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Next up: School boards

Election board maps out upcoming school board, general election

By Keith Rhoades
MCC Chief Correspondent

MORGAN COUNTY — The Morgan County Election Board met last Friday to review the only provisional ballot case during the May primary election.

County clerk Tammy Parker said after researching the matter, she found the person was registered in Johnson County but had moved to Morgan County and had not changed their registration. She said Johnson County had refused to allow the person to vote with a provisional ballot. Parker said even though the person was living in Morgan County, they were still registered in Johnson County. Because they were not registered in Morgan County, their vote could not be counted.

Board members agreed the person's vote could not be counted.

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Members of Boy Scout Troop 222 join others to help keep the American flag taut as Taps is played, marking the official start — and spirit — of the 112th annual Morgantown Memorial Day Parade. (Stephen Crane photo / MCC)

112 YEARS OF HONOR

Staff report

MORGANTOWN — Washington Street in downtown Morgantown was lined with American flags and plenty of spectators on Sunday for the 112th annual Memorial Day Parade, making it the longest-running parade in the state of Indiana.

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Kids rush to get candy as spectators wave to one of the firefighters on Engine 161 of the Morgantown Volunteer Fire Dept. (Stephen Crane photo / MCC)



Pioneer Park plans get downsized

By Lance Gideon
MCC Correspondent

MOORESVILLE — Plans are beginning to change a bit for the updates at Pioneer Park in Mooresville after initial estimates for the project came in at more than \$9 million.

During the May 13 meeting of the Mooresville Park Board, park superintendent Phil Cornelius explained some of the changes to the project.

“At the beginning of the year, we went into the build-operate-transfer (BOT) process,” Cornelius said. “With that, (we)

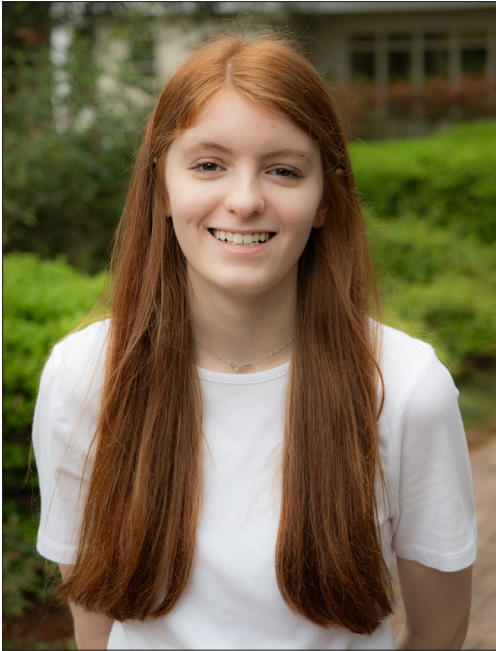
brought on Meyer Najem as the construction firm with certified estimators to try to get to a concrete price of what we received.”

Cornelius said it was somewhat expected that the initial price tag would come in higher than expected.

“We have now refined that pro-

cess down to a more conservative number,” he added. “It’s still a little over our scale of what we believed, but we think with a little more fine-toothed combs and sharpen our pencils and pens, we can get to the number that is equitable for both.”

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What kind of people are they going to be?

Meet the valedictorians from Morgan County's four public schools

By Jared Quigg
MCC Reporter

MORGAN COUNTY — Madison Kurtz speaks Japanese with a south-central Indiana accent. She learned to speak Japanese conversationally during the pandemic — she also dabbles in Spanish and Russian.

Kurtz has played the pi-

ano for 10 years, and in the fall, she'll be attending IU to study clinical psychology. She wants to study the brain. She's fascinated that something hidden beneath hair and skin and bone, something *unseen*, is controlling everything in the body.

“I guess learning would be my biggest hobby,” Kurtz said.

Kurtz is a quiet girl. When she found out back in January she would be Mooresville High School's valedictorian, she was taken aback.

The staff, she says, didn't even know who she was. Her mother, Jamie, thought it must have been a mistake. Jamie knew her daughter was very bright, and thought she would probably be *near* the top.

But actually reaching it? That was a pleasant surprise. The end of this week will see Morgan County's high school seniors walk across the stage and snag their diplomas, the culmination of years of hard work. One might think the valedictori-

ans at Martinsville, Mooresville, Monrovia and Eminence are the smartest and most diligent of their peers, the ones who try the hardest. But Kurtz said she wasn't even trying to be the top of her class — she just wanted to learn.

“I did have to work a lot,” Kurtz said, “But if everyone just did their work, they could beat me, no problem.”

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Mooresville valedictorian Madison Kurtz will study at IU in the fall, intending to go into psychological research. (Jamie Kurtz courtesy photo)

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Obituaries

Dennis McCammack, 92

MARTINSVILLE — Dennis N. McCammack, 92, of Martinsville, left his earthly body on May 14, 2024.

He was born in Belle Union on November 9, 1931, to the late Oral and Hazel (Mallow) McCammack. Dennis attended Center Grove schools. He was a maintenance pipefitter at Bridgeport Brass for 34 years, and Allison Gas Turbine for 10 years, before retiring in 1995.

Dennis was a longtime member of Bluff Creek Christian Church, as well as the past master of Waverly Masonic Lodge #615. Dennis was happiest when he was working. Altogether, he helped build 9 different houses. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and 4-wheelers, deer hunting, and fishing. Dennis did everything his own way, but remained soft-hearted, humble, and someone you could count on.

Dennis is preceded in death by his brothers, Earl, Jack, and Dale McCammack; sisters, Dorothy Zook and Jean Dunlap; and stepsons, David and John Branum.

Survivors include his wife, whom he married on February 6, 1987, Ruby (Lee) McCammack of Martinsville; son, Gary McCammack (wife, Debbie) of Martinsville; daughters, Beverly Griffith (husband,



John) of Martinsville, Denise Westlake (husband, Jamie) of Oviedo, Florida, Lora Hibler (husband, Greg) of West Newton; stepdaughter, Barbara Coleman of Cookeville, Tennessee; 9 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to visit on Thursday, May 23, 2024, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the chapel at Carlisle – Branson Funeral Service & Crematory in Mooresville. Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 24, 2024, at 10:00 am with burial to follow in Mallow Cemetery in Bargersville.

Please visit www.carlislebranson.com to share a favorite memory or sign the online guest registry.



Warren Waymire, 87

MARTINSVILLE — Warren Harland Waymire, 87, passed away on Friday, May 10, 2024, at IU Methodist in Indianapolis, Indiana.

He was born Saturday, April 3, 1937, to Harland and Virginia (Long) Waymire in Elwood, Indiana.

Warren graduated from Elwood High School in 1955. After graduation he served in the United States Navy for 7 years. During his time in the Navy, he was an airplane navigator flying off aircraft carriers on the Atlantic Ocean. He was on many reconnaissance flights over Cuba leading up to the Bay of Pigs invasion. On August 26, 1962, Warren married Rebecca Rose "Becky" Ricks. He then attended Ball State where he received a bachelor's degree and went on to obtain his master's degree. He also worked toward a doctorate degree and completed his all-but-dissertation at IU Bloomington.

Warren worked for Ivy Tech Writing Adult Education Programs. He worked for Senator Vance Hartke. Warren retired in 2002 after working for 30 years for the Indiana Department of Correction, including 3 years as Deputy Commissioner under Governor Evan Bayh. He lived in Morgan County 45 years in the same house in Foxcliff where he loved to sit on the deck and enjoy the birds and the lake.

After retirement he served 30 years on the Mapleturn Utilities Board of Directors, including 20 as Chairman of the Board which saw several expansions during his tenure. He was also on the Board of Supervisors of the Morgan County Soil and Water Conservation District for 15 Years. Warren was a great environmentalist and loved nature; he always enjoyed family gatherings, fishing trips with his buddies, and



being active in the community. Sports was a big thing with Warren. He played in high school on the basketball and football team. He played basketball on the Naval base team, and he loved swimming across the lake where we lived on in Foxcliff. But tennis became his biggest love. He loved playing, and organizing many tennis tournaments in Morgan County, including the tennis tournaments for the Fall Foliage Festival in Morgan County. Over the years, Warren won several senior tennis tournaments. He was always active in the community, a good communicator, and was always on the go doing something. He was loved by his family and respected in the community.

Warren is survived by his wife, Becky; sisters, Marjorie "Margie" Adair of Anderson, Charlotte Henderson of Key Largo, Florida; 36 nephews; nieces; great nephews; great nieces; great-great nephews; and great-great nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harland and Virginia; brother, John Waymire.

No services or viewing are planned at this time. A Celebration of His Life will be held at a later date.

Contributions may be made in his memory to The Indiana Nature Conservancy.



Larry Stevenson, 68

MOORESVILLE — Larry Joe Stevenson, 68, Mooresville, passed away May 16, 2024, at The Gathering Together in Plainfield.

Larry was born September 7, 1955, in Indianapolis, to the late Thomas Ray and Myrtle (Reed) Stevenson.

Larry graduated from Mooresville High School in 1973 and was a lifelong farmer, along with his late parents and son, in Madison Township. Larry was baptized at Mt. Gilead Church and recently attended Harvest House International Church. Larry served on the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department for many years and was also a past chief. Larry will be fondly remembered by a loving family and many friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Michelle D. Wright.

Survivors include one son, Tom Stevenson; grandchild-



dren, Tristan, Bayliegh, Jordan Blondell, and Hunter Dawson.

Visitation was held Monday, May 20, 2024, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Carlisle – Branson Funeral Service & Crematory, Mooresville. The funeral service was held Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the funeral home, and burial followed in West Newton Cemetery. Visit www.CarlisleBranson.com to share a favorite memory or to sign the online guest registry.



Mary Joan Butler, 94

MARTINSVILLE — Mary Joan "M.J." (Sweet) Butler passed away peacefully at the age of 94 on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 in Houston, Texas.

Born in Indianapolis, Indiana on Friday, November 1, 1929, she was the eldest daughter of Dr. Austin Sweet and Mildred (Jaquith) Sweet of Martinsville, Indiana.

Music was her life-long passion. She attended Interlochen Music Camp in high school and went on to earn bachelors and master's degrees in Cello Performance at Indiana University. It was there she met her husband to be, Herbert Butler, also a cellist. They were married in 1952 and lived in San Antonio, TX during Herbert's military duties at Fort Sam Houston. Following his military service, they moved to Fayetteville, Arkansas, and ultimately settled in Kalamazoo, Michigan where Mary became a member of the Kalamazoo Symphony, and a noted cello teacher both privately and at Western Michigan University, Albion College, and Hope College. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo.

Mary was always eager to learn, and as the devoted mother of two sons and the wife of a husband who loved the outdoors, became a Cub Scout den mother, and later took up activities such as hiking, backpacking, and skiing. She loved to read, devouring books on photography, nature, bird watching, history, and politics. Her interest in photography and darkroom work led to her exhibiting beautiful prints of her photos at the Kalamazoo Art Center. She was an avid quilter as well, gifting beautiful handmade quilts to all in her extended family. Following the death of her husband in 1983 she engaged her interests by traveling to places such as



Alaska, the Amazon River, the Galapagos Islands, Thailand, and Kenya on birding and photography expeditions. She also remained active as a cellist, performing chamber music with friends, playing in the cello ensemble Octocelli, and performing with the Kalamazoo Philharmonia well into her 80's. In all of her endeavors she was a good friend who earned love and respect from her students and colleagues. Her final years were spent in Houston near her sons and their families. In addition to the staff at the Village of the Heights in Houston, two very special caretakers, Iris and Maria, were a blessing to her.

She was deeply loved by her family and is survived by her sons, David Butler and wife Andrea, Jeffrey Butler and wife Wendy; sisters, Maurine Bray and Sarah Roland; 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at Costin Funeral Chapel with Rev. Mark Suter officiating. Visitation will be prior to the funeral service starting at 10:00 a.m.

Burial will be at Hilldale Cemetery in Martinsville.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Kalamazoo Symphony or the Audubon Society.



Fire chief pays up

High-speed incident in August 2023 finally resolved

By Keith Rhoades
MCC Chief Correspondent

MARTINSVILLE — The saga of the speeding Washington Township Fire Chief has ended.

According to Martinsville City Court records, fire chief John Lake has paid a speeding ticket — in the amount of around \$150 — for his actions that occurred in August of last year.

Citizen James Wayne Brassine, who was also issued a ticket for the same speeding offense, video recorded Lake traveling in excess of 100 miles per hour southbound on I-69.

In recording Lake, Brassine also drove in excess of 100 miles per hour.

The recorded encounter ended at Martinsville City Hall, where the Martinsville Police Department addressed both men and took a report on the incident.

Morgan County Prosecutor Steve Sonnega ultimately asked the Indiana State Police to investigate the incident. That agency allegedly recommended no criminal charges be filed but that both men be issued speeding tickets.

Lake came in earlier this year and paid his ticket. Brassine had moved from the address that was on his license, but the court was able to track him down and issue him a ticket. According to court records, he came in and paid it.

Obituary Notices

Steven Stiles, 68
MOORESVILLE — Steve Fredrick Stiles, 68, of Mooresville, died May 14, 2024. Arrangements by Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service and Crematory in Mooresville.

E. Lowry, 96
MARTINSVILLE — E. Louise Lowry, 96, of Martinsville, died May 16, 2024. Arrangements by Costin Funeral Chapel in Martinsville.

Joyce Flory, 91
AVON — Joyce Marie Flory, 91, of Avon, died May 17,

2024. Arrangements by Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service and Crematory in Mooresville.

Steve Watson, 63
MONROVIA — Steve Watson, 63, of Monrovia, died May 18, 2024. Arrangements by Light Memorial and Funeral Chapel in Monrovia.

John Hoppe, 77
MONROVIA — John Hoppe, 77, of Monrovia, died May 20, 2024. Arrangements by Light Memorial and Funeral Chapel in Monrovia.

Death Notices

Morgan County Health Department May 5

Harry Leslie Arnett, 62, of Martinsville
Rachel Kite, 37, of Martinsville
Mary Helen Untersinger, 71, of Martinsville
Nettie Lou Rentschler, 90, of Plainfield
Archie Ray Cline, 52, of Mooresville
Terrie Louis Maddox, 70, of Martinsville

New Arrivals

Amy-Lynn Erickson
Amy-Lynn Ruby Erickson was born May 12, 2024, to mother Makayla Cramer, of Martinsville, and father Jeffrey Erickson, of Martinsville.

Eliana Alainduyo
Eliana Alainduyo was born May 13, 2024, to parents Damilola and Koledola Alainduyo.

Nova Ferrer-Beliles
Nova Wren Ferrer-Beliles was born May 14, 2024, to mother Allison Beliles, of Martinsville, and father Martin Ferrer, of Tijuana-Baja, Calif.

Nezuko Patton
Nezuko Anne Patton was born May 16, 2024, to mother Jasmine Patton, of Bloomington.

Marriage/Divorces

Marriage Licenses May 18

David D. Holland, Monrovia;
Zelda Olivia Mailland, Monrovia

Jadyn Leigh Foust, Martinsville; Luke Dawson Ferguson, Martinsville

Meghan Nicole Van Hoy, Martinsville; Adam Godby, Martinsville

Amber Pina Landeros, Martinsville; Hector Daniel Flores Reyes, Martinsville

Nicholas Wolf, Monrovia; Heidi Gonzalez, Monrovia

Russell Wright, Martinsville; Danielle Hatmaker, Martinsville

Jose Israel Zeno, Camby; Maria Alejandra Scott, Camby

Adrianna Collins, Paragon; Brian Mack, Paragon

David Lee Andis, Quincy; Aimee Lynetter Fuller, Quincy

Emma Prosser, Martinsville; Joshua Smith, Martinsville

Elise Turner, Mooresville; Samuel Baker, Avoca

Divorces
Kim Shepherd vs. Lonnie Hinkle

Chelsey Parson vs. Caleb Parson

Ivan B. Hires vs. Jenny Hires

Coty Makar vs. Courtney Makar

Sonja Stafford vs. Brian Stafford

Elizabeth Huckleberry vs. Samantha Huckleberry



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Sheriff 's Report

May 20
256 Inmates
210 Males
46 Females
22 Department of Correction inmates
18 Male
4 Female
46 F-6 felony inmates
26 Male
20 Female
24 Work release
19 Male
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24 Jail correction workers
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Court News

Morgan County Superior Court I
Senior Judge Jane Spencer Craney
May 18

Monica Bardin, 32, Indianapolis, unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle. Sentenced to 90 days in jail (time served), fines and costs waived as court finds defendant to be indigent.

Mason Bennett, 26, Indianapolis, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 12 days in jail (time served), fines and costs of \$390.

Brittany Lillibridge, 31, Brazil, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II substance. Sentenced to 60 days in jail, 90-day license suspension, fines and costs waived as court finds defendant to be indigent.

Jesse Sorenson, 41, Martinsville, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to six days in jail, fines and costs of \$790.

Joe Watson, 44, Indianapolis, operating a vehicle after forfeiture of license for life. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, fines and costs waived as court finds defendant to be indigent.

James Wilkins, 40, Martinsville, burglary. Sentenced to 2,190 days in Indiana Department of Corrections, suspended except for three years to serve, three years probation, fines and costs of \$590.

Superior Court II
Judge Brian H. Williams

Michael D. Sutton, 29, Indianapolis, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 270 days in jail, suspended except for two days to serve (time served), 270 days probation, fines and costs of \$790.

Carlos Woodard Jr., 51, Bloom-

ington, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, suspended except for 30 days to serve (time served), 335 days probation, fines and costs of \$390.

Superior Court III
Judge Sara A. Dungan

Franklin J. Clearwaters, 80, Mooresville, operating while intoxicated endangering a person. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, suspended except for four days to serve (time served), 365 days probation, 90-day license suspension, fines and costs of \$390.

Jeff Davis, 36, Martinsville, possession of methamphetamine and resisting law enforcement. Sentenced to 545 days in jail, suspended except for 90 days to serve (time served), 545 days probation, fines and costs waived as court finds defendant to be indigent.

Jason E. Dotson, 36, Paragon, possession of methamphetamine. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, fines and costs waived as court finds defendant to be indigent.

Kerry W. Gilbert II, 43, Martinsville, possession of methamphetamine. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, fines and costs of \$390.

Solomon D. Houpt, 55, Monrovia, domestic battery and resisting law enforcement. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, suspended except for 30 days to serve, 335 days probation, fines and costs of \$640.

Clifford M. Wilbourn III, 33, possession of marijuana with prior conviction. Sentenced to 10 days in jail, finds and costs of \$790.

Government Meetings

May 23
The Bethany Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. at town hall, 7355 Bethany Park.

May 28
The Martinsville Fire Merit Board will meet at 6 p.m. in the FD training room, 160 W. Morgan St.

The Martinsville Board of Works will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.

The Monrovia Redevelopment Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Government Center, 60 Marley Way.

The Martinsville City Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.

May 29
The Martinsville Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.

The Martinsville Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 59 S. Jefferson St.

June 3
The Morgan County Drainage Board will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the administration building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.

The Morgan County Commissioners will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the administration building, 180 S. Main St. in

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 Morgan County Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the administration building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.

The Paragon Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. at the town hall, 300 N. Main St.

June 4
Morgan County Native and Invasive Plant Partnership (part of SWCD) will meet at 6 p.m. in the administration building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.

June 10
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.

June 11
The Morgan County Redevelopment Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m. at 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.

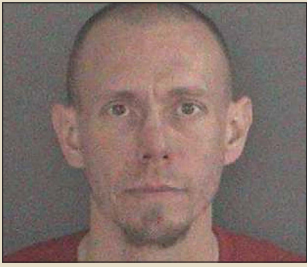
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Jail Bookings

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

May 18
Christopher Lee Albertson, 32, North Vernon, failure to appear.
Ethan Lee Anthis, 24, Martinsville, serving time-operating while intoxicated endangering a person.
Asia Renee Baker, 30, Indianapolis, violation of pretrial release.
Brandon Lee Taylor Blackmon, 23, Indianapolis, serving time-probation violation.
Charles Brooks, 45, Mooresville, serving time-operating a vehicle while intoxicated.
Tanner James Buskirk, 26, Greenwood, serving time-probation violation.
Mark Alan Carey, 56, Mooresville, serving time-operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment and possession of marijuana.
Michael McCoy William Cassel, 33, Indianapolis, violation of pretrial release.
Lyric Chambers, 20, Danville, wanted on an out-of-county warrant.
Austin Shayne Clayton, 24, Martinsville, public intoxication and public nudity.
Christopher Michael Cole, 29, Indianapolis, failure to appear.
Cody Ray Crawford, 24, Camby, failure to appear.
Kevin Dewey Day, 43, Plainfield, court-ordered return – invasion of privacy.

Dustin Shawn Doll, 33, Martinsville, violation of pretrial release.
Kristy Marie England, 43, Indianapolis, probation revocation.
Eloy Fernandez Fernandez, 61, Indianapolis, driving while suspended-prior.
Jonathan Leslie Fouse, 36, Frankfort, driving while suspended-prior.
Shawn Michael Griswold Jr., 27, Mooresville, wanted on Morgan County warrant.
Beth Ann Higginbotham, 53, Martinsville, serving time – possession of marijuana.
Solomon David Houpt, 55, Danville, serving time – domestic battery-simple assault and disorderly conduct.
Lestra Sue Huls-Colon, 51, Camby, operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment.
Travis Gray Hurst, 39, Paragon, serving time – possession of methamphetamine.
Christina Nicole Jackson, 43, Martinsville, resisting law enforcement-defendant uses vehicle and probation revocation.
Dennis Janes Eugen Kelson, 33, Camby, driving while suspended-prior.
Ashleigh Nicole Koch, 40, Martinsville, violation of pretrial release, possession of paraphernalia, and possession of a hypodermic syringe or needle.
Sesha Marie Landacre, 42, Indianapolis, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 percent or more, operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Lorenzo Martinez, 22, Zionsville, failure to appear.
Tina A. McCartney, 60, Martinsville, wanted on Morgan County warrant.
Miranda Lynn McKinley, 29, Martinsville, failure to appear.
Douglas S. Mize, 45, Indianapolis, failure to appear.
Charles William Nix III, 22, Martinsville, reckless driving.
Rodain Rosain Rowe, 19, Greenwood, driving while suspended-prior.
Ian Bradley Shull, 35, Franklin, driving while suspended-prior.
Robert Clayton Smith, 59, Indianapolis, driving while suspended-prior.
Robert Gerald Smith, 23, Martinsville, invasion of privacy and criminal trespass.
Jesse Lee Sorenson, 41, Martinsville, serving time – possession of marijuana.
Leonna Nicole Strandberg, 40, Bloomington, identity deception and fraud.
Krista Caprice Taylor, 35, Indianapolis, hold for Indiana agencies.
Brian Allen Tillberry, 31, Martinsville, serving time-failure to appear.
Craig Allen Turner, Jr., 23, Martinsville, license never issued.
Todd Anderson White, 51, Martinsville, bond forfeiture.
Clifford M. Wilbourn, 33, Indianapolis, possession of marijuana.
Carlos Woodard, 51, Bloomington, serving time-possession of marijuana.

Calendar of Events

May 23
Cruise-in on the Square, 10 E. Washington St. in Martinsville, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Retro Gaming Night at Morgan County Public Library, 110 S. Jefferson St. in Martinsville, at 6:30 p.m. Original Nintendo, PlayStation 2 and more.

Denominational Garden Club of Morgan County meeting at Miss M's Home and Garden, 4415 Ind. 135 in Bargersville, at 1 p.m.

May 24
VFW Post 1257, 1000 Josephine St. in Martinsville, fish and steak dinner at 6 p.m. Steak costs \$15. Fish costs \$12.

Join Bobbi Delane for Karaoke Stars at Hoosier Que, 1970 E. Mapleturn Road in Martinsville, at 7 p.m.

May 25
Dirt Track Racing, Fan Appreciation Night at Paragon Speedway, 8486 W. Old Ind. 67 at 5 p.m.

Drink at the Creek Concert at Cedar Creek Winery, 3820 Leonard Road east of Martinsville, featuring Thunderstruck (AC/DC Tribute) & Jump (Van Halen Tribute) at 5 p.m.

Live Music at Hoosier Que, 1970 E. Mapleturn Road north of

Martinsville, featuring Beautiful Ammunition at 7 p.m. Free show, all ages welcome.

Star Wars Unlimited Store Show-down at Krypton Comics, 75 E. Washington St. in Martinsville, at 12:30 p.m.

Model Railroad display at the Mooresville Public Library, 220 W. Harrison St., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 25 to June 8
Downtown Martinsville Passport: Visit any of the 27 participating businesses for a stamp and change to win a prize. Presented by Fables and Fairy Tales.

May 26
Live Music at Cedar Creek Winery, 3820 Leonard Road east of Martinsville, featuring Phil Pierle at 2 p.m.

May 27
Mega euchre at the Martinsville Senior Center, 1369 N. Blue Bluff Road, at 6 p.m.

May 28
Tune Tossers Band at the Martinsville Senior Center, 1369 N. Blue Bluff, at 6:30 p.m.

Adventures in Art for grades K-5 at the Morgan County Public Library, 110 S. Jefferson St. in Martinsville, at 10:30. Registra-

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Martinsville Community Choir open rehearsal at Prince of Peace, 3496 E. Morgan St. in Martinsville, at 6 p.m.

May 29
Morgan in Motion YMCA 5K run/walk series at Jimmy Nash Park, 360 N. Home Ave. in Martinsville, at 6 p.m. Free, open to all.

Grief Share at Monrovia Christian Church, 710 Gordon Road. More info at 317-374-1166.

May 30
Cruise-in on the Square, 10 E. Washington St. in Martinsville, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Free Summer Concert at Bicentennial Park, 2 E. Main St. in Mooresville, featuring The Phil Pierle Trio at 7 p.m.

Sew What?! Fiber Group meeting for anyone interested in fiber crafting at the Waverly Library Branch, 9410 E. Ind. 144, at 6:30 p.m.

May 31
Free concert at The Venue, 183 N. Jefferson St. in Martinsville, featuring King Bee and The Stingers at 7:30 p.m.

Tween/Teen After Hours: Pizza &

Painting at the Morgan County Public Library, 110 S. Jefferson St. in Martinsville, at 6:30 p.m.

Cedar Creek Brewing Company Ice House & Event Loft event: A Taste of What's Ahead! Get a look at the new historical Ice House space before it's renovated, hear about plans for the future, and enjoy live music and food trucks, 450 S. Marion St., from 4 to 8 p.m.

Join Bobbi Delane for Karaoke Stars at Hoosier Que, 1970 E. Mapleturn Road in Martinsville, at 7 p.m.

May 31-June 1
Crime Watch yard sale fundraiser, 160 W. Jackson St., starting at 9 a.m.

June 1
Strawberry Festival, BBQ dinner and crafts at Mooresville First United Methodist Church, 900 Indianapolis Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast to raise money for the Vietnam Traveling Wall, at VFW Post 1257, 1000 Josephine St. in Martinsville, from 8 to 11 a.m.. \$7 per with under 5 free.

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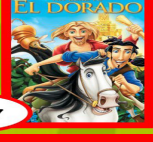
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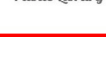


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COMIC



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student loss is to blame, not low taxes

MSD of Martinsville Superintendent Eric Bowlen stated in his May 9 guest column on the Opinion page that “MSD students and staff deserve the very best and with such a low tax rate, the district was unable to meet this objective.” I question how the district defines “the very best.” As a newer Martinsville resident, over the last six years, I’ve seen millions spent on updating athletic fields, facilities and equipment. But, the education provided by the MSD of Martinsville is not improved by spending \$1.5 million in replacing bleachers, building a \$12 million fieldhouse or converting the softball, baseball and soccer fields to turf. Despite those many investments, according to the Department of Education, enrollment since 2014 has declined by 1,155 students. When enrollment declines, state funding declines and school systems are unable to offer “the very best” to their students and staff. I wholeheartedly agree with Bowlen — that “students and staff deserve the resources necessary to be competitive and successful.” However, those resources could have been provided by merely maintaining enrollment over the last 10 years instead of fixing it with a tax increase this year. Hypothetically, those 1,155 students lost could have provided the district with almost \$10.4 million (using an average of \$9,000 per student in state funding). **That’s just one of the last 10 years.** Imagine “the very best” the MSD of Martinsville could provide students and staff if they had an additional \$10 million per year, rather than transferring the burden to taxpayers. In conversation recently, I learned that a teacher half-jokingly questioned why we haven’t turfed the libraries yet. Obviously, nobody would turf a library, but what if the district invested millions in academics like it does athletics?

Anna Reuter
Martinsville

For minors, this book is problematic at best

I just read the Letter to the Editor from the May 16 MCC regarding, in part, the book “Gender Queer,” which is available at the Morgan County Public library. I, too, have read the book, and I disagree with removing it from a public library based on constitutional freedom. I also disagree with allowing minors access to this book from ANY source. My letter is not to criticize the book but to clarify the factual content contained within. One such example within the book (there are others) is an illustration of Ancient Greek red-figure pottery attributed to the Brygos Painter, which depicts pedophilia. I also have other concerns about the book as it relates to being read by a child. It is NOT a children’s book. I don’t know if it is in any MSD of Martinsville libraries, but I intend to find out. If so, voters will decide if that will continue. Since these Letters to the Editor are public opinion, my informed opinion is that this book should not be available to minors; it was written as a graphic memoir in 2019 targeted for adults. Do you say that it is artful interpretation? Is pornography artful expression? What is pornography? Is it depraved smut? For children, the book is problematic at best. This book is seen by some to justify and promote this type of behavior. I cannot comment on your decision to allow your children access to this type of content; however, I will say that there is a point where children are too young to be exposed to this content. When it is exposed to children, some consider that to be a type of grooming. Parents should become informed and involved with what is available to their children. Elected officials, based on the ballot box, will decide the breadth and depth of that access.

Bryan Pryor
Martinsville

Memory, honor are essential

One of the most memorable books I’ve read in the last several years is “Flags of Our Fathers” by James Bradley. You may remember Clint Eastwood’s movie of the same title. The flags in the title are the two American flags — yes, two — raised on Iwo Jima in the closing months of World War II. The first squad who planted a smaller flag on Mt. Suribachi was soon forgotten, overshadowed by a second squad dispatched to raise a larger, more visible flag. It was this latter group that was forever memorialized in the American consciousness by the famed Joe Rosenthal photograph, which later became the model for the Marine Corps memorial in Arlington, Va. Bradley’s title pays homage to all the flag raisers, including his father who later research determined had been misidentified as one of the group. That, however, in no way diminishes or discredits the author’s worthy effort to remind us of the kind of men who sacrificed so much for our country. They aren’t here to tell us, of course, but my guess is that none of them would want any special praise for what they did. They were just soldiers, kids, doing what they were told, not thinking about a camera nearby. They didn’t have an agent making sure their picture was splashed all over the newspapers of the time, though it soon was. In fact, that’s the reason the identity of the flag raisers was ever questioned at all. I paid much closer attention to the book when I learned that one of the men, Pfc. Franklin Sousley, was from Fleming County, Ky., only a few counties east of my home. He was just another private among the 70,000-strong invading force when he happened to be one of those called on to get a decently large flag to the top of the mountain. Franklin Sousley became one of the most memorialized Marines ever, but he never knew it. A month later, President Roosevelt ordered the flag raisers to Washington for public morale and to lend their newfound fame to a much-needed war bond effort. However, two of the group were killed just a few days after the flag raising, and a couple of weeks later, Pfc. Sousley was shot in the back and killed by a Japanese sniper. For several years since reading about my fellow Kentuckian, I had intended to visit his grave in northeastern Kentucky. But since it’s more than a little off the beaten path, I didn’t get around to it until just a few days ago. His gravesite isn’t hard to find if, that is, you manage to find the little town of Elizaville. The large headstone honoring him and the Marine Corps is quite prominent in an otherwise ordinary country



Joe Rosenthal captured this iconic photo of U.S. soldiers raising the American flag over Iwo Jima during World War II. But another, smaller flag preceded it before military commanders ordered a larger, more visible version be raised. (Courtesy photo)



Marking Time
MARK SUTER



The gravesite of Pfc. Franklin Sousley — one of the soldiers who helped raise the flag over Iwo Jima — is well marked in Fleming County, Ky. His sacrifice is worth pondering, as is the sacrifice of all like him. (Mark Suter photo / MCC)

cemetery as common as thousands of others. Pfc. Sousley, like thousands and millions of other ordinary, unknown young men, answered the call to serve and fight, never imagining anyone would ever drive for hours on narrow, winding Kentucky roads just to stand for a moment at the grave of someone who died 80 years ago. Only a chance photograph made me aware of him, but it gave me a chance to connect, however distantly, with someone not much different than me, and to reflect and ask, would I be willing to do the same if called on? Every December since 1992, Morrill Worcester, owner of one of the world’s largest holiday wreath companies, has transported a truckload of wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery. He and many volunteers spend a day laying wreaths on soldiers’ graves as part of the Wreaths Across America program. (<https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/About/OurMission>) Worcester started the program when one of his warehouses informed him that they had a production overrun of several thousand wreaths. He arranged with Arlington to place them in one of the older cemetery sections that no longer received many visitors.

I think about that older, forgotten section of the cemetery and out-of-the-way, forgotten cemeteries across the country where lie forgotten and unknown young men and women, whose gravestones are far more understated than Sousley’s — the only marker perhaps a fading, overgrown military plaque at the foot of the grave. Maybe you and I don’t have a truckload of wreaths handy, but sometime in the next few days around Memorial Day, we could probably come up with some flowers, a memento, or an American flag to place on an undecorated veteran’s grave in a nearby cemetery. Even better, take a drive in the country to find one that looks a little neglected and lonesome, and just stand for a moment and say thank you to those who didn’t just happen to be in a famous picture when it was time to plant the flag, but instead, died with their face planted in Iwo’s black sand or a hundred bloody battlefields just like it.

Stranger in a strange land

There’s a big blue sign leading into downtown Martinsville just off the Ind. 39 bypass. In colorful letters, it details all the attractions one will find there, the restaurants and the shops. Right behind the big beautiful sign is the Morgan County Jail. I wanted to come into Martinsville with an open mind. Loyal readers will know I started here at the *Correspondent* in January, but before that I was attending school in Bloomington. When I told my friends and family I had gotten a job in Martinsville, I was always greeted with a skeptical look. *Martinsville is very conservative*, they would say, or *Martinsville’s racist*. I’d heard similar things about the other towns in the county. And after having worked here for four months, what have I found? Is Morgan County part of the dark underbelly of American society? Is it an agrarian paradise straight out of *Anna Karenina*? Does nothing ever happen? Or does nothing ever appear to happen? I have to admit, I have at various points encountered everything the people around me said I would encounter. But the story is so much bigger — and a lot less bleak — than I was led to believe. I’ve been a writer for a long time, but some of the work I’m most proud of has been here at the *Correspondent*, and that’s because I’ve gotten to meet some very kindhearted people. One of those people is Beth Chitwood, the Olympic gold medalist who, after hanging up her swimsuit, became a hair stylist. Another is Matt O’Neal, whom in the leadup to my profile on him, my editor and



From the Newsroom
JARED QUIGG

I would refer to as “Eagle Guy.” When I actually met Mooresville’s eagle photographer, I thought he was a superhero who had earned the little nickname we gave him, and so I called him Eagle Guy in the story. Readers will be well aware of the stereotypes about people who live in rural America — backward bumpkins, stubbornly refusing to enter the 21st century. But you can find such people everywhere you look. And while Morgan County is not an exception to this, if I had never worked at the *Correspondent*, I would never have known the beauty and complexity of communities like this one. J.C. Clements, a blues musician born and raised in Martinsville, is no bumpkin — she’s a local rockstar who wants to make music for women in their 40s who don’t relate to teenage pop music. Fernando D’aubeterre, a Venezuelan immigrant taking English classes at Mooresville High School, isn’t some backward hillbilly — he’s part of the growing diversity in rural America, transforming the country into a more

welcoming place. Every week, I find more people like this. Feature stories are my favorite kinds of stories — they get me out of stuffy school board meetings and onto farms, classrooms and beauty parlors. They even got me into jail, which was a dark and frightening place, as I suspected. Loyal readers will remember, though, that there were some people at the jail with me who were trying to help those inside. I grew up in Portage, Indiana. If you haven’t heard of it, it’s a city in Northwest Indiana near Lake Michigan, and it’s about three times the size of Martinsville. Chicago is just a short train ride away. Everything is smaller, quieter, slower here. That’s not a bad thing — I definitely understand why people might want to live in a place that’s small and quiet and a little slower. I hope when readers from outside the county see my features about the Beth Chitwoods and the Eagle Guys of Morgan County, they find another reason why people might want to live here — because most of the ordinary people here are kind and decent. And for the readers who have lived in Morgan County all their lives, I hope reading about the fascinating lives of their neighbors makes them proud of their community. *Jared Quigg is the reporter at the Morgan County Correspondent. He graduated from IU with dual degrees in journalism and political science in December 2023. Contact him at jquigg@morgancountycorrespondent.com.*

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National Poppy Day is nearly here

American Legion Auxiliary Post 103 to honor fallen warriors May 25

From Sonja Sprowl
American Legion Auxiliary

From the battlefields of World War I, weary soldiers brought home the memory of a barren landscape transformed by wild poppies, red as the blood that had soaked the soil. By that miracle of nature, the spirit of their lost comrades lived on.

The poppy became the symbol of the sacrifice of lives in war and represented the hope that none had died in vain. The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Poppy has continued to bloom for the casualties of all wars, its petals of paper bound together for veterans, reminding America each year that the men and women who have served and died for their country deserve to be remembered.

The poppy also honors hospitalized and disabled veterans who handcraft many of the red, crepe-paper flowers. Making the poppies



Donning their red poppy lapel pins, members of the American Legion Post 103 Honor Guard pause for a photo with American Legion Auxiliary members Sharon Regnier and Sonja Sprowl (center), highlighting National Poppy Day. (Sonja Sprowl courtesy photo)

provides a financial and therapeutic benefit to the veterans, as well as a benefit to thousands of other veterans and their families through the donations collected.

Poppy Day has become a familiar tradition in almost

every American community. Poppy Day is always the Friday before Memorial Day — this year, May 24.

Poppies are typically distributed throughout May at various locations throughout the community for a small

donation. Like many of our traditions, COVID has led us to make some changes. Our opportunities to be out in the community are more limited.

Therefore, we plan to have a Poppy Day Drive-Thru on May 25 from 10 a.m. to

4 p.m. We invite the community to “drive-thru” the Mooresville American Legion — 350 E. Main St. — to collect a poppy, and if desired, provide a donation.

There will be members available to answer questions about membership, and opportunities to support veterans and the organization. We will also have applications available and treats, too! Those that wish to send their donations directly to Post 103 can mail them to the address listed here: American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #103, P.O. Box 667, Mooresville, IN 46158. Sincerest thanks to those that can support the program.

One hundred percent of the donations to the poppy fund are used exclusively to assist and support veterans and their families. It is the Auxiliary’s privilege to support this program and remind Americans of the sacrifice made by our veterans while

protecting our freedoms. Even if you do not get the opportunity to participate in the poppy event, a thank-you or kind word to our veterans lets them know we appreciate their service.

American Legion Auxiliary members have dedicated themselves for nearly a century to meeting the needs of our nation’s veterans, military, and their families both here and abroad. They volunteer millions of hours yearly, with a value averaging \$2 billion each year. As part of the world’s largest Patriotic Service Organization, ALA volunteers across the country also step up to honor veterans and the military through annual scholarships and with ALA Girls State programs, teaching high school juniors to be leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism.

To learn more about the ALA’s mission or to volunteer, donate or join, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org.



Happy trees and happy kids

Staff Report

MOORESVILLE — The Boys and Girls Club of Morgan County joined 163 sister clubs across Indiana on May 9 in planting a tree in honor Children’s Mental Health Awareness Month.

The local club’s executive director, Chris Tann, presided in a ceremony at the club on Indianapolis Road in Mooresville.

“This statewide day of service shows the impact youth can have when they unite for the greater good,” Tann said.

Supporting students’ mental health is among the programs the club offers.

About a dozen students who attend sessions at the club joined Greg Marlett, of Fresh Way Farms in Martinsville, in planting a Japanese maple tree in a landscaped area in a shady location just off the parking lot. They also potted geraniums donated by Tri Kappa. Marlett runs a garden program for students at the club.

Lilly Endowment, Lowe’s and Boys and Girls Club of Indiana contributed to the event.



Landscaper Greg Marlett (center) helps a group of youths from the Boys and Girls Club of Morgan County plant a tree at the club in Mooresville on May 9 in observance of Children’s Mental Health Awareness Month. (Merv Hendricks photo / MCC)

‘PRAYER ON THE SQUARE’



The Matriarch Circle from Hoosier Harvest Church met for ‘Prayer on the Square’ the evening of May 14, with eight very special ladies in attendance, including (from left) Sue Myers, Esther Suter, Janie Fleener, Karen French, Linda Wakefield, Paula Dillender and two wonderful ladies from M1 church, including Rea Floyd. (Janie Fleener courtesy photo)

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IU Health Morgan celebrates 100th anniversary

From Samantha Kirby
IU Health

MARTINSVILLE — Indiana University Health Morgan team members, regional IU Health leaders, IU Health Foundation board members and State Sen. Rodric Bray (R-Martinsville) came together May 14 to recognize the 100th anniversary of the healthcare facility.

“Morgan County Memorial Hospital, the county’s first hospital, opened its doors on Main Street a little over 100 years ago,” said Jason King, IU Health Morgan Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Officer. “A lot has changed over this time, including the facility’s location and name, but a dedication to the community has remained steadfast.”

“The deep history of this team symbolizes a promise IU Health has delivered on—to provide care to the Morgan (County) community,” said IU Health South Central Region President Denzil Ross.

Bray, who grew up in Martinsville, spoke of how his own family has received care at IU Health Morgan through the years before he proceeded with a reading of the resolution:

A CONCURRENT RESO-

LUTION recognizing the 100th anniversary of Indiana University Health Morgan (“IU Health Morgan”).

WHEREAS, In April 1924, Indiana University Health Morgan (IU Health Morgan) was first established as Morgan County Memorial Hospital to serve the people of Morgan County by local factory manager J.W. Hussey in memory of his son, Jack;

WHEREAS, Today, IU Health Morgan provides a multitude of programs and treatments to Morgan County and its surrounding communities, including cancer treatment, wellness and rehabilitation programs, emergency and primary care, as well as surgery, radiology, laboratory, and pharmacy services;

WHEREAS, IU Health Morgan is committed to serving the community beyond rendering medical care, as shown by its partnerships with local nonprofit and community organizations, including Stability First, the YMCA of Morgan County, and the local veterans’ association, as well as by its annual day of service, where staff volunteer their time to aid neigh-

borhood causes, such as cleaning parks or assisting at schools;

WHEREAS, In 2018 and 2022, the American Nurses Credentialing Center recognized IU Health Morgan’s culture of sustained excellence by bestowing upon it the Pathway to Excellence designation; and

WHEREAS, IU Health Morgan celebrates 100 years of community service in 2024;

Therefore, Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes and celebrates the 100th anniversary of Indiana University Health Morgan.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Jason King, Vice-President, Chief Operating Officer, and Chief Nursing Officer for IU Health Morgan.

Adopted by voice vote this twenty-seventh day of February, 2024.

Sponsoring Representative: Peggy Mayfield



From left: State Sen. Rodric Bray and IU Health Morgan Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Officer Jason King hold up the resolution that was passed at the Statehouse in February, honoring IU Health Morgan's 100 years of operation. (IU Health courtesy photo)

A HEAVY LOAD



Contractors helping construct the county's new judicial center in Martinsville keep an eye on the crane and its load — one of the four air-handling units set in place on the roof Monday afternoon. The building is supposed to be finished next year, and the work is currently on schedule. (Keith Rhoades photo / MCC)

FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH



From left: Emcee Melanie Foley gives words of recognition and gratitude to dance director Sherilyn Foley (not related) as the dancers with Footsteps in Faith gather on stage to end the annual dance showcase on Saturday night. Sherilyn began the ballet and tap program, held at Liberty Christian Church in Martinsville, 15 years ago as a way to encourage a more positive, modest approach to all things dance for girls from elementary age up through high school. (Stephen Crane photo / MCC)



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County OKs \$1.2M insurance policy

By Keith Rhoades
MCC Chief Correspondent

MORGAN COUNTY — During their meeting Monday night, the Morgan County Commissioners approved the county’s insurance policy for June 2024 to May 2025.

The county is insured by the Travelers Insurance Co., and coverage includes county buildings and structures, law enforcement, jail coverage, equipment, general liability, workers comp and automobiles.

The total policy cost for the year is \$1,189,135.

That coverage does not include the new judicial campus. The estimated completion cost for the new building is \$35 million. The cost to cover the building will be around \$42,280.

County administrator Josh Messmer said insurance coverage is getting harder to obtain, and it is going up in cost.

In other news

- The commissioners approved a contract with GAI Consultants to do the engineering work on the bridge on Leonard Road that goes over Sand Creek. The bridge is 14 feet long, and it will take up to two years to replace it. The cost for the engineering work is around \$195,530.

- The commissioners approved updating a trespass order for a county resident who had been trespassed from the county administration building in February 2018. The person had allegedly made threats to employees in the building.

Earlier this year, the person allegedly made threats to

employees in the courthouse. The commissioners modified the original trespass order to include all county offices.

- The commissioners approved the purchase of a new 2024 ambulance for the county Emergency Medical Service. The Horton company is currently building a new ambulance that was intended for a customer who backed out.

So the county is able to purchase the new ambulance for \$331,000, which is a savings of around \$40,000.

Currently, the EMS agency has eight ambulances in service. Four of the ambulances were purchased in 2017 and have more than 120,000 miles on them.

- The commissioners held an executive session before their regular meeting. During their regular meeting, they voted to begin a legal process

against an unnamed person for an unexplained action.

- The commissioners approved two grant applications for the county’s Emergency Management Agency. The first grant is for around \$223,000 for window film for the windows in the dispatch center.

The second grant is for \$150,000 and will be used to create multi-agency disaster drills evacuation exercises.

- The commissioners updated the water project contract with Intera. The county is studying the water table in the area. The contract will be extended for three years at a cost of \$915,000.

The next scheduled commissioner meeting is Monday, June 3, at 9:30 a.m. at the county administration building, 180 S. Main St. in Martinsville.



Martinsville senior Gabby Grubb shares a happy moment with her coaches Lina Soto (left) and Larry Sachs (right) following her last event as a high schooler during this year's IHSAA State Finals competition at Ball State University. It was Sachs' last event as well, as he announced his retirement to the school board earlier in the week. He was honored by the board at last week's meeting. (File photo)

MSD board honors Sachs

Gymnastics coach led the program in Martinsville for 47 years

By Jared Quigg
MCC Reporter

MARTINSVILLE — Nearly half a century of excellence was recognized by the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville May 16.

Local legend Larry Sachs, gymnastics coach since 1977, was honored last week with a plaque commemorating his decades of dedication in the Martinsville community.

Sachs started coaching back in 1977 at the local YMCA, and by 1982, he had started a training academy in Martinsville, Gymnastics Express, that ran until 1993. In 1985, the gymnastics team he led took home the crown at sectionals and regionals.

In the 1990s, Sachs was an assistant coach for Martinsville High School gymnastics, a golden period for the team. Sachs became head coach in 1998, a position he has held since.

“Not only has Larry been an inspiration to a lot of young people, but he’s been an icon in the gymnastics community, specifically in Central Indiana,” MHS Athletic Director Kip Staggs said at the meeting.

Over the past five years, the Artesians have had a gymnast in the state finals, and his 2021 team finished ninth in the state.

The packed meeting room

gave Sachs a standing ovation at the end of Staggs’ remarks, and he appeared to be overwhelmed by emotion.

“Thanks, everybody,” he simply said, and all could tell that he meant it.

In other news

- The board certified Joey “J.B.” Neill as the new head coach of the Artesians’ boys basketball team. He will be paid \$11,500 for his coaching duties and replace the former coach Staggs.

- A proposal for “curricular enrichment materials” for music, art and science was approved by the board.

- The music enrichment is for students in Pre-K through fourth grade and will integrate a program called Quaver into the curriculum. The digital program is designed to make teaching music easier, and will cost \$35,280 for six years.

- The art enrichment is for grades K-12 and would replace art textbooks with Art of Ed University materials. The materials will cost \$40,908 over six years.

- The science enrichment is for fifth graders. Bell Intermediate Academy will use Mystery Science, a digital program that the school had previously used through free trials and grant funding. It will cost \$8,970 over six years.

The next MSD of Martinsville school board meeting will take place on Thursday, June 20, at 7 p.m. at 389 E. Jackson St.

Fair board preps for summer events

By Keith Rhoades
MCC Chief Correspondent

MORGAN COUNTY — The 2024 Morgan County Fair is a little over a month away and members of the fair board are making plans to update various areas of the fairgrounds.

During their meeting May 14, the board voted to have RDS expand the internet service on the fairgrounds for the fair. When complete, all areas of the grounds will be internet accessible. That will allow people attending grandstand events to use charge or debit cards to attend the events. The fair will pay for the additional equipment while the company will donate the labor.

More paving

The board had previously voted to spend around \$50,000 from the funds the fair receives from the county to use to pave roads on the grounds.

After last year’s tornado that went through the area, the Federal Emergency Management Agency used the 4-H building as a local office.

The fair submitted an invoice to the agency but never received any money for the use of the grounds.

The bill was resubmitted earlier this year, and the fair received more than \$48,000 for the use of the grounds.

Since the money was an unexpected income for the fair, board members decided to use it — along with the previously budgeted \$50,000 — to repave roads and parking areas on the grounds. One area the board said needed work was the handicapped parking area next to the sheep and swine barn.

Fair president Eric Acker said Wallace Paving will be doing the work. The board is hoping to have the paving work done by mid June as the pre-fair concert is being held on June 15.

Work awaits

Following the concert is the annual antique machinery show, then the fair.

Acker said they are planning a work “weekend” on June 1 and 2 at the fairgrounds. He asked all directors and event superintendents to be at the grounds to help with the pre-fair work. Most buildings and fences will need painting, in addition to other items that will need to be done.

Acker said they would welcome help from the public. He said they cannot use children but need adults to help with the work. For more information, call the fair office at 765-342-9905.

The board voted to spend around \$5,200 on sound “baffles” in the auditorium. The board is hoping the baffles will help with the sound quality in that room.

The next fair board meeting is June 14 at 7 p.m. in the 4-H auditorium.

Celebration planned for Old Town Park improvements

By Lance Gideon
MCC Correspondent

MOORESVILLE — Mooresville Parks and Recreation will host a grand reopening of Old Town Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5.

Over the last year, a new restroom facility has been installed at the park, and a new playground has been installed more recently.

“We’re planning to be there, make it a community event, really showcase our improvements into that project,” parks superintendent Phil Cornelius said. “With the restroom and playground investment, along with the new sidewalks pathways for ADA accessibility, ... it’s roughly over \$310,000 worth of capital project improvements for this park.”

During the Mooresville Park Board’s May 13 meeting, Cornelius said there are still some finishing touches that need to be added at Old Town Park.

“That’s fixing some of the landscaping, beautification process, but we do have some other fun things to hopefully come to that park,” Cornelius added.

Aquatic center update

With the arrival of warmer temperatures, folks around the area will be visiting the aquatic center at Pioneer Park.

During the board meeting, Cornelius told members that the pool had already been filled in preparation for the season.

“This year, we had a new surprise,” Cornelius said. “The start of this year, every year we have some type of surprise.”

According to Cornelius, the “surprise” this year concerned chemical balancing in the pool.

“We were receiving intake, whenever we were filling the main pool, and getting what’s called metal material,” Cornelius said, adding that the material is harmless.

He said the parks worked with Indiana American Water, which tested the water coming

into the system. The testing came back clean.

The conclusion is that the issue is with the pool’s sand filters.

“The only component that is metal from that fill to our main pool is our sand filters,” Cornelius said. “So that is telling us that they are deteriorating quickly.”

He also noted the park has resolved the chemical issue and that the water is well within standards.

But, the sand filters, which were installed in 1989, will need to be replaced.

The life cycle of a sand filter is roughly 15-20 years, Cornelius noted.

“So we’ve definitely got our fill for those filters, so they’ve definitely have sustained and lasted longer than expected, but it’s time to look at the process (of replacement),” Cornelius said.

Board member Lynne Adams asked if the pool’s heater was working.

Cornelius responded that

the department is working with a company to make sure the heaters are working “to the fullest extent.”

“Is there some problem with it?” park board member Brent Callahan asked.

“It’s not continuing firing,” Cornelius responded.

According to Cornelius, the company he’s working with will be working on the heaters this summer and the pool will need work done during the off season.

In other business

- The board voted to have its building committee review plans for the Pioneer Park update project.

- It voted to hire a new recreation coordinator.

- The board also voted to hire its summer employees for the upcoming season.

The next regular meeting of the Mooresville Park Board is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 10 at the Pioneer Park Office, 1101 N. Indianapolis Road in Mooresville.

Mooresville school board votes to increase breakfast and lunch program pricing

By Jared Quigg
MCC Reporter

MOORESVILLE — Inflation wants more of your lunch money.

The Mooresville Consolidated School Corp. (MCSC) board unanimously approved raising the cost of breakfasts and lunches at all levels in the district at its May 14 meeting.

MCSC Assistant Superintendent Patrick Biggerstaff cited issues related to supply, logistics and inflationary economic trends as the reason prices would be going up. Before last week’s vote, the district had maintained the same food costs since 2017.

The board voted to increase the cost of elementary and secondary school breakfast from \$1.70 to \$1.80. Lunch for elementary schoolers will be raised

from \$2.60 to \$2.75, and secondary lunch will go from \$2.75 to \$2.90.

The new prices will go into effect for the 2024-2025 school year.

In other news

- The board welcomed Jori Zollman, who will serve as the district’s new assistant special education director. Zollman was previously a special education teacher at Waverly Element-

ary from 2013 to 2023. During this past school year, Zollman was on the Early Childhood Evaluation Team at Liberty Preschool in Decatur.

“I am so excited and thankful to be returning to Mooresville Schools in this new role that will give me the opportunity to continue working with all of the incredible staff throughout the district,” Zollman said in a statement.

- The board approved the calendar

for the 2025-2026 school year. The 2024-2025 work and holiday schedule was also approved.

- Commencement for Mooresville High School is Saturday, May 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The next MCSC board meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Education Center, 11 W. Carlisle St



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The Morgantown Memorial Day Parade makes its way down East Washington Street on Sunday afternoon. (Stephen Crane photo / MCC)



HONOR

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The Morgantown Lions Club and volunteer fire department kept the town’s annual institution alive and well, and a patriotic display on a float by the Morgantown United Methodist Church led the spirit of the tradition, with a billboard saying, “Honoring our mil-

itary and veterans — 1775-2024.” In keeping with tradition, the town holds its Memorial Day festivities the weekend before the official holiday, and as always, the parade finished off at East Hill Cemetery, where the town hosted its annual Remembrance Service, honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country in the military.

SCHOOL

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The board also reviewed several campaign finance reports that had to be corrected by the candidates. All reports passed re-inspection.

Upcoming dates
On May 21, voter registration opened and will close at the end of work, Oct. 7. People wanting to run for school board were able submit their names as early as May 21. The deadline to file for the school board is noon on June 20. School boards that have elections include:

- Eminence Community School Corp.: Adams Township and Ashland Township seats;
- Monroe-Gregg School Corp.:

Gregg Township, Monroe Township and at-large seats;

- Mooresville Consolidated School Corp.: Harrison Township and Madison Township seats;
- Metropolitan School District of Martinsville: District 1 (Washington 1, 2, 3 and 5), District 3 (Washington 7 and 9, and Green 1 and 2) and District 4 (Washington 8, and Clay 1,2 and 3) seats.

Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson School District’s elections are held in Johnson County. The list of deadlines for the November election is available at in.gov/sos/elections.

2026 election

While candidates may not formally file for the 2026 election, two have filed papers with the election office opening exploratory committees for the election. According to Parker, opening an exploratory committee allows a person to begin accepting contributions for the office. The two people are Dan Downing for Morgan County Sheriff and Cassandra “Cassie” Mellady for Morgan County Prosecutor. The first day candidates can formally file for office for 2026 is in January of that year.



VALEDICTORIANS

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0.045

They both pull their cell phones out and frantically begin typing — they want to make sure they get the numbers exactly right. “Mine is 4.435,” Crimson Hickman said. “Mine’s 4.39,” Alex Kush said.

Just 0.045 percentage points decided who would be valedictorian and who would be salutatorian at Martinsville High School.

Hickman said it’s not like she *wasn’t* trying to be the one to address her classmates at commencement, but it wasn’t the most important thing to her, either. Kush, though, knew he wouldn’t top his class.

Kush has played baseball for over a decade, and he’ll play at Purdue in the fall. He’s an athlete in his bones, and all four years of high school, he enrolled in a weight lifting class — a class that contributes nothing to a student’s overall GPA. But he did it because that’s just what he liked to do.

Hickman is going to college in the fall less than an hour up the road to DePauw in Greencastle, where she’ll study biology. She eventually wants to go on to be a cardiologist.

Kush wants to study pharmacology and become a pharmacist. He feels that pharmacists are really needed in the world, especially after COVID-19.

The two of them are good friends. They share some classes together, and they both want to go into careers where they can help people who need help the most. And they’re both going to miss Martinsville, the place that helped mold the dedicated young people they’ve grown up to be.

“There were a lot of tears at my last Academic Super Bowl competition,” Hickman said. “I know there’s going to be even more at graduation.”

Hickman will miss seeing her friends’ and teachers’ faces every Wednesday morning when they see the baked goods she’s brought them that week. She’ll miss captaining the Math Bowl team, and throwing down during a Quiz Bowl competition. She’ll miss the little crocheted keychain business she had that delighted her classmates. And she’ll miss



Martinsville High School valedictorian Crimson Hickman (left) stands next to salutatorian Alex Kush. Hickman will attend DePauw University in the fall, and Kush will study at Purdue. (MSD of Martinsville courtesy photo)



Eminence valedictorian Jaylynn Eisenhour’s graduating class has 27 people in it, and she wants her classmates to “cherish the little things.” (Jaylynn Eisenhour courtesy photo)

seeing Kush and her other classmates in AP Literature. As for Kush, he’s had a wonderful experience in Martinsville, but he’s ready to get out. He’s ambitious, and he’s competitive — those 0.045 percentage points have not shaken him one bit. “I think I can definitely be impactful in the world,” Kush said. “I’m excited to get started.”

Little things

The graduating class at Eminence has 27 people. Over the past 12 years, they’ve all grown up together. Compared to the relatively grand affairs that will be Martinsville and Mooresville’s graduation ceremonies, the commencement at Eminence will look like a small church service. With her 4.0 GPA, Jaylynn Eisenhour will be the one at the pulpit.

Eisenhour wants to say to her 26 classmates that little things should be cherished. She wants them to appreciate where they’re at, and to not rush through everything — a fitting ode to their rural paradise tucked in the western edge of the county.

She’ll find herself at Hanover College in the fall, where she hopes to study kinesiology so she can become an athletic trainer. She’s been an athlete all her life, excelling at volleyball, basketball, softball and cheer. Eisenhour is a natural competitor.

When she’s not playing sports, or topping her class, she’s working on Tyler Shupe’s farm. She feeds the sheep and the doves and whatever else Shupe needs her to do, sometimes up to 40 hours a week.

Small town Indiana is what Eisenhour knows best, and she doesn’t think she’ll move

very far when all is said and done. The ironically named Eminence is big enough for her.

‘What kind of person?’

Of course, Monrovia is a small town, too, but it makes Eminence look like a speck. Lucy Craney’s graduating class has 113 people, and if the town’s growth predictions are correct, the coming years’ classes will only get bigger and bigger.

Craney had a goal four years ago after she was ranked inside the top 10 of Monrovia’s freshman class: Stay in the top 10. She, like her fellow valedictorians Kurtz, Hickman and Eisenhour, isn’t keen about public speaking. But like them, she’s been given the task to deliver the commencement address for her classmates.

“People are going to be asking themselves, ‘What’s gonna be my job,’” Craney said. “But what they should be asking themselves is, ‘What kind of person am I gonna be?’ That’s what I want to say to my classmates on Friday.”

Craney speaks with confidence. She shares the other valedictorians’ drive and passion for helping others. Every week, she tutors seventh-graders in math; she helped throw the homecoming dance; she’s in the National Honor Society.

In the fall, she’ll be at Purdue studying biomedical health sciences. She wants to be a physician’s assistant, and the reason is the same as all the other valedictorians — she wants to help others.

But when Craney is done with school, she’ll be taking a different path than someone like Kurtz, who wants to go to Japan, or Kush, who wants to take on the world. Craney



Monrovia valedictorian Lucy Craney will study at Purdue in the fall, but after she completes her studies she’ll come back to Monrovia, a place she’ll always call home. (Erin Craney courtesy photo)

wants to come back to Monrovia and make an impact in her little town.

Whatever happens over the next four years, though, it seems that Craney’s present message — what kind of person do I want to be? — is at the forefront of the mind for Morgan County’s valedictorians. They all want to keep learning, and to take what they’ve learned to make the world better. Morgan County brought them up and trained them; some will come back and make their homes an even stronger place, while others will take what they learned here and spread it everywhere they go.

All of them will shake the world.

PARK

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Under the initial plans, the park would have needed two stormwater management systems.

After reviewing the plans, much of the new structures have been moved around so that there would only be a need for one stormwater system.

The park also shifted the proposed pickleball courts and removed the proposed basketball courts.

“We currently already have two basketball courts in this park,” Cornelius said. “So we saw that as a system that could be added later, or in the future, but our primary focus would be pickleball.”

The pickleball court has been moved closer to the park’s current maintenance building, reduced some of the proposed parking and shifted the future maintenance facility to the north along County Line Road.

Park board member Brent Callahan said he would like to activate the board’s building committee to review the updated plans.

Callahan said he has concerns about the initial estimate for the project.

Cornelius told the board that the initial estimate for the project was more than \$9 million.

“We have now scaled that closer to \$6 (million),” Corne-

lius said. “So we have already done a cut of close to \$3 million worth of investment, and that’s solely into a lot of the ground infrastructure.”

“I would like to see the building committee look at it all and see if we still want to stay within the BOT, or whether we want to do some of these projects separately without that,” Callahan said.

Callahan added he’d like to see a survey with a topographical map and what is going into the buildings as examples of what he’s wanting the board’s building committee to review.

“I’m having trouble at the present time imagining that they can still come down far enough to meet our existing funding,” Callahan said.

Cornelius responded that the parks initially estimated the project would cost about \$5 million, and the project is currently within about \$1.5 million of that funding.

Board member Danny Shaw asked if there are any available funds in case the project can’t be further reduced.

“We’re actively seeking all grant applications,” Cornelius said. “I filled out an application, actually, this evening that would bring a few hundred thousand dollars into the project, if awarded.”

The board voted unanimously to have its building committee review the project and cost estimate of the work.

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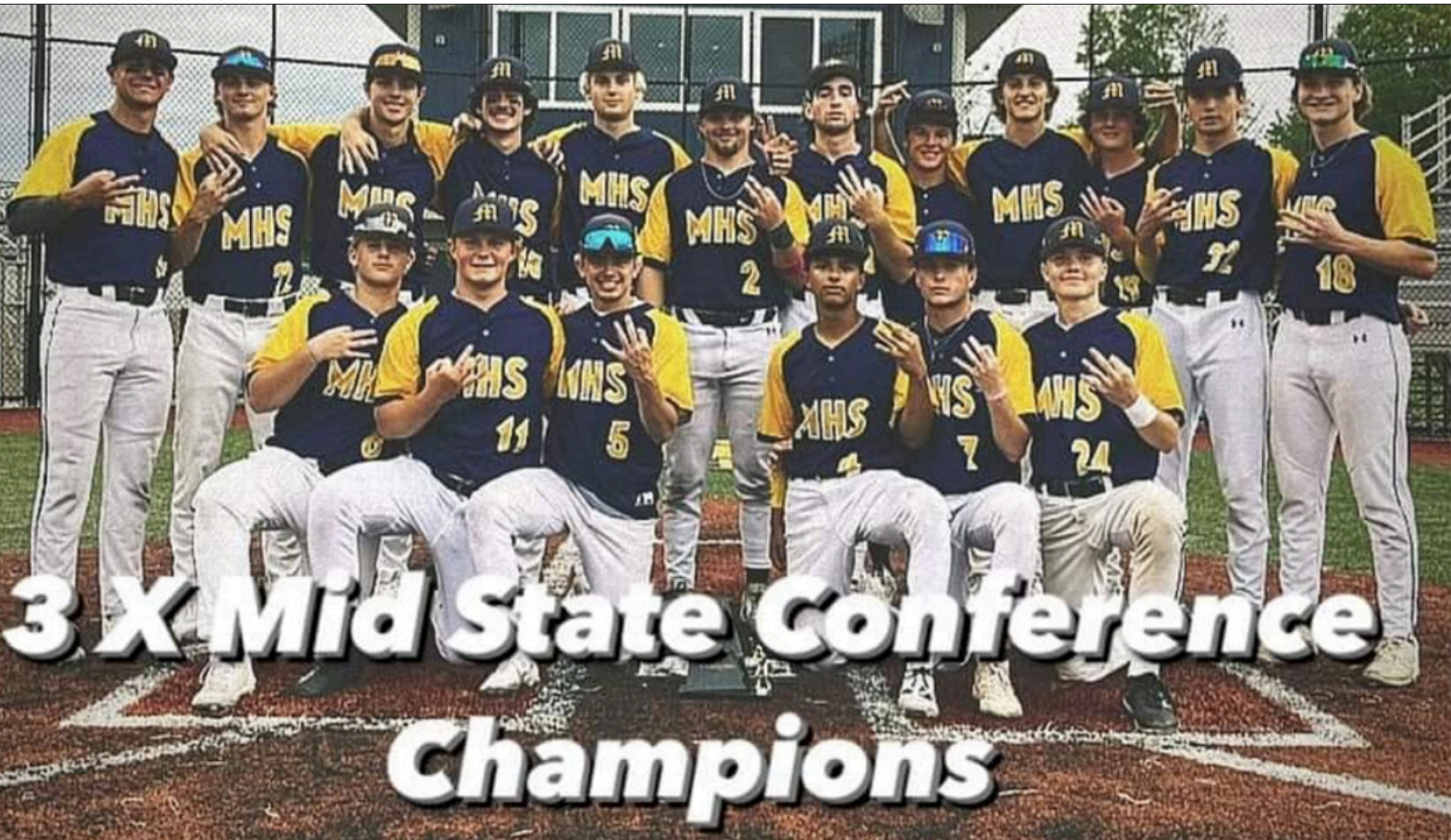
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Mooresville players celebrate going undefeated to win the Mid-State Conference baseball championship for the third time in a row. (Tim Denny courtesy photo)

THREE-PEAT

Pioneer boys set a new MSC standard with undefeated conference record

By Steve Page
MCC Correspondent

MOORESVILLE – Continuing its remarkable run, Mooresville’s baseball team added another magic moment of sorts last week. Though the first game was a 4-3 struggle, the Pioneers blew out to an 11-0 victory in the Mid-State Conference series with Whiteland, earning a conference championship for the third year in a row. “We were able to beat Whiteland in a close game on Wednesday, and were fortunate enough to beat them again on Thursday to finish the conference season at 14 wins with no defeats,” reported Pioneer coach Eric McGaha after Mooresville improved to 25-2 overall. “That’s the first time in Mid-State Conference history that a team went undefeated in the current home-and-away format. Very proud of our players.

“We have an outstanding Group of 11 seniors who have been tremendous leaders for us.” The Pioneers, down 3-0 after three innings, scored a run in the fifth, then erupted for three runs in the seventh for the deciding margin. Six Pioneers had hits, with Hogan Denny going 2 for 3 with two RBIs and a run scored. Hunter DeVaughan pitched six innings to get the win, scattering five hits while striking out eight batters. Hogan Denny pitched a scoreless inning to earn the save. The Pioneers shortened the second game to five innings by scoring four runs in the second inning, five in the fourth and two more in the fifth. Brendin Oliver went the distance, surrendering just one hit.

Deklan Thompson, Liam Delp and Kaleb Kestler had two hits each. Tyler Denny hit a home run and drove in three runs. Bryce Brabender had one hit and three RBIs. Mooresville then renewed its Morgan County rivalry with visiting Monrovia, cruising to a 17-2 win last Friday. The Bulldogs scored two runs in their first at-bat, but it was all Mooresville after that, as the Pioneers answered with six runs in the first inning, seven in the second and four in the third. Hogan Denny homered, doubled and drove in two runs. Craig Teike went 3 for 3, scored three runs and drove in two. Kestler tripled



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County athletes advance

Young wins, Bulldogs, Pioneers move on to track regionals

By Steve Page
MCC Correspondent

ZIONSVILLE — One of the definitions of hurdle is a portable barrier. Not so much for Joslyn Young. The Monrovia senior breezed over all the hurdles she encountered in the May 14 IHSAA sectional meet at Zionsville. She raced to first in the 300 hurdles in 45.48 seconds, good enough for a school record. That followed her effort in the 100 hurdles, in which she advanced by taking third place in another school record, 15.53 seconds. “I’ve been hurdling ever since middle school,” she explained. “Just getting better. Coach Larry Hughes from Terre Haute is the best hurdling coach I could ask for. “Now, we just have to train for regionals, just keep pushing. It makes training harder, more intense. But it’s relieving to advance.” The 4x800 relay team of Trinity Ingler, Emery Newlin, Harper Rahn and Mary Cox qualified for regionals by taking third in a school-record 9:49.91. The 4x1 followed suit, with Newlin, Nellie Standeford, Sam Kluemper and Reagan Stader finishing third in 48.99. Standeford leapt to second in the long jump at 17-8 ½. Ruby Murrell took third in the discus at 112-9. The 4x400 combo of Cox, Newlin, Kluemper and Young finished fourth in 4:05.60. Stader placed fourth in the 200 at 25.57. Ingler was fifth in the 800 at 2:22.86. “Jocelyn advanced, with school records in both hurdles,” said

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Moyer, McLaughlin find Indy’s top speed at 234



By Steve Page
MCC Correspondent

SPEEDWAY — As the trackside crew began making final preparations on the Team Penske racing car driven by Scott McLaughlin, Kyle Moyer smiled. Moyer, the Monrovia native who is an engineer for Penske Racing and a strategist for McLaughlin, had a good feeling about the events that were about to unfold Sunday at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It was the final day of

qualifications. McLaughlin was one of the 12 fastest on Saturday, so he would be competing for a position in the top six qualifying, and then for the pole itself for this Sunday’s 108th running of the Indianapolis 500. With Pennzoil sponsoring the car, it was painted in the same scheme as the famous “Yellow Submarine” driven to the pole in 1988 and to victory by Rick Mears, now a key Penske employee. Moyer gazed at the bright yellow No. 3 Pennzoil Team Penske Chevrolet. “We’ll see what we have

today,” Moyer said. “It should be good. Scotty has been fast wherever we’ve gone, so he should be fast again today.” He was, indeed. First, McLaughlin raced to the front of the 12-driver field, which was halved for the fast six qualifying. As the fastest qualifier, he was last to take to the 2.5-mile oval. Teammates Will Power and Josef Newgarden had just posted sizzling numbers, putting them on the front row. As McLaughlin sped

around to take the green flag, Moyer came over the radio with a simple message: “You know what to do — execute.” McLaughlin went one better, recording the fastest four laps in the race’s history. He averaged a blistering 234.220 mph, putting him on the pole and giving Penske the first front-row sweep since 1988, when Mears, Danny Sullivan and Al Unser Sr. took the top three spots.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK
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KAYLA BUSH



GRADE: Junior
SPORT: Track and field
REASON FOR AWARD: Kayla is a first-year track and field athlete. Kayla is part of the record-setting 4x1 relay team and competes in the 100-meter dash, as well as pole vault. She advanced to regionals in the 4x4 relay and 100-meter dash.

MARTIN BARCO



GRADE: Senior
SPORT: Track and field
REASON FOR AWARD: Martin is having another successful season. The future Washington Husky is coming off a successful sectional meet, taking home first place in the 1600m and 800m runs. Martin continues to work harder as we get closer to the state meet. He currently holds three school records from this season – the 800m, 1600m and 3200m.

Bulldogs end regular season play at .500

By Melissa Dillon
MCC Correspondent

MONROVIA — Monrovia’s baseball team ended its regular season schedule with a 13-13 record after a busy four-game stretch last week. Monrovia defeated Martinsville 5-3 on May 13. They then split an Indiana Crossroads doubleheader with Beech Grove, falling 11-1 before winning 4-0. They ended the week with a 17-2 loss at Mooresville last Friday. The Bulldogs put a damper on Martinsville’s senior night with a big four-run inning in the fifth to seal their 5-3 win over the Artesians. Sophomore Brendon Stwalley pitched his max pitches, going 5.1 innings and allowing just two hits, three earned runs, seven walks and eight strikeouts. Sophomore Ben Gilbert went .2 innings, allowing no hits and a strikeout. Senior Wes Tallent pitched one inning, allowing one hit and two walks. Monrovia had just two hits offensively and drew five walks. Senior Brayton Belcher went 1-for-3 with a run, RBI and a walk. Junior Lane Whitney bat-

ted 1-for-4 with two RBIs. Runs also came from freshman Zach Oliphant, freshman Eli Hampton, Gilbert and sophomore Ethan Followell. In the fifth, Followell reached on an error, Gilbert walked, and Oliphant loaded the bases by being hit by a pitch. Followell scored on an overthrown ball before Belcher was intentionally walked to load the bases again. Whitney hit a double to score Gilbert and Oliphant and Belcher got in on another overthrown ball. Monrovia let one score on a pair of hits in the sixth, but took care of business in the seventh with Gilbert now in at pitcher with bases loaded and one out. Gilbert had a strikeout and caused a fly out to right fielder sophomore Dakota Hayden to end the night.

Beech Grove
Monrovia had a rough go at Beech Grove the next night. Gilbert pitched two innings, allowing three hits, five runs (zero earned), one walk and three

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Bush, Barco lead Artesians in sectionals

By Steve Page
MCC Correspondent

MARTINSVILLE — Super Quicks.

That’s how Martinsville boys track coach Luke Moscrip describes those on his track and field team, but this week, he could also be referring to the girls.

Paced by winners Martin Barco and Kayla Bush, the Artesians enjoyed successful days at their respective sectional meets.

Barco was a double victor, taking the 800 and 1600 meters in Thursday’s Bloomington North sectional. He won the 1600 meters in 4:15.37, just off the sectional record of 4:11.49 he established in 2023. He went one better in the 800 meters, breaking his year-old sectional record of 1:53.81 by finishing first in 1:52.05.

Two days earlier at the same site, Bush raced to victory in the 100 meters.

Many other Artesians en-

joyed quality days as well.

“The Super Quicks competed in the sectionals on Thursday night and came out with some good results,” Moscrip noted. “Martin Barco finished the night with two sectional championships. The 4x1 relay team of Luke Gamble, Elija Peters, Jack Reeves and Diego Jimenez were runnerups (43.85). Rayce Wolff had a great third-place run in the 800 (1:56.20). All of those guys got an automatic advancement to regionals.

“Other top performers at the sectional were Peters with a fourth-place finish in the 100 (11.36) and 200 (22.78), Zhane Capshaw with a fifth in the high jump (5-10) and sixth in the 300 hurdles (44.43), the 4x4 relay team of Barco, Rayce Wolff, Gamble and Camden Wolff finished fifth (3:34.90), Nate Long took home seventh in the discus (133-4), Ben Gaunt with a fourth-place finish in the pole vault (11-0), Anthony

Rush was eighth in the 110 hurdles (18.64). Landon Willis wrapped up seventh in the 3200 (10:24.06), Gavin Thacker was eighth in the 300 hurdles (47.25), and the 4x8 relay team of Ethan Bray, Dessen Miller, Cam Beesley and Cam Tucker finished sixth (9:07.36).”

The boys scored 73.5 points to take third in the 11-team meet.

“I was extremely proud of the boys tonight,” said Moscrip. “This is the time you have to PR and let it all go. Some seniors finished off a great four years at MHS, and they will be missed.”

Bush leads girls

Led by Bush, three Martinsville girls advanced from last week’s sectional at Bloomington North.

Bush won the 100 meters in 12.90 seconds, out-leaving others at the finish.

Emily Fluke also advanced to the regional round by taking second in the long jump at 17-2. She

finished fourth in the 200 meters at 27.82 seconds, just a half-second out of the third and final qualifying spot.

Teammate Maddie Moscrip qualified third from the 300 hurdles with a time of 49.64.

The quartet of Fluke, Moscrip, Alexis Tackett and Kayla Bush placed fourth in the 4x100 relay at 51.18, just six-hundredths out of third.

Spurgeon, Bush, Moscrip and Addy Berry took fourth in the 4x400 relay at 4:23.51.

Another fourth-place finisher was Lillian Liam, who cleared 4-8 in the high jump.

The Artesians scored 61.5 points to finish fifth in the nine-team sectional. The Bloomington schools, North and South, took the top two spots.

The girls competed in the Bloomington North regional on May 14, and the boys returned there two days later.



Kayla Bush and Martin Barco are all smiles after taking first-place finishes at sectional meets. (MSD of Martinsville courtesy photo)



Chris Korthuis of Mooresville speeds away after taking the baton from fellow senior Jai Dindiyaal in the final exchange of the 4x400 relay. They joined senior Curt Dahncke junior Matt Coffey to place third in 3:26.28. (Steve Page photo / MCC)

Mooresville boys race to regional round

By Steve Page
MCC Correspondent

PLAINFIELD — For Mooresville’s boys, it was all about getting out of the IHSAA sectional meet in the Quakers’ stadium.

And that’s just what they did, much to the pleasure of coach Aaron Milauskas.

He was quick to note those student-athletes who qualified for the Lafayette Jefferson regional meet.

“The team advanced two relays — the 4x100 and 4x400 — and seven individuals also qualified,” Milauskas noted. “This is the highest number of individual qualifiers in the team’s 13-year history at the Plainfield sectional — one of the most competitive in the entire state.

“The top 3 results from each sectional, along with the next four best performances advance to the regional meet. Both relays placed third and automatically advanced. Curt Dahncke finished third in the 800 (1:55.62) and Denton Jacobs finished second in the discus (169-8).

“Five other individuals performed well enough to earn one of the four callback spots: Chris Korthuis finished fourth in the 100 (11.08). Jai Dindiyaal was fourth in the 200 (22.59). Tyler Gercak battled for fourth in the 3200 (9:39.63). Brock Broadus and Brenton Williams finished fifth (6-1) and sixth (6-1) in the high jump.

“Dahncke took advantage of the fast competition in the 800 and ran 1:55.62 — a four-second PR and No. 3 all-time. He



Mooresville senior Denton Jacobs winds up as he prepares to throw the discus in Thursday’s sectional at Plainfield. Jacobs took second and advanced to the regional round with a throw of 169-8. (Steve Page photo / MCC)

and they will be seeded fifth at the regional. The 4x400 relay team of Korthuis, Dindiyaal, Matt Coffey and Dahncke ran 3:26.28, No. 4 all-time, and they will be seeded ninth at the regional.

“Other notes include: 4x800 relay team of Finley Zollman, Noah Burns, Ian Linton and Matt Coffey ran 8:35.33 and finished fourth. Sophomore Hardan Olson dropped five seconds in the 1600 with his time of 4:52.36. Jacobs placed seventh in the shot put (49-6). Ty Montgomery continued to improve in discus with a throw of 145-3, No. 5 all-time. Korthuis and Dindiyaal will be busy at the regional, as they each advanced in an individual event and on both relays.

“The team would like to thank all of the spectators who attended the meet and offered support. We are continually impressed by the effort this group gives, and we are thankful for the opportunity to continue practicing for at least one more week. Those who advanced will next compete at the regional meet on May 23 at Lafayette Jefferson High School.”

Bulldogs battle

Monrovia sophomore Colten Smith took fourth in the 800 at 1:56.10. He also finished eighth in the pole vault at 12-0, one spot ahead of junior teammate Gene Gelfanov (11-6).

Junior Micah Morris qualified for the finals in the 110 hurdles and placed seventh at 18.54 seconds.

Another junior, Max Harris, placed ninth in the 300 hurdles at 44.8.

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coach Donna Keefer. “The 4x1 set a record; the 4x8 set the school record by 11 seconds. Our discus was second, long jump second.

“Yeah, it’s been a good day. I can’t complain.”

Pioneers advance

Mooresville coach Aaron Milauskas couldn’t complain either.

“There were plenty of great results throughout the evening,” he noted. “For the first time since 2014, the team advanced all three relays — 4x100, 4x400, 4x800 — to the regional round, and there were also two individuals who advanced. Becca Leitzman continued to dominate at the shot put where she again threw over 40 feet and placed second. Kaitlyn Strietelmeier finished sixth in the 100 with a time of 12.60, No. 3 all-time, and took one of the callback spots.

“The 4x800m relay team



Mooresville teammates Olivia Henderson (far left) and Kaitlyn Strietelmeier (far right) compete in the 100-meter finals in Wednesday’s sectional at Zionsville. Strietelmeier finished sixth and Henderson eighth. (Steve Page photo / MCC)

of Sydney Hardy, Lyndsay Boswell, Kyndall Watson and Brooke Wilson finished fourth with a time of 10:00.46 — the second-fastest in school history. This has been a goal for these four seniors for a long time, and it was great to see their hard work pay off. They are only five seconds off the school record and will get another chance at it at the regional.

“The 4x100 relay team of Kaitlyn Strietelmeier, Olivia Henderson, Brooklyn Tidd and Lauren Atwell also finished fourth with a time of 49.88. Back in 2017, the school record was 50.41,

and the team has broken the 50-second mark six seasons in a row.

“The 4x400 relay team of Strietelmeier, Atwell, Tayla Savka and Wilson finished fifth and took the final callback spot with their time of 4:09.40 — the second-fastest in school history. They are only two seconds off the record and have earned another attempt at making history.

“Other notable performances include: Henderson finished eighth in the 100 with a 12.72. Kaylan Thompson had a solid effort in the 200, running 28.71. Freshman Natalie Bosworth continued to

drop time with her 1:05.08 in the 400. Wilson ran 2:33.82 and placed eighth in the 800. Lylah Theriac competed hard and placed ninth in the 1600 and 3200. She moved up to No. 11 all-time in the 1600.

“Ashley Overholser broke 17 seconds for the first time, 16.94, and placed eighth in the 100 hurdles. Freshman Kaydie Epley placed sixth in the 100 hurdles and fifth in the 300 hurdles. Ashlyn Nielsen cleared 4-8 and placed eighth in high jump. Ruth Parker cleared 9-0 in pole vault and placed fourth. Senior Mady Law finished sixth in the shot put. Issy Pearman broke



Completing the final exchange of the 4x400 relay are Monrovia’s Joslyn Young and Sam Kluemper and Mooresville’s Kaitlyn Strietelmeier and Tayla Savka. (Steve Page photo / MCC)

90 for the first time with her throw of 91-1 in the discus.”

Abby Dittmore (1:14.48) and Eel teammate Kaleigh Lowe (1:32.63) competed in the 400. Savannah Bridges ran the 100 in 15.61 and the 200 in 32.95 and cleared 10-10 in the long jump.

Hubbard tops Eels

Natalie Hubbard of Eminence covered 15-10 to place seventh in the long jump.

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strikeouts. Tallent went 1.2 innings with three hits, two earned runs, one walk and two strikeouts, and sophomore Conner Denaut went .2 innings with one hit, four runs (zero earned), four walks and one strikeout.

The Bulldogs couldn’t get their bats going, with only two hits in the game. Belcher and Denaut each had a hit, and Belcher scored the only run.

They turned it around at home last Thursday with a 4-0 win over Beech Grove. Belcher was the winning pitcher, going all seven

innings and allowing just one hit, two walks and an impressive 13 strikeouts. His team backed him up defensively and offensively, putting hits together at the right time.

Whitney went 2-for-2 with a run and a RBI, Oliphant 1-for-4 with a run and RBI, and Gilbert 1-for-3 with two RBIs. Junior Ryder Pool and senior Eli Welch each walked and scored a run.

Monrovia did most of its damage in the second inning when Whitney reached on a hit-by-pitch and Pool walked. Welch was also hit to load the bases with one out. Gilbert hit a single to score two, and Oliphant hit into

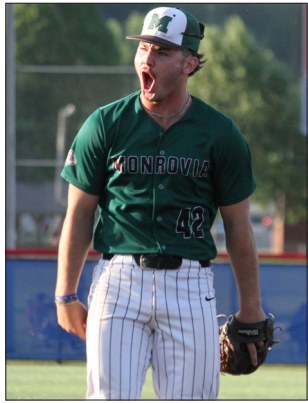
a fielder’s choice that scored Welch.

Mooresville

Mooresville’s bats were on fire last Friday with 11 hits, 13 RBIs and two home runs to make up the 17 runs.

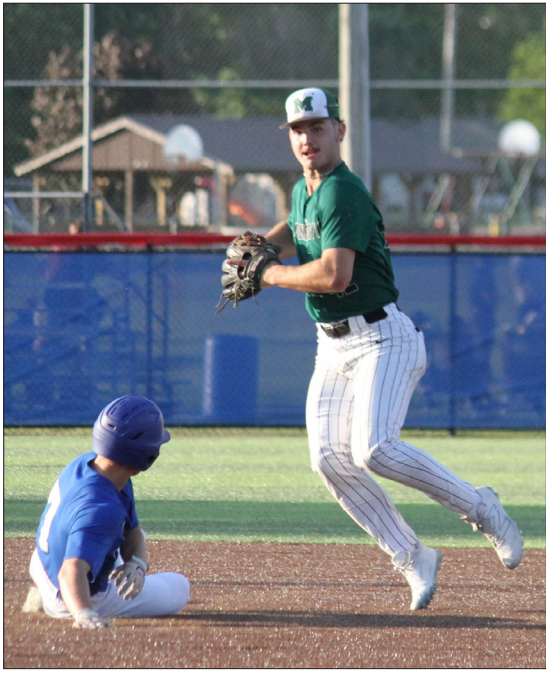
Tallent took the loss, going 1.2 innings with eight hits, 13 runs (12 earned), and five walks. Freshman Gauge Tolan pitched 2.1 innings with three hits, four runs (two earned), and one strikeout. At the plate, Whitney went 2-for-3 with an RBI and Pool 1-for-1. Oliphant and Hampton each scored a run.

Monrovia started the IHSAA Sectional tourna-



Monrovia senior Brayton Belcher is fired up over a 4-6-3 double play during the May 13 game at Martinsville. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)

ment against Danville on Wednesday, which came after press time.



Monrovia senior Brayton Belcher turns a double play at second base during the May 13 game at Martinsville. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)

Artesians softball has rough week

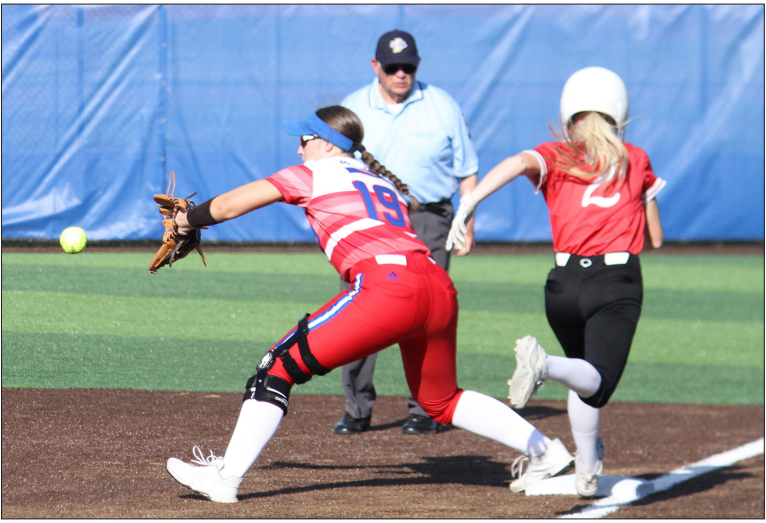
By Melissa Dillon
MCC Correspondent

MARTINSVILLE — The Martinsville softball team faced two tough teams in its final three games of the regular season.

The Artesians took on Center Grove at home on May 13 and took the 13-2 loss. After a rainout the next day, the Artesians faced Mid-State Conference opponents from Perry Meridian on May 15 at home and last Thursday at Perry Meridian. Martinsville fell 17-10 in the high-scoring affair, and then lost 11-2 at their place.

The highlight of the week went to senior night Wednesday where the Artesians honored their five seniors — Alaina Lambert, Paycee Lewis, Ava Pemberton, Emmallee Bough and Jada Montgomery.

Lewis had herself a game, hitting two home runs to finish 2-for-3 with three runs, four RBIs and a walk. Lambert spent some time in the circle as well as first base. She went 1-for-4 with a double at the plate and pitched 1.2 innings allowing eight hits, seven runs (six earned) and a



Martinsville junior Addison Massey-Deckard catches a throw from a teammate during the May 13 home game against Center Grove. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)

walk. Pemberton was behind the plate the whole game and scored a run on offense. Bough walked and scored a run and Montgomery was solid in center field.

Also making a splash offensively was junior Addison Massey-Deckard who also hit a home run on a three-run shot. She finished 1-for-4

with a run and three RBIs. Freshman Nevaeh Dillon batted 3-for-4, sophomore Mylee Jarret 2-for-3 with a run, sophomore Mya Lewis 1-for-4 with two runs and an RBI, and sophomore Ahvay Scholl walked, scored a run and had an RBI.

Dillon started the game at pitcher and went 5.1 innings, allowing

13 hits, 10 runs (eight earned), two strikeouts and two walks.

The game was tied 6-6 in the third after Massey-Deckard's three-run homer and a solo shot from Paycee Lewis. Later in the inning, Scholl hit a ball deep to right field and was able to score on the error as the ball rolled towards the fence. Perry scored two in the fifth to make it an 8-6 game but opened it up in the sixth on a couple hits and a home run for an 11-6 lead. In the bottom of the inning, Bough leadoff with a walk and Jarrett hit a single. Bough scored off a double from Mya Lewis. Paycee Lewis hit a two-run shot to make it an 11-10 game.

Perry had a big seventh inning off five hits, a walk and an error to close it out.

Martinsville knew it had its work cut out for them against the deep talents of No. 11 Center Grove and the arm of senior Riley Henson, arguably one of the best pitchers in the state. Martinsville came up with five hits total on the night and struck out 10 times. Pemberton, Mya Lewis, Paycee Lewis, Lambert and Dillon each had a hit and Paycee Lewis and

sophomore Evea Ennis each scored a run. Mya Lewis and Dillon had the two RBIs.

Lambert was the starting pitching going 4.1 innings with 12 hits, nine runs (six earned) and one walk. Dillon finished the game going 2.2 innings, five hits, four runs (two earned), three walks and a strikeout.

Against Perry Meridian last Thursday, Martinsville kept it close most of the game but struggled offensively, collecting only two hits despite only having one strikeout. The score was 4-2 before Perry collected a few hits, took advantage of some errors and small ball to help the wheels fall off Artesians' defense scoring seven runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Pemberton and Paycee Lewis each had a hit, Mya Lewis and Dillon each scored a run and Jarrett had an RBI.

Lambert started in the circle going 4.2 innings with seven hits, four runs (two earned), two walks and two strikeouts. Dillon went 1.1 innings with four hits, seven runs (two earned) and a strikeout to wrap up the last game of the regular season.

Artesians end season on a win

By Melissa Dillon
MCC Correspondent

MARTINSVILLE — It's been no secret that Martinsville's young baseball team has been on the struggle bus this season.

The Artesians were able to end the regular season on a high note though with a 2-1 win over Mid-State Conference Decatur Central at home last Friday. The game was long awaited after rainouts, but it was well worth it to give the Artesians a boost going into sectionals next week.

The game turned into a pitchers duel between Martinsville senior Alex Kush and the Hawks' sophomore Logan Markus. Kush allowed just one hit, one earned run, four walks and nine strikeouts, while Markus allowed five hits, two runs (zero earned),

two walks and three strikeouts.

Martinsville junior Josh Jones had a great night with the bat going 3-for-3. Freshmen Drake Davis and Isaac Gillum scored the two runs for the Artesians. The game remained scoreless for three innings. The Hawks put up their run in the fourth after Kush walked with the bases loaded and then allowed a run to score on a fielder's choice.

Martinsville quickly responded on a two-out rally. Junior Brayden Burris and Jones had back-to-back singles. Davis, running for Burris, scored on an overthrown ball at home. Cameron Payne started the fifth with a single up the middle and was replaced by Gillum as a pinch runner. Gillum stole second, then reached third on an overthrown ball and then scored on a fly ball from junior Jax-

ton Proctor.

Decatur put a couple runners on but was unable to utilize. Wolf, in left field, tracked down a foul ball for the final out of the game and to break a month-long losing streak.

Monrovia

Martinsville honored its senior sons Monday against Monrovia, when they fell 5-3. Seniors are Kush, Gavin Clements and James Richey. Kush was on the mound all game, allowing just two hits, five runs (zero earned), five walks and eight strikeouts. The Artesians had just three hits with one from Wolf, Kush and sophomore Evan Richhart. Junior Carter Dawson was walked four times and scored once. Wolf and Richhart had RBIs, and Richhart and Stroud also scored.

Martinsville had a 2-1 lead

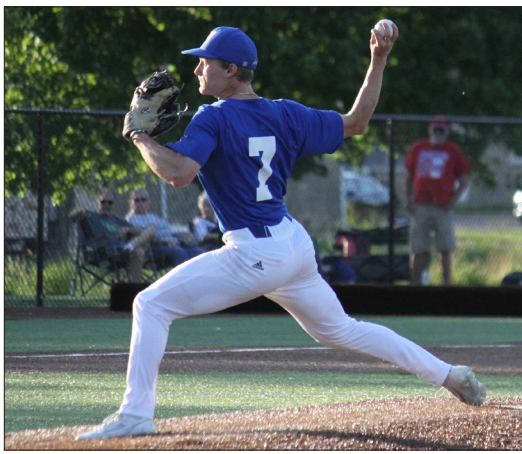
until the fifth, when Monrovia scored four runs. The Artesians threatened and put one across in the sixth but couldn't complete the comeback.

Perry Meridian

Martinsville then dropped a pair to Perry Meridian, 14-6 and 1-0, hosting the Falcons on May 15 before traveling to Perry Meridian the next day.

Wolf started on the mound going five innings with six hits, seven runs (two earned), four walks and 11 strikeouts. Jones was in briefly, allowing two hits, three runs (two earned) and a walk. Dawson pitched one inning, allowing two hits and two earned runs, and Davis went an inning, allowing no hits, three walks, one strikeout and two earned runs.

Stroud batted 2-for-3 with a run, Burris 2-for-4 with a run



Martinsville senior Alex Kush delivers a pitch during the May 13 home game against Monrovia. (Melissa Dillon photo / MCC)

and two RBIs, Jones 2-for-4 with a run, junior Jaxton Proctor 1-for-2 with a run and two walks, Kush 1-for-3 with a run and a walk and Dawson 1-for-4 with a run.

The game at Perry last Thursday was decided in the very first inning with a leadoff walk following by a single to left field.

The rest of the game the Artesians were solid, and

both teams struggled to find the gaps. Proctor pitched all six innings with just three hits, one earned run, three walks and three strikeouts. Martinsville had four hits with one each from Dawson, Kush, Burris and Proctor.

Sectional play began Wednesday with a matchup against Bloomington North, which occurred after press time.

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and drove in two runs. Jack Kitterman hit a double and drove in three runs. Ryan Robinson had two hits and two RBIs.

Brady Chambers worked four innings and gave up

three hits. Denny pitched the last inning, striking out the side.

Girls sweep Warriors

Mooreville notched a 3-2 (eight innings) and 13-3 sweep of Whiteland.

They trailed the visiting Warriors 2-0 after four innings, but scored two runs

in the fifth, and finally won the game in the eighth.

Reagan Bauer, Zoey Kugelman and Madison Poulson had two hits each, with Kugelman hitting a double and driving in all three runs.

Kugelman went the distance, scattering four hits, striking out seven batters

and walking three.

In the return match, the Pioneers were on it from the start, scoring six runs in their first at-bat and improving on the lead as the game progressed.

Guy, batting leadoff, was 2 for 3, scored two runs and drove in four with a double and a home run. Cierra

Cramer notched three hits, including a double, and scored three runs. Maddie Pierini added two hits and drove in two runs. Sophia Culp singled and drove in two runs.

Bauer pitched the entire game, scattering seven hits while striking out 11 batters and walking four.

It was not the best of weeks, though, as the Pioneers fell 9-1 at Cascade on May 13 and 6-4 at Terre Haute North last Friday.

The Pioneers, 12-2 behind Plainfield's 13-1 in MSC play and 21-7 overall, opened play in the Center Grove sectional by playing MSC rival Martinsville on Monday.

INDY

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"I just had to hold on," said McLaughlin, the New Zealander whose background was largely Australia's Supercars Championship series for touring cars.

"Proud to put this yellow submarine on the pole and have the front row for Team Penske. It's a proud moment."

Power, who ran just before McLaughlin, clocked in at 233.917, just ahead of Newgarden's 233.808. It was yet another runnerup for Power.

"The car's been good," McLaughlin said. "I knew it was a matter of hard work, tenacity and great people. A lot of hard work to get here by this team. I'm very proud of the crew. To do it now, we're all just very happy for Roger."

"A lot of our objective was to

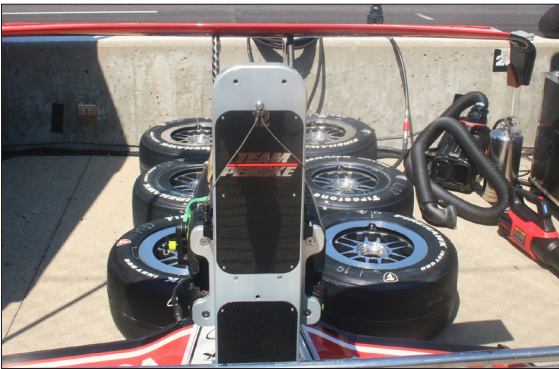


Careful not to spin his tires and make smoke, Scott McLaughlin hustles his car out of the Pennzoil Penske pit box during qualifications last Sunday. (Steve Page photo / MCC)

bring faster cars, and I think we did. It was just a matter of putting things together. All it is is execution. At the end of the day, it's up to you and the car. I'm very privileged to have a car like this. It's awesome."

Moyer smiled again at the thought, saying, "It's been a fun week."

There were all sorts of happenings on this day, including the run of Kyle Larson, who began his route to the May 26 double, in which he



Having all the parts in place just in case, ranging from wheels to a rear wing, is necessary before qualifying begins at the Speedway. (Steve Page photo / MCC)

will compete in the 500, then fly to Charlotte to compete in NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600.

Larson drew the attention of many fans, some of whom probably remembered he was a sprint car winner at Paragon Speedway not so long ago.

He qualified fifth for the 500 in the late afternoon, becoming the fastest rookie qualifier ever at 233.453,

then boarded a helicopter for a ride to Indianapolis International Airport. From there, he flew to North Wilkesboro, N.C., where he finished fourth in NASCAR's All-Star Race.

"I've been comfortable every time I've hit the track, so that helps you relieve pressure, knowing that you're in a fast car," Larson said of his Arrow McLaren. "I've just really tried to enjoy the experience."



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 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 5 large eggs, room temperature
- Topping:**
- ½ cup sour cream, room temperature
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graham crackers are coated in butter and that it is a coarse-sand consistency.

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sides of the pan. • Set aside.

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- Use an electric mixer or stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment to mix cream cheese until creamed.
- Beat in the sugar and scrape

down the sides of the bowl.

- Add in the sour cream and vanilla.
- Blend until smooth and creamy. Scrape down sides of the bowl.
- With the mixer on low, add in eggs one by one until fully incorporated.
- Pour the filling in the crust. Carefully place the cheesecake into the pan and then place both in the oven. Fill halfway up the side of the springform pan with water.
- Bake until the top of the cheesecake turns golden, about 60-70 minutes. Remove from oven. Let the cheesecake cool on a wire rack.

Topping:

- Combine sour cream and sugar; spread over cheesecake.
- Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours. I recommend letting it chill overnight.

COLUMN & PUZZLES

'Love at first sight' is a dangerous approach

Jessica fell madly in love at first sight. But the man who "triggered" this unique emotional reaction was already married and unsuited to her.

Case G-605: Jessica D., aged 22, is a legal secretary

"Dr. Crane," her mother explained, "Jessica met a married man about a year ago. And she fell in love with him the very first time she laid eyes on him."

"She was infatuated, and he has merely used her for sexual convenience and to pay his bills."

"Jessica says she can't understand why she puts up with all the insults and sexual abuse from him except she feels hypnotized."



The Worry Clinic
DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

"She admits they have very little in common for he already has a wife and children, but she is putty in his hands."

"Dr. Crane, how is it possible for a girl to fall in love at first sight with a total stranger?"

Love at First Sight

Men as well as women fall in love at first sight. But the "earned love" method is far superior, since it is the sort of romance that avoids the divorce courts.

When I was only 16, I fell in love at first sight with a cute brunette whom I had never seen before.

It was at a church Young People's Meeting, and the girl was not only beautiful, charming and with a perfect set of white teeth in a kissable mouth, but we belonged to the same church and had come up from much the same backgrounds.

Obviously, I didn't know we were compatible when I

fell in love with her, which is why such a type of romance is dangerous.

For you may fall in love with somebody who is totally unsuited to you both in religion, background and moral attitudes, as indicated in the tragic infatuation of Jessica and this married man.

In love at first sight, the other person is merely the "trigger" that sets off a suffusion of romantic emotions that have previously been "earned" by others whom this "trigger" happens to resemble.

Thus, Jessica may have been fond of a brother or cousin or her dad or other male relatives during childhood, all of whom had just

tified her affection by their kind deeds and generous compliments to her.

So she subconsciously had created a romantic image of a Prince Charming who was a fusion of these male kinfolk whom she had learned to love as a daughter or a sister or a cousin.

But the incest taboo prevents a girl from considering marriage to her father or brother or cousins who have "earned" her affection.

So she unwittingly fastens to a romantic "dream man" all the love emotions her male kinfolk have generated.

And if that stranger happens to "trigger" the release of all those pent-up

romantic emotions, the girl can literally fall madly in love at first sight.

Maybe the shape of his nose or the way he walks or the shape of his head or the tone of his voice is like that of her beloved kinfolk.

If so, the stranger releases the girl's love, although he may not at the moment even realize he wields such a hypnotic effect on her heart.

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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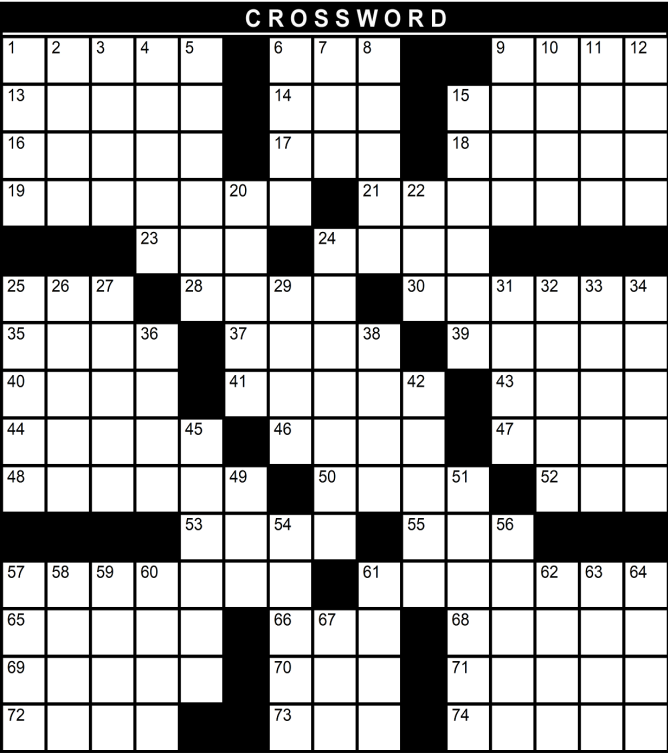
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23. Rubber substitute
24. 1960s ____ boots
25. Good times
28. No problem
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37. Jerk, in Yiddish
39. Cell dweller
40. *Common theater admonition
41. Blows a horn
43. Be inclined
44. Community spirit
46. Stuff for sale, sing.
47. Not manual
48. *Traveling entertainer's helper
50. Cutting tools
52. "Reap what you ____"
53. Sail holder
55. Ostrich-like bird
57. *Snack in a tub
61. *Blast from the past venue
65. Bulb in produce aisle
66. Zoo's Primate House inhabitant
68. Telephone company portmanteau
69. Like an uncomfortable mattress
70. Not in good health
71. Alleviated
72. Law school prerequisite, acr.
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26. Mickey Mouse's pet
27. Alexander, for short
29. *Opera or movie
31. Sheep's milk cheese
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34. Furnish with a fund
36. Who would

38. Creole cuisine staple
42. Waste conduit
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49. ENT's first concern?
51. Afflicts with a blow
54. Symbol of slowness
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57. Gallup's inquiry
58. Burden
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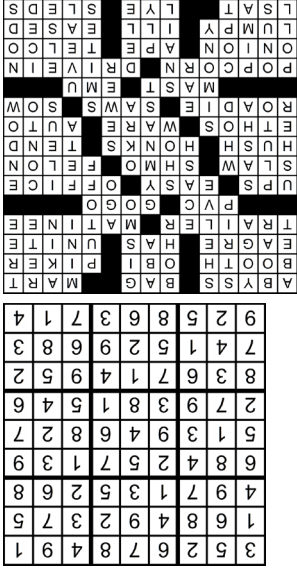
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My beautiful memory garden

By Mickey Elliott
Weekday Religious Education

This week, I have spent many hours working in my Memory Rose Garden. This rose garden is for loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord. My son had memory name plates made for each loved one in our immediate family who are in heaven today.

God has blessed my rose garden with beautiful roses. My husband worked very hard to make this a special garden. As I work in it, I am filled with thoughts of the wonderful memories and thankfulness to our gracious God.

This year has been a slow process. I've been so busy with teaching I needed to spend a great deal of time pulling weeds and pruning, but I know in a few weeks, I will see those buds turn into beautiful roses.

Life is somewhat like that. Some circumstances are not refreshing, and we must wait a little while before seeing the beauty surrounding us. God is faithful and a promise keeper.

God always speaks to my heart as I work with my roses and plants. I feel close to Him as I weed and prune.

As I worked this week, I was reminded that weeds are an example of the ugly thoughts that sometimes



fill the garden of our minds and how like the weeds in the garden can destroy the beauty of the roses. Those impure thoughts can destroy our minds.

Without pulling weeds and pruning, my garden begins to look ugly and unloved. Sometimes you cannot see the sweet new buds begin to open or the pretty green leaves that paint such a beautiful background because the bugs begin to eat away the leaves and the pretty buds begin to turn brown. My heart is saddened when I see them begin to deteriorate, especially because they are a

reminder of the precious people I love and the memories we shared together.

The gardens of our minds are much like the rose garden. We need to get rid of the weeds (negative thoughts) that many times cloud our thinking and become the devil's workshop with such thoughts as jealousy, refusing to forgive, anger, pride, self-pity and other thoughts that bring us down and depress us.

We all struggle with thoughts that cause us to be discontent. Recognizing them and refusing to allow them in our minds is like pulling weeds

out of the garden. It takes time, effort and determination, but when the weeding and pruning is complete, the garden is beautiful and peaceful — a lovely place to relax and enjoy God's creation, leaving room for the pure, clean motives of God to enter.

The garden of our mind is at peace when we keep our thoughts pure. We become more healthy, active and a sweet-smelling fragrance to share with those who desire to see good in the lives of others. What we have done opens the door of our hearts, allowing Jesus to cleanse and purify it with His love and thoughts.

I am reminded of scripture written by Paul in Philippians 4:6-8 — "Be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

The Bible is like a mirror when we read it. We can see some thoughts and behaviors that are destructive to the peace and joy God has for us; they keep us from good health and

relationships that bring joy to our lives.

Our minds are the area where Satan deceives us. He is the accuser of the brethren, and his desire is to divide and isolate us from others and God's love and presence in our lives.

Proverbs 3:1-4 says, "My sons and daughters, forget not my law; but let your heart keep my commandments for length of days, and long life and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them about your neck; write them on the table of your heart (memory) so shall you find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man."

Proverbs 4:23 adds, "Guard your heart, for out of it comes the issues of life." This verse is saying to guard your thoughts, for out of them comes your behavior.

God is a promise keeper! God bless you, dear friends. Teach your children the importance of clean, pure thoughts; be that example of love and grace. And remember, fellowship with our Lord is the key. Have you spent time with Him today?

The roses will bloom, and the plants will produce. God is faithful.

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BREAKING NEWS: He is who He said He was

By Dennis E. Champlin
'Middle East' Correspondent

ISRAEL — Behold! I have witnessed many exciting events this past 50 days since my last report from Easter Sunday!

If you recall, my newspaper sent me on assignment 33-years ago to report from Israel about the birth of a child named Jesus, whom the prophets believed to be the promised Jewish Messiah (Dec. 21, 2023, B5).

I was sent back again three years ago to report that this same Jesus had become a Rabbi, ministering across Israel, then ultimately crucified for His outlandish claim He was, indeed, the long awaited Jewish Messiah, and yet He actually proved it by raising

Himself alive from His grave (March 28, B5).

In the three years leading up to the Easter event, I had learned Jesus was calling his "apprentices" by the term "disciples" (which meant student), but He had selected an inner circle of 12 He called "apostles" (as they were being trained as teachers). Among those 12, Judas had betrayed Him, and was later replaced by Matthias.

Early on, I was befriended by the Apostle Thomas; we shared a healthy skepticism; in fact, I told him that he'd make a great investigative news reporter! So, I found myself traveling primarily as a companion with Thomas.

I was there with the apostles on Easter when Jesus appeared to us in the flesh, but my friend Thomas was

absent and missed out on this miracle. Later, when Thomas returned, he doubted our story; he didn't even believe me! True to form, he insisted that he needed to see for himself.

It was a whole week before we were all together again; this time Thomas was with us, and Jesus walked right up to him, and told him, "Quit your doubting; touch Me!"

Thomas then did the most amazing thing: he fell to his knees and proclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" I knew right then that Thomas' doubts led to his faith, and he was the first of the group to acknowledge that Jesus was Who He said He was all along: The great "I AM!"

Over the next 40 days, we went fishing, had cookouts,

and Jesus made numerous appearances to many of the believers; I counted at least 500 eyewitnesses. We ended up on the Mount of Olives, where sadly, He gave His farewell speech. He told us He would go away, but in 10 days we were to wait prayerfully in the Upper Room, and He would send His Holy Spirit to empower us.

While we still didn't quite understand, we watched Him rise through the clouds to heaven; an Angel of God appeared and told us Jesus would return soon, but in the meantime, we needed to obey His instructions to wait and to pray.

Well, I don't quite know how to describe what happened on the 50th day (the Jewish Pentecost), but we experienced a mighty rush-

ing wind, and tongues of fire: the Holy Spirit had arrived, and filled us all, numbering around 120, with the love of Jesus!

The Apostle Peter was absolutely energized! At 9 a.m., he went out and boldly preached a revival of repentance and salvation like had never been heard before; I estimate 3,000 came to believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior that day!

I then felt a new calling in my life!

I am sending this report in to my editor, along with my letter of resignation. I am volunteering to become the press agent for the Apostle Thomas. He wants to head to the Far East to spread the Good News of the Gospel of salvation in Jesus, the Son of God, the Jewish Messiah, the

gentile's Christ!

As I bid you all farewell, I exhort you to quit doubting, just believe as we all did, and be baptized in the name of God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, for the eternal salvation of your souls!

Dennis Champlin owned Champlin Music from 1980-2020; he still teaches music part time in his private studio. He also wrote for a local weekly newspaper, and that publisher challenged him, as a Christian, to write the story of Jesus Christ as seen through a "secular" viewpoint. He resides locally with his wife Jackie, who teaches third grade full time at Paragon Elementary.

Church Directory

Trinity Worship Center • 200 Lenvoil Road, Martinsville • 765-342-7600 • twcmartinsville.com • business-office@twcmartinsville.com • Pastor Jeffrey Gott • Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Alaska Christian Church • 7230 Lewisville Road, Quincy • 317-383-6300 • Facebook: Alaska Christian Church • alaskaorgan@gmail.com • Pastor Mike Wall • Sunday blended worship 11 a.m., as well as kids worship/nursery

Centennial Christian Church • 1510 Centennial Road, Martinsville • martinsvilleccc@gmail.com • Pastor Skip Rote • Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m.

Good Shepherd Baptist Church • 1150 State Road 144, Mooresville • 317-831-1279 • gsbcindy.com • info@gsbcindy.com • Pastor Brandon Sighting • Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening worship at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study at 11 a.m., small groups at 7 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran • 3496 E. Morgan St., Martinsville • 765-342-2004 • popmartinsville.org • pop-churchlcms@hotmail.com • Pastor Nathan Janssen • Sundays at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at noon

River Valley Christian Church • 4295 Egbert Road, Martinsville • 765-349-2700 or 765-318-2741 • rivervalleychristianchurch.com • kevinable@rivervalleychristianchurch.com • Kevin Able • Sunday worship at 10 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 p.m., Thursday adult bible study at 10 a.m.

Spirit of Life Church • 189 W. Indiana St., Martinsville • 765-342-8123 • slcmartinsville.org • slcstudentministries@slcmartinsville.org • Pastor Kenny Collier • Sunday Service with Kids Classes at 10 a.m., Sunday Youth Group at 6 p.m., Monday Bible Studies 6:30 p.m.

Zion's Hill Baptist Church • 5050 Turkey Track Road, Martinsville • 765-349-3862 • zionshillbc.com • church.zionshill@gmail.com • Pastor Warner Swopes • Sunday service 9:30 a.m., Sunday School/Connection Groups follow service.

Morgan Street Church of Christ • 540 E. Morgan St., Martinsville • 765-342-6027 • morganstreetchurchofchrist.com • davidknoy@att.net • Pastor Robert Hawkins • Sunday Bible study 9:30 a.m., Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church • 1720 E. Harrison St., Martinsville • 765-342-6379 • stmtours.org • parishoffice@stmtours.org • Rev. Stephen Giannini • Saturday confession at 3 p.m., Mass at 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass at 10 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday Mass at 8:10 a.m. Check website for Holy Days of Obligation.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church • 1109 E. Morgan St., Martinsville • 765-342-1682 • stmarysmartinsville.com • stmarys1109@gmail.com • Rev. Todd Kissam • Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

First Methodist Church of Martinsville • 3150 Myra Lane, Martinsville • 765-342-3558 • fmcmartinsville.org • office@fmcmartinsville.org • Pastor David Ballinger • Sunday service at 9 a.m.

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Paragon Christian Church • 290 Main St., Paragon • 765-537-2683 • Facebook: Paragon Christian • paragon.christian.church@gmail.com • Pastor Luke Jackson • Sunday service at 10 a.m.

Life of Love MC • 265 Morton Ave., Martinsville • 765-341-9466 • lol-mc.com • lolmc@gmail.com • Jason and Shelly Abney • Sunday prayer at 10 a.m., service at 11 a.m., Wednesday service at 7 p.m.

Gospel Lighthouse Assembly • 340 Hoosier St., Morgantown • 865-253-4109 • f.criswell112@att.net • Rev. Frank Criswell • Sunday at 10 a.m., Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Monrovia Christian Church • 710 Gordon Road, Monrovia • 317-996-2812 • monroviacc.org • mcco@ccrctc.com • Pastor Richard Dickson • Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church • 240 E. Washington St., Martinsville • 765-342-3282 • fpcmartinsville.org • office@fpcmartinsville.org • Rev. John Erickson • Sunday at 10 a.m.

Hoosier Harvest Church • 4085 Leonard Road, Martinsville • 765-349-0552 • hhchurch.com • Susie@hhchurch.com • Pastor Chris Page • Sunday at 10 a.m.

Grace Church Camby • 4172 E. Allison Road, Camby • 317-831-0798 • discovergrace.net • info@discovergrace.net • Pastor Marty Longcor • Sunday at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Zion's Hill Baptist Church • 5050 Turkey Track Road, Martinsville • 765-349-3862 • zionshillbc.com • church.zionshill@gmail.com • Pastor Warner Swopes • Sunday at 9:30 a.m. followed by Sunday School.

New View Community Church (nondenom) • 4265 Wilbur Road, Martinsville • newviewcc.com • info@newviewcc.com • Pastor Brian Fleener • Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Olive Christian Church • 1967 N. Olive Church Road, Paragon • 765-537-2415 • Facebook.com/olivechristianchurch.in • Pastor Kurt Berger • Sunday service at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 11 a.m.

Hynsdale Christian Church • 1067 Old St. Rd. 67, Martinsville • annievv@peoplepc.com • Pastor Susan Hanscom • Sunday service at 10 a.m.

Church of Christ • 800 S. Crawford St., Martinsville • martinsvillecoc.org • churchofchristelders@gmail.com • Sundays at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Martinsville Church of the Firstborn • 2032 Ind.

252, Martinsville • 765-342-4565 • mcoft252@gmail.com • Pastor Max Piercefield • Sunday service and children's church at 10 a.m.

Whitaker Baptist Church • 3490 S. Lingle Road, Paragon • 812-879-4498 • whitakerbaptistvbs@gmail.com • Pastor Charles Tinsley • Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.

M1 Church of the Nazarene • 1609 John R. Wooden Drive, Martinsville • 765-342-2269 • m1nazarene.org • Pastor Jeff Floyd • Sunday School at 9 a.m., service at 10 a.m., Wednesday youth/kids at 6:30 p.m., Bible study at 7 p.m.

Mt. Gilead Church • 6019 E. Ind. 144, Mooresville • 317-831-1900 • mgchurch.org • Senior Minister Jeff Fauli • Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Brooklyn Christian Church • 7 S. Church St., Brooklyn • 317-840-8789 • Pastor Doug Burns • dburnsnavy@gmail.com • Sunday service at 10:40 a.m.

Eastview Christian Church • 2745 Old Morgantown Road, Martinsville • 765-342-4483 • ecc@eastviewchristianchurch.org • eastviewchristianchurch.org • Senior minister Nathan Crowe • Sunday school at 9 a.m., service at 10 a.m.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) • 525 N. Indiana St., Mooresville • 317-831-2777 • firstc-mooresville.org • office@firstc-mooresville.org • Pastor Glenda Survance • Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Faith Missionary Church • 1895 St. Rd. 44, Martinsville • 765-342-2228 • myfaithchurch.org • info@myfaithchurch.org • Pastor Matt Tucker • Sundays at 10 a.m. with nursery and children's services.

First Christian Church of Martinsville (Disciples of Christ) • 89 S. Main St., Martinsville • 765-342-3461 • fccmartinsville.org • Facebook: First Christian Church of Martinsville, Indiana • Rev. Roxie McNelly • Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. (previous week's sermon on 102.3 WCBK at 9:30 a.m.); discipleship classes at 10:30 a.m.

Liberty Christian Church • 2010 Liberty Church Road, Martinsville • 765-342-8519 • office@lccmartinsville.com • lccmartinsville.com • Pastor Dewayne Liebrandt • Sunday service at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. and contemporary service at 6:30 p.m., deaf service first and third Sundays.

Life Pointe Community Church • 825 N. Indiana St., Mooresville • 317-831-0659 • lpccommunity.com • medens@lpccommunity.org • Pastor Jeff Thomas • Sunday service with kids programming at 10:30 a.m.

Mooresville Friends Church • 50 N. Monroe St., Mooresville • 317-831-2800 • mooresvillefriends.net • mooresvillefriends@att.net • Pastor Stan Banker, Presiding Clerk of Meeting John Heshelman • Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

New Life Community Wesleyan Church • 4356 E. Ind. 144, Mooresville • 317-372-7757 • nlcw-church.com • info@nlcw-church.com • Pastor Michael Linville II • Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

Mooresville Free Methodist Church • 20 Star Lane,

Mooresville • 317-831-3874 • mooresvillefmcchurch.org • mooresvillefmc.pastor@gmail.com • Pastor Jon Stemerick • Sunday service at 10 a.m. with doughnuts and coffee at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Mooresville First United Methodist • 900 Indianapolis Road, Mooresville • 317-831-3376 • mooresvillefumc.org • info@mooresvillefumc.org • Rev. Dr. Amber Karkosky • Traditional Sunday service at 8:30 a.m., contemporary at 9:45 a.m.

Pleasant Grove Christian Church • 6605 Maple Grove Road, Martinsville • 765-342-6277 • Pastor Jim Land • Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m.

St. Thomas More Church • 1200 N. Indiana St., Mooresville • 317-831-4142 • stm-church.org • pweb@stm-church.org • Father Jude Meril Sahayam • Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

Light City Church • 309 E. Southview Drive, Martinsville • 317-800-0756 • lighthenations.com • info@lighthenations.com • Pastors Heath and Evelyn Myers • Sunday service at 10 a.m., Wednesday prayer service at 6:30 p.m.

Eminence Baptist Church • Intersection of Ind. 42 and 142 • 812-829-6358 • "First Baptist Church of Eminence Indiana" on Facebook • Pastor Billy G. Williams • Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday Bible study at 6 p.m. (carry-in dinner at 5:30 p.m.)

New Life Baptist Church - Brooklyn • 8020 N. Old State Road 67, Mooresville • 317-831-5857 • pastor@nlbc-mooresville.com • Sunday school at 10 a.m., service at 11 a.m., evening service at 6 p.m., Wednesday services at 7 p.m.

Five Points Baptist Church • 5596 E. Ind. 144, Mooresville • 317-831-5090 • fivepointsbaptist.net • Pastor Tony Gearlds • Sunday service at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Martinsville First Evangelical Methodist Church • 60 W. Douglas St., Martinsville • martinsville1stemc@gmail.com • Pastor Travis Fleener • Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., service at 10:40 p.m., evening service at 6 p.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Centennial Christian Church • 1510 Centennial Road, Martinsville • Facebook @cccmartinsville • Pastor Skip Roten • sroten73@gmail.com • Sunday Service at 10 a.m.

Samaria Baptist Church • 10851 Baseline Road, Paragon • Interim Pastor Tim Cooper • tamerahick@sbcbglobal.net • Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., service at 10:30 a.m.

Community Church of Mooresville • 61 W Harrison St, Mooresville • 317-831-7554 • www.cc-mooresville.com • elders.ccm@gmail.com • Randy Weddle • Sunday service at 11:15 a.m.

Paragon Bible Baptist Church • 269 W. Union St. • paragonbiblebaptist@gmail.com • Sunday services at 10:40 a.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

Pfc. Ronald Lee Hovis

From Janice Bolinger
The Wall That Heals

Ronald Lee Hovis, of Mooresville, entered the United States Army on Jan. 4, 1968. He was the son of Carl Hovis and Dorothy Emaline Coffman Hovis, born on Jan. 23, 1948.

A Personnel Specialist, Private First Class Hovis began his tour in Vietnam on June 4, 1968, with the Howitzer Battery, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry (Blackhorse).

On Dec. 18, 1968, while at his command post in Bien Hoa Province, Vietnam, his unit

came under hostile mortar attack. Wounded, Hovis was transported to the 93rd Evacuation Hospital in Long Binh, where he died. Five Blackhorse troopers died as a result of this incident.

His body was returned home where he was laid to rest at White Lick Cemetery in Mooresville. Hovis was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Med-

al, Army Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Gallantry Cross and Army Good Conduct Medal. Private First Class Ronald Lee Hovis' name is remembered on The Wall at Panel W36, Line 40.

Family members of Pfc. Hovis are requested to contact *The Wall That Heals*, Morgan County Committee member Janice Bolinger at dljb@comcast.net or 765-349-9862. The committee hopes to make contact with family members of all 12 young men.

'More Than a Name on a Wall'

Twelve young men from Morgan County gave their lives during the Vietnam War. The names of eleven are listed on The Wall at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

As The Wall That Heals will be on display in Morgan County Aug. 15-18, memorial tributes will be printed about each of the 12 so that their service and sacrifice will be remembered. To all the citizens of this community, each one is "More Than A Name On A Wall."

(The title for this article must be credited to a song written by Jimmy Fortune in tribute to those whose names are listed on The Wall.)



The history of Memorial Day and the G.A.R.

By Ellen Wilson Pruitt
Morgan County History
Center and Museum

The upcoming holiday in May we celebrate with a car race, picnics and think of as the kickoff to the summer season originated with a more somber purpose.

The federal holiday we now know as Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day. This is the term my parents and grandparents always used. The creation of Decoration Day was to honor the Civil War soldiers who were killed in action and was celebrated on May 30. It was initiated by the Grand Army of the Republic in 1868.

The Grand Army of the Republic was an organization of Civil War veterans. It was formed in 1866. Indiana had about 210,000 men who served in the Union Army. This was nearly 75 percent of eligible males in the state.

With this number of veterans, it was no surprise that the membership of the G.A.R. in Indiana at one point was the largest in the country. The G.A.R. was a fraternity where old soldiers could gather in fellowship, but it also had a practical mission.

The G.A.R. worked to insure pensions and compensations for Civil War veterans and their surviving spouses, as well as focusing on other issues concerning veterans. Civil War-era Indiana Gov. Oliver P. Morton recognized the importance of the organization, and with his encouragement, Indiana served as the unofficial national headquarters for several months.

The first national encampment (convention) was held in Indianapolis in 1866. The city held encampments seven more times, which was more than any other city in the nation. Indianapolis had the distinction of hosting the first national encampment and hosting the last national gathering in 1949.

Numerous Indiana veterans, such as Ivan N. Walker and Orlando A. Somers, served as National Commanders of the G.A.R., while famous Hoosiers such as Gen. Lew Wallace and President Benjamin Harrison were active members. Altogether there were more than 25,000 Hoosier Civil War veterans who were members of the G.A.R.

By 1890, the organization developed a national following and had more than 400,000 dues-paying members. Unlike many other organizations of the day, the G.A.R. was racially integrated. There were 45 racially integrated posts and six all-black posts.

The G.A.R. not only worked tirelessly to insure the rights and benefits of the Civil War veterans, but it was active in a number of political causes, such as hiring preferences for veterans and even funding to construct monuments and memorials commemorating Union soldiers. Their efforts were instrumental in the fundraising and bringing about the Soldier's and Sailor's monuments in downtown Indianapolis.

When reports emerged in the 1890s that schools in Indianapolis were teaching students that the Union and Confederate causes were equally valid, Indiana G.A.R. members inspected history textbooks throughout the state and successfully lobbied to revise the state's history curriculum.

Likewise, when the owners of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway began hosting their annual 500-mile race on Memorial Day in 1911, G.A.R. members led a campaign to protest the race as an insult to Hoosier soldiers who died during the Civil War and a desecration of the holiday. Their efforts were not successful in stopping the race.

Hoosier Civil War veterans managed to convince state legislators to pass a bill in 1923



Area G.A.R. members gather in front of the Morgan County Public Library in 1915. One thing for sure, you can see that the area hatter was doing a booming business. (Courtesy photo)



(Courtesy photos)



banning all commercial activities on Memorial Day, including the Indianapolis 500. Governor Warren McCray, however, vetoed the bill, and the race became a Memorial Day weekend tradition.

In 1949, Indianapolis hosted the last meeting of the G.A.R., attended by six living G.A.R. members between the ages of 100 and 108. When the last G.A.R. member died in 1956, the G.A.R. ceased to exist as an organization.

There was an active chapter of the G.A.R. in Martinsville. They had a meeting hall that was upstairs either in the J.J. Newberry's building or upstairs in the building that stood on the corner of Jefferson and Washington where the Veterans Memorial is now.

In June 1942, Indiana held its 63rd state encampment in Martinsville. One of the highlight activities planned during the event was a special tour of Grassfork Fisheries. At this time, I am sure the numbers of living Civil War



William Simpson Warthen (also known as 'Uncle Simps') was a Civil War veteran who served in Company H 70th Indiana. His photo shows that he proudly wore his star corps badge. (Courtesy photo)

veterans were dwindling.

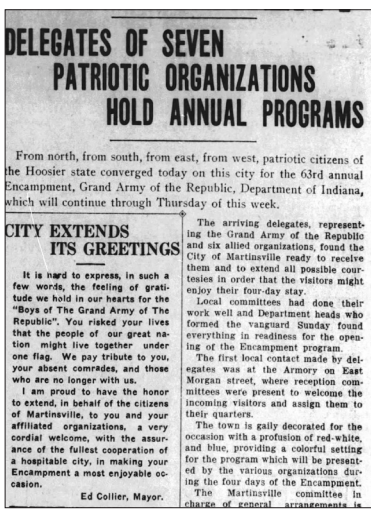
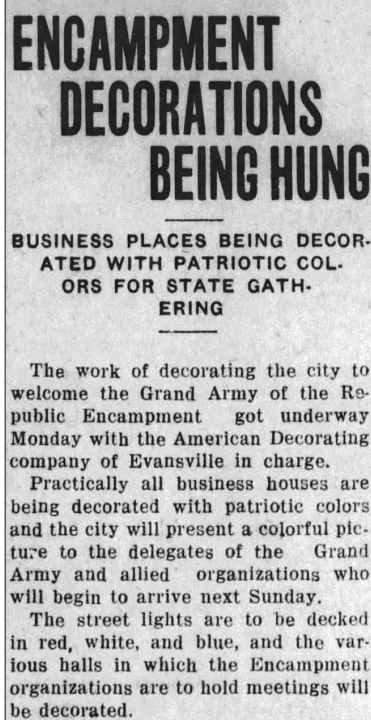
By 1949, there was only one Civil War veteran still living in Indiana. Just think, in 1942 the country had experienced a World War and a second was ensuing both of which were fought on foreign soil. The last few veterans of a war on home territory gathered in Martinsville. A Martinsville Reporter article tells us that the city was all decked out in patriotic decorations to welcome the gathering.

One of the accompanying photos shows a gathering of the area G.A.R. membership in 1915. The veterans are standing in front of the Morgan County Public Library. One thing for sure, you can

see that the area hatter was doing a booming business. My great-great grandfather William Simpson Warthen (he was known as Uncle Simps) was a proud member of the G.A.R., and his photo shows that he proudly wore his star corps badge.

In the next couple of weeks, as you have that family gathering and listen to the 500 race, take just a moment to think about what Memorial Day really means and remember those Civil War veterans of the G.A.R. who initiated this national holiday to honor veterans of all wars who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

To read more about the history of the GAR in Indiana you



may wish to check out this comprehensive work "Kindling The Fires of Patriotism: The Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Indiana, 1866-1949" by Nicholas W. Sacco.

Summer is here, and so are the activities

School is out! Kids, bikes, dogs, balls rolling into the street and more noise later in the evening — all are to be expected in abundance these next eight weeks or so; be vigilant!

While some camp and club slots are already filled, there are still plenty of activities to keep the kiddos busy this summer!

Congratulations to Martinsville High School Choir and Orchestra Programs, instructors Brian Samarzea and Rachael Lanigan, as well as the students! Martinsville High School was the recipient of the Indiana State Music Association All-Music Award for the 2023-2024 school year.

Retro Game Night is tonight at the Main Library, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. An assortment of older gaming systems such as the original PlayStation 2, N64 and Nintendos will be available for teens through adults this evening. Adventures in Art for K through grade 5, at 10:30 a.m., and Yoga & Meditation for Absolute Beginners, at 6:30 p.m. are both on the schedule for Tuesday, May 28. The library has a full schedule with activities for all ages and at all the branches; the easiest way to see options is on the online calendar schedule. The library has new, downloadable eBooks and eAudio books every week through the Libby app, check with a library staff member or online for details.

Studio J2 has themed camps all summer and into Fall, some culminating in a performance at The Venue. Royal Tea Party, Superheroes, Willy Wonka Theater, Dancing With The Stars, Poms Intensive, Technique Intensive are just some of



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the possibilities. Register at www.studioj2dance.com.

The YMCA has spaces available in summer camp for Pre-K through age 13. Sports, games, swimming, arts and crafts are on the agenda daily in supervised age-appropriate groups. Contact the YMCA on Facebook, visit www.bb-jymca.org or call 765-342-6688. Summer swimming lessons are also available.

Gentry Martial Arts is offering a martial arts camp, three days for Little Dragons, July 16-18, and longer for older kids.

Mudworks Pottery Studio has several new classes in June and July including Try It, Handbuilding, Clay Melange and Advanced Wheel. Enrolled adult students also have access to open studio time to practice new skills. Call Jolee, 317-834-2486, or email at Mudpuppy2001@earthlink.net.

VFW Post 1257, 1000 Josephine St. in Martinsville, is hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast fundraiser for The Wall that Heals, Saturday, June 1, from 8 to 11 a.m., \$7 at the door.

Also, June 1, Noon Lions Club invites you to their Catch of the Day Fish Dinner at the Martinsville Youth Center (old K-Mart bldg.). Enjoy a fish dinner



This is an example of the typical art work I'm offering during the May-June special of 'pet portraits' at Nancy Maxwell Fine Art. It will be a pen and ink with watercolor accents of your pet! And for every piece sold, \$25 will go to the Morgan County Humane Society. (Nancy Maxwell courtesy photo)

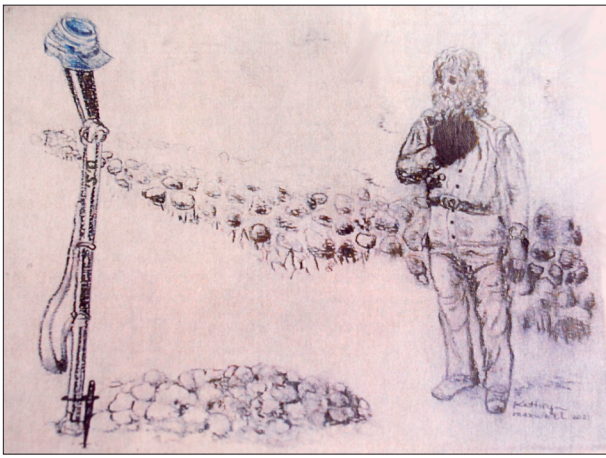
or jumbo tenderloin with sides and drink. Discount tickets are available from any Noon Lions member or pay at the door.\$15.

Explore Downtown Martinsville May 25 through June 8 with a Passport; for every \$5 you spend at participating businesses, you will receive a stamp. For example, spend \$10 to get two stamps, \$45 to get 9 stamps. Once your passport is full, turn in at a participating business for a chance to win one of the five prizes. Approximately 30 businesses are participating, so there are chances to win great gift cards. Passports are available at

many downtown merchants.

Nancy Maxwell Fine Arts May-June special is a pet portrait to support the Morgan County Humane Society, which is currently overloaded with kittens! Order a pen and ink pet portrait, 8-by-10-inch, matted, and suitable for framing for \$150, \$25 will go to the MCHS. Orders taken through the end of June; these would make great Christmas gifts. Sample on view in studio 001A at Art Sanctuary. Contact me there or at nancy.maxwell@me.com.

Keep me posted at artcartmartinsville@gmail.com.



Kathryn Maxwell, 2021

United as the mourning rose

Creative Corner
BY TOM YADEN

... I was a tired soldier, worn from fighting the Confederates who are now hunkered down for the night. Somehow, the moonless foggy night and the stone wall of which I lie close to, gives a little sense of security.

I was awakened in the middle of the night by what sounded like shovels at work, digging. Curious, I rose from my resting place to peer over the top of the wall. Through the dense fog, I saw what appeared to be the figure of a man, approximately 15 yards out. He was much closer than the boys in gray, now deep in a wooded area about 50 yards away.

Soon, I heard another shovel at work. Then, another. My conscience got the best of me, so I grabbed my shovel from my backpack and joined them in burying the dead.

No voices were to be heard for fear of alerting the Rebs of our location. As we laboured on, more shovels became busy. The darkness of the night was

soon to give way to the rising sun, which would soon dissipate the heavy fog. Hurrying, we didn't want to be exposed to the enemy.

Before retreating to the safety of the wall, I waited to see who the first soldier to dig was. I meandered out toward him. Now, almost in his face, I could see he was wearing a uniform of gray.

Still not a word spoken, I gave the stranger a friendly nod of my head, and he, in turn, gave me a finger salute to his right brow.

Quietly, we, Yanks, retreated back to the wall. The Rebels back to the woods.

All of us knew today will be a mirror of yesterday.

Before reaching the safety of the wall, I woke from this dream ...

Tom Yaden, of Martinsville, experienced this account in a dream years ago, and unlike so many dreams that fade soon after, this vivid dream stuck with him. So much so, he was inspired to put it on paper. He later enlisted Kathryn Maxwell to draw the accompanying image to compliment the tale.

NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY SURROGATE AND CLOSING OF LAW OFFICE OF JAMES KENT WISCO

IN THE MORGAN SUPERIOR COURT 1 OF MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA

In the matter of the Request for the Appointment of an Attorney Surrogate for James Kent Wisco, Cause Number **55D01-2311-CB-2083**.

Notice is hereby given that on the day of November 28, 2023, Senior Judge Lynne E Ellis filed a petition in the Morgan County Superior Court 1for the appointment of an Attorney Surrogate on behalf of James Kent Wisco. That on November 29, 2023, the Morgan Superior Court 1 appointed Senior Judge Lynne E. Ellis as Attorney Surrogate for Attorney James

Kent Wisco, and the Law Office of Mr. James Kent Wisco was formerly CLOSED effective that date.

This publication is to notify all of James Kent Wisco's clients, former clients, and any interested persons that their legal file is now in the possession of Senior Judge Lynne E. Ellis, whose office is located in Martin County, Indiana, and whose email address is ltbellis@gmail.com, and phone # is 812-569-0200.

As Attorney Surrogate on behalf of James Kent Wisco, it is my duty to proceed as follows:

(a) Take possession of and examine the files and records of the practice, and obtain information as to any pending matters which may require attention;

- (b) Notify persons and entities who appear to be clients of James Kent Wisco that they need to obtain replacement counsel;
- (c) Apply for extensions of time pending the employment of replacement counsel by the client;
- (d) File notices, motions and pleadings on behalf of the client where jurisdictional time limits are involved and other legal counsel has not been obtained;
- (e) Give notice to appropriate persons and entities who may be affected, other than clients, that the attorney surrogate has been appointed;
- (f) Arrange for the surrender or delivery of clients' papers or property;
- (g) As approved by the court, take possession of all trust accounts subject

- to Ind. Prof. Cond. R. 1:15(a), and take all appropriate actions with respect to such accounts;
- (h) Deliver the file to the client; and
- (i) Perform such other acts as the court may direct.

Upon the Court's granting of the Petition for the Appointment of the Surrogate Attorney, any applicable statute of limitations deadline, time limit or return date for filing as it relates to any of James Kent Wisco's clients was extended automatically through March 29, 2024.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN REPLACEMENT COUNSEL TO TIMELY PROCEED WITH YOUR CASE. YOU NEED TO OBTAIN REPLACEMENT COUNSEL IMMEDIATELY, AS VARIOUS STATUTES OF LIMITATION COULD

RESULT IN THE DISMISSAL OF YOUR CAUSE OF ACTION, THE DENIAL OF YOUR CLAIM OR OTHER ADVERSE LEGAL ACTION COULD BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU.

When you select your new attorney, please provide Senior Judge Lynne E. Ellis with written authority to transfer your file to the new attorney. You may also contact the Attorney Surrogate at the above-stated email address and/or phone number to make arrangements to have your files mailed to you or sent to you electronically if your file is available electronically.

DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF MAY, 2024.

/s/Lynne E. Ellis #21616-51,
Senior Judge and Attorney
Surrogate for James Kent Wisco
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The Home and Family Arts Building at the county fair

By Olivia Vaught
Extension Homemakers

MORGAN COUNTY — The Morgan County Fair is less than two months away.

From July 5-13, the fairgrounds will be brimming with people savoring food, experiencing grandstand events, tending livestock, and marveling at the indoor 4-H and Open Class exhibits.

The Home and Family Arts Building (HFAB) — the blue building located at the north end of the fairgrounds — showcases the skills, talent, hard work and creativity of our community. Projects on display range from hand-made crafts and stunning photography to scrumptious baked goods and gardening treasurers. It is a celebration of the items, projects and activities that make a house a home and strengthen our families.

Consider this an invitation to display your work and share your passions with our community!

Who can enter?

Open Class exhibitions are open to any person, any age and any skill level. Residency in Morgan County is not required.

All departments have a youth division for children 12 and under, and professionals are noted for equity in judging.

Students enrolled in 4-H may also enter projects in Open Class.

When are entries received?

Entries in any department will be received on Tuesday, July 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, July 3, from 8 to 11 a.m. It is recommended that flowers, garden perishables and baked goods be entered on Wednesday to maintain quality for judging.

What can I enter?

There are 11 departments in Open Class: Antiques, Baking, Canning, Fine Arts, Gardening, Handicrafts, Horticulture, Needlecraft, Photography, Quilts, and Sewing.

Exhibitors may enter projects in any and all departments. It is free to enter.

Below is an overview of the rules for each department. The complete rules and categories for entry can be found at morgan-countyindianafair.org/services/home-family-arts/.

- **Antiques:** Items must be at least 50 years old, in clean and good condition. Exhibitors may enter three entries in this department. Exhibits should not exceed 12 by 12 inches. The privacy of exhibitors will be respected.

The Antiques department ac-



Needlecraft is one of 11 departments open to public submissions at the Morgan County Fair. (HFAB courtesy photo)

cepts a wide variety of items. Categories include — but are not limited to — advertising, books, bottles, clothing, glass, Indiana-themed items, jewelry, post cards, tools, toys, and war memorabilia.

- **Baking:** Categories include yeast breads, quick breads, yeast rolls, cakes, cookies, candies, pies, decorated items, and items made from mixes.

A copy of the recipe or a list of ingredients must accompany each entry. No cream-filled products will be accepted.

- **Canning:** All exhibits must have been canned since the 2023 Morgan County Fair. Entries should be in standard brand-name canning jars, either quarts or pints, unless specified. A notecard describing the basic recipe, directions, and canning/preservation method and process must accompany each entry. All entries must be properly sealed. No frozen products will be accepted.

Categories include fruits; vegetables; jellies; butters, marmalades, and jams; pickles, sauces, and relishes; meats; dehydrated foods; syrups; and soups.

- **Fine Arts:** Individuals may exhibit a total of four entries in any combination of categories in the Fine Arts department. Both 2-D and 3-D artwork is accepted. All 2-D artwork must have a wire attached with screws to the back of the frame for displaying on the wall.

Fine Arts categories include oil, watercolor, acrylic, drawing media, pastel (oil or dry), mixed media, porcelain, sculpture and ceramics.

- **Gardening:** Categories include anything in the garden: beans, beets, cabbage, carrots, corn with husk, cucumbers, onions, peppers, potatoes, tomatoes, zucchini, eggplant and berries.

Gardening features a Market Basket category requiring a collection of at least six different vegetables that includes enough food to feed a family of five.

The Largest (by weight) Vegetable contest for 2024 is red or white potatoes. The winning \$25 prize is sponsored by the Hinton Family.

- **Handicrafts:** Exhibits in Handicrafts must be made since the 2023 Morgan County Fair. Due to space limitations, projects may be no larger than 2.5 by 4 feet. All wall decorations must be ready to hang.

Many different crafts are accepted in this department.

General categories include Christmas crafts, traditional crafts (e.g., soap making, leather crafts, bead art, stained glass, plaster craft, etc.), creative crafts (e.g., needle felting, dolls, wreaths, toys, etc.), wearable, weaving, woodworking and paper crafts.

- **Horticulture:** Exhibits include cut flowers, roses, potted plants and collections (of annuals, perennials, and herbs). Plants should be displayed in containers according to the size of the specimen, and stem foliage should be included on the stem above the water level.

House plants must be grown by the exhibitor for at least three months prior to the fair. Floral arrangements must have been made



Photography of nearly all types, from amateur to professional, is accepted in Open Class exhibits. (HFAB courtesy photo)

since the 2023 Morgan County Fair.

- **Needlecraft:** Exhibits must be made since the 2023 Morgan County Fair and must be traditional needlepoint — no plastic canvases. Pictures must be ready to hang. Crocheted and knitted items should be blocked, and small crocheted items must be attached to large heavy cardboard. It is recommended exhibits not be used before entering in the fair; cleanliness matters.

Categories include decorated needlework, knitting, crochet, rugs, counted cross stitch, decorative hand stitching, and any combination of methods.

- **Photography:** Exhibitors may enter a total of five photographs of different subject matter. All photos must be taken after the 2023 Morgan County Fair. Photos may be taken with any type of camera — film, digital, cell phone. Photos must be sized 8 by 10 inches and matted on an 11-by-14-inch matte board.

Photography categories include portrait, nature, animals, macro, travel, people non-portrait, landscape, and experimental. Photos may be in color or black and white.

- **Quilts:** Exhibits must be made since the 2023 Morgan County Fair. Quilts may be constructed and quilted by hand or machine. Quilts pieced by the exhibitor and quilted by a professional long-arm quilter are also allowed.

The Quilts department features an exhibit of quilts over 35 years. These quilts are not for competition, only exhibition. These quilts must have a tag verifying the age of the quilt. A history or story of the quilt is encouraged.

- **Sewing:** All exhibits must be made since the 2023 Morgan County Fair. Exhibits should be clean and undamaged with threads

trimmed and seams finished.

Sewing categories include infant and toddler items, children's and youth garments, children's toys, adult garments, accessories, decorative household items, machine embroidery, and Christmas-themed items.

When will my exhibit be judged?

Judging will take place the afternoon of Wednesday, July 3. Open Class judging is closed, meaning neither the exhibitor nor the public are allowed to watch.

One blue, one red, and one white ribbon placing will be given in each section if merited. One Champion and two Reserve Champions will be awarded from the blue-ribbon winners in each department.

Premiums will be awarded as follows: \$1 for blue ribbon, \$.75 for red ribbon, \$.50 for white ribbon, \$10 for Champion.

When can I see how I placed?

Exhibitors may see judging results at the HFAB Open House on Friday, July 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. After that, the building will be open to the public from noon to 9:30 p.m. every day of the fair.

When can I pick up my entries?

Exhibits will be on display the duration of the fair. Exhibits will be released to the exhibitor on Saturday, July 13, between 8 and 11 a.m.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the Open Class competition at the 2024 Morgan County Fair and how you can participate, contact Tura LaMar at 317-443-9104 or visit morgancountyindianafair.org/services/home-family-arts/.

Do you have your projects ready?! See you at the 2024 Morgan County Fair!



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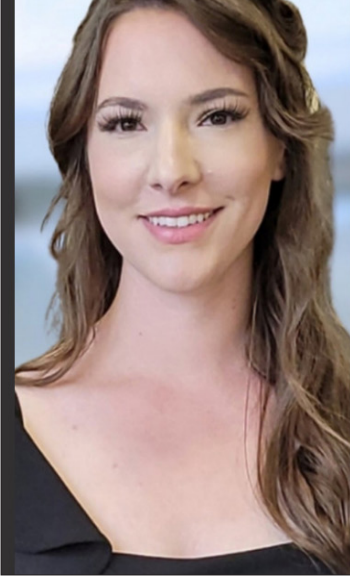
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