THE NEWS HERALD

Grant County Life   *50 cents*

INDIANA QUIZ

1. How many serve on the Indiana Supreme Court?   a. 5 b. 7   c. 9

2. In which county is Long Beach, Indiana? a/ Newton   b/ Park   c/ La Porte

3. Which of the following served as Governor of Indiana? a/ Benjamin Harrison   b/ Robert D. Orr c/ Lew Wallace
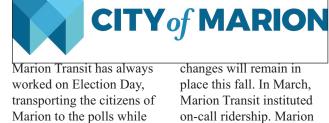
Answers on page 3

Marion Transit to service voters on Election Day

By Sean Douglas

The City of Marion recently announced that Marion Transit will provide service on Election Day to voters who need transportation.

The general election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

According to Marion Transit Director of Transportation Jeff Edwards,

Marion Transit has always worked on Election Day, transporting the citizens of Marion to the polls while carrying out their regularly scheduled routes.

However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, some significant changes will remain in place this fall. In March, Marion Transit instituted on-call ridership. Marion residents are encouraged to schedule rides anywhere from two weeks to 24 hours in advance in order to get out and cast their vote this coming November.

"[We want people] to get out there and vote," Edwards said. "It's very important. That's why we work on Election Day. There are no excuses. Voting is important. I've been voting ever since I turned 18, so I know how important it is. Anybody who wants to go vote, we will do our best to get them to the polls and get them back home."

The buses will run from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Election Day. Residents have the option to be picked up at their front door, dropped at their designated polling place, and then returned to their place of residence at a later time.

Along with their election day services, Marion Tran-

See Transit, Page 4

Two businesses become one in Marion

By Ed Breen and Sean Douglas

Two prominent Marion businesses are going to be joined under one ownership with the acquisition of Grant County Abstract by Insurance Management Group.

The announcement of the abstract company sale by the Finch family was made jointly Friday by Harry Finch and Trent Dailey, owner of Insurance Management.

Grant County Abstract and Insurance Closing Specialist, a company created by Finch's father, Lloyd Finch, has been located for a half-century at the corner of Second and Washington streets in downtown Marion.

Insurance Management Group is the result of the mergers of several Marion insurance and business management companies over the past 30 years. It is located at 959 E. Fourth Street.

A third party introduced into the management of the new acquisition is Michael Hotz, a lawyer affiliated

Trent Dailey, left and Michael Hotz, right. Dailey is co-owner of Insurance Management. Hotz, a lawyer, is a third party in the management of the new aquisition. **Photo by Sean Douglas**

with the Marion firm of Spitzer Herriman Stephenson Holderead Conner and Persinger. According to a news release, Hotz will continue his law practice with the Spitzer Harriman firm.

The transaction was effective Monday.

"My wife Jane and I have spent the last few years trying to find the perfect buy-ers for the businesses that my father, Lloyd, and I spent our lifetimes building. Although we had offers from other Indiana title companies to purchase, it just did not seem right for us to sell a locally owned business to out of town interests," Finch said in making the announcement.

"I believe in keeping everything local if we can. It's good for the community, it's good for the employees, and basically, it's good for the customers. We protect people's largest investment. We think it's our responsibility to give them the very best product to protect their financial interests. We work hard at doing that.

"Most important to us," he said, "was new owners that would value and protect our employees, who themselves return so much to our community, and one that would value and invest in our community's future success. "

Trent Daily, who has headed Insurance Management through expansion and growth, said, "I am excited about the company

See Businesses, page 2

IWU, Ivy Tech form partnership to make transferring seamless

Indiana Wesleyan University has entered a new transfer agreement with Ivy Tech Community College that provides seamless pathways for Ivy Tech students to easily transfer to IWU-Marion — the University's residential campus in Marion, Indiana — upon completion of their associate degree. The agreement also provides the option to transfer to IWU-National & Global, which offers programs online and at education centers in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

Ivy Tech students transferring to IWU-Marion may select one of nine available degree pathways, depending on the associate degree they have earned. A student's entire associate degree and all prior credits will be eligible for transfer provided they are from a CHEA or DOE institution, a grade of "C" or higher was earned, and the courses were 100-level or higher.

"We're very excited about this partnership between Ivy Tech and Indiana Wesleyan to provide seam-less pathways for area students to gain an affordable, high-quality education," said Dr. Rod Reed, chancellor, IWU-Marion. "It's great to see these two communities of committed educators working together creatively

See transfers, page 3