



President's Message—Jim Keller

HOUSING – In this newsletter, we're highlighting the availability of very desirable residential lots in the St. Francis Housing Development, just south of Chickasaw. St. Francis has six building lots remaining between .381 and .711 acres starting at \$28,500. These lots include Chickasaw village water and sewage. With some wonderful homes already in place, St Francis provides a great place to live and raise your family. Contact Tess Mescher for more information 419-305-0106. Please see page 2 for more details.

There are also still a couple of lots for sale in the Lochtefeld Addition (Chapel Hill). Visit <https://randyevvers.com/category/lotsfarms/> or call (419) 678-4384.

BANQUET - The Annual MCDO Awards Banquet was held on Sunday, April 2nd. Warren Davidson, member of the U.S. House of Representatives Ohio's 8th District addressed the attendees. Distinguished Developer Awards were presented to Ron Hartings, Marion Park Board, and Paul Albers, Osgood Village Council. Due to valuable feedback from the community, there will be changes in the agenda for next year. A "Distinguished Student Award" will be presented in 2018. Thanks to all who attended!

SURVEY – Dr. Greg Homan with the Wright State Lake Campus conducted a survey of area high school seniors. As you can see from the preliminary results summary below, our students are very positive about our community.

SENIOR MEALS - The Mercer County Council on Aging is bringing meals to the Maria Stein Shrine on the 2nd Floor, Gast Gallery on the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of each month. Cost is \$3 per meal. Transportation is available to the Shrine. Anyone over 59 years must call 419-586-1644 at least 24 hours in advance to participate. The Council is looking for volunteers to assist.

BIKE TRAILS – A MCDO infrastructure sub-group has been formed to explore the possibility of connecting the Marion Community Villages via Bike Paths. If interested, attend their meeting on Tuesday June 27th, 7pm at the Moeller Brew Barn.

MEMBERSHIP – Thanks to the hard work of Bob Dippold, and the great cooperation of people in this community, the MCDO has set an all time record for the number of business and family memberships. Most appreciated!!

SOLID WASTE – Fees from dumping waste at the landfill along SR127 have long funded the Mercer County Solid Waste Management District. The landfill will close in 2018 so the county is seeking new ways to fund the important work of the Solid Waste department.

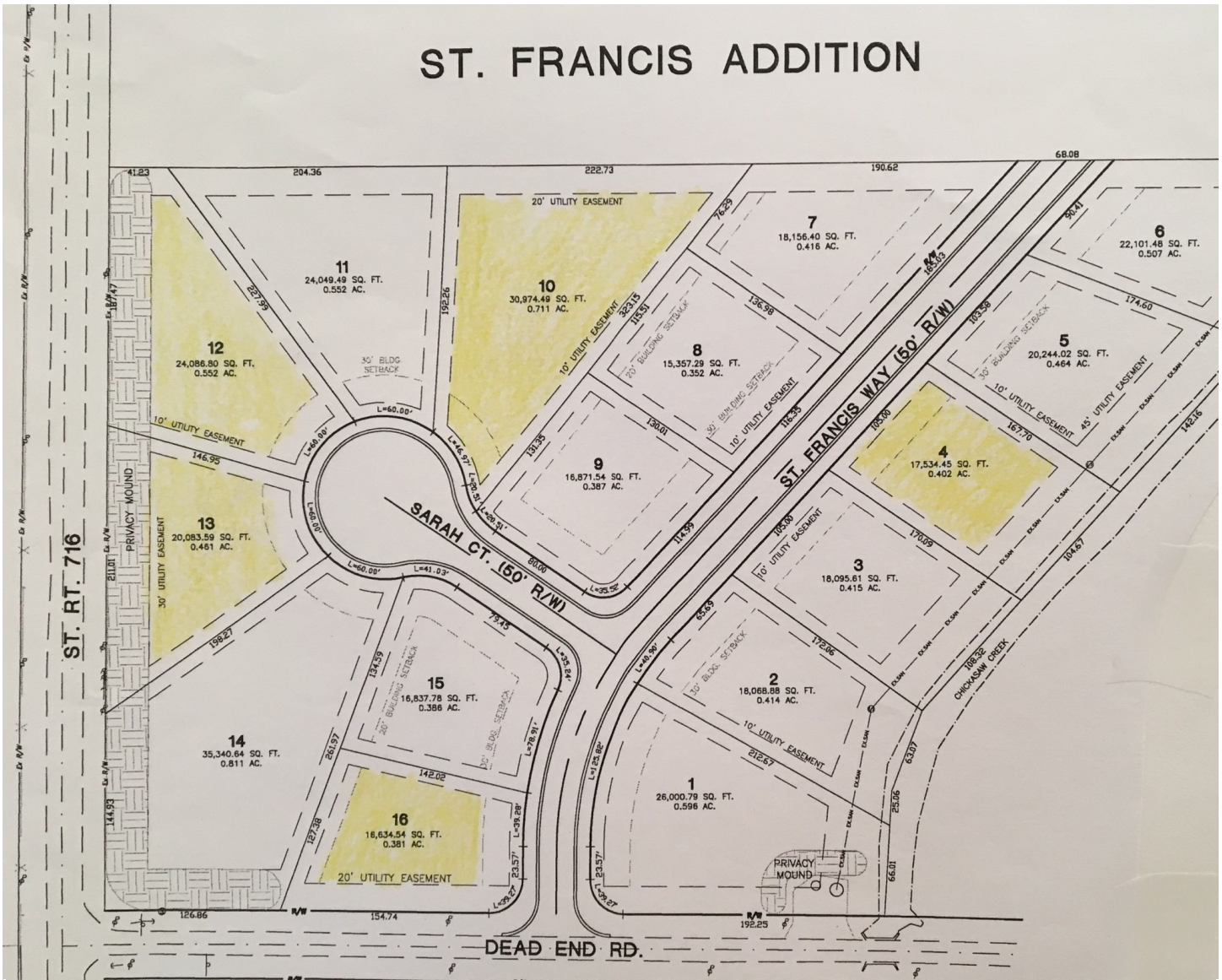
AG ED BOOSTERS – The Boosters elected new officers at their April meeting. See <http://www.marioncommunities.com/ag-ed-boosters.htm> for the list of officers. The Boosters have finalized their plans to facilitate the dairy stand at the Mercer County fair.

EDGING – The MCDO is encouraging all Maria Stein residents with sidewalk on their property to edge them. Plans are being developed to address those areas where this is not possible.

Have a great summer!

Percent of High School Graduating Seniors that Agree or Strongly Agree	St. Henry	Coldwater	Celina	Marion Local	Hardin County
Area is safe place to live	98.04%	91.07%	78.00%	96.97%	49.80%
Good place to raise a family	88.24%	83.92%	70.00%	90.91%	53.61%
Schools/Teachers are high quality	68.63%	75.00%	60.00%	87.88%	55.67%
Positive growth in area	78.43%	76.79%	50.00%	90.91%	50.51%
Desire to live/work in area	49.02%	56.37%	19.15%	56.25%	39.53%
Likelihood area will have good job for me	56.57%	62.50%	22.72%	71.88%	33.72%

ST. FRANCIS ADDITION



Prices good through December 31, 2017 and include town water & sewage

	Price \$	Size	Buildable Sq Ft
Lot #4	\$ 35,900	.402 AC	7,811
Lot #10	\$ 49,950	.711 AC	19,916
Lot #12	\$ 38,400	.552 AC	13,398
Lot #13	\$ 30,500	.461 AC	10,158
Lot #14	\$ 49,980	.811 AC	21,558
Lot #16	\$ 28,500	.381 AC	8,219

Marion Local Schools—Mike Pohlman

It was an enjoyable 2016-2017 school year, as our district was blessed again with numerous accomplishments. I would like to congratulate our students for their successes throughout the year. Congratulations to all of our 70 graduates who participated in commencement ceremonies on May 21st. Mikayla Spoltman was named valedictorian and Lindsey Bergman was named salutatorian. Of the 70 graduates twenty-six received Honors Diplomas, twenty-nine received the President's Award for Academic Excellence, seventeen scored a composite score of 27 or higher on the ACT, and they earned \$433,200 in scholarship money. We are very proud of our graduates and their accomplishments and thank all of the donors that sponsored scholarships to help these individuals further their education.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Keith Westrick and Mrs. Becky Hartings as they announced their retirement at the end of this school year. We appreciate their hard work and dedication. Even though school is out, it will still be very busy at both schools during the break. I would like to thank the community for their continued support of the Marion Local school district. This year was very successful and it is because of the collaboration we have with you. Mandatory shutdown this year is June 25th to July 9th. I hope you have an enjoyable and safe summer.

Marion Township Park—Lee Heitkamp

The Park Board of Marion Township Park meets monthly. We continue to focus on improving and maintaining the park for our community.

The park board continues to await the results of the application for the park trail/path for walking and running around the park that was submitted at the beginning of February. We have been informed that we will not find out about the status of our application until October. Success in receiving the grant would require a local portion as well. The goal with this potential project is to continue to facilitate growth of the park considering all age groups in its utilization. (See photo of map.)

The additional volleyball court adjacent to the original is complete and ready for use. Plans are in place to utilize for the Alumni Tournament. We look forward to seeing you at this year’s Alumni Tournament on the park grounds July 28th, 29th, and 30th. Mark your calendars to attend! On top of food and fun with softball and volleyball, there will be entertainment Friday night by Steve Rosenbeck, Saturday by Side Effects 5-8pm with DJ Scrappy/Cody Brown to follow, & Sunday afternoon by Kyle Koesters. Get your teams together and join us for a great time (contact: co-ed softball teams- Mitch Thobe 419-305-9951; double-elimination co-ed volleyball teams- Diane Alexander 419-733-5968)! All proceeds benefit the park development and maintenance.

If you have suggestions for the park’s future, we welcome those discussions. Current Park Board Members include: Lee Heitkamp (President- 419-305-8238), Eric Schroeder (Eagle Scout project manager – 419-296-8570), Nancy Billerman (419-733-

MARION LOCAL ALUMNI TOURNAMENT

JULY 28, 29 & 30

at the Marion Township Park

CO-ED SOFTBALL

contact Mitch Thobe
@ 419-305-9951
to enter a team
shirts awarded to 1st & 2nd place teams
** max. 10 shirts

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

NEW - DOUBLE ELIMINATION
contact Diane Alexander
@ 419-733-5968
to enter a team
shirts awarded to 1st & 2nd place teams
** max 5 shirts

ENTERTAINMENT

Friday: Steve Rosenbeck
Saturday: 5-8 Side Effects | DJ Scrappy/Cody Brown follows
Sunday: Kyle Koesters

FOOD & DRINKS

brats, burgers, hotdogs, nachos
beer including Moeller Brew Barn
pop, and water

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
Sunday, July 30th *sign up at park that weekend*

All proceeds support the Park



301 Club—Cory Albers

The 301 Club would like to thank everyone who has renewed their memberships for 2016. 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 Cory Albers through email Cory.Albers@hotmail.com, by phone 419-733-3057 or any of the other committee members (Matt Homan, Luke Bertke, Nick Boeckman, Kyle Moeller, Brian (BJ) Wolters, Craig Everman, Kirk Stucke, or Mitch Thobe).

The summer sports programs are well underway for the 2017 season. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who help coach and assist these programs. We would like to especially recognize Ben Kramer for once again being the summer baseball program director.

Our annual chicken dinner fundraiser is scheduled for July 9th, 2017. The pickup will again be at the Marion Local High School between 11:00 and 12:30.

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!

8668), Keith Pohlmann (rentals – 567-644-5818), Nick “Shaggy” Pavelka (social media/email coordinator 419-852-3858), Jeff Wolters (Treasurer - 419-953-6863), Shelly Hartings (Secretary/Concessions stand 419-953-2569), Jesse Rose (419-305-6695) & Kara Ahrens (419-733-7774).

Please feel free to contact. We have now updated to a new page on **Facebook (Marion Township Park)** and on **Twitter (@MarionTwpPark)**. Please follow us for listings of future events and details. You can also contact us through email: mariontwppk@gmail.com.

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Zahn Marion Township Library—Juli Berning

Here's what's happening at the library. Our summer reading program is in full swing. Our theme this year is "Build a Better World". We have video and craft programs every Monday at 1:30 and 3 pm with the last one being held on Monday, July 17th. Our ending party will be on Thursday, July 20th at 1:30 pm and will be held at the Maria Stein Knights of St. John hall. Zak Morgan will be entertaining everyone and prizes will be handed out.

The Friends of the Library in collaboration with the Mercer County District Library recently donated funds to purchase new furniture for the library. This furniture, purchased from Innovative Office Solutions, was used to create adult and teen reading areas and also an early learning area. Please join us on Wednesday, July 12th from 6 to 8 pm for an open house to showcase these new areas. Light refreshments will be served.

EXTRA LEGOS?—Donate them to the Marion Twp. Branch Library in Chickasaw. The library would like to offer "Lego Nights" and are in need of Lego's. Drop your Lego's off during library hours.



All dates, times and information on all of our upcoming programs are available on our Face book page, www.facebook.com/ZahnMarionLibrary or our new website, www.mercerlibrary.org/Marion. So come into the library today and check us out!