and small structures around the county that need repair or replacement. They do not have funding to do them at this time.

The board approved on first reading a new stormwater ordinance and fee schedule.

The next scheduled drainage board meeting is Monday Nov. 4 at 8:30 a.m. at the county administration building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.

MEETING
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The board's meeting Oct. 2 was to consider approving the 2025 budget.

All parties — the board, trustee, the fire department and audience members — disagreed vehemently over the budget.

There were multiple items in the budget that were not well received, but the fire department budget brought out the most discussion.

Fire department

The fire department's budget was especially contentious as no one could agree on any of the requests made by fire chief Chad Coulter.

At issue is the amount of funding the department should receive in 2025 and the number of firefighters it should have.

Coulter had proposed hiring three part-time firefighters — one per shift — for 2025 and giving everyone a pay increase.

His reasoning for the pay increase is to try and keep firefighters from leaving the department to get better paying jobs in other departments.

He was also concerned that new government rules being considered next year on fire department operations could mandate having more firefighters on shifts or risk having the township fined by the

state for not meeting the new standards.

Coulter said he wanted to be proactive in finding new firefighters and not have to wait until the last minute.

He also wanted to establish an Emergency Medical Services director position to help keep the department's three paramedics up to date on state requirements and to fill in when one medic is off.

Coulter said he wanted staffing so he could have four people on a truck when they responded to an incident.

"If I have someone off, I have to take a truck out of service," he said.

Board chairman Nelson Hoggatt said he had checked with the chiefs at other departments who said they did not think the new rules would be enacted next year. He took issue with the request as being necessary at this time. He also took issue with an EMS director as not being necessary.

Several audience members also expressed their unhappiness with the proposed township budget and the fire department's budget, in particular.

Citizen Gregg Terhune reminded the board of the petition submitted at the last meeting containing around 180 signatures of residents opposed to both the 2025 budget and the proposed levy appeal.

There were comments that Madison Township had the

highest property tax rate in the county. There was also concern the county was going to "take" money, around \$22,000, from the township to fund "Public Services."

Several members of the audience began arguing among themselves over the fire department's requests.

One person stated they felt the department should return to being all volunteer, as the township could no longer afford it.

Another said they wanted the department funded so their fire rating from their insurance company would not go up. They contended residents would pay either higher property taxes for fire coverage or higher insurance costs, if they could get insurance, because they did not have adequate fire coverage.

At one point in the meeting, Ellis reminded the firefighters who were attending the meeting they should not speak because they were on duty.

While the audience argued, the three board members discussed various options among themselves for the budget. In the end, they could not agree on what the next step should be.

At one point, a member of the board said if people were that unhappy living in Madison Township, they should live elsewhere.

"We only have so much funds available," the person said.

A person asked why, on medical runs, they send both an ambulance and a truck to the scene. The person felt it was a waste of time and money to respond both to a medical run.

Finally, board secretary Matthew Pranger said they needed to do more "fact finding" and hold another meeting later in the month.

After much discussion, the board decided on Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Landersdale fire station.

More budget discussion

Before the fire department became the topic of discussion, board members and audience members took issue with Ellis's request to raise township clerk's Tina Turner's salary from \$18,000 per year to \$22,000.

They felt it was excessive and not necessary. Ellis offered to take a pay cut of \$4,000 and have that money added to his clerk's salary.

"She does a lot of work for the township," he said.

The board took no action on his request.

Before the budget discussion, Ellis updated the board on the status of Station 31's new driveway. He said the contract has been finalized and work should begin later this month. He said a contract for the new roof on Station 32 on Landersdale Road is finished and will be signed later this month.

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- Boys and Girls Club of Morgan County, \$7,335
- Guided Vision Consulting, LLC, \$30,000
- Ashley Mahin, FNP-C of "Nurses Direct Connect," who will receive \$45 per patient visit.

The commissioners also approved sending a letter of support to the state for Stability First to help obtain a grant for that group. The money will help provide room and board for individuals in need.

The Westpoint Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district in Monroe Township was updated. That TIF district, which is in both Hendricks and Morgan County, helps pay for economic development in that area.

The commissioners approved sending a letter of support to the director of the Office of Community and Rural Affairs for the Martinsville Youth and Development Center to help renovate the organization's building on Morton Avenue.

Drainage fees updated

It has been around 20 years since the county updated the fees it charges for those using county drains or ditches. The commissioners passed, on first reading, an ordinance that will raise most of the fees to reflect the cost of work done to review plans and inspect the work.

The commissioners also approved, on first reading, an updated stormwater drainage ordinance. The updated ordinance was needed due to changes in state regulations.

Tort claim filed

The commissioners sent a tort claim to their insurance company from a person who allegedly fell on the downtown square and died of their injuries.

According to the claim, filed by Boje, Benner, Becker, Markovich and Hixson, LLP, on behalf of Kimberly Like and her late husband, Jack Like.

According to the claim, at around 9:50 a.m. on May 8, 2024, Like, who was working for the Martinsville Police Department, was delivering papers to the law office of Boren, Oliver and Coffey, LLP, when he allegedly tripped over an "unmarked sloped concrete curb."

Like allegedly fell and struck his head.

Like allegedly sustained "significant and permanent injuries, including significant spinal cord compression."

The claim alleges Like was paralyzed from the chest down. He allegedly required 24-hour care until his death on Aug. 22.

The claim asks for unspecified damages against the state of Indiana, the county commissioners and council, the City of Martinsville and several of its departments and employees.

It is alleged the parties were negligent in allowing the unsafe curb to remain in existence and unmarked.

In other business

- Commissioners approved a request to purchase additional land for Bridge 68 on Ballinger Road. The additional land is needed to help with resigning the road and bridge as it is being rebuilt.
- The commissioners approved a change order for a bridge that is already finished on Rob Hill Road.

The original plan was to reuse a section of the bridge. During demolition of the old bridge, it was found to be in bad shape and needed to be replaced. The contractor replaced the section so the work could continue. The cost of the additional work is around \$58,600, which will bring the final cost of the replacement to around \$1,027,000.

- The commissioners accepted the report from United Consulting on the statue of the small structures on county roads. A small structure is defined as a structure between four and 20 feet in length. Anything over 20 feet is classified as a bridge.

The county currently has 336 small structures on its books. The report lists structures that need replacement or repair.

- The commissioners approved allowing the donation of personal time off to two employees who are having medical issues. The donation of the time will allow the employees to continue receiving their pay while they recover.

The next scheduled commissioner meeting is Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the county administration building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.



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Helms announces ‘the big show’

By Keith Rhoades
MCC Chief Correspondent

MORGAN COUNTY — Music promoter Rob Helms, of RD Productions LLC, announced the lineup for the 2025 Morgan County Pre-Fair Concert last Thursday night at Greg Hubler Chevrolet.

Headlining the night is Chris Janson. Also performing are Gretchen Wilson, Montgomery Gentry with Eddie Montgomery, and local rising star Michael McCartney and the C-Notes.

The concert will be held on June 14 at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.

Tickets will go on sale Saturday, March 29, 2025, at Greg Hubler Chevrolet at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Advanced Platinum Tickets are \$100. Advanced Gold Tickets are \$65 and Advanced Silver Tickets are \$30.

As an opening day special, concertgoers can save 25 percent on tickets sold on opening day.

For more information, go to rd-productionsllc.com.

Chris Janson

Chris Janson, proud member of the Grand Ole Opry and multi-platinum songwriter and artist, is part of country music’s new breed.

In touch with the lighter side of life with self-penned No. 1s “Fix A Drink,” “Good Vibes,” and the four-times Platinum “Buy Me A Boat,”



From left: musician Michael McCartney, promoter Rob Helms and WCBK on-air broadcaster Kelsey James take part in the announcement of the 2025 Morgan County Pre-Fair Concert performers last Thursday at Greg Hubler Chevrolet in Camby. (Keith Rhoades photo / MCC)

as well as the more thoughtful truths of “Done,” “Things You Can’t Live Without,” and the CMA Song of the Year nominee and ACM Video of the Year “Drunk Girl.”

Beyond his artistry are his live shows, where all that heart-on-the-



JANSON

four-wheeler songwriting meets the fans where they come to rock.

For a man known for his outdoors lifestyle and collaborations with Bass Pro Shops and Cabela’s, making music from his own life has established the harmonica-forward multi-instrumentalist the go-to guy for young country for the last decade. Janson’s Big Machine Label Group debut single, “All I Need Is You,” recently hit the No. 1 spot on the Country music charts (marking five career No. 1 hits) and his latest single “Whatcha See Is Whatcha Get,” is the first release on the re-

cently re-named Nashville Harbor Records & Entertainment imprint.

Gretchen Wilson

Gretchen’s ability to tailor songs as gorgeously rough-edged as she is, have given her the kind of “I am what I sing” originality few women in music history—Loretta, Janis, Dolly and Cher chief among them—have ever been able to achieve.

Her first single, “Redneck Woman,” spent six weeks at #1. Her debut album, *Here For The Party*, sold more than five million copies... and spawned three more top 5 hits including, “Homewrecker,” “When I Think About Cheatin’,” and the title track, “Here For The Party.”

Her second CD, *All Jacked Up*, saw four more hit songs like “California Girls,” “I Don’t Feel Like Loving You Today,” “Politically Uncorrect” (featuring Merle Haggard) and the title cut, and rode enthusiastic reviews to platinum status, and her third record, *One of the Boys*, solidified her position as one of contemporary music’s most original and multi-faceted female artists.



WILSON

Gretchen’s latest album, *Ready To Get Rowdy*, has spawned three singles: the titular “Rowdy,” “Summertime Town” and the current single, “Stacy,” which is accompanied by a music video filmed in Gretchen’s hometown of Pocahontas, Ill. The video features many of Gretchen’s closest friends, known to her as “Stacys.”

Eddie Montgomery

Average Joes Entertainment’s Eddie Montgomery of Montgomery Gentry recently released a 25th anniversary version of “Hillbilly Shoes.”

With 20-plus charted singles, the Kentucky native has earned CMA, ACM, and Grammy awards and nominations with undeniable blue collar anthems like “Hell Yeah,” “My Town,” and “Hillbilly Shoes.” They’ve notched five No. 1 singles, “If You Ever Stop Loving Me,” “Something To Be Proud Of,” “Lucky Man,” “Back When I Knew It All” and “Roll With Me.”

They were inducted as Grand Ole Opry members in 2009 and were inducted into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in 2015.



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After the National Anthem, the invocation by Chaplain Clifford Pappe, and a reading of the unit history by Lt. Col. Derek Sutton, the ceremony’s main speakers were welcomed one by one. There was Gov. Eric Holcomb, and major gens. Dale Lyles and Daniel Degelow. Indiana State Rep. Stephen Bartels presented a flag, and Pappe ended with a benediction. The whole affair wasn’t too long — it seemed, rightfully, that as much time as possible was allotted for each soldier to see their family.

“Take care of your brothers and sisters on your left and on your right,” Holcomb said during his remarks Sept. 25, emphasizing safety to the troops in the audience.

Morgan County Guards

Sgt. First Class Leo Kent will be a National Guardsman for 14 years come November. The Martinsville



Members of the National Guard greet and say farewell to their family members who made the trip to Camp Atterbury for the deployment ceremony. A mixture of excitement, fear, joy and sorrow filled the crowd of people at Atterbury that day. (Jared Quigg photo / MCC)

native, husband and father, will be heading on his first deployment next month.

“It’s hard now (leaving my family behind),” Kent said. “It does give me something to look forward to when I get back.”

Nonetheless, Kent is excited about the mission, a sentiment shared by Sgt. Jonas Stillman, a fel-

low Martinsville native soon to find himself in the Middle East.

“I’m feeling really good (about the operation),” Stillman said. “I’m not excited about leaving my family, but I made a commitment to something bigger than myself.”

Kent and Stillman are two of the five Morgan County soldiers training in Texas as of press time, pre-

paring to head to the Middle East next month during a time of extraordinary crisis in the region. Due to privacy concerns, The Correspondent could not obtain the names of the other soldiers being deployed next month.

Stillman, just 22, will also be on the first deployment of his career. He’s been in the Guard for three and

a half years, and while he’s serving the country, his wife and little baby will anxiously wait for his return.

“It’s rough on any family,” Stillman said. “Nobody wants to lose somebody for a year. I’m going to be as safe as I possibly can to get back home to them.”

Before the ceremony began last Wednesday, there was a buzz in the early autumn air, and a cool breeze seemed to relax the crowd on the Atterbury grounds. The joy of reunion swept over everyone, and the band played triumphantly.

When the ceremony was over, the crowds dispersed mostly in silence, and the band had long ceased playing their instruments. The excitement within Kent, Stillman and the other soldiers hadn’t left. But in the quiet of the afternoon, the danger of their undertaking must have set in.

They said goodbye to their families, the excitement and confidence inside them promising that it would be only for just a little while.

A photograph of four women of diverse ages and ethnicities smiling and laughing together. They are dressed in casual clothing, with some wearing bright yellow shirts. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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ARTIES STAY HOT

Martinsville sits at No. 3 in state rankings with 7-0 start

By Melissa Dillon
MCC Correspondent

MARTINSVILLE — The Martinsville football coaching staff harps on being 1-0 every week, but it’s hard not to think about the big picture after last Friday’s 41-21 win over Perry Meridian.

The Artesians now stand at 7-0 on the season, and sit at No. 3 in the statewide 4A rankings, just behind Bishop Chatard and New Palestine.

In last Friday’s matchup, the Falcons had a 21-20 lead at half-time after a slow first half for the Artesians. After a scoreless third quarter, Martinsville turned it on and scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter to seal the Mid-State Conference win. The Artesians sit atop the Mid-State Conference with a perfect 5-0 record and two more games to go.

“Our kids just react well,” Martinsville head coach Brian Dugger said. “We talked at half-time that we’ve been here before.

“One point is not detrimental — we’ve been down 35 before. We just need to come out and play our brand of football, come out firing and do what we do, and it will take care of itself. We shrink the game down that now we’re playing two quarters, and that’s what it is. We feel like we can score, and let’s get some stops and take advantage of it. It was a little negative at first. The kids were down on themselves, and we’re like, ‘Guys come on. We’re fine. We are totally good.’”

Martinsville senior quarterback stayed hot completed 23-for-30 for 327 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions. Reynolds also had 10 carries for 58 yards and two touchdowns.

Junior Lucas Dewey had 12 carries for 61 yards and one touchdown. Senior Austin Pryor added eight carries for 15 yards. Senior Hunter Stroud had 17 receptions for a total of 208 yards and



Martinsville senior AJ Reynolds (4) leads the team through the banner before the Homecoming game last Friday. (Nevaeh Dillon photo / MCC)

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Martinsville senior Ally Greenwell battles for possession in the midfield with Monrovia junior Ann Standeford during last Wednesday's game at home on senior night against Monrovia. (Nevaeh Dillon photo / MCC)

Standout season for Lady ‘Dawgs

Monrovia defeats Martinsville in season closer to claim conference title in soccer

By Melissa Dillon
MCC Correspondent

MARTINSVILLE — The Monrovia girls soccer team finished a stellar regular season last Wednesday at Martinsville with a 4-2 win to beat the Artesians for the first time in eight seasons.

The 1A No. 3-ranked Lady Bulldogs finished the season with an impressive 15-1 record and a 7-0 conference title to take the Indiana Crossroads Conference championship.

“It’s been in the process with lots of practice and lots of talks,” Monrovia head coach Betsy McCrary said. “We just need to keep our heads in it and focused —

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Pioneers, Arties win county XC titles

By Steve Page
MCC Correspondent

EMINENCE — Best weather, best race.

For most of last Tuesday evening, dark, threatening skies were the order of the day, with nothing around to slow the wind that swept across the Eminence cross country course.

But the clouds gave way to sunshine, and the wind died down just before the start of the high school boys’ race on Oct. 1.

It turned out to be quite the race.

First, Martinsville junior Rayce Wolff and Monrovia junior Colton Smith ran away from the rest of the field. Then Mooresville junior Parker Bohr caught them.

They ran together the rest of the race, with Smith breaking free to take first in 16:52.23, just ahead of Wolff (16:54.45) and Bohr (17:12.75). All their times were personal bests.

“My plan was to sit back, let them run the pace, then kick it when I did, which worked out pretty good,” said Smith. “I PR’ed by some 30 seconds.”

“It was good,” said Wolff, “It was cool out, the wind died down — perfect running conditions. It was a good race throughout. I PR’ed by a lot — 23 seconds.”

Added Bohr: “I went out too fast, and I fell back. I told myself, ‘I can push more,’ so I did. I’m proud of myself for staying up there. I gave it my all. It was hard watching him (Smith) go past me. But it was a PR. That’s all I can ask for, when I give it my best, and I ran my best.”

His effort helped the Pioneers win the boys’ race, with 32

points to 42 for Monrovia and 57 for Martinsville. Eminence did not have enough competitors to score team points.

With junior Laura Barco running away with the girls’ race (19:48.71), senior Allyson Greenwell taking second (20:38.84) and Kaitlyn Spurgeon fourth (21:03.60), the Artesians won their side of the event with 25 points to 30 for Monrovia. Mooresville had four competitors, one shy of the number needed to score team points.

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Shortly after the start at Eminence, Martinsville junior Laura Barco leads Monrovia freshman Zoie Walls in the Morgan County championship high school girls’ race. Barco won in 19:48.71, with Walls third in 20:53.85. (Steve Page photo / MCC)



Martinsville junior Charlie Rawlins gets a step on his Perry Meridian defender and easily gets a one-on-one goal against the keeper during last week's Sept. 30 Mid-State Conference game. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)

Artie boys soccer takes second in conference

Sectional action begins this week for team enjoying historic success

By Melissa Dillon
MCC Correspondent

MARTINSVILLE — The Martinsville boys soccer team had a fight last week at home against Perry Meridian.

The Artesians and the Falcons, both with solid seasons, battled for the Mid-State Conference champi-

onship on Sept. 30. Perry was 6-0 and Martinsville 5-0-1 in conference going into the night. Martinsville had to win the game to win the conference while Perry had a small cushion, knowing a tie would earn them the title. Martinsville tied with Plainfield (1-1) on Sept. 9.

Martinsville battled all night and gave the Falcons very few opportunities at the net. The Artesians had a 2-1 lead with nine minutes left when

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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GRADE: Senior
SPORT: Soccer
REASON FOR AWARD: Matt is a four-year varsity and two-year captain of our boys soccer program. He has excelled in all areas on and off the field. Matt is a multi-sport athlete, but loves soccer. One of the most memorable games that he had was when he scored the game-winning goal at Greenwood to complete the comeback against a very good team. He has left unmatched legacy for our program here and has provided an amazing foundation for the younger players to follow.



GRADE: Senior
SPORT: Golf
REASON FOR AWARD: Senior Lucy Guy capped off her high school golf career with a stellar round of 80 at the IHSAA regional at Battleground in Lafayette, just four shots shy of making the state tournament. Lucy also had a great season overall, including being named All-Conference for the third straight season.

Pioneer comeback stuns Warriors

By Steve Page
MCC Correspondent

MOORESVILLE — Another game, another thriller.

This week, it was the Mid-State Conference football matchup at Whiteland.

Mooreville, which held on for a five-point win over Franklin a week earlier, rallied in the final two minutes last Friday to defeat the Warriors 24-21.

Junior quarterback Connor Cruz threw a 4-yard pass to Kaden Bruhn in the far right corner of the end zone with 17.8 seconds to play, and freshman Owen Hopkins kicked the conversion for the winning margin.

“It was a nail-biter, as usual,” coach Mike Gillin said by phone Saturday. “That’s the way it is every year with these guys. I’m proud of all our guys.

“That team runs the jet sweep offense, so you don’t have the ball much. The way they’re getting so many first downs, we got just enough stops to hang in there.

“Kaden Bruhn had a big game. Trey Bennett played well again. It’s good to have him back.

“Connor Cruz had a good ball

game (18-27 for 214 yards, three touchdowns). We mixed it up really well. Six guys caught passes.”

Bruhn caught 10 for 126 yards and two TDs.

Tyler Denny caught three for 56, Ty Montgomery two for 8 and a touchdown, Quinten Gunter one for 11, Keenan Brownlee one for 9, and Journey Thompson one for 6 yards.

Mooreville opened the scoring on a 38-yard field goal by Hopkins, with Whiteland countering on a four-yard run by Noah

Pope. Cruz hit Montgomery with a 6-yard scoring pass for a 10-7 halftime lead.

Cruz and Bruhn hooked up for a 41-yard touchdown, but Whiteland came back on a 17-yard TD toss from quarterback Olli Taylor and a 36-yard run.

We got the ball with 1:15 to go and went on a 70-yard drive,” Gillin said. “We do struggle a bit stopping the run and running the ball. But when we move the football, we’re OK.”

Senior Keenan Brownlee rushed eight times for 28 yards, junior Tyler Denny gained 12 yards on five carries, and Bennett had three rushes for 15 yards.

The Warriors rushed for 299 of their 379 total yards, but the

Pioneers won the passing game, 214-77.

“Casey (Gillin) and Mark Weller made some nice adjustments,” Mike Gillin said of his assistants.

“We’re happy to be 3-4 with the way we started. We’ve got to look forward; that’s what we’ve been doing.”

They’ll only have to look as far as Martinsville. The Pioneers host the third-ranked Artesians, 5-0 in the Mid-State and 7-0 overall, at 7 p.m. Friday.

“We go from a team that never throws the ball to one that throws it 30 to 40 times,” Gillin said. “We’ll just keep adjusting, keep looking forward.”



Artesians go the distance with South



Martinsville's volleyball team celebrates a point with senior Chloe Jones (16) during last Thursday's game at home against Bloomington South. (Nevaeh Dillon photo / MCC)

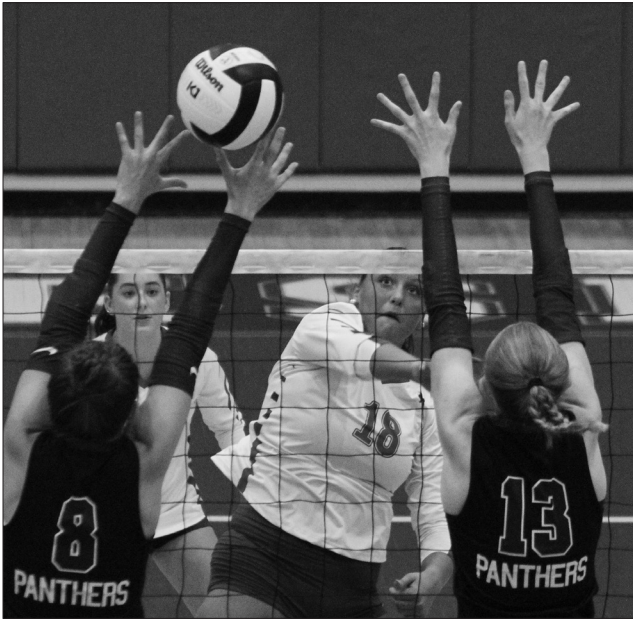
By Melissa Dillon
MCC Correspondent

MARTINSVILLE — Martinsville's volleyball team had a full-energy night in a close match with Bloomington South last Thursday at home.

South took the first set 25-21, but then Martinsville took the momentum in the second set to win, 25-22. The Artesians took the lead with a 25-22 win in the third, but South tied it up in the fourth with a 25-22 score as well. In the fifth and final set, South had the upper hand in the end with a 16-14 score.

“We tried to hype it up as much as we could,” Martinsville head coach Kelsey Patrick said. “They knew that this was a game that they wanted to have a W on. I’m very proud of them. We went to five sets and fought for pretty much every ball. They really hyped this one up for some reason, so that energy was all them.”

Junior Josey Whitehead had a nice night with 20 kills, five digs and an ace. Senior Chloe Jones finished with 8 kills and three digs. Junior Ruby Murrell added six kills



Martinsville junior Josey Whitehead (18) gets through blockers during last Thursday's game at home against Bloomington

and five blocks, junior Emma Breen five kills, five aces, a block and three digs and senior Aubrie Shepherd two kills.

Senior Emily Martin had 19 digs and two aces. Junior Mylee Jarrett had three digs. Junior Evea Ennis added seven digs, 16 assists and three aces. Senior Josie Dillman

had 26 assists, a dig and an ace. Senior Emerson Pemberton added five digs. Senior Morgan Lyon had an ace and 14 digs.

“I thought Josey Whitehead had a great offense game and was also pretty good for us in the serving line,” coach Patrick said. “Emily Martin just continues to amaze me every

game we play. I feel like she’s grown as a DS, and this is her best year yet.”

Martinsville had a 1-1 weekend with a 2-0 win over Mt. Vernon with set scores of 25-16 and 27-25 and then lost to Bloomington North 2-0 with scores of 25-13 and 25-19. On Tuesday, Martinsville dropped three sets to Mid-State Conference Perry Meridian, 25-14, 25-16 and 25-18.

The Artesians rebounded for sure against South with good teamwork and high energy. Martinsville also looked sharp on serving with only nine errors of their 105 attempts.

After the weekend, the Artesians are 10-15 on the season with a 3-3 conference record.

“We’ve got Mooreville on Tuesday, so if we can go play the exact same way with all that energy, that it could be a different outcome on Tuesday,” coach Patrick added.

Following Tuesday’s home match against Mooreville, which was after press time, the Lady Artesians will host Terre Haute South today, with a 6 p.m. start.



ABOVE: Martinsville junior Mason Dodson catches a long pass and scores a touchdown to start Friday's Homecoming game with Mid-State Conference Perry Meridian. (Nevaeh Dillon photo / MCC)

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two touchdowns. Junior Mason Dodson had four catches for 107 yards and one touchdown. Seniors Draven Sanders and Josh Jones each had one catch for six yards.

Junior Charlie Rawlins went five-for-five in his point-after attempts. Junior Landon Pottoroff had a sack for a loss of eight, and senior Mason Kirkhoff had a sack for a loss of seven. Junior Rhys Wolf had two passes defended, and senior Trenton Toliver one.

Perry Meridian finished the night 243 passing yards and 109 rushing yards.

Martinsville opened up the game



in a big way. Dodson beat his man, and Reynolds found him for a 78-yard touchdown pass. The two-point conversion was no good, to give Martinsville a 6-0 lead.

Perry responded later in the quarter on a 5-yard run. Martinsville made its way quickly down the field before Reynolds scored on a 1-yard run and the kick for a 13-7 score.

Middle of the second, Reynolds found Stroud for a 15-yard touchdown followed by the kick from Rawlins. The catch broke the school record for single game

receptions with 17.

The Falcons would score twice before halftime, giving them the energy going into the locker room.

It took until the fourth quarter before Martinsville could put a score together with a 2-yard run from Dewey. Defense had another stop, and the Artesians scored on a 13-yard pass to Stroud. With a minute left, Reynolds put an exclamation point on it with another touchdown on a 2-yard run.

“It was awesome,” junior Levi Reuter said. “We came back like we always do. We came out after

halftime and played our brand of football like our coach says. The first half wasn’t us.”

The whole night was packed with festivities and people for Homecoming. The undefeated 1974 alumni football team had a reception in the cafeteria before the game featuring almost everybody from the team, including cheerleaders and managers. All names were announced, including those who’ve passed with family represented. Phil Deckard Sr. was also recognized as the voice of the

Artesians since 1964. Halftime also included Homecoming court announcements and the marching band. The middle school cheerleaders joined the varsity squad for a routine and the girls’ golf team was recognized for winning sectionals.

“Unbelievable crowd tonight,” coach Dugger said. “I hope every one of these people come to Mooreville next week.”

The Artesians travel to Mooreville on Friday night, with a 7 p.m. kickoff.



Monrovia girls soccer players make a wall on a penalty kick during last Wednesday's game at Martinsville. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)

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that’s been our main goal. Our goal is to get in pretty quick and keep up the pace.”

Martinsville finishes its regular season with a 7-9 record and 3-4 in its own conference.

The Artesians started their night on top against the Bulldogs on a quick goal from sophomore Brynlee Hamblin.

Monrovia quickly tied it up on a goal from junior Trinity Ingler. Junior Nellie Standeford scored two more goals for the Bulldogs before halftime to take a 3-1 lead at the break.

Just four minutes into the second half, senior Emery Newlin found her way through the defense and gave Monrovia its fourth goal of the night.

Martinsville stayed aggressive, but Monrovia’s defense was too much for the Artesians. Martinsville senior Addalyn Berry was able to win a 50-50 ball and find herself alone against Monrovia keeper junior Joslin Harvey for a goal.

Monrovia kept it away the rest of the game to take the 4-2 win.

“Things have been going pretty well,” coach McCrary said. “We had a busy week this week and we’ve

been able to handle it like we can and stay strong and healthy. We’re in it to win it. We have a great group of seniors. They’ve done wonders for our program and the four years that they’ve been here. They’re all amazing girls, and even have Gabby move in here, she clicked real fast, and we love her as if she’s been here all four years. It’s going to be a sad day when they get to move on with the next step of their lives.”

Martinsville celebrates its big group of seniors before the game with Cassandra Berry, Kayla Bush, Addalyn Berry, Hadley Ricketts, Olivia Phillips, Ally Greenwell, Gracie Breen and Karlee Bolin.

SECTIONAL CHAMPS!



The Mooresville High School boys tennis team shows off the blue ribbons and the championship trophy after winning sectionals on Monday evening. It marks the second year in a row for the team's sectional championship. They began regional action Tuesday, after press time. (Mooresville Schools courtesy photo)



Girls from Eminence, Mooresville, Monrovia and Martinsville race away from the start of last Tuesday's Morgan County championship for those in high school. (Steve Page photo / MCC)



High school boys race around the Eminence baseball diamond shortly after the start in last Tuesday's Morgan County cross country championships. (Steve Page photo / MCC)

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Barco and some of her teammates then raced off to compete in Martinsville's soccer match with Monrovia, so she was unavailable for comment.

But her coach, Jared Crismore, had plenty to say.

"We were aggressive from start to finish," Crismore noted. "Laura Barco led from start to finish, but never let off the gas, even though she was all by herself. Allyson Greenwell battled early with another runner, but stayed calm and pulled away to finish in second behind Barco. Kate Spurgeon chased after the third-place girl, and I truly believe she would have caught her with a late surge, but ran out of real estate. Finishing out the scoring were Sara Giles in 13th and Whitney Carson in 15th."

Zoie Walls of Monrovia took third in the girls' race and offered a smile, saying, "I PR'ed today: 20:52. In the last meet, it was 21:55. I'm a freshman this year. This encourages me to keep getting better."

Her coach, Matt Nagel, was impressed. "A lot of PR's across the board," he said. "We finally got three of the girls in the 17's and one in the 16's. That's the game plan – to get ready for the postseason."

Mooresville coach Maura Beattie also liked what she saw.

"Aside from the highlight of winning the Morgan County XC Championships, we saw numerous PRs being set," she noted. "Carlee McIntosh has been consistently leading the team (eighth, 23:24.07) and is in a good position heading into October."

Eminence coach Jeff Saucerman said

How they fared
(Top seven earned All-County)
High school girls:
(With grade, bib number, school and time)
1. Laura Barco, junior, Martinsville, 19:48.71 (6:23 per mile).
2. Allyson Greenwell, senior, Martinsville, 20:38.84 (6:39).
3. Zoie Walls, freshman, Monrovia, 20:53.85 (6:44)
4. Kaitlyn Spurgeon, junior, Martinsville, 21:03.60.
5. Lidia Tonner, sophomore, Monrovia, 21:47.79.
6. Sophia Saucerman, senior, Eminence, 21:47.85.
7. Keely Nees, sophomore, Monrovia, 22:14.11.
8. Carlee McIntosh, sophomore, Mooresville, 23:24.07.
9. Kennedee Miles, junior, Mooresville, 24:57.39.
10. Madelyn Snedegar, freshman, Monrovia, 24:39.92.

High school boys:
(With grade, bib number, school and time)
1. Colton Smith, junior, Monrovia, 16:52.23 (5:26 mile).
2. Rayce Wolff, junior, Martinsville, 16:54.45 (5:27).
3. Parker Bohr, junior, Mooresville, 17:12.75 (5:32).
4. Harrison Rahn, senior, Monrovia, 17:24.19.
5. Hardan Olson, junior, Mooresville, 17:39.23.
6. Jacob Williamson, freshman, Monrovia, 17:48.02.
7. Magnus Thorstenson, junior, Mooresville, 17:52.59.
8. Luke Merkle, junior, Mooresville, 18:00.42.
9. Owen Lawson, junior, Mooresville, 18:00.71.
10. Finley Zollman, junior, Mooresville, 18:12.09.

Middle schools
Girls
1. Maitlyn Hayes, eighth grade, John R. Wooden MS, 13:28.54.
2. Kyra Asher, fourth grade, Monrovia MS, 13:39.31.
3. Ellie Wolfe, sixth, Monrovia MS, 13:39.93.
Teams: 1. Monrovia 25, 2. John Wooden 34, 3. Paul Hadley 68.

Boys
1. Henry Barco, eighth grade, John Wooden MS, 10:35.11.
2. Rylee Dillon, eighth grade, Monrovia MS, 10:37.89.
3. Cameron Sponsler, eighth grade, Paul Hadley MS, 11:39.14.
Teams: 1. Monrovia 32, 2. Paul Hadley 46, 3. John R. Wooden 51.

it was all good. His top finishers were senior Sophia Saucerman, sixth in the girls' race at 21:47.85, and sophomore Kessler Leek, 14th in the boys' race at 19:28.98.

"I'm really impressed with the level of competition and the sportsmanship, root-

ing each other on," Jeff Saucerman said. "Just top notch.

"We did good. We had some PR's, kept moving forward. We ran hard and competed well. We'll see what we can do in sectionals."

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they fouled in the box giving Perry a penalty kick. Junior Quinlan McGown dove to his left, but the ball barely missed his fingertips, giving Perry the tie.

The Artesians did everything they could in the last few minutes to score a goal, even pulling McGown out of the goal to be a extra foot in the midfield. Martinsville had several shots on goal but couldn't get one to go through, thus giving Perry the tie and title.

"We were nine minutes away from a conference champions for first time in 18 years," Martinsville head coach Willy Spina said. "We've actually tied Perry three years in a row. They're a very good team. This was the first time that we were actually better. We outplayed them by a mile, we really did. It just didn't go our way, and it just happens sometimes. We were pretty down, but we're putting it behind us."

Both teams battled in the midfield the whole first half with good passes, patient play and aggressive defense. The ball finally got too close to McGown as Perry won the battle in the crowd and found the net with seven minutes to go in the first.

With just under three minutes to go, junior Charlie Rawlins got the ball and made his way through three defenders in a foot race to tie it up. Rawlins ran over to the student section to celebrate the goal.

With nine minutes gone in



Martinsville senior Elija Peters is first to a high ball during the Sept. 30 Mid-State Conference game against Perry Meridian. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)



Martinsville junior Charlie Rawlins celebrates a goal during the Sept. 30 Mid-State Conference game against Perry Meridian. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)

the second half, Rawlins did it again, but with only one guy to beat. He easily made the goal one-on-one with the keeper for a 2-1 lead.

Around 20 minutes, McGown was hurt going for a loose ball and collided with Perry's forward. McGown waved off the ref and kept going. After the PK, McGown had several big kicks from the midfield and had no worries of Perry getting behind him. The pitch was basically cut in half with the ball in Martinsville's possession the rest of the game. Martinsville had eight solid minutes of high-pressure offense but couldn't take back the lead.

"We were still undefeated in conference," coach Spina said. "We had the most wins that we've had since 2008 with 12. We have the least amount of losses in Martinsville history. We only have one, and the most we could possibly have is two.

"We're still doing a lot of

things that we haven't done before. We've given up the least amount of goals we've ever given up in a regular season with 13 in 16 games. We had a really great season. We just have to focus on the pinnacle of winning sectionals."

Monrovia matchup

The Artesians ended their regular season with a 10-0 win over Monrovia last Wednesday. The game ended early for mercy rule, but not before the Artesians cleared its bench and got in players that haven't gotten a lot of time in on varsity.

"That's the biggest positive out of this game is to see the younger guys out there doing some things," said Spina. "The fight I have is I have a bunch of guys worried about going in and scoring a goal and stuff like that. We had a couple kids sit out that are knocked up. Most of our team and myself are focused on Mooresville next week because that's what we need to worry about the most is our sectional game. We have a

great draw and I'm excited for it. We had some young guys score some goals tonight. We have a bright future ahead of us. That's the biggest positive out of this game is to see the younger guys out there doing some things."

With a 12-1-3 record this season for Martinsville versus Monrovia's 1-14 record, the Artesians proved to be the superior team of the night. Martinsville started fast and didn't let off the brakes.

Sophomore Adrian Martin, juniors Charlie Rawlins and Carter Fultz, seniors Kaden Ferrand and Garrett Kretsinger each had a goal. Junior Jonathan Dalton and freshman Parker Hayes each had two goals. Freshman Lucas Toloday had a goal and an assist. Junior Ethan Bray finished the night with two assists, and senior Elija Peters and juniors Matthew Giles and Will Payton each had an assist.

Junior Quinlan McGown had two saves in the net.

Martinsville players moved to different roles on the field and worked on offensive set-ups all night.

Monrovia wrapped up its regular season with a tough schedule the last couple of weeks. The Bulldogs had several rough games, but had a nice 3-2 win over Beech Grove and some close games with Triton Central (4-2), Owen Valley (2-1) and Greencastle (5-1). Monrovia started the IHSAA Sectional tournament against Brown County on Wednesday while Martinsville faced Mooresville on the same day, both after press time.

Bulldogs fall to Saints

By Melissa Dillon
MCC Correspondent

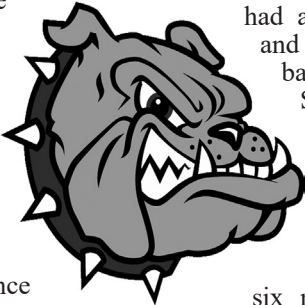
INDIANAPOLIS — For the first time in a long while, Monrovia's football team had a hard time scoring. Unfortunately, it came in a big Indiana Crossroads Conference matchup at Indianapolis Lutheran last Friday.

Monrovia scored seven in the first quarter but didn't score again until the fourth while the Saints scored 14 in the first half, 28 in the third quarter alone and another seven in the fourth to beat out the Bulldogs, 49-14.

The conference has one more game on the schedule with three teams in a tie with a 4-1 record — Monrovia, Lutheran and Triton Central. Monrovia is 5-2 overall with two games left of the regular season.

Junior quarterback Clay Thacker was 0-for-3 in passing and struggled a little bit moving the ball, losing a total of 18 yards in four tries. The Bulldogs totaled 269 rushing yards, which is a little low for the season average.

Senior Noah Bryant was the favorite ball carrier with 20 carries for 176 yards and one touchdown. Junior Brodie Green also had a fine



night with 14 carries for 52 yards. Senior Ryder Pool had seven carries for six total yards, senior Jozy Hand eight carries for 46 yards and a touchdown, senior Syllas Bunton one carry for five yards, and senior Isaiah Ramos one carry for three yards.

Defensively, juniors Connor Denaut, Brody Clampitt and Bentley McClellan each had a tackle for loss. Clampitt had a sack for a loss of five.

Senior Ryder Pool had an interception and then ran the ball for 69 yards. Senior Emery Newlin made both of her point-after attempts.

Monrovia scored with six minutes to go on a touchdown from Bryant and the kick from Newlin. Lutheran tied it up a couple plays later and then scored again right away in the second quarter. Lutheran was in the red zone just before halftime when Pool tracked a pass and intercepted it in the endzone and took it back 69 yards.

But it was all Lutheran's momentum in the third quarter. Hand found the endzone to start the fourth, but another touchdown from Lutheran made the comeback impossible.

The Bulldogs will host Covenant Christian for their last conference game of the season on Friday.



Mooresville sophomore Savannah Brock-Hibbeln goes up for a kill during the Oct. 1 game at home against Mid-State Conference opponent Whiteland. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)

Mooresville VB hits three-game skid

By Melissa Dillon
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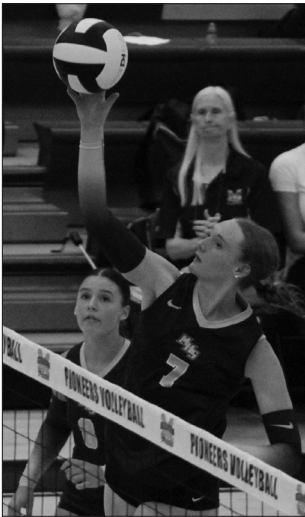
MOORESVILLE — Mooresville's volleyball team hit a difficult part of its schedule last week quickly following a nice showing the prior weekend in the Joyce Gates Invitational at Edgewood.

In the tournament, the Pioneers defeated Eastern Green 2-0 with set scores of 25-20 and 25-16. Highlights for the game included nine kills from sophomore Marley Vanwanzele and eight from freshman Larkin Prosser. The Pioneers had eight serving aces as a team. Prosser had 10 digs and 12 assists, and sophomore Savannah Brock-Hibbeln had 11 assists.

Soon after, Mooresville had an amazing match against Terre Haute North winning 31-29 and then 25-21. Prosser led with nine kills and Vanwanzele with five. Defense had a day with senior Izzy Vanover with 14 digs, Prosser with 13 and Brock-Hibbeln at 11. Brock-Hibbeln had nine assists and Prosser with seven.

In the final game for the weekend, Mooresville fell to Edgewood 2-1. Edgewood won the first set 25-24 then the Pioneers won the second 25-17. In the final set, Edgewood barely took the 15-13 win. Vanwanzele and Prosser each had 11 kills and senior Randee Garringer with 10. Garringer and junior Rebecca Schulz each had three blocks. Vanwanzele led with 13 digs and Vanover and Prosser each with 10. Brock-Hibbeln went to work at setter with 22 assists and Prosser added 10.

Last Monday, Sept. 30, Mooresville competed against Cascade and lost 3-2. Cascade took the first 25-22 before Mooresville



Mooresville freshman Halle Moore tips the ball over the net for a kill during the Oct. 1 game at home against Mid-State Conference opponent Whiteland. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)

dominated the second 25-11. Mooresville took the third 25-21 and Cascade tied it up 25-22. Cascade won the last one 15-13.

Garringer led with 11 kills, Prosser had 10 and Vanwanzele with nine. Prosser had five aces that projected her to a single season school record. Prosser and Vanwanzele each had 18 digs, Brock-Hibbeln with 16 and Vanover had 13. Brock-Hibbeln finished with 16 assists and Prosser added 15.

Mooresville struggled the next two nights against tough opponents. The Pioneers fell to Whiteland 3-0 with set scores of 25-18, 25-20 and 25-17. Danville went to work and also won 3-0 with set scores of 25-11, 25-13 and 25-8.

After the weekend, the Pioneers are 14-12 on the season with a 2-4 Mid-State Conference record.

The team traveled to Martinsville Tuesday for a 7 p.m. game, and then hosted Monrovia Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., both after press time.

Pumpkin Spice Cookies

It's now October, and that means all things pumpkin spice! Well, these Pumpkin Spice Cookies are perfect for fall — a pumpkin cookie recipe that's almost impossible not to eat warm right from the oven!



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Pumpkin Spice Cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 2½ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup whole wheat flour or all-purpose flour
- 1½ teaspoons baking soda
- 1½ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar packed
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree, not pumpkin pie filling
- 1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 10-12 oz. package white chocolate morsels

chocolate morsels

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350° F.
- Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or use a Silpat baking mat and set aside.
- In a medium bowl, combine your dry ingredients, flour through salt.
- In a stand mixer or a large mixing bowl and handheld mixer beat butter until fluffy for about 30 seconds.
- Now, add granulated and brown sugar and beat until combined. Scrape down the edges as you mix.

- Add eggs one at a time, and beat well after each addition.
- Mix in pumpkin puree and vanilla.
- Mix in flour mixture until well combined and then white chocolate chips.
- Place approximately 2 tablespoons of dough on the prepared pan about 2 inches apart.
- Bake for 10-12 minutes or until the edges are golden brown.
- Cool on the baking pan for about 2 minutes and then transfer cookies to a wire cooling rack.

COLUMN & PUZZLES

Newspapers allow readers to attend ‘Horse Sense College’

Laura shows how newspapers offer college students a better practical education than they get from the usual highfalutin curriculum of higher education. Newspapers, in fact, represent a “Horse Sense College” of everyday knowledge.

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Laura L., aged 19, is college student. “Dr. Crane,” she said, “a dozen girls on the same floor of our dorm follow your “Worry Clinic.” “But not in the same newspaper! “Our moms clip your column from our hometown papers and then include it in their letters to us. “That’s especially true



The Worry Clinic
DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

when you discuss dating problems, cigarettes and how to study most effectively. “And we usually get your Saturday column that deals with the church or Sunday School, public speaking hints, etc. “So we enjoy comparing different ways the various papers present your column.

“Some run a little picture of you at the top while others have a pen sketch that illustrates the problem you diagnose. “Others have both a thumbnail photo of you as well as the pen sketch. “And we have debates about your cases, especially when you needle fat women and the Equal Rights Amendment. “But we, girls, are even more on your side than some of our moms, especially if they need to diet and resent you calling them ‘waddling walruses.’ “Several of the girls have also won debates and have gotten good boyfriends because they use your ‘Compliment Club’ strategy and that H-E-L-P formula (hobbies, entertainment,

literature and politics) for carrying on happy conversation. “In fact, we have found more specific help in becoming popular just by reading the newspaper than from our college courses!”

‘Horse Sense’ College
Actually, your local newspaper operates much like a “College of Horse Sense.”
For it offers you very practical education to help you succeed out there on the firing line of real life. Its front page will thus bring you up to date on current history, which will be included in the local history museum’s exhibits 25 years from now. Newspapers thus record “living history,” sometimes with the dramatic skeletons

of what occurred 50 or 100 years ago. And the editorial page likewise offers political science, plus helpful advice on local, state and world affairs AS THEY OCCUR! The business page does likewise in the realm of local merchants and current economics. Various columnists also offer practical advice on everyday problems in psychology, child rearing, medicine, music and the theatre, as well as household hints. The sports section corresponds to the athletic department of the local schools or colleges. Newspapers thus parallel the most vital (and popular) courses in the university curriculum namely,

psychology, business and finance, home ec, history, music, premedical (dental, nursing and veterinary), plus dramatics. Anybody who can read is therefore able to acquire a versatile education, even if, like Abraham Lincoln, he never finished grade school! Newspapers are also the BEST defense of this republic, for they are not regimented and controlled by way of federal subsidies unlike our public schools and most of our colleges!

Dr. George W. Crane, based out of Hillsboro, Ind., was a syndicated columnist for more than 60 years in newspapers across the country, offering psychological advice to everyday people.

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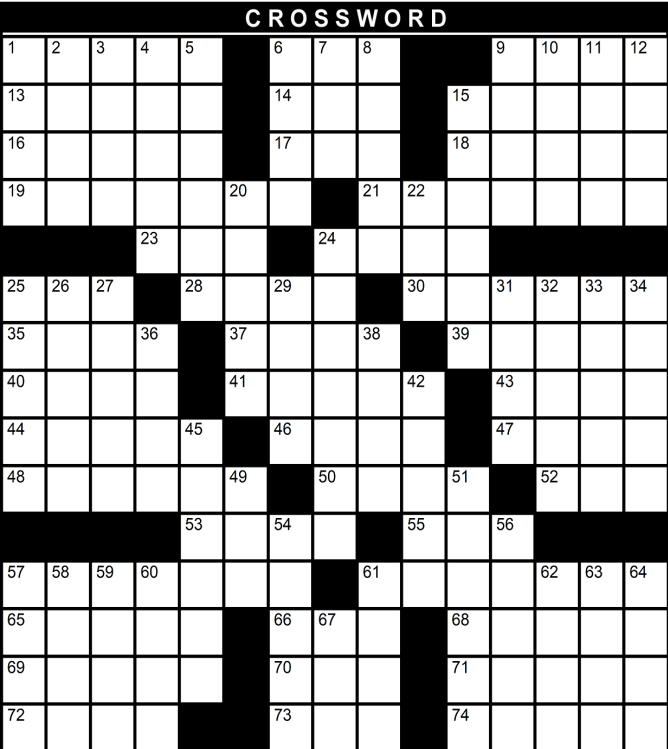
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The Haunting of Waverly – a scary good time, with loads of candy and plenty of age-appropriate thrills – is coming up quickly on Oct. 26. (Old Town Waverly Park courtesy photo)

The fall lineup is taking shape

This evening is the Fall Foliage Festival’s Customer Appreciation Night and the FFF Art Show opens at 6:30 p.m. at Art Sanctuary, with awards given mid-evening.

Judge Lynn Barrett (from Monroe County) always does a very thorough and thoughtful process of judging; she has also occasionally, judged at the Morgan County Fair. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Please, do not expect to go in early. Show organizers and workers appreciate your cooperation on this. Most businesses in the downtown area will be open for the evening, with festival events gearing up around the square.

Art Sanctuary artists are presenting a new award this year: the artists will be selecting their own favorite art work; The AS Artist Award is a cash prize for the resident artists’ favorite piece; any pieces submitted for the show by Art Sanctuary artists will not be in consideration for this award.

Art show judging is difficult; I am speaking from experience. You want to give everyone fair consideration and pick winning pieces that represent the absolute best of artistic



Art Cart
NANCY MAXWELL

standards for composition, media handling, innovative depiction of subject and overall style, along with presentation.

In a local show like this one, there are a fair amount of popular favorite artists (or grandchildren) on the part of the viewing public that will weigh in on the choices the judge made, and you will have some sad faces when a certain someone does not win — “What was the judge thinking?” being a common refrain. Try as you might, as a judge, you just are not going to get it right for everybody. Using an out-of-town judge helps legitimize the process.

Makers’ Market, an artist and crafter’s vendor fair is now taking applications for booth space. This is an opportunity for area creatives to have a “storefront for a

day,” at Art Sanctuary on Small Business Saturday. SBS is a nationwide event, always on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, when many businesses have special hours, sales, and holiday offerings. Contact Dorene Page at dorenegayle@gmail.com.

4-H online enrollment is now open, so visit www.v2.4honline.com to register. More information and specific questions can be answered at 765-342-1010. 4-H offers a wide variety of subject areas, encourages leadership, public speaking, and community involvement. Check it out!

On Saturday, Oct. 12, it’s All You Can Eat Pancakes at the Paragon Volunteer Fire Dept. from 8 a.m. to noon. The menu includes pancakes, sausage or bacon, eggs, coffee cake and cinnamon rolls. There will also be bake sale items available. This is a fundraiser to help with a more handicap-accessible home for an area resident.

The Haunting of Waverly, at Waverly Old Town Park, takes place Oct. 26. This is always a scary enjoyable time! Volunteers are still needed. Details and application are available at www.morgancoun

typarks.org.

The Morgan County Pre-Fair Concert is already on the schedule for June 14. The show will feature Chris Janson, Gretchen Wilson, Montgomery Gentry, and Ft. Eddie Montgomery with Michael McCartney & The C-Notes. Tickets go on sale March 29 at Hubler Chevrolet, Camby, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and online at 2 p.m. at greghublerchevy.com or webbk.com There is a 25-percent discount on ticket sales opening day.

I will be offering an adult (high school and above) drawing class on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Art Sanctuary, starting Nov. 7. This class will be structured for the beginner but also be a helpful review for those with some experience. A variety of topics, including drawing styles, sketching for journaling, shading and perspective will be included. Email me at nancy.maxwell@me.com or text 765-318-0972 for additional details or with questions. Class size is limited.

Now get out there and enjoy this weather and all our Fall Foliage Festival has to offer!

Keep me posted at artcartmartinsville@gmail.com.

Child’s play

Years ago, I visited friends who had a cat. His name was Sam, and he strolled through the living room as we chatted. I asked for a toy to engage him, but they said he doesn’t play. Challenge accepted. Every cat (and every human) longs to engage, to see and be seen.



Authors Who Serve
RACHEL HILLS

The play of house pets constitutes engaging with their humans, just as our play — explorations of our world and relationships — is engaging with our creator.

I often encounter those who believe cats aren’t sociable, especially compared to dogs. I contend such individuals have not engaged meaningfully to see and be seen by the cat in question.

I contend cat “misbehavior” stems from lack of engagement. Cats knock items off shelves because they are bored. Cats jump on counters or refuse to play for lack of relationship.

That day when Sam walked past, I wondered if he would engage. I pulled a string from my pocket and dragged it over and around the cushion next to me. Once I had his attention, I made the end of the string disappear. I’ve never met a cat who could resist the disappearing prey trick.

He jumped and pounced for several minutes before settling in my lap. A few minutes later, he remembered I was a stranger.

My friends told me he had not played in years.

Like humans, each cat has a distinctive personality that one must learn to develop relationship. Since life is about relationship, failure to engage can develop into problems.

Cats, despite their reputation for aloofness, long for relationship as much as humans or dogs. One way to develop relationship is play.

I’ve watched my cats display many behaviors of their bigger relatives, the lion, in their play with me. They are attracted by motion and rarely resist the disappearing “mouse tail” (string) or “bird” (elastic hair band) flying past.

You can see engagement in the lashing tail, wiggling butt, and dilated eyes as they plan their attack. Their bodies are low to the ground, hiding behind a convenient shield — and then they pounce!

Of course, they know it’s play, not actual prey. They’ve only been house cats and never caught live prey, but the engagement is what they love.

I can shout in laughter during play, and they never show fear. Yet, despite having a safe home, they dash into hiding at the doorbell or a strange voice.

The two play in ways different from each other and from other cats I’ve known. They are individuals and respond best to individual treatment.

One day, I created a new toy by tying a ribbon to the end of a discarded window blind wand. I elaborated on the disappearing prey trick by trailing the ribbon under a blanket.

Authors Who Serve

All writers are invited to join our Mooresville-based writing group. Please email Rachel@AuthorsWhoServe.com for more information.

The new game is for the tuxedo cat. I’m after her heart.

The result of engagement: After enough play, she rolled onto her side and turned her head upside down, fully relaxed, safe, vulnerable — exposing more than her heart in pure trust.

My heart delights in her trust.

Earlier this summer, my gray cat sat on my lap purring, a quiet outboard motor, gradually reducing in volume until it was hardly audible. The outboard motor sound lost its seamless quality until only occasional putts remained. After several minutes, those ended, and a deep contented sigh followed.

A moment later, a bird flew past the open window. From that sweet place of surrender to sleep, the gray cat came to full alert in an instant.

Cats still have lion DNA in their genes and behave accordingly, despite being indoor only. They run to the window when they hear something I don’t, then freeze in hunting position to watch the squirrel on the front porch.

I’ve learned to constantly adjust play so I don’t accidentally hurt them and so they will continue engagement. They like something new in their play.

As I interact with them, I take pleasure in their learning and determination. They can get distracted and wander away — it’s their choice. I don’t force them to play, but I enjoy when they do, when they ask to play, when they stay, when they learn new ways to engage.

I believe this also true for humans. When I play, I edge a step closer into who I was made to be.

We learn to be responsible but, as adults, this often comes at the cost of a valuable commodity: play. What does our play as adults teach our children or grandchildren?

Perhaps we need to redefine play. Take it from “wasting time” or pointless frivolity to engaging for the sake of relationship.

After all, we “play” with our children to teach them life skills.

Is our time here on earth about play? Could playing be practice for eternity? Challenge accepted. I’m engaging with my creator.



POEM

The Vessel

I am filled,
filled with myself,
filled with my past
and all its wounding and comfort,
all its sorrow and joy,
all of which color the lens with which I see and function.
Like contents in a backpack that I’m unconsciously carrying,
they weigh me down and fill me with myself
until there is no room for ...
You.

Empty me.
Empty me of myself.
Take out my wounds and my self-soothing,
my regrets and my vanities,
my defeats, and even my victories.
Take out my paradigms fraught with misconstrued misconceptions.
I give them to You.
Take them and do with them what You will.
empty me of myself
and then fill me back up with ...
You.

Fill me.
Fill me with You, only You.
Fill me with Your healing, Your forgiveness,
Your very presence, Your life,
So that it is no longer I who lives, but You.
Be my life, my breath, my very being.
Take all of me and give me all of ...
You.

Once more,
I am filled.

Kathy Temple loves being creative through writing, making jewelry, and finding ways to help others through her pastoral counseling practice. She is a proud member of Authors Who Serve, a Mooresville-based writers group.



Rachel Hills is a Mooresville resident whose playground includes the power of story and the joy of seeing.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF MONROVIA REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Monrovia Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), being the governing body of the Monrovia Department of Redevelopment, on March 25, 2024, adopted Resolution No. 2024-002 (the "Declaratory Resolution") (i) declaring that a certain area within the Town of Monrovia, Indiana, designated as the "Monrovia Economic Development Area" (the "Economic Development Area"), is an economic development area within the meaning of Indiana Code 36-7-14, as amended (the "Act"), (ii) approving an economic development plan for the Eco-

nomie Development Area (the "Economic Development Plan"), and (iii) designating certain portions of the Economic Development Area as "allocation areas" for the purpose of the allocation and distribution of certain property taxes (commonly referred to as "tax increment") under Section 39 of the Act.

Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., local time at the at the Monrovia Government Center, 60 S. Marley Way, Monrovia, Indiana 46157, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the proposed projects for the Economic

Development Area (as more particularly described in the Economic Development Plan) and the proceedings pertaining thereto. Following the public hearing, the Commission will determine the public utility and the benefit of the proposed projects.

Maps and plats have been prepared and, along with the Economic Development Plan, can be inspected at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town, Monrovia Government Center, 60 S. Marley Way, Monrovia, Indiana 46157.

Dated: October 10, 2024.
TOWN OF MONROVIA
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

STATE OF INDIANA
SS:
COUNTY OF MORGAN
IN THE MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2
CAUSE NO.: 55002-2303-EU-000059

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF:
WARREN THEODORE HOBSON, II
Deceased

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that WARREN THEODORE HOBSON, II died on November 22, 2022, and on the 22nd day of May 2024, William K. Hobson was appointed Personal Representative of the decedent's estate and was authorized to proceed with Unsupervised Administration. 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: 5/22/2024
/s/ Tammy J. Parker
Clerk, Morgan County

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Sale Price	Sale Date	Property Address	Seller 1 Name	Seller 1 City	Seller 1 State	Buyer 1 Name	Buyer 1 City	Buyer 1 State
\$270,000	8/16/2024	6130 E SOLITUDE CT	PIKE TRAVIS WILLIAM A/K/A TRAVIS W PIKE & ASHLEY NICHOLE A	CAMBY	IN	SHRUM JOSHUA & BULLINGTON JORDAN	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
\$230,000	8/16/2024	300 E WASHINGTON ST	ADAMS WILLIAM J	MOORESVILLE	IN	BLUME RHONDA	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
\$270,000	8/16/2024	133 BRIDGEMOR LN	SNIDER LLOYD D & MARJORIE S KEYSTONE TRST	MOORESVILLE	IN	PEARSON RONALD L & ROZETTA	BEVERLY HILLS	FL
\$23,500	8/18/2024	FOX CROSS DR	KAPS STEVE & KAREN	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	CONWAY DANIEL E & KIMBERLY K	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$339,000	8/19/2024	2999 W BARGELLO LN	D R HORTON-INDIANA LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	VIXAMAR RENISE GENEVIL & GENEVIL ANDREGENE	MONROVIA	IN
\$10,000	8/19/2024	MORTON AVE	LARA CAP GROUP 21 LLC	WEST LAFAYETTE	IN	INDIANA GAS COMPANY INC D/B/A CENTER POINT ENERGY INDIANA NORTH	EVANSVILLE	IN
\$8,000	8/19/2024	E KINNINGTON RD	BALLINGER BILL	GREENWOOD	IN	PITTMAN MIKE & FERGUSON CANDICE	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$160,000	8/19/2024	989 S SYCAMORE ST	SOLESKY DEBORAH	MARTINSVILLE	IN	MARINO BENJAMIN & BRINKLEY ERICA	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$500,000	8/19/2024	7298 E SPRING LAKE RD	JOHNSON RUTH E	MOORESVILLE	IN	MARTIN BRANDON & GEORGIA	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
\$30,000	8/19/2024	3165 UPPER PATTON PARK RD	DEROSSETT BRENDA SUE	MARTINSVILLE	IN	BARBER JAMES LEE	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$475,500	8/19/2024	3444 PITKIN LN	MCKINLEY JAMES C & CATHY D REVOC LIVING TRUST	MARTINSVILLE	IN	PELKEY JAMES E & CHERYL L	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$50,000	8/19/2024	439 W SUMNER AVE	HACKER VICKI	MARTINSVILLE	IN	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MORGAN COUNTY INC	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$160,000	8/19/2024	20 DEVONWOOD DR	REYNOLDS DAWN M	MOORESVILLE	IN	SUSAN C JESSUP PROPERTIES LLC	MOORESVILLE	IN
\$245,000	8/19/2024	11758 CIVIC CIR	SHAW GARY	MOORESVILLE	IN	JOHNSON RUTH E & BRAUGHTON MICHELLE R	MOORESVILLE	IN
\$3,400,000	8/19/2024	200-300 SOUTHBRIDGE ST	SOUTHBRIDGE CROSSING PARTNERS LLC	HOUSTON	TX	900 NEW YORK LLC	WESTFIELD	IN
\$150,000	8/19/2024	160 E CUNNINGHAM ST	PAGE REBECCA LYNN	BLOOMINGTON	IN	POLLEY ANTHONY	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$313,975	8/20/2024	13818 N RISING SUN CIRCLE EAST	NVR INC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	IBEABUCHI IFEANYICHUKWU BENARD & SAYI RUOAYAT OYINDAMOLA	CAMBY	IN
\$84,900	8/20/2024	6675 E LAURAL RIDGE LN	MORROW DERRICK & STEPHANIE	GREENWOOD	IN	WEAVER MEGAN C & JOHNATHAN M	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$301,000	8/20/2024	1556 S MT NEBO RD	KLEINE SANFORD W VIRGINIA MAYE	MARTINSVILLE	IN	AGRESTA DOMINIC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
\$300,000	8/20/2024	8181 E S R 144	GOLAY BARBARA J	MOORESVILLE	IN	GREGORY TYLER & JESSICA	FRANKLIN	IN
\$337,825	8/20/2024	2919 W BARGELLO LN	D R HORTON INDIANA LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	MORTIMER NERLIE SAINTIL & SANTIL VOLCY	MONROVIA	IN
\$327,240	8/20/2024	N S R 39	FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP INC	ARLINGTON	TX	D R HORTON-INDIANA LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
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\$327,240	8/20/2024	N S R 39	FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP INC	ARLINGTON	TX	D R HORTON-INDIANA LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
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\$220,000	8/20/2024	640 W WASHINGTON ST	MARKET TO MISSIONS LLC	BUTLERVILLE	IN	CHESTNUT ZACHARY	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$795,000	8/21/2024	W S R 42	WILSON SCOTT E	QUINCY	IN	SINGH GURDEEP & MANDAHER PALWINDER S & KAUR AMANPREET	BROWNSBURG	IN
\$295,000	8/21/2024	6539 N TUTTEROW RD	BLAKLEY DOUGLAS W & PAMELA I	MONROVIA	IN	KIBBEY SCOTT E	MONROVIA	IN
\$40,000	8/21/2024	N SMOKEY ROW RD	CRAYTON JONAH EUGENE & RAQUEL	MOORESVILLE	IN	PENNINGTON ANGELA	PLAINFIELD	IN
\$490,000	8/21/2024	4254 N FOXCLIFF DRIVE WEST	ELDRIDGE ANTHONY D & KAITLYN L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	PALERMO JAMES A & JUDITH A	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$325,000	8/21/2024	7060 N BRIARHOPPER RD	EDWARDS LORI ANN	MONROVIA	IN	EDWARDS DAMON J & LEAH M	COATESVILLE	IN
\$409,000	8/21/2024	433 KINGSWAY CT	WARFIELD BRANDON L & JESSICA K	MOORESVILLE	IN	SHOOPMAN JOSEPH E & KIMBERLY K	MOORESVILLE	IN
\$330,935	8/21/2024	7156 E RISING SUN CIRCLE NORTH	NVR INC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	EVERHART DON & ANDREA	CAMBY	IN
\$565,000	8/21/2024	6143 NEW HARMONY RD	SISTERLAND LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN	ELDRIDGE ANTHONY D & KAITLYN L	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$76,500	8/21/2024	665 MORTON AVE	MELLADY REAL ESTATE #4 LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN	CBO LLC	BLOOMINGTON	IN
\$765,000	8/21/2024	619 MORTON AVE	ENTRUST GROUP INC	MARTINSVILLE	IN	CBO LLC	BLOOMINGTON	IN
\$2,200	8/21/2024	E COPPERSTONE RD	WATT DAVID & WATT SHANNAN	MOORESVILLE	IN	GIBBS CODY & WHITNEY	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$350,000	8/22/2024	13720 N SLIDEOFF RD	THIELE MEGAN B	CAMBY	IN	CUMMINGS CHRISTOPHER M	CAMBY	IN
\$275,000	8/22/2024	4736 E MAHALASVILLE RD	WHITE DENTON O & JOAN H	MORGANTOWN	IN	DILLOW JEFFREY A & LISA K	WHITELAND	IN
\$162,000	8/22/2024	940 E YORK ST	THOMPSON JUSTIN & THOMPSON EMILY SOMMERS	MARTINSVILLE	IN	WHITE JOAN HARMON	MORGANTOWN	IN
\$120,000	8/22/2024	121 E HIGH ST	NDAYAK ARPAN & CAUDILL JESSICA LYNNE	PLAINFIELD	IN	GRIGGS TRINTY A	MOORESVILLE	IN
\$9,800	8/22/2024	8090 WAVERLY RD	HUGHES CHARLENE L	MARTINSVILLE	IN	HELTON SOPHIE G	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$5,000	8/23/2024	E WASHINGTON ST	WEAVER JEANNE L ESTATE OF	GERMANTOWN	OH	BURNS TODD & BURNS VICKIE	MORGANTOWN	IN
\$170,000	8/23/2024	489 PRATHER DR	HOOD ZACHARY G	MARTINSVILLE	IN	SHIV RESIDENCE 19 LLC	GREENWOOD	IN
\$430,000	8/23/2024	429 KANTERBURY LN	WOODALL TIM P & WOODALL ANGELA M	MOORESVILLE	IN	ERNST LONNY A	MOORESVILLE	IN
\$278,000	8/23/2024	5532 LAKEVIEW LN	KAMO CAROLYN E & RICHARD T	GREENWOOD	IN	COOK JESSE R & MONA LISA	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
\$160,000	8/23/2024	PERRY RD	WATTS PHILIP K & CLAIRE AJTRS	CORNELIUS	NC	PIERCE DAVID	MOORESVILLE	IN
\$240,000	8/23/2024	RED DAY RD	LLOYD BILLY WAYNE & LISA ANN	AVON	IN	CAMPBELL KELLEY WATKINS & RHETT ALLAN	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
\$14,516	8/23/2024	1555 FOX CROSS DR	SPINA VICTOR JR	MARTINSVILLE	IN	FERGUSON NADINE & RUBIO FRANCISCO G	PORT CHARLOTTE	FL
\$83,018	8/23/2024	7012 E BEAN BLOSSOM DR	ENCLAVE AT HEARTLAND LLC (THE)	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	NVR INC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
\$193,000	8/26/2024	1029 E WARREN ST	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MORGAN COUNTY INC	MARTINSVILLE	IN	MCCLURE DAWN	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$163,000	8/27/2024	609 E WALNUT ST	WHITE CHAD	MORGANTOWN	IN	MARTIN CAROLYN S	GOSPORT	IN
\$255,000	8/28/2024	6253 BEECH GROVE RD	KIRKLEY SARAH J	MARTINSVILLE	IN	PICKETT JUSTIN S & ERICA	BEDFORD	IN
\$255,000	8/28/2024	4130 WILBUR RD	TT REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS LLC	GREENWOOD	IN	SEIBRING LUCAS J	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$370,000	8/28/2024	4510 E RIDGE RD	PORTER WANITA JEAN & PORTER THOMAS ALAN	MARTINSVILLE	IN	SICHTING KEVIN & MICHELLE	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$150,000	8/28/2024	1326 SMOKEY RD	TAYLOR CHRISTINE	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	SPECTRUM PROPERTY SOLUTIONS LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
\$160,000	8/28/2024	1326 SMOKEY RD	SPECTRUM PROPERTY SOLUTIONS LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	CATALINA REALTIES LLC	FISHERS	IN
\$330,000	8/28/2024	2892 W TAPESTRY DR	D R HORTON-INDIANA LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	ARISTIDE SHNEDER & VILAMARD CARMILA	MONROVIA	IN
\$175,500	8/28/2024	936 PLAZA DR	DESALLE DANIEL J	MARTINSVILLE	IN	WADE MARY C	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$25,500	8/28/2024	410 S GRAHAM ST	GRIFFIN FAMILY LIV TRST	MARTINSVILLE	IN	MYERS ALAN R & CHERYL L	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$112,000	8/28/2024	1301 N MANOR LN	STUART CHARLES L & PEGGY C	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	DICKEMANN WILLIAM A & CYNTHIA A	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$141,890	8/28/2024	89 S 2ND ST	SINCLAIR DANIEL	MARTINSVILLE	IN	LAKE PROP LLC	NOBLESVILLE	IN
\$165,000	8/28/2024	89 S 2ND ST	LAKE PROP 1 LLC	NOBLESVILLE	IN	NGUYEN JOSEPH	GREENWOOD	IN
\$465,000	8/28/2024	13468 N HAMMER RD	FRANKLIN TYLER & ANDREA	MOORESVILLE	IN	STEVENS WESLEY C & AYERS SHELBY A	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
\$309,670	8/29/2024	7116 E RISING SUN CIRCLE NORTH	NVR INC	CAMBY	IN	DIAZ ARMANDO C MARTINEZ	CAMBY	IN
\$319,000	8/29/2024	2976 W BARGELLO LN	D R HORTON INDIANA LLC	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	CHAVRE SVENS	MONROVIA	IN
\$38,000	8/29/2024	6818 GOAT HOLLOW RD	REEVES HUGH RAYMOND	MARTINSVILLE	IN	SOMERS BRETT E JR	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$138,000	8/29/2024	59 W BLAINE ST	BLONDELL CAROL A	MARTINSVILLE	IN	EVERROAD PROPERTIES LLC	MARTINSVILLE	IN
\$90,000	8/29/2024	5080 OLD S R 37 SOUTH	CRAMER NATHANIEL	MARTINSVILLE	IN	JONES CASEY JOSEPH & LAUREN BROOKE	MARTINSVILLE	IN
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Crossing the ‘Mighty Mac’

By Jared Quigg
MCC Reporter

MACKINAW CITY — Since 2008, about 1,500 people from all over the country take part in an annual tradition that continues to build steam — riding antique tractors across the famed Mackinac Bridge that connects mainland Michigan with its Upper Peninsula.

It’s one of those events — put on by Owosso Tractor Parts — that happens in small town America for seemingly no other reason than to bring people together. And in this case, it’s antique tractor enthusiasts

from all corners of the country, including Morgan County.

On the first Saturday after Labor Day — the traditional date of the event — a group of nine from Monrovia and Mooresville made the trek.

Eric Acker, David Coyle, Jerry Smith, Justine Coyle, Adrienne Long, Dennis Long, Denny Long, Tim Smith and Austin Collier were part of the Morgan County contingent that took part in the rolling procession last month. They made the hours-long journey up to Michigan to join the parade across the “Mighty Mac,” showing the world just how big little America can be.



A long line of antique tractors roll across the Mackinac Bridge on Sept. 7 as part of the 16th annual Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing. The event takes place on the first Saturday after Labor Day, and this year featured nine people from Morgan County among more than a thousand others from across the country. (Mackinac Images courtesy photo)



ABOVE: From left to right: Eric Acker, David Coyle, Jerry Smith, Justine Coyle, Adrienne Long, Dennis Long, Denny Long, Tim Smith and Austin Collier show off their certificates at the Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing Sept. 7 showing they completed the trek. The nine tractor enthusiasts hail from Monrovia and Mooresville. (Adrienne Long courtesy photo)

LEFT : A driver's point of view at the 16th Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing in Mackinaw City, Michigan last month. Citizens of Monrovia and Mooresville made the trip for the first time this year, hauling their tractors from Morgan County all the way across the 'Mighty Mac.' (Adrienne Long courtesy photo)

Outdoor roundup

Staff Report

MORGAN COUNTY — With autumn comes a wide range of outdoor activities that give residents an opportunity to get outside and help the community, and perhaps themselves, too.

Weed Wrangle

The Morgan County Native and Invasive Plant Partnership, in conjunction with other community partners, will be hosting four more Weed Wrangles this month in its effort to clear local parks, forests and preserves of invasive plants — including honeysuckle, burning bush, Callery pear, white mulberry, winter creeper and autumn olive.

On Oct. 12, organizers and volunteers will gather at Burkhart Creek Park near Paragon for a morning of clearing. The event will be

from 9 a.m. to noon.

Then on Oct. 15, from noon to 4 p.m., a similar effort will take place at Old Town Waverly Park.

On Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon on Observatory Road, a Weed Wrangler will take place at the Fred and Dorothy Meyer Nature Preserve, which is part of the Central Indiana Land Trust. This is a family-friendly event, so bring the little ones.

The fall Weed Wrangles will wrap up on Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Ravinia State Forest near Paragon.

Tree giveaway

The Morgan County Soil and Water Conservation

District will be holding its annual tree giveaway program, which allows up to 10 free seedlings per household or business.

This year, SWCD is giving away red oak, pawpaw, butternut, elderberry, American plum and white pines! For more information, visit morgan-countyswcd.org or call 765-349-2060.

Youth Conservation Board

The SWCD is still gauging interest from high school-aged youth who are interested in the fields of conservation, biology, agriculture or other related fields.

The SWCD is also hoping to get a network of

adults to provide these kids with outreach opportunities and more information about careers in this field!

The district is in the early phases of beginning the conservation club, which allows participants to earn

service hours, learn more about conservation careers and get involved in a club that meets passions.



Dirt Diggers Garden Club leader Marilynn Bickley decorates the Doris Daily Park sign during the club's Sept. 26 meeting. (Lynn Milsho courtesy photo)

Fall cleanup and décor

From Lynn Milsho
Dirt Diggers Garden Club

MORGAN COUNTY — The Dirt Diggers Garden Club of Morgan County met at the Doris Daily Park on Sept. 26 for fall decorating and clean up of the park.

The group will be meeting in the base-

ment of the Morgan County Public Library for its Oct. 24 meeting at 1 p.m., when Bev Thomas will be instructing members on how to make a Thanksgiving centerpiece. Supplies will cost under \$15.

New members are always welcomed to join the friendly garden club! For more information, see the group's Facebook page or contact Lynn Milsho via messenger.

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