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## CALENDAR

### Thursday, July 11

3 pm—Teen DIY Craft, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Create a fairy garden or space landing. Sign up at Reference. For grades 7 through 12. Free. Info: 765-668-2900 ext. 1105.

5:30 pm—Leadership and Engagement Working Group, YMCA, 123 Sutter Way, Marion. Focuses on building intentional civic leadership and engagement, creating a pipeline of strong leaders. Free. Info: 765-664-0544.

### Friday, July 12

6 pm—Sweet Sounds Concert, Cumberland Covered Bridge, 3rd and Front Streets, Matthews. The Matthews Cemetery Association presents this benefit concert featuring Sweet Sounds. Enjoy country, 50's and 60's music, gospel, and more at the Cumberland Covered Bridge in Matthews. Refreshments, and a bounce house play area for the kids. Donations will be taken during the concert to raise funds for improvement projects at the cemetery. Info: 765-674-4104.

7:30 pm—Gas City I-69 Speedway Christmas in July, Gas City I-69 Speedway, 5871 E 500 S, Gas City. Sprint cars, UMP modifieds, SS/Thunder cars, hornets, AMSA mini-sprints. Adult General Admission \$15, Children 12 & Under Free, Pit Pass \$30. Special event night prices range from \$18-\$25 for adult general admission. Info: 765-677-7223.

### Saturday, July 13

9 am—Farmers Market - Marion, Courthouse Square, 100 E. 3rd St., Marion. You'll find the freshest fruits and vegetables at our market. Brown eggs, jams and other homemade items available. See you on the square in downtown

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## City's 'Y' lawsuit crippled

Judge Haas rules two critical portions past statute of limitations

by Ed Breen

The controversial lawsuit by the city of Marion against its former financial advisors and against Chad Seybold, the brother of former Marion Mayor Wayne Seybold, apparently ground to a halt Monday afternoon in Grant Superior Court 1 when Judge Warren Haas ruled that critical portions of the lawsuit were in violation of the state's statute of limitations.

In a court session to rule on several pre-trial motions, Judge Haas found that the civil claims by the city against London Witte and Asso-

ciates, Indianapolis advisors to the city in the Seybold administration, were not timely and were not within the two years of the alleged offense, as defined by state law.

The judge's action apparently halts the long-awaited trial, which had been scheduled to open with jury selection on Monday.

No decision had been made by the city administration by late Tuesday on what course it intended to take. The city could apparently proceed against the defendants on two of the four counts specified in the lawsuit, which was filed in 2017. It also has



the option of an appeal for review by the State Circuit Court of Appeals. City administrators are expected to

arrive at a decision before the end of the week regarding what action to take.

A lengthy list of witnesses who were to be called in next week's trial had already been served with subpoenas.

In Haas's ruling, made before the lawyers for all parties in a four-hour session Monday, he found that excessive time had elapsed between the alleged financial actions and the filing of the suit by the city.

The city argued that the suit was timely because the Alumbaugh ad-

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## Former Star cartoonist talks to schoolkids at Taylor

by Ed Breen

For two dozen years, seekers and molders of opinion across Indiana turned to the editorial page of the Indianapolis Star newspaper every morning, glanced at the columns and then spent a few precious seconds absorbing the message delivered in a few deft lines and caricatures by cartoonist Gary Varvel.

His take on the news and its meaning was both entertaining and informative; no less a reader than Mitch Daniels will tell you that. His perspective was usually conservative, but consistently witty and biting because that is the ammunition of the editorial page cartoonist.

Gary Varvel and his view of the world vanished from the Indianapolis Star on New Year's Day of this year, gone—like so many things in newspapers—from the editorial

landscape because of cost-cutting in a harsh environment.

A hundred years ago, 2,000 American daily newspapers had an editorial page cartoonist. That shrunk to 275 by 1957. Today, only about 20 daily newspapers employ a cartoonist. Some weekly newspapers—including The News Herald—offer a cartoonist's view of the news. Eric Reaves' work is a regular feature on these pages.

But Varvel, at a trim age 62, is working harder than he has in years, is enjoying it more and believes that, without the yoke of an editor or boss, he is saying things in new and different ways to new and different readers than he was ever able to in all those years on newsprint.

Today it is digital, or in a business weekly, or on video, or on

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Photo by Ed Breen

Former Indianapolis Star editorial cartoonist Gary Varvel addresses fourth and fifth graders in a seminar held at Taylor University.

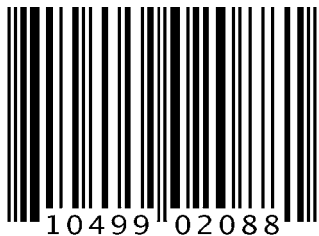
## INDIANA QUIZ

Answers are on page 6.

Match the cities with their festivals:

1. Kokomo, 2. Rockport, 3. St. Joe, 4. Delphi

A. Abraham Lincoln Freedom Festival, B. Canal Days, C. Haynes Apperson Festival, D. Pickle Festival



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# Circus tradition comes back to Peru

**It began in 1960, when many of the old circus performers agreed to pass their skills along to the young people of Peru.**

by Ed Breen

The circus and the city of Peru are intertwined forever. Indeed, for decades, Peru in Miami County was the “circus capital of the world.”

Circuses of all sizes, most notably the Hagenbeck & Wallace Circus, Cole Bros. Circus, and Ringling Brothers spent the winter months in Peru from the late 1800s through the 1940s. The rural area around Peru is dotted with barns and buildings built

to house circus livestock, up to and including elephants.

Today the professional circuses—and the animals—are long gone, but the heritage remains.

Each July for nearly 70 years the circus heritage of Peru is revived, if only briefly, with the presentation of the Circus City Festival, a week of parades and performances harkening back to the glory days in the big top.

It began in 1960, when many of the old circus performers, then retired, agreed to pass their skills along to the young people of Peru.

Trapeze artists, clowns, circus craftsmen of all sorts came out to help train the youngsters and it has become both a tradition and an industry.

This year, Circus City Festival will run from July 13 through July 20, with the circus parade and more than 200

young people, ages 7 through 21, presenting 10 circus performances in eight days in downtown Peru.

Among the attractions are the vintage circus wagons, carefully preserved in the city’s circus museum and brought out but once a year to come back to life. The wagons, which hauled everything from the jungle animals to the circus band, are currently being given their annual touch-up for next week. Here’s a look at the artistry of the circus wagons that once trolled through the main street of nearly every town in America.



## SUDOKU

Rating: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 6. Solution is on page 10.  
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- Guy’s counterpart
- Brown and white Eurasian falcon
- Tragic king
- Tacna’s country
- Bert’s buddy
- Must’ve been something

### Down

- Person to whom property is transferred
- Falsehood
- Energy cell
- Extent of space
- Actress Davis
- “Judith” composer
- Stamina
- Out of it
- Rice—
- Patella
- Hamburger’s one
- Flushed
- Glass bottle
- Mediterranean island
- Director Riefenstahl
- Roth —
- Process leather
- Ready for business
- Forum wear
- Represent
- Some NCOs
- Puppeteer Tony
- Din
- Hooter
- Struggle
- Dignify
- Large New Zealand reptile
- Spirit
- Inhibit
- Edmonton team
- Twinned crystal
- President before Polk
- “Cheers” waitress
- Division politique
- Examine, search
- PC program
- West of Hollywood

# FEATURES

## EDITORIAL CARTOON—ERIC REAVES



## Calendar, Continued from 1

9 am—Farmer Market - Gas City, Angle Acres Plaza Parking Lot, 1028 E. Main St., Gas City. Garden grown fresh produce, tomatoes .com, peppers, onions, cucumbers, zucchini, watermelons, cantaloupes, cabbage, green beans, broccoli, and beautiful flowers. All local growers. Info: 765-251-8919.

10 am—CASA Annual Sand Sculpture Artfest, Splash House, 2601 S. Adams St., Marion. Join us for the 10th annual Sand Sculpture Artfest that features sand sculptures and fun for the whole family! Teams of builders use every ounce of creativity they possess in order to attempt to win a beautiful sand castle award. Free spectator event. Space reserved for kids to build all day! Building from 10am-3pm with voting and award ceremony following. Proceeds benefit CASA of Grant County. Info: 765-664-1891.

11 am—Lego Club, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Build a Lego display. Sign up required. Ages 4 years and up. Info: 765-668-2900 ext. 1105.

2 pm—Summer Reading Program Teen Gaming Party, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Teen who have joined the Summer Reading Program are invited to play board and video games, eat snacks and win prizes. Free. Info: 765-668-2900 ext. 1105.

3 pm—Grant County Farmer’s Market - Upland, Upland Train Depot, Main and Railroad streets. Repeats, Fridays. Info.: Facebook.com/grant-countyindiana.

**Sunday, July 14**  
1 pm—Gas City I-69 Speedway Test and Tune, Gas City I-69 Speedway, 5871 E 500 S, Gas City. Open to all types of race cars. Test and tune yours today. Check our website, social media or call the track for current weather related updates. Info: 765-677-7223.

**Monday, July 15**  
5 am—Par 3 Golf Scramble, Walnut Creek Golf Course, Marion. Par 3 Golf Scramble benefiting Cancer Services of Grant County. Cost: \$60 per person/\$240.00 per team. Info: 765-664-6815.

10 am—Marion Board of Works, Marion Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 S. Branson St. Free. Info.: ajrichard@cityofmarion.in.gov or cityofmarion.in.gov

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

2 pm—Grant County Commissioners Meeting, Grant County Council Chambers, 401 S. Adams St., Marion. Info.: TC Hull, 765-668-4776 or commissioners@grant-county.net

4 pm—Lego Club, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Build a Lego display. Sign up required. Ages 4 years and up. Info: 765-668-2900 ext. 1105.

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

Jeff Luttrell, 800-355-2817.

7 pm—Gas City Gospel Concerts, Hutchins Commons Pavilion, 211 E. Main St., Gas City. Bring your lawn chair and join us at Hutchins Commons on Main Street for the uplifting sound of gospel music. Freewill Love offering will be taken at each concert. Concerts weekly, in case of inclement weather concert will be held at Eastview Wesleyan Church in Gas City. Info: eastviewwesleyan.com or 765-674-7076

**Tuesday, July 16**  
10:30 am—Chair Yoga, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Register at the Reference Desk. Learn basic Yoga moves while sitting comfortably in your chair. For adults. Info: 765-668-2900 ext. 1126.

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# Ride for Water stops in Marion

by Sean Douglas

Recently, the seventh annual Ride for Water cross-country bike tour came to Marion.

Ten college students from Azusa Pacific University, who began their journey on May 20 in Bodega Bay, CA, have been riding across the United States, looking to raise awareness and money to help bring safe and clean drinking water to the 663 million people in the world who live without it.

The group had successfully navigated through the states of California, Nevada, Wyoming, Colorado, Iowa, and Illinois before arriving in Grant County, to the home of Eric and Lori Goss-Reaves. With their arrival in Marion, riders Jay Cummings, Kara Ingersoll, Daniel Burroughs, Nick Guido, Whitney Williams, and Kody Schneider, drivers Morgan Olhiser, Jameson Plaskett, and Val Cox, and support specialist Carolina Phillips had made it 2,321 miles into their 3,437-mile, 51-day trek.

Ride for Water's mission is simple: to cycle across the United States to fight the global water crisis. Since the event began in 2013, it has been a resounding success. To date, Ride for Water has raised more than \$350,000 dollars towards clean water projects.

"The craziest thing we can do is nothing," Ride



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for Water's official website states. "That is why we have committed to ride our bikes across the country this summer. We know riding our bikes won't solve the global water crisis, but we believe that we can make a difference by starting conversation and donating money we raise along the way."

After leaving Marion, the group is traveling through the rest of Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York before reaching the Ride for Water

Headquarters on July 10.

As of their visit here, the riders had raised nearly \$18,000, and were hoping to reach \$80,000 by journey's end.

If you are interested in making a donation, you can visit [www.rideforwater.com](http://www.rideforwater.com) and click on the donate button in the top right corner, or you can donate through Ride for Water's campaign link at <https://my.charitywater.org/rideforwater/ride-for-water-2019>.

# The type and origin of sin in the world

Romans 3:23

As we study the Scripture, we are blessed that our Heavenly Father covered so many different subjects. In His Word He gives us great insight to many different issues. I don't suppose there is a subject that draws more attention than "sin." The word sin is found hundreds of times in the Bible. Now, I am sure we could all come up with our own definition of sin, and there is a good chance that definition would be convenient to us. Even though we all have our own ideas, God's definition is the only one that matters.

Scripture gives us at least two definitions of sin. The first one is: to miss the mark. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." God's standard is perfection. There is no way that mankind could ever measure up to God's Word. We fall short of God's mark because of our sinful nature.

The second definition is: to overstep a forbidden line. "Whoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law, for sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). The bottom line is that sin is the lack of conformity to the moral law of God.

We must all confess that there are times in our lives when we don't want to do what we are supposed to do. We have all heard these descriptive words: stubborn,

strong-willed, hard-headed, pig-headed. The list could go on and on, but you understand the concept. We must realize that we don't have the ability to conform on our own. It is only with the Lord's help that we can ever conform to our Heavenly Father.

As we think about sin, how did it ever get to us? The origin of sin into the universe was through Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12-15) when he decided he wanted to be equal with God. He was cast down to earth with a third of the angels that sided with him.

Sin was introduced to this world in the Garden of Eden when the Serpent beguiled Eve and she ate of the tree of good and evil (Genesis 2:16, 17; 3:6; Romans 5:12). Because of Adam and Eve's sin, they were cast out of the Garden from the presence of God.

The consequence of sin upon Satan was that he lost his lofty position in Heaven (Ezekiel 28:14). That was the immediate effect of his sin. His future punishment will be the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10).

When man opened the door to sin, two things changed. One was physical death, and the other was spiritual death. We are told in Genesis 2:9 that man was designed to live forever. Sin caused him to experience physical death. Adam also experienced spiritual death (Matthew 7:23; 25:41; Revelation 21:8).



JUST A THOUGHT

Rev. Tom Mansbarger



Since the time Lucifer revolted in Heaven, we have been the recipients of the effects of sin. However, no matter what we may face, God has made a way of escape for all of us. He sent His Son Jesus to die for our sins that we might experience the forgiveness of sin. We no longer have to be bound by sin and all of its effects. The penalty has been paid, and when we accept Christ as our Lord and Savior, we begin to experience all God has done for us.

Tom

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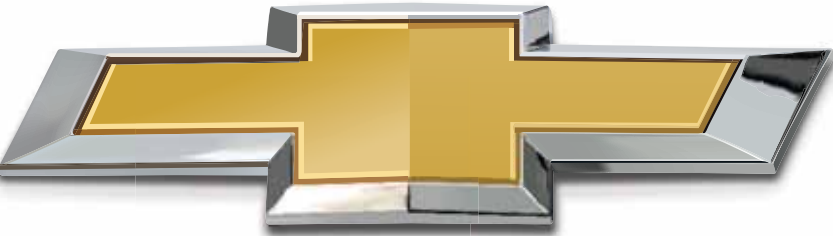
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# Our local government needs to look after our interest

Ample evidence in Marion in the last few days that local government isn't necessarily our friend, isn't doing the right thing and isn't looking after our best interests.

There is the absurd conduct of the Grant County Commissioners last week. If we had a recall petition in Indiana law, a way to bring elected officials to the bench to explain their conduct, this would be a fine time to use it, to demand of Grant County commissioners Mark Bardsley and Ron Mowery exactly why they could not bring themselves to vote "yes" or "no" on a proposal to substantially protect the health of all of us. Only Commissioner Mike Burton was prepared to do the right thing, but the other two weren't about to let that happen.

No sir. We are, by god, going to do whatever is necessary to remain one of the unhealthiest states in the union.

It isn't even so much that Bardsley and Mowery were on the wrong side of the issue—which they clearly were—but rather that they didn't have the backbone, the guts, the courage, call it what you will, to stand up and say, "no, I am not in favor of protecting public health," or "yes, I am in favor of protecting the business interests of a few bar owners."

Instead, they said nothing. Not a word. They let the proposal die on the table.

But enough about that. What's done—or rather, not done—is done. We Hoosiers may not have recall but we still have elections and that little episode ought not be

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forgotten.

Now let's move across the street to the Marion Municipal Building, city hall, where another little bit of chicanery is being played out at the expense of several public servants.

The losers here, the ones paying the price in real dollars for real politics, and, frankly, for real stupidity, are the people in whom we

pal government in Marion through the years, no one bothered to fix the contract language until the State Board of Accounts got into the act a year or so ago and said, "fix it."

We'll spare you the details, other than this: It has not been fixed, and the chief of the Marion Fire Department, the chief of the Marion Police Department and her two deputy chiefs have been and continue to be denied pay to which they are rightfully, morally and professionally entitled.

All this unraveled during a political season in which the city council and the mayor were all jockeying for political position. The people who do the work, who keep the peace and put out the fires, became collateral damage.

Two assistant chiefs of police resigned their positions, but continue to do their jobs from the rank of captain.

Marion Police Chief Angela Haley has worked through a particularly tough year for nearly \$8,000 less than she is supposed to be paid. That's \$8,000 less, from a job which pays only \$55,000 to begin with.

That's wrong, pure and simple.

I asked the administration why it isn't fixed and they told me "the ball is in the City Council's court."

I asked the City Council why it isn't fixed and they

place the most faith and trust for our public safety. They are the commanders of the Marion Police and Fire departments.

The backstory is pretty simple: A long time ago—maybe 25 years ago—someone decided, correctly, that when the mayor and city council are negotiating pay and benefits with police and fire departments, the chiefs and assistant chiefs of the departments ought not be included with the unionized rank and file police and fire fighters. They should be treated separately, with separate contracts.


Makes sense. At the factory, the supervisors and plant manager aren't in the bargaining unit, either; they are separate. Presumably they are paid more for the added responsibility they shoulder.

Somewhere along the line in the folly that is municipi-

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Tom Hunt, attorney for the city, expressed disappointment and said that "the court's ruling had nothing to do with the merits of the our case." Mayor Alumbaugh also expressed dissatisfaction with the ruling, contending that the decision was based entirely on a "technicality."

The lawsuit detailed claims in four areas. Most significant are allegations of "breach of fiduciary responsibility" and

**Varvel,**  
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Star years and was inducted into the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame in 2015.

But the students cared little about that either and were more interested in the not-so-subtle message that Varvel tries to deliver today: The message of Christianity in a secular world.

"We are all the stars of our own movies," he told them as he walked them through the story board process for the creation of a movie recounting Biblical stories.

"The Good Shepard" and "The Path to Hope" are among his titles of books and films, all built around his ability to "exaggerate and simplify" with lines and shapes on a flat surface.

His message to the young people was as simple and as complicated as his art: "You have to get to know the one who created you to be successful."

Explaining his ease in moving from the newspaper to the digital and video world, Varvel said "I drew

**DOING GOOD**

The Marion Regional Career Center has awarded its first Community Excellence Award to Afena Credit Union and its president, Karen Madry. The award was given in recognition of Afena's commitment to an internship program for the IT & Cybersecurity Academy at the Career Center.

Afena provided opportunities for six hours a week to three students for developing technical skills in the workplace and career training. We salute Afena for cooperating with the Career Center to help local students. This is a good program and a nice award for Afena.

Last week's Fourth of July celebrations in both Marion and Gas City were good events. Gas City featured a very large parade with more than 50 units and large groups of people involved in supporting the two major candidates for mayor of Gas City in the election being held in November. Their fireworks show was at 10 pm on Thursday and featured a 10-minute finale to rival any large city's show. Good job, Gas City.

Marion hosted a nice concert in Matter Park on Wednesday night and followed it with a fine fireworks show as well. It's good to see our local communities displaying pride in our country and celebrating our freedoms like this.

The Grant County Community Foundation has announced that it once again was the recipient of a \$75,000 Lilly Foundation Grant. This gift is to help our Community Foundation study and address the issue of child poverty. The money will be used to hire a data analyst and to look at solutions and speak with experts in other cities that have been successful in this area. The Foundation may be eligible for a \$150,000 implementation grant following this study. Grant County has a high rate of child poverty and it's really good to be attacking this problem with the help of the Eli Lilly Foundation.

—Mike Roorbach



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# Marion 12U makes playoff run, then falls

**by Sean Douglas**

After opening 12U state tournament play with a 6-2 triumph over Peru, the Marion Giants split a pair of contests on Wednesday evening, falling to Northwestern, 9-7, before bouncing back with a 12-9 victory over Taylor to stage off elimination.

Against the Tigers, R.J. Holmes and Amar Rogers each finished with two hits, while Holmes drove in three runs. Caleb Richardson came away with a hit and two RBI, while Rogers and Lincoln Detamore also plated a run in their opening loss to Northwestern.

Hayden Cook was brilliant on the mound for the Tigers over four innings, allowing just three hits and two earned runs while striking out 10.

Marion started the scoring in the first inning, as Richardson drove in Rogers from second base with an RBI single, but the Tigers' offense responded, scoring five runs over the next three innings to grab a 5-1 advantage.

Teegan Helmle and Brayden Applegate scored Northwestern's first two runs on passed balls in the first inning. Parker Roswog scored on another passed ball in the

second, before Helmle drove in Colton Berry with an RBI double. In the third, Jaxon Hansen's RBI groundout increased Northwestern's lead to four.

The Giants got one back in the fourth, as Detamore's RBI groundout plated Holmes, but Northwestern's offense once again had the answer, scoring two more runs in the bottom half of the inning. Andrew Lesko came home on a Marion error, while Cook followed with an RBI double.

The Giants' slogan, which can be heard at many sporting events throughout the year, is "GFND," or "Giants Fight, Never Die." Despite trailing 7-2, Marion lived up to those words.

After Northwestern made a pitching change, the Giants took full advantage. Rogers started the rally with an RBI single, scoring Andrew Monday, and Richardson drove in his second run of the contest on a fielder's choice, bringing Holmes up to the plate with two runners on.

With one swing of the bat, Holmes made it a brand new ball game, sending a first pitch fastball over the center field fence to tie the game at 7-7.

The Tigers, however, were able to pull it out, scoring two more runs in the sixth and final inning to deny Marion's comeback attempt.

While Marion fell just short, Head Coach Tino Mitchener was pleased with his kids' never-say-die attitude.

"A lot of times, especially with 12 and under, 10 and under kids, they get down five or six runs, they just want to fold up and die," Marion Head Coach Tino Mitchener said. "I told them we haven't had our inning yet, and we were able to get a few guys on base and get a key hitter up. He got a big hit, we tied the game, and we were right there. Couple of balls bounced the wrong way for us, but we never stopped, we never quit."

If these two teams were to face off again, Mitchener and the Giants now know what to expect.

"We've seen their best," Mitchener said. "I admit the first couple of innings we

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Photo by Sean Douglas

Amar Rogers pitches for the Marion U12 team in tournament play.

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# Tandy taking the next step in her career

**by Sean Douglas**

After two years at Mississinewa, girls basketball coach Omega Tandy is about to embark on the next stop of her coaching journey. Garden City Community College, one of the top JUCO schools in the nation, recently named Tandy as its new women's basketball coach.

While she did spend a year as an assistant coach for the University of Evansville, this will be Tandy's first head coaching job at the collegiate level after two years heading the Indians' program. In her two years in Gas City, Tandy compiled a 24-22 record.

Tandy was not looking for other jobs prior to accepting the GCCC position. She was comfortable at Mississinewa, and had the Indians moving in the right direction. But a friend of Tandy's, who is an athletic director in Missouri, recommended Tandy to Garden City AD Greg McVey, who was looking for a new women's basketball coach.

"At first, I was adamant--that was not going to happen," Tandy said. "I was happy with where [I was] at. Missississinewa is amazing. They treated [me] well and welcomed my family. I wasn't thinking about leaving--not this year, for sure."

But Tandy was encouraged to take a closer look. After speaking with McVey over the phone, she flew out to Garden City, took a tour of the campus, and met with McVey personally, discussing the vision going forward. After sitting down with McVey, Tandy changed her mind, accepting the position, but it was a choice she did not make lightly.

"It was the toughest decision I've had to make," Tandy said. "Leaving a situation that was so great [in] Mississinewa is tough. I thought that at some point in my career that I

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"It has been hard, to be honest. I was invested into

of the schools in the community college circuit, is viewed as a springboard program--a program that helps players hone their craft, and, ultimately, help them get recruited to a Division I program.

While there are some who still look down on JUCO athletics, Garden City is among one of the top programs in the country.

Tandy had several friends who had played at Garden City, so she knew about the school's history of athletic excellence. Now, she is ready to get started on her next chapter.

"I expect to be able to use my personality, who I am, and what I stand for, to gain some recruits and turn this into a national championship program," Tandy said. "That is my goal. I'm excited about the kind of talent that I am able to recruit here."

Tandy has already spoken with most of her new players, and came away

impressed.

"They fit my personality and they fit my style of coaching," Tandy said. "They are so respectful. They have that Southern hospitality, and are very excited. I'm so blessed for them to have accepted me. They have accepted me, and they have made that clear. I'm ready to hit the ground running."

No matter how long she stays at Garden City, the Mississinewa Lady Indians' basketball program will always hold a special place in her heart.

"Those kids are my family," Tandy said. "I [want] them to understand how appreciative I am of their accepting of the challenges we put forth, [along] with being a part of my family. They have impacted me for the rest of my life as a coach. Those girls gave 100 percent. This team is so special, and I will always be a big fan of theirs, and I will always be in their lives."

## Marion U12, Continued from 8

were a little starstruck. So next time when we see them, we will be ready. We aren't going to wait until the third or fourth inning to score runs."

With their backs against the walls, the Giants answered in a big way in their second contest against Taylor. Rogers finished the game with two hits, three runs scored, and three RBI, while Tre Brown also recorded two hits and three RBI. Richardson drove in two more runs, while Holmes and Johnson each had an RBI.

In a must-win contest, Tre Adaway shined. After pitching sparingly throughout the course of the summer, he pitched a solid 4.1 innings against Taylor, giving up six hits and five runs, striking out five.

"I have to give it to Tre Adaway," Mitchener said. "That guy literally only pitched three innings all year. And for me to ask him to come in a very tough all-star game after only pitching three innings all year, I thought he did a phenomenal job. Hats off to him."

Marion scored three runs in the first inning, taking a lead they would not relinquish. A Taylor error brought Rogers home from second base, Holmes hit an RBI triple, and Brown followed with a run-scoring single.

Brown's two-run single in the third and Richardson's two-run double in the fourth gave the Giants a 7-3 advantage, and after Taylor tied it up in the top of the fifth, the Giants came back with a five-run frame of their own, regaining the lead for good. Johnson drove in one run on a bases-loaded walk, and Rogers contributed three of those runs with a bases-clearing triple.

The Giants face an uphill battle, having to win out to keep their championship hopes alive, but Mitchener has faith in his team, and believes that they have the ability to get the job done.

"They carried that [resilience] into the second game," Mitchener said. "They want to come back

## Giants fall to Bunker Hill

The Marion Giants 12U team's tournament run came to an end on Friday, as they fell behind early and could not recover in a 14-4, mercy-rule loss to Bunker Hill.

The Giants, normally a strong-hitting squad, could only muster six hits against Bunker Hill. Amar Rogers had two of those hits, both singles, while Tre Brown, Kiontaye Woods, Andrew Monday, and Issac Mitchener also each recorded a hit. Mitchener drove in two of Marion's four runs with a triple, while Brown and Caleb Richardson also had an RBI.

Bunker Hill's Zack Wright put together a strong performance, coming away with three hits and four RBI, while Kaleb Shelton drove in three runs. Bunker Hill's top three batters of Brady Dausch, Bennett Isenburg, and Shelton combined to score seven runs, while Klayton Kile scored twice.

Jon O'Connor picked up the win for Bunker Hill, allowing four hits and three earned runs while striking out four over 3.1 innings of work.

Bunker Hill's offense found its groove early, sending 10 batters to the plate in the bottom of the first. Dausch scored on a passed ball, Wright drove in Isenburg and Shelton with a two-run single, and A.J. Kelly scored Kile with an RBI single of his own.

On multiple occasions, the Giants had a chance to

escape the inning unscathed, but errors and a few breakdowns in the field proved costly, putting them in a hole out of which they could not climb.

"We came out, we gave up four quick runs in the first inning, and this team--they hit the ball top to bottom," Marion Head Coach Tino Mitchener said. "When you get a situation like that, then you have to play good defense, and we just didn't."

"[It's about] the mental game, baseball IQ, and defense. Until we accomplish those few things, we will beat the teams we should beat."

In the top of the second inning, Issac Mitchener hit a clutch, two-out triple, cutting Bunker Hill's lead to two. Shelton got a run back with an RBI double in the bottom of the second, but a Richardson sacrifice fly and a Brown RBI single in the third trimmed Bunker Hill's lead to 5-4.

That's as close as the Giants would get, as Bunker Hill put the game away in the fourth inning, sending 13

batters to the plate and scoring nine runs on six hits.

Despite being eliminated, Mitchener was pleased with many aspects of his team's play throughout the tournament.

"We battled in every single game," Mitchener said. "This is better than any competition that we have played in a long time. It's a good litmus test for us, because it shows us where we are at [and] what we need to work on. Every single person contributed in some way during a part of one of these games. We hit the ball well [and] we had some great pitching."

Next week, the Giants will most likely be back in Bunker Hill competing in the Indiana Small-State Tournament.

"We are probably going to play these same teams again," Mitchener said. "We know what to expect. We know what kind of pitching to expect. We know what kind of defense we have to play. We should be more prepared."



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**SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

STATE OF INDIANA                      IN THE GRANT CIRCUIT COURT  
COUNTY OF GRANT                      CAUSE NO. 27C01-1907-MF-000091

REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MICHELLE LEA DROLLINGER A/K/A MICHELLE GALLION A/K/A MICHELLE MITCHELL, DECEASED and THE UNKNOWN TENANT,

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.

The nature of the suit against you is:

Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate Against the property commonly known as 1906 W Westlea Dr, Marion, IN 46952-2323 and described as follows:

Lot Number 292 in Westlea Addition, Tract "E", Section "8-B" to the City of Marion, Indiana.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s):

The Unknown Tenant

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown:

The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Michelle Lea Drollinger a/k/a Michelle Gallion a/k/a Michelle Mitchell, Deceased

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

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff.

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.

By /s/ Matthew S. Love  
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## INDIANA QUIZ ANSWERS

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2. Rockport, A—Abraham Lincoln Freedom Festival;
3. St. Joe, D—Pickle Festival;
4. Delphi, B—Canal Days

STATE OF INDIANA                      IN THE GRANT CIRCUIT COURT  
SS:                      CAUSE NO. 27C01-1906-MI-  
COUNTY OF GRANT                      )                      27C01-1906-MI-000057

IN RE THE NAME OF:  
ASHLYN AMBER FRARE-COLGROVE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

Amber Dawn Frare, mother of Ashlyn Amber Frare-Colgrove, a resident of Grant County, State of Indiana, has filed with the Grant County Circuit Court a Petition to Change her daughter's name from Ashlyn Amber Frare-Colgrove to Ashlyn Amber Frare. The Verified Petition for Name Change was filed on June 24th, 2019. Any parties who have a written objection to such change of name may file written objections with the Grant County Circuit Court. Such objections must be filed with the Court on or before the 2nd day of September 2019.

This notice is dated this 28th day of June 2019.

/s/Pamela Kay Harris  
Pam Harris, Clerk of the  
Grant Circuit Court

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**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

IN THE MIAMI SUPERIOR COURT II OF MIAMI COUNTY, INDIANA

In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration  
of the Estate of Marion J. Higgle, Deceased

Mark A. Higgle, the Personal Representative  
Cause No. 52D02-1906-EU-000033

Notice is hereby given that Mark A. Higgle Was, on the 26th day of June, 2019 appointed Personal Representative of the unsupervised estate of Marion .1. Higgle, who died testate on the 24th day of May, 2019, while domiciled in Miami County, Indiana.

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

Dated at Peru, Miami County, Indiana, this 28th day of June, 2019.

/s/Sherry Raber  
Sherry Raber, Clerk  
Miami Circuit and Superior Courts  
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Peru, IN 46970  
Phone: 765-472-3901

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TNH 7/10, 7/17

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING ALLOWANCES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE COURTS OF GRANT COUNTY AS PROVIDED IN IC 36-2-6-3. THE JUDGE OF EACH CIRCUIT, SUPERIOR, PROBATE, JUVENILE, CRIMINAL AND COUNTY COURT IS EMPOWERED TO ALLOW CLAIMS OR VOUCHERS OF THE COURT, INCLUDING OFFICES, DEPARTMENT AND INSTITUTIONS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE COURT, SUCH AS COURT ADMINISTRATOR, PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER. CLAIMS OR VOUCHERS OF THE COURT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO ALLOWANCE BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THE FOLLOWING ALLOWANCES WERE APPROVED BY GRANT CIRCUIT COURT AND/OR GRANT SUPERIOR COURTS 1, 2, & 3.

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STATE OF INDIANA                      IN THE GRANT CIRCUIT COURT  
SS:                      CAUSE NO. 27C01-1906-MI-000061  
COUNTY OF GRANT

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:  
ROWAN ROGELIO STAMPS

**NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE**

Gabriel Aaron Stamps-Turner f/k/a Gabriel Aaron Stamps and Kimberly Lynn Eads filed with the Grant Circuit Court a Petition to change their child's name to Rowan Rogelio Stamps-Turner. Said Petition is currently pending in the Grant Circuit Court under Cause No. 27C01-1906-MI-000061 and said Petition was filed with the Grant Circuit Court on June 28, 2019.

This matter will come before the Court on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 8:30 and any person may object at such hearing or may file written objections with the Court prior to such date stating any objections which the parties may have to the proposed name change hearing.

This Notice is dated July 1, 2019.

/s/Pamela K. Harris, Clerk  
Pamela K Harris, Clerk  
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**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

IN TIM GRANT SUPERIOR COURT III  
OF GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA

In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration  
of the Estate of Mary E. Rook, Deceased

Cause No. 27D03-1906-EU-000055

Teresa K. Wright, Denise G. Clanin and Donald L. Rook, Co-Executors

Notice is hereby given that Teresa K. Wright, Denise G. Clanin and Donald L. Rook were, on the 6th day of June, 2019 appointed Co-Executors of the unsupervised estate of Mary E. Rook, who died testate on the 21st day of April, 2019, while domiciled in Grant County, Indiana.

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

Dated at Marion, Grant County, Indiana, this 24th day of June, 2019

/s/Pamela K. Harris  
Pamela K. Harris, Clerk  
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**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

IN THE GRANT SUPERIOR COURT III, GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF SUSAN ANN GRUBB  
ESTATE NO. 27D03-1906-EU-61

Notice is given that ROBERT J. GRUBB was on the 27th day of June, 2019, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of SUSAN ANN GRUBB, who died testate on December 5, 2018. The Personal Representative is authorized to administer the estate without Court supervision.

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

Dated at Marion, Indiana on July 1, 2019.

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

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TNH 7/10, 7/17

## Barnes top pitcher as Kokomo wins ISC state

from the July 14, 1995

issue  
by Ken Hill

Marion's Tom Barnes was named the tourney's most valuable pitcher as Kokomo Pride came out of the loser's bracket to win the International Softball Congress fast-pitch state tournament over the week-end at Elkhart.

Barnes had a 4-0 pitching record with 46 strikeouts.

That puts Kokomo in the ISC World Series at Sioux City, IA, starting Aug. 11.

Kokomo won four games Sunday to win the state title.

Kokomo beat Elkhart Fastec 13-0 behind the pitching of Ron Banush. Marion's Carl Guarneri had a single and homer and former Oak Hill athlete Dave Spargo got a single and triple.

Barnes pitches Kokomo to a 5-1 win over Eagles Products of Mishawaka. Barnes allowed three hits and struck out 16. Rich Plannger took the loss.

Spargo had two singles in that game.

Kokomo then beat Hyline of Mishawaka twice to win the tourney.

Banush was the winner over Darrell Pender as Kokomo won 9-2. Guarneri homered.



Barnes and Kokomo then beat Hyline again, this time 6-2, to win it all. Barnes gave up four hits and struck out five.

Spargo had two singles and Wabash's Jim Ballee a home run.

Rod Smucker was the losing pitcher.

Greg Johnson of Kokomo went 10-for-19 with three homers. He was named the tourney's most valuable hitter.

Kokomo began tourney play on Saturday with three games.

*One of the most popular features of Ken Hill's Sports Hotline was "Turn Back the Pages," in which he revisited past issues of the paper and reprinted notable stories. In memory of the Hotline and as a legacy to Hill, The News Herald asked him for permission to carry on the tradition of "Turn Back the Pages." Hill readily agreed. Look for it in our pages from time to time.—Editor*

Kokomo beat the Illiana A's 6-2 as Barnes struck out 17. Guarneri hit a two-run homer.

Eagles Products then beat Kokomo 5-1. Spargo had a single and triple in three trips.

Kokomo ended Saturday by winning 9-0 in five innings over Elkhart Heat. Barnes struck out 12 and gave up two hits. Spargo had a single and an RBI.

The PC Heat lost its first two games of the tourney, falling to Hyline and Fastec.

## A perfect ending for a great season for Coach Brunner

It was a perfect end for an incredible coaching season for Oak Hill's Paige Brunner. As the last race was finishing at the Midwest Meet of Champions, Coach Brunner, who handles the boys and girls cross country teams, and the boys and girls track teams in Eagle land was offered an opportunity too good to pass up.

At the end of each cross country season the top 12 boys and the top 12 girls cross country runners, from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky meet in a four-way championship down in Dayton, OH. That's 96 of the best in the Midwest each fall.

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So it sounded too good to be true for Coach Brunner: "Indiana All Star girls and boys cross country coach."

After this past season, if anyone was paying



SPORTS TALK

Jim Brunner



attention, the choice came easy. During the 2018-2019 cross country season, Coach Brunner's teams won:

- The 2018 girls Grant Four cross country championship.
- The 2018 boys Grant Four cross country championship.
- The 2018 girls Central Indiana Conference (CIC) cross country championship.

- The 2018 boys CIC cross country championship.
- The 2018 girls IHSAA sectional cross country championship.
- The 2018 girls IHSAA regional cross country championship.
- The 2019 girls Grant Four track championship.
- The 2019 boys Grant Four track championship.
- The 2019 girls CIC track championship.
- The 2019 boys CIC track championship.
- The 2019 boys IHSAA sectional track championship.
- And, finally, the 2019 boys IHSAA regional track championship.

Throw in a school record 21-1 j.v. boys basketball team that he coached, and excuse Coach B if he's pinching himself this summer. The best part and final chapter of this story: it all comes from his mom's side of the family.

*Jim Brunner is the voice of sports in Grant County, and the father of the Oak Hill cross country coach.*



**Effective March 15, 2020**, white Grecian flower urns will no longer be permitted.

This change has been made as a result of the disintegration of the vases posing a danger to our visitors and staff during the mowing season as well as effecting the

aesthetics of the property. As to give our families options,

we have temporarily implemented the following:

- Discounted price on **replacement vases only** until March 15, 2020

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# Marion pitchers Dixon and Simmons sign

by Sean Douglas

This past spring, the Marion Giants baseball team put together its best season in over two decades, winning 16 games and advancing to its first sectional championship game since 1998. Now, two of the key pieces of Marion’s resurgence will be pitching collegiately next spring.

On Tuesday afternoon in the hospitality room at Marion High School, left-handed pitchers Ethan Dixon and Kyree Simmons both signed letters of intent. Dixon will be staying local, pitching for IWU, while Simmons will be attending Ivy Tech Fort Wayne.

Dixon was the Giants’ ace in 2019, compiling a 6-2 record and 72 strikeouts in his senior season. He finished with a 2.64 ERA and a WHIP of 1.48.

“This spring, Ethan started having good numbers,” IWU Assistant Coach Kris Holtzleiter said. “We paid a lot of attention to baseball around here and noticed he was pitching well. We were interested in signing a left-handed pitcher. We don’t have a ton of depth on the left-handed mound side, so adding another lefty, especially a local kid...was something we were looking forward to doing.”

Dixon had a few other schools interested in him, including the University of Saint Francis and Manchester University, but after visiting the IWU baseball facilities and meeting with the coaches, his mind was made up, and he is looking forward to getting started.

“I know it’s going to be a lot of hard work,” Dixon said. “I need to put on weight. They want me to put on 30 pounds, so hope-



Marion left-handed pitchers Kyree Simmons (seated at left) and Ethan Dixon (seated at right) both signed to play baseball in college, Simmons with Ivy Tech in Ft. Wayne and Dixon with Indiana Wesleyan University.

fully I am able to accomplish that. I also need to add five or six miles per hour on my fastball. I’m hoping to develop my pickoff move more, [be able to] locate a little bit better than I have sometimes, and pitch with my whole body instead of all arms.”

Coach Holtzleiter and the IWU baseball coaching staff have high expectations

for Dixon, but while he still has some growing to do, Holtzleiter is excited for Dixon’s future.

“What we expect out of Ethan is for him to come in, work hard, and develop, and see what that looks like,” Holtzleiter said. “We have a very competitive team with a lot of talent. We are hoping that he comes in and throws strikes from the

left side...and from there, we will see where he goes.”

Simmons was one of the best No. 2 pitchers in the county in 2019, finishing with a 6-1 record and 48 strikeouts in 42.1 innings.

After the 2018 campaign, Simmons did not have any aspirations to play collegiate baseball, but after seeing exponential growth in just one offseason after working with Marion assistant coach Blake Hancock, Simmons had a change of heart.

“In my junior year, I didn’t plan this at all,” Simmons said. “I didn’t think that I was going to play baseball in college. But then, in my senior year, I got taller and I got stronger. Last year, I was throwing mid-70s. Now, I’m throwing low 80s. That opened up my eyes.”

Together with Hancock, Simmons reached out to Grace College and Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne, and also received interest from a college in Tennessee. After going to Fort Wayne to take a tour of the campus

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and meet with the coaches, Simmons felt that Ivy Tech was the right fit for him.

“I liked the school,” Simmons said. “It was just a great place. It’s a really great opportunity for me. They really opened my eyes to how serious they are in making me better and making me a Division I pitcher in two years.”

Ivy Tech Head Coach Lance Hershberger is even more thrilled to add a talented left-handed hurler to his rotation next season. In fact, Hershberger knew that Kyree was his guy after seeing his first pitch. “Kyree was looking at going to Ivy Tech here in Marion and not playing ball, and Coach [Hancock] got a hold of me,” Hershberger said. “He’s an 80-mile-per-hour-guy now, and is physi-

cally still developing. We are looking forward to having him. He’s a kid that has a very high ceiling. I think he has tremendous upside.”

Simmons, much like Dixon, has to continue to develop and hone his skills. Hershberger and his staff plan to help him reach his full potential.

“I expect him to work hard on developing his body, getting in the weight room, getting on the long toss, and getting into the five-day rotation,” Hershberger said. “We are going to develop his arm. We are going to work on his pitches—just seeing him develop physically and mentally. He’s a good pitcher now—I think he has the potential to be a Division I pitcher down the line from the left side.”



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