



## *President's Message—Jim Keller*

**HOUSING:** For the moment it appears that we have options for young families to build a home in our community. We've discussed at meetings recently that there may be a need for some less costly housing. Additionally, young singles are challenged to find rentals enabling them to live and work in our area. (More jobs than housing) The same is true of elderly folks who are looking to downsize and relocate into a smaller apartment or maybe even a condo. Not so much available. We welcome input from anyone who might have some clever insights on how to best address this issue.

**AG ED:** The MCDO is no longer involved in AG Solutions but we stay involved in our Ag Ed Booster group. The Boosters remain strong and focused, helping our ML Ag program to excel. They are extending an invite to all local farmers to their July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Greg McGlinch a Versailles farmer who is working on his PHD at Ohio State will be there to share insights on the many advantages of raising barley. Join us to learn all about "Barley Basics" – 8pm ML Ag Ed Classroom.

**CHICKASAW:** Congratulations to the village on the progress they have made on their new water system. Tower is built, piping is finished from tower to village and other than a few odds and ends to finish up, the water plant itself is ready to go. They are confident that everything will be functioning by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The village council is very grateful to the engineers at Access Engineering who did an excellent job with funding applications and coordinating the entire project. Water from Chickasaw's system is being planned as part of the infrastructure in the recently acquired 80-acre Industrial Park addition.

**OPEN HOUSE:** On Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, there will be an Open House in the Marion Industrial Park from 12 pm – 4 pm. Come and learn about all the wondrous happenings in the park. Mark your calendars!

**THE BIG PICTURE:** The Marion Community continues to grow in positive ways. Businesses are being established, houses built and young families moving in. Our school excels on many levels and our young people continue to be a source of great pride. We, the MCDO, continue to address the community needs as we see them. We are always open to your suggestions and help.

**THANKS** – for your continued support. We could not function without it.



## *Marion Local Schools—Mike Pohlman*

It was an outstanding 2018-2019 school year, as our district was blessed again with numerous accomplishments by both our staff and students. I would like to congratulate all of them for their successes throughout the year. Congratulations to all of our sixty-seven graduates who participated in commencement ceremonies on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Rachel Partington was named valedictorian and Rachel Bergman was named salutatorian. Of the sixty-seven graduates twenty-four received Honors Diplomas, twenty-four received the President's Award for Academic Excellence, sixteen scored a composite score of 27 or higher on the ACT, and they earned \$630,000 in scholarship money with \$81,000 being local. 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.

Currently, we are looking at many projects this summer such as crack fill, seal, and stripe the parking lots, installing new fiber between buildings for upgrading our internet (partially paid through E-rate funding), installing a keycard entry system at each building (partially paid through BWC grant), installing new security cameras at the high school (partially paid through BWC grant), and renovating some other general finishes around each building. We have a busy summer break ahead of us as we are already planning for next school year.

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. At our staff appreciation luncheon we had the opportunity to honor Mrs. Jean Smith with a retirement plaque. Jean will be greatly missed and we appreciate her service and dedication to the students in our community. Mandatory shutdown this year is June 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup>. I hope you have an enjoyable and safe summer.

## ***Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics—Don Rosenbeck & Susie Bergman***

We invite you to join us at the Shrine this summer, to renew your faith through the inspiring lives of the saints. Mark your calendars for the following events:

### **JULY 21: ST. PEREGRINE CANCER PRAYER SERVICE**

Join us for relic veneration, witness and scripture as we pray to St. Peregrine for the healing and remission of those suffering from cancer. Service starts at 2pm in the Adoration Chapel. A light reception will follow.

### **JULY 23 & 25: ADORATION GUILD LEARNING SERIES: PURGATORY & HOLINESS**

These two sessions, led by Sister Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S. will deal with key Catholic concepts that are often misunderstood. The first session on July 23rd will address purgatory, indulgences, and grace. The second session on July 25th will address holiness. Both will be held at 10am and repeated at 7pm.

### **JULY 28: CHRISTMAS IN JULY – ST. NICK ISN'T JUST FOR KIDS!**

*“K. D. Snitt, the investigative journalist for the widely-viewed TV show “We Have a Right To Know!”, grills Nicholas, the fourth century Bishop of Myra (in present-day Turkey). What is really behind the kindly, loving façade of this grandfatherly figure of the past? And does he really intend to replace the ever-popular Santa Claus of world-wide fame and adulation?”*

Presented by Tim & Kathleen Nealeigh, the event will include dinner at 5:30pm and the humorous, insightful presentation will begin at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased online via the Shrine website [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org) under Tours & Events.

### **AUGUST 6 & 8: SUMMER DAY WITH THE SAINTS**

Due to the overwhelming interest in our annual children's summer event, we are offering it on TWO different dates! The cost is \$20 per child and includes activities, lunch and a t-shirt. Choose either Tuesday, August 6th or Thursday, August 8th. The event time for BOTH dates is 9am to 1pm. Register online at [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org) under Tours & Events.

### **SEPTEMBER 22: HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL**

This annual, family-friendly event has something for everyone! Join us on Sunday, September 22 from 1:00pm-5:00pm for great food and fun! Burgers, hotdogs, the Sweet Tooth Booth, Chicken Dinners, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Petting Zoo, Tractor Show, Youth Games and Activities, Quilt Show, Shrine Trivia Scavenger Hunt, Relic Chapel Presentations, Pie Baking Contest and much, much more! Purchase raffle tickets for your chance to win \$1,000 on September 22 AND \$1,000 at a TBD event in the spring of 2020. PLUS you will be entered to win \$100 every month for the next 12 months! Presale chicken dinner tickets are available by calling the Shrine at 419-925-4532.

Don't forget...The Upper Room is available to rent for your anniversary and birthday parties, baby and bridal showers, family reunions and corporate events. It's more than a space – it's an experience! To schedule a private tour of the Shrine, find volunteer opportunities or up to date event information, visit us online at [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org).

## ***301 Club—Brian Wolters***

The 301 Club would like to thank everyone who has renewed their memberships for 2019. 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.

The summer sports programs are well underway for the 2019 season. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who help coach and assist these programs. These programs that the MCDO Recreation 301 committee helps assist include:

- Chickasaw Parks
- Marion Township Park
- Osgood Park
- Girls Softball Program
- Youth Soccer Program
- Pony League Baseball
- Acme/Jr. Acme Baseball (including program director, umpes, baseballs, etc.)

Our annual chicken dinner fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, July 14th, 2019. The pickup will again be at the Marion Local High School between 11:00 and 12:30.

We live in a great community and feel that the MCDO has and continues to make significant contributions to the quality of life here. Past donations and projects that the 301 Recreation committee has assisted with funding include:

- Osgood Park playground equipment
- New infield dirt for baseball fields at the Maria Stein Legion
- New Soccer nets
- Scoreboard at Marion Township Park

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. If you have suggestions for projects that our committee can help or assist with including projects benefiting our youth leagues or any of our communities parks, we welcome those discussions.

## *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.

At the time of this writing, the park board is gearing up for the MS Countryfest. We thank you all for continuing to support the park by your patronage at the Taco Boat/Waffle Stand.

Over the past couple years, we have completed a great deal of projects such as: scoreboards on diamonds 2 & 3, front sidewalk from St. John's road to concession stand, 65+ replacement trees purchased and planted after stump and tree removal, a second volleyball court, insurance safety-compliance of surrounds of bleachers/playground mulch added base & numerous maintenance items such as poly board replacement on picnic tables, sealing/stripping of the parking lot and miscellaneous landscaping projects. We could not do these without your generous donation and patronage at our events! Thank you!

Mark your calendars to attend the **ALUMNI TOURNAMENT** hosted on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup> in MTP. Both volleyball courts will be in use as well as the ball diamonds for softball.

GET YOUR TEAMS SIGNED UP... by contacting:

[Jason Wolters](#) (419-953-1217) for softball and [Marianne Wuebker Bruns](#) (419-852-1292) for volleyball... They are planning to have an 80/90s court and 2000s+ court if enough entries.

Contact your friends, reunite, combine graduating years if need be, and join us for fun regardless of if you play! All proceeds benefit the park development and maintenance. We look forward to seeing you to play or just enjoy the food, drink (including Moeller Brew Barn), & entertainment.

- Friday night - a reunion of the Jay-Are Band
- Saturday night – Xperiment7
- Sunday afternoon - Kyle Koesters Acoustic

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), Kara Ahrens (419-733-7774), Ryan Stucke (rentals – 419-852-5088), Nick “Shaggy” Pavelka (social media/email coordinator 419-852-3858), Jeff Wolters (Treasurer - 419-953-6863), Renee Hartings (Secretary/Concessions 419-305-5530) & Jesse Rose (419-305-6695).

Please feel free to contact. Look for us 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](mailto:mariontwppk@gmail.com).



## *Zahn Marion Township Library—Juli Berning*

Our summer reading program is in full swing. This year's theme is “A Universe of Stories”. We have programs at 1:30 and again at 3 pm on the Mondays of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Door prizes are awarded and a craft is made at each Monday session. Kids going into grades 1 thru 5 can read to earn free ice cream from Wagner's IGA and a firetruck ride, extra recess at school, earn a free movie viewing at school and a nameplate in a new book. Kids going into kindergarten or younger can check out books for a chance to win prizes. All children ages 6 and up receive a free pass to the Armstrong Air & Space Museum just for signing up. Kids going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade thru adults can read to win prizes like Kings Island tickets, COSI tickets, movie tickets, Maria Stein Dairy Station gift certificates or a pizza from the Chickasaw Qwik Stop and many more. If you are in our summer reading program, we also have coupons you can pick up in the library for 50% off one admission to the 2019 Ohio Renaissance Festival. We also have coupons for \$4 off Ohio State Fair admission. Our end of summer reading program party will be on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Maria Stein American Legion at 1:30 pm and our entertainment will be comedy juggler “Matt Jergens”. You can sign up until July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Babysitters/Daycare Providers** – Would you like library books delivered right to you and picked up right from your location? We offer this service. We can deliver however many books you want on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. Call the library to sign up or for more details.

Join us for these upcoming events:

- Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – Let's all go to Hawaii! Hawaiian Family Night – 6:30 pm. No pre-registration required and a craft will be made.
- Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> August 15<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> —Lego night from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Lego nights will be held the third Thursday of every month. No age limit, no pre-registration required. Parental supervision required for younger children as some pieces are rather small.
- Story hour is also held on every Thursday morning beginning at 10:30 am. Senior Citizens play cards every Thursday afternoon beginning at 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

All dates, times and information on all of our upcoming programs are available on our Face book page. Just go to [www.facebook.com/ZahnMarionLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/ZahnMarionLibrary) and “like” our page. So come in to the library today and check us out!

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