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## VOICES: Go Arts!

*Have you checked in with CSA lately?*

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The kids from CSA have shot five episodes of the Comical Tribune, which will debut online with help from the Chronicle-Tribune on Friday.

We are using our greenscreen technology for the first time ever, and it's wonderful. The kids are writing and performing in front of the camera, and also writing is community leader, friend and race sponsor Tade Powell.

Alexa Roemke and Aaron Messer are two talented high school kids who are teaching the class, and it's quite remarkable what the students are doing in a very short period of time.

Many other exciting events are coming up for CSA.

Friday, Dave Rees of the Walton Center Arts Society and CSA brought in a professional readers' theater of James and the Giant Peach for Grant County kids during school.

April 28, CSA is performing at the Gas City Chamber of Commerce along with Marion Mayor Wayne Seybold, Gas City Mayor Larry Leach and Jonesboro Mayor Jay Akers. The mayors will be in Indian outfits — it's a must see.

Some of the kids will perform at First Fridays in May, which is a major event downtown.

A world-renowned tap teacher, Pascal Hulin ([www.harryonline.at/pascalhulin/index.htm](http://www.harryonline.at/pascalhulin/index.htm)) will arrive from Europe on May 1 to work with our kids for an entire week. Adults and kids are welcomed to sign up for the class. He has done movies and does a unique dance where he lights his tap shoes on fire.

I also have to give huge kudos to Greg Kitts and Eddie Blinn at Castle Condos and Suites for housing one of our artists for the entire year. Michael Wilson, tap and hip-hop guru, lived in Hollywood and moved here in August. Michael has fallen in love with Grant County and the CSA kids. He is a major talent, and we are blessed to have him. This wouldn't have been possible without the kindness of two local superstars.

May 22nd is the giant Go-Arts! Go-Karts! race with 98 different businesses participating and the final slots are filling up. The race from last year is beginning to air on Bright House Networks. CSA wants to thank all of the participants, and a special thanks to our new corporate sponsors that we have so far for the new year: Bruner Dental, Mutual Bank, Paddockview Residential, Ireland Dental, Comfort Suites, Bright House Networks, WBAT/WCJC, Chronicle-Tribune, Centrum Mall and the city of Marion are all largely responsible for the many opportunities our kids get. All of the support makes a profound difference to our community and organization. It's a fun event and a great cause. We hope everybody comes out for the lights, camera and action.

Want to find out more about CSA, including what programs are available to local kids and adults? Go online to [www.csa-](http://www.csa-)

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