

MCDO

(Marion Community Development Organization)

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Spring 2013

This newsletter is distributed by the Marion Community Development Organization (MCDO). The goal of this newsletter is to inform area citizens in or near the Marion Local School District of the activities of the MCDO.

MCDO has worked on many projects and continues to be active in many areas with its eight standing committees. MCDO is constantly working on initiatives that will ultimately enable our communities to grow and develop. Contact us with questions, comments and concerns.

OFFICE LOCATION The MCDO office is located in the Marion Township Building in the Industrial Park. MCDO meetings are normally held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Township building

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MARION COMMUNITY UPDATE

Jim Keller, President

INDUSTRIAL PARK: On Sunday March 24, eight Marion Industrial Park businesses and the Marion Township Trustees held an open house. The companies placed a large ad in the Daily Standard inviting all to tour their facilities. Considering the weather and competing activities, there was a good turnout. The companies in the Industrial Park have all done extremely well in this excellent location. Possibilities exist to expand the park. If you have an interest in starting a business or expanding one, this Industrial Park expansion holds great potential for you. If interested, please contact Ron Puthoff at (419) 305-7260. He is heading up the project.

COMMUNITY REPORT: The results of Chickasaw's test well were positive so they are actively seeking funding to drill a couple wells, install a new water tower and a water treatment facility. This project would ensure Chickasaw with a long term water supply and provide water availability (with the proper infrastructure) to businesses or residences in the broader community that might want to tie in.

The Marion Township Trustees and the village of Osgood are pretty much staying the course with nothing noteworthy currently planned. Judging from the lack of activity it appears that Hometown Cable has put on hold the project to extend their cable service into our area.

Please join the MCDO. Your financial support funds the many projects we're currently pursuing. *Thank you.*

175th ANNIVERSARY CHICKASAW PICNIC

Ben Moeller

This year's upcoming Chickasaw Picnic celebrates the town's 175th anniversary. In addition to some of our picnic traditions, we have a variety of additions to this year's picnic to make it a memorable experience for everyone. Our current line-up of events is as follows:

Friday June 7

- 6:30 pm- Bed Races sign up with food and beverages available
- 7:00pm- Bed Races begin (contact Brad Knapke at 419-305-5503 to sign up your 5 person team!)
- 7:00pm- Volleyball Tourney begins (sign up today by contacting Lauren Tuente at 419-733-8104)
- 8:00pm- All other stands open
- 8:30-Close- "Empty Tank" band

Saturday June 8

- 9:00am- Siren Souder 5k run / walk sponsored by Chickasaw Fire Dept.
- 1:00pm- Volleyball tourney continues
- 1:00pm- Corn hole tournament sign up
- 1:30pm- Corn hole tournament begins
- 2:00pm- Kiddie big wheel race sign up
- 2:30pm- Kiddie big wheel race begins
- 5:00pm- Stands open

- 5:00pm-8:00pm- "Almost Brothers" band
- 5:00pm- details to follow on other entertainment
- 8:00pm- gambling stand opens
- 8:30- close- "Grove Hill" band

Sunday June 9

- 1:00pm- Chickasaw's 175 year Anniversary parade (contact Scott Rindler at 419-925-0222 or Ben Moeller at 419-852-3189 for your float entry!)
- All stands open following parade
- 2:00-5:00pm- Music by "Plow King" featuring an acoustic "Beatles" song set
- 3:00pm- Firefighters challenge
- 5:00pm- National Kiddie Tractor Pull sign up
- 5:30-Close- music by "Free Lance"
- 5:30- National Kiddie tractor pull begins
- 7:30-money / raffle drawing

There is going to be a variety of new ideas implemented on the grounds that the park board can't wait to try out. Start praying for sunshine and put the date in your calendars. We look forward to seeing you there.

MCDO 301 CLUB RECREATION COMMITTEE

Eric Eyink, President

The 301 Club would like to thank everyone who has renewed their memberships for 2013. We would also like to welcome the new members that are joining us. It is because of all of our members that we are able to help support so many different summer programs and also assist the local parks with additional funds. If you have not received a renewal form in the mail or would like to become a member, please contact Eric Eyink through email eeeyink@ios-inc.com, by phone 419-305-9129 or any of the other committee members (Kevin Nagel, Nick Eifert, Tim Pohlman, Greg Nietfeld, Darrin Poepelman, Kurt Goettmoeller, Jason Winner, and Kirk Stucke).

Our annual member appreciation party was very well attended again this year. We gave away numerous gift certificates thanks in part to the generosity of the following businesses: Korner Kafe, Town Tavern, Winner's Meats, Legion Bar, and Chickasaw Qwik Stop. We also gave away additional cash prizes with the top three winners being, \$50 (Jeff and Deb Wenning), \$150 (Brad and Sandi Holdheide), \$301 (Chris and Cindy Berning). We would like to give a special **Thank You to Kevin (Pooch) Hartings** for donating his time preparing the always popular soups for our party. Kevin works tirelessly and never asks for anything in return, and for that we are very appreciative!!

The 301 Club is a non-profit group that has been actively supporting Marion youth programs and our local parks since 1996. Our goal is to help sustain active programs and the development of our parks. Our community and kids benefit from your generosity.

Thank you



MARION LOCAL SCHOOL NEWS

Mike Pohlman, Superintendent

I recently had the opportunity to give a presentation at a MCDO luncheon about the levy for the Marion Local school district. I appreciate the invitation and welcome any questions the community has. Please see below for information regarding the levy details, history, and information regarding our school district.

The Marion Local Board of Education passed a resolution at the January meeting that approved the necessity of a levy to generate revenue for the school district. The levy will be on the ballot in early May asking our community for 13.8 mills. The 13.8 mill five year emergency property tax levy, if approved, would generate \$1,200,662.00.

In 2008 two separate levies were approved that consisted of 11.6 mills and 2.2 mills for a total of 13.8 mills. The property valuation has increased since 2008 and if approved, the 13.8 mill levy will generate an additional \$245,000 in revenue for our school district. Our board is asking to replace the original millage from 2008, but because of the increase in valuation it is officially called a ‘renewal and increase’ levy. The cost for a \$100,000 home would be an additional \$82.62 a year or \$1.59 a week. This should give everyone a good idea depending on the value of your particular home. It is not ideal to be asking for additional revenue, but in order to maintain current services it will be needed to keep a quality education for our students.

Our goal is to continue the academic success that our students have achieved at a very high level. I am proud to say that our performance index score on our most recent district report card presented by the state had us ranked 12th out of 942. Recently Governor Kasich unveiled the new funding formula proposed for public schools in the biennium budget and it has Marion Local receiving a 0% increase each of the next two years. This in some terms is better than getting a decrease, but comes after being cut the previous two year. It is speculated that we will be losing “guarantee” money in 2015 which would be very detrimental to our school district. The cost of doing business and educating children is increasing each year and this led us to the necessity of our levy request. I am proud to say that our cost per pupil is below the state average and our student achievement is way above the state average. The support for our school is overwhelming and I want to thank the entire community. This school belongs to you and we want to continue raising student achievement, being fiscally responsible, and building trust.

The proposed tax levy may look like this on the ballot.

**Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal and Increase)
Marion Local School District**
A Majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage
Shall a levy renewing two existing levies, one in the amount of \$805,662 and one in the amount of \$150,000 with an increase of \$245,000, be imposed by the Marion Local School District, for the purpose of PROVIDING FOR THE EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, in the sum of \$1,200,662 per year, and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average thirteen and eight-tenths (13.8) mills for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to one dollar and thirty-eight cents (\$1.38) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five years, commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014. If approved, any remaining tax years on any of the above two existing levies will

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	



SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN

Robin Goettemoeller

Happy Easter from the Board of Directors and Staff of the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein! We hope as Spring finally comes to Maria Stein that you will “spring forward” and join us for one of the many events that we have coming up this month.

A Healing Liturgy will take place at 7:00 p.m. on April 9 in the Chapel.

Fr. James Dugal will be presenting “Do You Believe That?” on Thursday, April 18 from 10:00-3:00. He is going to take a closer look at what we believe and how our faith effects our lives. Lunch will be provided and the day will conclude with Mass. (\$15 donation per person – please pre-register by calling 419-925-7625 before April 15)

Sunday, April 28 from 1:00-2:30 in the afternoon, Catholic Social Services and the Spiritual Center are co-sponsoring presenter Sister Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, PhD. Sister Smollin is a dynamic international speaker from Albany, New York who lectures on humor and its effect on wellness, aging, spirituality and stress. She is entertaining, easy to listen to, and gives practical advice on developing attitudes of gratitude. Please join us for “Live, Laugh, and Be Blessed” from 1:00-2:30 on Sunday, April 28. (\$5 donation per person. No need to register ahead of time – just simply come and bring your friends!)

Call 419-925-7625 for more information or to register for these or any other events. You can also check us out online at www.spiritualcenter.net or “like” us on Facebook for current events and pictures.

**2013
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Business Membership Dues: \$60.00 _____ Family Membership Dues: \$15.00 _____

Please indicate if you would like a receipt for tax deduction: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Please circle any committees listed if you are interested:

MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTION
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