

Second Round	Third Round	Men's Division I Basketball Championship	Third Round	Second Round
1 Ohio St. (32-2)	16 UTSA or Ala. State	Sweet 16	1 Kansas (32-2)	1 Boston U. (21-15)
8 Geo. Mason (29-6)	9 Villanova (21-11)	Elite Eight	UNLV (24-8)	5 Vanderbilt (23-10)
5 W. Va. (20-11)	12 UAB or Clemson	Final Four	10 Richmond (27-7)	12 Louisville (25-9)
4 Kentucky (25-6)	13 Princeton (23-9)	Final Four	14 Northwood St. (24-9)	15

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## TODAY'S WEATHER

**Sunny**  
Mid-40s  
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**Scrapbook:**  
Sunday's high: 47  
Low: 32  
**Last March 14:**  
High: 50  
Low: 39  
**Record since 1903:**  
High 76, 2007  
Low -2, 1960  
**Precipitation:**  
March 13: 0 (as of 7 a.m.)

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### Dispatch switch effective today:

The dispatch center at the Fairmount Police Department will be permanently closed effective today, and all 911 calls will go to the Grant County Sheriff's Department.

The Fairmount Town Council voted in January to close the dispatch center to save the town money.

Lori Rumble, communications supervisor at the Fairmount Police Department, said people who call the department at 948-4400 or 948-5500 will hear a pre-recorded message telling them to call 911 for an emergency and to call the sheriff's department at 668-8168 for non-emergencies. They'll be instructed to press 2 to leave a message for a Fairmount police officer.

People inquiring about gun permits or wanting to rent the shelter or park pavilion should call 948-6300 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Rumble said.

There also will be options in the recording for people who need to contact the town's water or street department after hours, she said.

Because of the change, Fairmount will no longer be activating its tornado sirens at noon Mondays. The town will now activate its sirens at noon on the second Saturday of every month, when the sheriff's department activates its sirens, Rumble said.

— Mishele Wright

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# Training Center to debut

Organization is offering after-school program

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New Life Community Church, 2011 W. 10th St., recently launched a community initiative partnering with families and children in a three-block radius of the church.

Known as The Training

Center, the program is currently in the organizational stage and hopes to challenge the community to come along side.

"Only through the community partnering together can we help these children achieve success," Mary Prows, Training Center program coordinator, said. "A single stranded cord is weak, but a cord of three strands is very strong."

The organization is partnering with the City of Marion, Marion Community School System, and Indiana

Wesleyan's administration and students to offer an after-school program for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

The Training Center, slated to open in September, seeks the ultimate goal of helping students reach their potential through academic achievement.

"This is significant because we do not have anything provided for the west side of Marion," Prows said. "With the closing of Lincoln (Elementary School), students are now being bused

and that area is a forgotten area of Marion. Our church believes we should partner with the community to help the kids."

Nearly all community-sponsored aftercare programs are in locations on the east side of Ind. 9 in addition to sites at Kendall or Frances Slocum elementary schools, according to Prows. She said the closing of Lincoln has created a void in the neighborhood that The Training Center desires to fill.

The Training Center will

offer after-school tutoring, educational enrichment, along with nutrition, life skills and constructive physical activity. In addition to the after-school program, The Training Center will have mentors assigned to each student's family to focus on any needs the family may have.

"Too many kids grow up without the skills they need. Some don't understand hygiene," Prows said. "We want to assign mentoring

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# Police, firefighters try to save gas

Sheriff's department switching half of vehicle fleet to ethanol



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**FILLING UP** — Marion Police Department Patrol Officer Jerry Brown puts gas in a patrol car Friday at the Marion city garage. Make this image yours. Go to [www.chronicle-tribune.com](http://www.chronicle-tribune.com).

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With the rising cost of fuel, public safety officials say they're trying to save money by cutting back on gasoline.

The Marion Street Department budgets how much gasoline the city will use for all of its vehicles, and it is responsible for ordering fuel for all of the departments.

Marion Fire Chief Steve Gorrell said the city purchases fuel in bulk to save money, but firefighters are trying to reduce the amount of fuel they use in hopes of saving Marion more money.

"We're trying to cut back to help the department and the city," he said. Instead of using a fire truck to visit

businesses to do inspections, one investigator is driving a city-owned van to do the inspections. The van uses less fuel than a fire truck, Gorrell said. The change began this year.

Though he didn't know how many inspections the department does each year, he said every business in Marion has to be inspected every other year.

Taking a fire truck to the inspections was beneficial because firefighters could do fire prevention while at the businesses.

"Now we can't do that because of the price of the fuel this year," he said.

Gorrell said it's too soon to tell how much money the city will save, but he's expecting it to be quite a bit.

The department also is trying to

save money by requiring firefighters to take a city-owned vehicle whenever they train outside of Grant County. In the past, firefighters have taken their own vehicles and been reimbursed, which is more expensive, Gorrell said.

Another thing the firefighters may have to cut back on is fire truck rides for children. Gorrell said he hopes to continue the rides, but the department may start charging 50 cents or \$1 for the rides. He also said the department could set up a donation can during the rides, and the money would go toward fuel costs.

Grant County Sheriff Darrell Hime-lick said he's also looking for ways to save money in light of the increasing

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# Students to compete in spelling bee

Winner of local contest advances to national event

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Grant County students will participate in a spelling bee Tuesday that could send them to the Scripps National Spelling Bee this spring.

According to a news release from Indiana Wesleyan University, 84 students from 21 area schools will compete in the 2011 Indiana Wesleyan University Spelling Bee at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the old College Wesleyan Church.

The winner of the local spelling bee will advance to the national competition, which is May 29 through June 4 in Washington, D.C.

Alan Miller, the university's public relations director, is coordinating the event this year. He said most of the schools in Grant County participate in the event. Students in grades four through eight can participate in the spelling bee, and each school can send two students from each grade. Students who spell Tuesday have already won a spelling bee at their individual school.

According to the news release, Nathan Marcisz, Marion, won the local competition last year. He was an eighth-grader at the time and was the first home-schooled student to ever win the local spelling bee.

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# 180,000 flee as Japan's nuke-plant crisis intensifies

Officials race to stave off several reactor meltdowns

BY ERIC TALMADGE  
The Associated Press

**KORIYAMA, Japan** — Japanese officials warned of a possible second explosion at a nuclear plant crippled by the earthquake and tsunami as they raced to stave off multiple reactor meltdowns, but they provided few details about whether they were making progress. More than 180,000 people have evacuated the area, and up to 160 may have been



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exposed to radiation.

Four nuclear plants in northeastern Japan have reported damage, but the danger Monday appeared to be greatest at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex, where one explosion

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The Associated Press

**EXPOSURE?** — Futaba Kosei Hospital patients who might have been exposed to radiation are carried into the compound of Fukushima Gender Equality Centre in Nihonmatsu in Fukushima Prefecture (state) on Sunday morning after being evacuated from the hospital in Futaba town near the troubled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power station.

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