

# THE Y VOICE



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## REVIVING OUR HISTORY EASTER PAGEANT COMES BACK TO LIFE

"Honoring the past; engaging the present; and planning for the future," is the motto of a collaborative effort that is well underway to revitalize the Marion Easter Pageant. The hope is to call on those who have helped with the Pageant in the past and engage the youth of today so the Pageant will thrive and be passed on.

The performance will be held on April 19, 2011 at 7pm in the Memorial Coliseum Gymnasium here at the STAR Financial Grant County YMCA. Although admission is free, you will need to pick up a ticket at the Front Desk to see the Easter Pageant. Tickets are available now until the time of the performance.

The mission statement of this collaborative effort is to revitalize the tradition and legacy of the Marion Easter Pageant by highlighting and celebrating the life of Jesus Christ through drama, dance, and music.

The Easter Pageant was first performed in 1937 was last done as a full production in 2003. In years following 2003 there were some attempts made to do the music and video in various local churches. This is the first attempt to recreate the Pageant in its original home with both a large movie screen and a high-quality music presentation through a community choir and orchestra.

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### LOOKING AHEAD

**March 1:** Tickets for Easter Pageant available.

**March 11:** Hawaiian Zumba Night in the gym. Join the party from 6p-8p. Only \$5!

**March 14:** YMCA Annual Dinner at Meshingomesia Country Club. 6p: Social Hour 6:30p: Dinner Tickets are \$25

**March 21-25:** Spring Break- be sure to sign your kids up!

**March 30:** Silver Sneaker Social in Lobby at 10:15am

### ENJOY THIS ISSUE?

Feel free to share this newsletter with anyone who you think may find it useful.

### QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, IDEAS?

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## HELPING HANDS



What a relief it was to have had members from College Wesleyan Church

visit us on Wednesday evening, February 16, and help clean up our facility.

The volunteers exemplified what it means to be a good steward as they helped our Directors and Staff clean up and organize many tasks that we simply could not have done on our own. We are very appreciative to those that volunteered their time and resources to us at the Y. Thank you for all of your help and effort.



## WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES



If you were with us Saturday morning, February 19, you

might have noticed a pretty packed parking lot. The YMCA partnered with the Grant County Rescue Mission for their annual Walk A Mile In My Shoes.

Over 650 participants met at the Y at 10 in the morning and were encouraged and thanked by the Rescue Mission staff and Marion Mayor Wayne Seybold for participating in their fundraising event.

Then they were off. Through the doors of the Y they flooded out and walked toward to the Rescue Mission. Many walked with friends and family and talked about how they were blessed to be part of a caring and giving community.

The weather was even on our side! The sun shined down and warmed the hearts of the walkers as they supported the cause of the rescue mission.

Over \$21,000 was raised, making this year's Walk A Mile the biggest year ever! The Grant County Rescue Mission wishes to thank all participating Y members for the success of the event.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Thank you to all who have shared how The Y, directors, staff, and volunteers have helped make a difference in your life. There are many stories out there and I would still love to hear how The Y has helped you or your family out. Right now, I would like to share with you a few testimonies from your fellow members:

"The YMCA has been such an answer to prayer for me and my sons! I am a single mother with two boys (one with special emotional needs). Last year I put my sons into the Summer Camp program at The Y. It not only helps me so much with child care during my work hours, but it's a wonderful experience for my boys. They love summer camp! In addition, the counselors are such God-sends! They all treat my sons like their own children. My sons did not have positive male role models in their lives until we came to The Y. Now they can see how they are to behave in positive ways." ~Dana, mother of Live Y'ers Children

"I started taking Zumba classes at The Y and after a few months I noticed that my work performance was better than ever. I feel more confident in myself and I stopped taking medicine for depression. The women in the Zumba class have been very encouraging. It's good to know that I have such a strong support group as I continue to maintain a healthy living for myself and my family."

~A regular Y member and mother of children in Live Y'ers.

Interested in volunteering for this year's campaign? Contact Angela Williams for more information!

## WHO'S READY FOR SUMMER?



We've got lots of great camps coming up this summer and we cannot wait to share them with you!

Registration for all sports camps will be available April 1. Here's what we have to offer you:

- June 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>: Basketball and Gymnastics
- June 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>: British Soccer and Volleyball
- July 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>: Basketball and Gymnastics
- July 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>: Flag Football

Plus! 9 Exciting Weeks of Day Camp! Check out these great themes of the week:

- June 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>:  
Cartoon Superheroes
- June 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>:  
Down on the Farm
- June 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>:  
Meet the Press
- June 27<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup>:  
Lions, Tigers, Bears
- July 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>:  
Superheroes
- July 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>:  
Having a Ball
- July 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> :  
Surf & Turf
- July 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>:  
Space- The Final Frontier
- August 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>:  
Children, Science, Investigation

## BOBCATS WITH A MIGHTY ROAR!

Pack #3405 celebrated the first of its achievements when five tiger cubs, and three wolf scouts earned their bobcat awards.



and green on the cheeks (to live in harmony with the outdoors).

Parents helped paint the bobcats- blue paw prints on the forehead (reminding them to always do their best); yellow under the eyes (lighting their scout trail ahead); white on the nose (to know right from wrong); red under the mouth (for courage to speak the truth);

Bob Burchell spoke of the Friends of Scouting program, and the upcoming events that the Sagamore Council has planned. Opportunities were available to help with funding assistance to help the boys attend the camp and be in scouts.

Don Brock a local magician wowed the boys and their parents with amazing magical feats. They saw firsthand ropes that froze, blocks and water disappear, and rings that just would not cooperate without the "right words." The boys also watched in amazement as colors disappeared from coloring books and rice doubled in size. What a night!



Our Boy Scouts Pack 3405 meets every Wednesday evening. For more information please contact me, Ipi Williams at [ipiw@grantcountymca.org](mailto:ipiw@grantcountymca.org).

## HERE WE GROW AGAIN



The dust is finally subsiding some and the back hallway that was almost completely gutted a few weeks ago is starting to take shape.

Here you can see a picture of the hallway with just the frames. Now in less than a week later drywall has been added, insulation is being installed and the outline of restrooms, closets, and

classrooms can easily be determined.

We are very excited about the progress of this addition and are looking forward to its completion which will be just in time for the performance of the Easter Pageant.



# PICTURES OF THE MONTH!

