



## *President's Message*

In this, the Fall 2015 Quarterly Newsletter, the MCDO:

- **WELCOMES** everyone to a newsletter with a slightly new and hopefully improved look.
- **CONGRATULATES** Buschur's Custom Farm Service, Klosterman Concrete and Prenger's Inc., all of whom have started building facilities in the Industrial Park.
- **THANKS** Ohio Recycling, Minton Veterinary Service, Ohio Production Paint and Assembly Corporation (OPPAC), Maria Stein Grain, Betty's Natural Foods, Moeller Brew Bar, and Link Racing, LLC for either starting or expanding their business in the Marion Community. Your faith in this area is deeply appreciated.
- **CONGRATULATES** the Osgood State Bank on their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They and the St. Henry Bank have been generous supporters of the MCDO since our beginning.
- **SHARES** the following NEWS RELEASE:

At the urging of a community member, the MCDO met with Rockford Construction Services (RCS), the owner of Marion Acres in Maria Stein. RCS's residential construction business model is based on them buying land, developing it and then selling lots with the stipulation that all homes be built by RCS. This model keeps overall consumer costs lower and has worked well for RCS in their many developments. It has not caught on however in the Marion Community so RCS has selected one local builder; Heitkamp Development to build homes on a limited number of lots over the next few years. The MCDO and the Marion Community sincerely appreciate their excellent cooperation and change of approach.
- **THANKS** Mindy Kremer, Senior Director of Development, Marketing and Community Relations at Mercer Health for sharing an interesting portrait of Mercer Health's history and current capabilities and facilities at our Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> business luncheon.
- **ENCOURAGES** everyone to visit our website [www.marioncommunities.com](http://www.marioncommunities.com) for the latest on a variety of topics, including business and agriculture. Also visit and "Like" our Facebook page which contains announcements and community news of interest.
- **REMINDS** everyone that the annual membership drive is coming soon! All MCDO memberships for the 2016 year are due in January 2016.

## *Marion Local Schools—Mike Pohlman*

The school year has successfully started and we encourage all parents to check their students' progress through Progressbook, our online grading system. We encourage parents to take this opportunity to sit down with their children and discuss how their classes are progressing. Catching problem areas early is important in building a strong foundation for the rest of the school year. Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> (5:30-8:30) and 12<sup>th</sup> (3:30-6:30), but please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher before this time.

We have welcomed many new staff members into the district this year and they have done a tremendous job starting out the year. This school year we are focusing on advancing our 1:1 computing initiative at the high school. We will also strengthen our connections with the business community to allow our students career pathways, improve the ability of students to assess problems and apply creative solutions to these problem. Our staff will strive to build encouraging relationships with our students to model integrity and high moral character. We appreciate the Marion Community and the support they offer to our students and staff. Go Flyers!



**BUILDING SITE:**  
 Buschur's Custom Farm Service  
 Marion Industrial Park Phase III

**BETTY'S NATURAL FOODS**  
 New Location in Osgood!

**The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein**  
*"The Retreat House"*

2365 St. Johns Road  
 Maria Stein, OH 45860  
 419-925-7625  
[www.spiritualcenter.net](http://www.spiritualcenter.net)

Join us for a day or weekend retreat, a day of reflection, prayer time in the Chapel or on the grounds, or just an afternoon for quiet and a place to be closer to God. Call or check our website for upcoming events or to schedule a private retreat.



**MARION INDUSTRIAL PARK**  
 View from the South 08/08/2015

## **MARION INDUSTRIAL PARK PHASE III EXPANSIONS**

*Left:* Prengers, Inc.

*Bottom:* Building Site—Klosterman Concrete



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## **CHICKASAW EXPANSIONS**

*Top:* Ohio Recycling

*Left:* Minton Veterinary Services

## ***Marion Township Park— Ron Hartings***

Marion Community Park Board meets monthly, which is typically the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month. We continue to focus on improving and maintaining the park for our community. Your continued support is appreciated throughout the year!

Fundraisers help support the park improvements and maintenance. We thank all of those who have donated time, money, and energy in support! The most recent having been the soccer program in raising funds through their chicken dinner sales. Thank you! Another support involves Marion Township Park Tickets that may be pur-

chased for the monthly drawings and attendance at the annual “**Soup Party**” held on the last Sunday of August.

These tickets are \$30 and earn you:

- a chance to be pulled monthly for \$50, \$30, & 2- \$25 prizes
- attendance for your entire family at the annual soup party where drinks and soup supper are free to members who purchase the annual ticket
- an additional drawing of \$200, \$100, and \$50 in prizes at the “Soup Appreciation Party”

We encourage those who are using the park throughout their family to purchase a ticket in support and join in the fellowship of this annual membership. New members are encouraged. If you are interested in being

added, please send \$30 donation to: Marion Township Park, PO Box 12, Maria Stein, OH 45860

If you have suggestions for the park’s future, we welcome those discussions. Current Park Board Members include: Ron Hartings (President – 937-638-0534), Eric Schroeder (Eagle Scout project manager – 419-296-8570 - ***If you are a scout looking for a project, there has been some discussion about possible projects. Please contact.***), Nancy Billerman (419-733-8668), Keith Pohlmann (rentals – 567-644-5818), Shelly Bruns (Treasurer – 419-305-8940), & Shelly Hartings (Secretary/Concessions stand 419-953-2569). Please feel free to contact.

## ***Shrine of the Holy Relics—Don Rosenbeck***

A beautiful summer season has come to a close at the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics. The doors were opened to the totally renovated Heritage Museum in late June and since we have heard so many wonderful comments from our visitors regarding the new layout and displays. During the past few months folks made visits from just

across the street and from around the world including countries of Tanzania, Germany, Chile, and Italy.

In August Becky Bruggeman, Pilgrim Gift Shop Assistant Manager, retired and became a gift shop volunteer. Fred Wiswell of Celina accepted the vacated position. The gift shop is currently receiving shipments of Christmas merchandise preparing for the November 12 – 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Open House.

Other highlighted fall events scheduled at the Shrine include the St. Peregrine Cancer Prayer Service at 2:00p on Oct. 25; All Saints Fair Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> from 9-11:00a with a visit to the catacombs. And the ever popular St. Nicholas visit will be December 5 from 9-11:00a.

Please like the Maria Stein Shrine on Facebook to follow the calendar of events and happenings.



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