

streamline the process and procedures necessary to create a seamless transition for the student. Additionally, it shows a strong desire for partnership between two long-standing Grant County institutions who both desire to serve students and help in their growth and transformation.”

“[This] provides opportunities for students to complete their education and then have opportunities to advance to a four-year degree,” Ivy Tech chancellor Alex Huskey added. “It gives them better chances for success. It will benefit both institutions because it helps us best develop guided pathways and linear pathways to student completions.”

All credits will be eligible for transfer if they are from a CHEA or DOE institution, a grade of “C” or better, and 100-level or higher.

“It was an attempt for us to look at ways that we could service students from our service area, really help grow the educational levels in our service area, and help students have opportunities for great careers,” Ivy Tech Chancellor Alex Huskey said.

Along with entering a new partnership with IWU-Marion, Ivy Tech also expanded their partnership with IWU-National and Global, who added 10 more degree pathways including early childhood education, accounting, addiction counseling, business administration, marketing, criminal justice, cybersecurity, and hospitality management.

“We’ve created a route forward for students to finish their bachelor’s degree with 120 credit hours,” Vice President of Academic Affairs for the College of Adult and Professional Studies Michael Manning said. “We’ve maximized the number of courses that students from Ivy Tech can take at Ivy Tech that counts toward their degree major here at IWU.

“It’s a fantastic partnership. We are going to give students all across Indiana an opportunity to finish their bachelor’s degree in a way and in a place that fits their needs.”

With this new and expanded partnership between the two institutions, Ivy Tech and IWU plan to continue helping students achieve their academic goals and move seamlessly into the career of their choice.

“I could not be more excited for a partnership and an opportunity like this,” Huskey said. “Any time we can partner with a four-year university to provide opportunities for students, it’s a great thing. This is just



Marion Chancellor Rod Reed, left, and ITCC Marion Chancellor Alex Huskey, right.
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the beginning of many, many more opportunities to help students. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to grow together and learn from each other, but it’s also a wonderful opportunity for our community as we continue to grow education attainment in our service areas.”

property near the intersection as the site for a new restaurant to replace a current McDonald’s at 2006 S. Western Avenue. Previously, there had been no construction at the site.

In recent days, however, excavating contractors have begun site preparation work, including construction of an access road leading from Western Avenue to the north and east sides of the property before connecting to 38th Street.

The Marion Plan Commission will have a public hearing at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, in the Marion Municipal Building to consider revising the current plat for a 1.07-acre tract of land owned by Upland Apartments LLC.

Lisa Crandall, 236 E. Main St., Gas City, is listed as the agent for Upland Apartments.

Erica Jones, a spokesper-

son for McDonald’s, said the company would lease the property from Upland Apartments. The plat adjustment would not change the current General Business zoning for the property, according to Lisa Todd, the city’s assistant planner.

Jones said she did not have a construction timetable or an opening date for the new restaurant, which will be owned by Jason Montfort, who lives in Fort Wayne. Montfort, who owns other McDonald’s restaurants, bought the current location on South Western Avenue in 2018.

There are three other McDonald’s in Grant County: one at 1225 N. Baldwin Avenue in Marion, one on Ind. 22 at the east edge of Gas City, and one at Love’s truck stop at I-69 and Ind. 18.

Three injured in Grant County crash

Three Marion residents were injured in a two-vehicle crash at 12:30 p.m. Sunday on State Road 9, north of Spencer Avenue, according to the Indiana State Police and the Marion Police Department, both of whom responded to the accident.

The preliminary crash investigation by Senior Trooper Jeremy Perez revealed that Jimmicia Drake 28, Marion, was driving a 1993 Chevrolet Caprice southbound on State Road 9 near Spencer Avenue.

Adam Ethedridge, 36, Marion, was driving a 2009 Harley Davidson FXC motorcycle northbound on State Road 9 near Spencer Avenue. The Chevrolet attempted to turn eastbound, into an alley, and pulled into the path of the motorcycle. The motorcycle hit the car in the passenger side ejecting Ethedridge, and his passenger, Ashley Ethedridge, 34, Marion, from the motorcycle.

Adam Ethedridge and Ashley Ethedridge were both flown from the crash scene to

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