



### ***President's Message—Jim Keller***

**HOUSING** – We are delighted to see the number of housing starts in our community. We sincerely welcome all the families who have chosen the Marion Community as the place they want to raise their children. Lots are available in the St. Francis Development, Chapel Hill, Marion Acres and Woodview estates.

**BUSINESSES** - In this newsletter we'd like to highlight a couple of Marion Community businesses. One has been here a long time and one is quite new.

In April of 2016, Tuate Trucking and Farms moved into a new office and truck depot. Started in 1928 by Ben Tuate, the firm is currently being managed by fourth generation Tuates. Ben's great grandsons, Brad, Jeff, Ryan and Shawn manage an enterprise that includes 18 tractor/trailer semis hauling primarily dry freight. The farm side manages 5,000 brood sows and raises 130,000 hogs per year in a farrow to finish operation. This impressive business evolved from an operation that bought swine from local farmers and sold them to packing companies. The Tuates have been great community supporters, with members of the family on the Country Fest Committee and actively involved in the Ag Ed Boosters. We thank the Tuate family for their presence and wish them continued great success.

The newer business in the community is Otte Ag. Founded by Kevin Otte, the firm provides agronomic management consulting services for farmers and agribusiness. Kevin worked for Menke Consulting in Greenville for many years before establishing his own business in early 2015. Kevin operated from his home for some time but this spring 2017, moved into a newly built facility. Kevin has also been a great community member serving as a long time assistant coach on our ultra successful Marion Local Football team. We wish him and his company all the best and send sincere appreciation his way for his work in our community.

**BIKE TRAILS/SIDEWALK** – The MCDO is coordinating a couple of infrastructure projects that will add to the pleasure and safety of living here. Nick Moeller is facilitating an effort with the long term lofty goal of connecting all the villages in the community with bike paths. His group meets at 7pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Moeller Brew Barn. We are exploring ideas for a sidewalk along the east side of SR716 from Brad Holdheide's residence north. A letter is being sent to these residents to determine their input concerning this project. The sidewalks that we already have in our communities are well used and enjoyed by many people so projects that will lead to additional walk/ride space are most worthwhile.

### **Otte Ag's new facility at 7368 Indian Trail Road.**



**OVERALL** - Life in the Marion Community continues to be good. People continue to locate here, our students continue to excel on numerous fronts and we seem to be

exempt from many of the ills afflicting other people from around the globe. Let us all hope this continues and that we can remain a wondrous place to raise a family and enjoy all the simple pleasures life has to offer. Thanks to all of you for your support and thanks to Bob Dippold who does a fantastic job of encouraging you to support us. All most, most appreciated!

### **Tuate's office and truck depot just north of Osgood.**



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

### **“The treasure passes on to the Heartland; keeping the spirit & ministry ALIVE!”**

We are in an important and special time related to the history of the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics. By the time you are reading this, the Shrine will either already have been donated or will soon be donated to the laity of the area – a gift from the Sisters of the Precious Blood. With this great honor comes an ever greater responsibility – ensuring the Shrine’s care!

The preparations for this began almost 10 years ago with the Futures Committee. That was followed by the incorporation of the Shrine as Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics, an Ohio not-for-profit corporation in 2010. For the Shrine building, grounds and contents to be donated to the new corporation, the Shrine pursued a number of steps to become a legal Catholic entity as recognized by Canon law.

As some of you may already know, a vital part of the Maria Stein Shrine’s existence as a separate Catholic institution is the establishment of a \$6,000,000 endowment for its financial support. The Maria Stein Legacy Fund was launched in February of 2016 for that purpose. The Sisters of the Precious Blood donated \$2,000,000 to that fund.

Many have donated toward the \$6,000,000 goal. We are grateful for those who have given. By doing so, you keep the spirit and ministry of the Shrine alive. With only a few months remaining we find ourselves \$850,000 short of our goal. Your support in the next few months is critical and will be greatly appreciated. By raising \$425,000 by December 31, 2017, we would be blessed by the anonymous donor who is matching gifts and pledges dollar for dollar; thereby obtaining the remaining \$425,000 to attain our goal of \$6,000,000.

Time is running out for your opportunity to have your gift doubled! We are asking all those whose heart has been touched by the ministries of the C.P.P.S. Sisters and the Shrine to put some of their treasure here. As Christ said “... where your treasure is your heart will also be” *Mt. 6:21*. If you value the Shrine and the ministries it provides, ***we need YOUR help.*** Now is the time to commit to supporting the future of the Shrine! Can we count you in?

Blessings on you and your family!

## ***Marion Local Schools—Mike Pohlman***

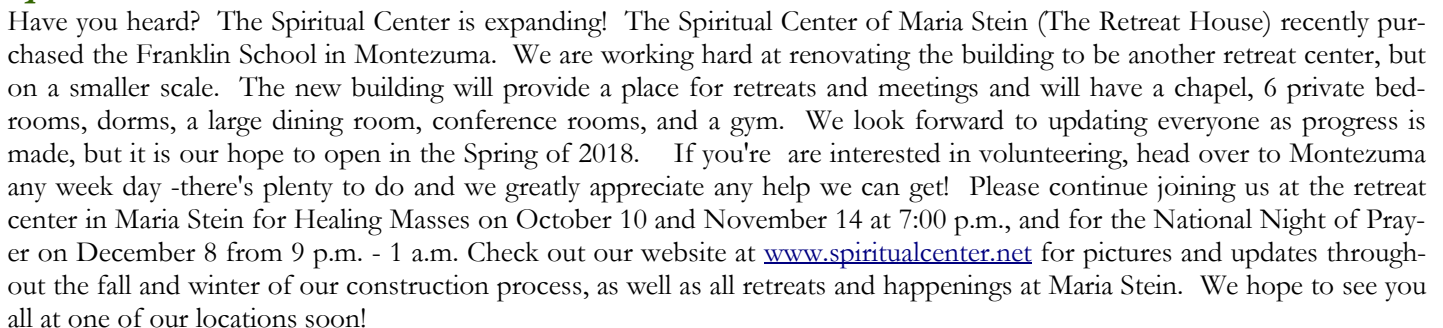
We had a successful start to the school year and we encourage all parents to check their students’ academic standing through Progressbook, our online grading system. We encourage parents to take this opportunity to sit down with their children and discuss how their classes are progressing. Catching problem areas early is of upmost importance in building a strong foundation for the rest of the school year. Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup> (5:30-8:30), November 2<sup>nd</sup> (3:30-6:30), and November 3<sup>rd</sup> for grades K-6 during school hours, but please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher before this time.

We have continued to work on studying the advancement of the facilities. To date, we have a site plan, floor plan, and 3-D rendering from our architect Garmann and Miller of the proposed new facility. This was presented to a facility committee group in order to gather input for the Board of Education and administration. The feedback and questions from this committee has been great and it has helped us better understand the thoughts of the public. In the near future we will host community meetings that will allow the entire public to view the proposed facility design and we genuinely seek your attendance and input. We appreciate the Marion Community and the support they offer to our students and staff. Go Flyers!





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), Shelly Hartings (Secretary/ Concessions stand 419-953-2569), & Jesse Rose (419-305-6695).



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### ***Zahn Marion Township Library—Juli Berning***

Here's what's happening at the library. Our summer reading program ended on July 20<sup>th</sup> with a party at the Knights of St. John hall where we handed out prizes and had Zak Morgan as our entertainment. In our summer reading program this year we had 351 children (up to grade 5) and 241 teens/adults (grade 6 thru adult) enrolled. Our top readers in grades 1 thru 5 were: 1<sup>st</sup> grade-Danae Birt read 105 books and Norah Koesters read 90 books, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade-Justin Bergman read 166 books and Avery Bruns read 70 books, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-Mason Hess read 140 books and Alayna Birt read 90 books, 4<sup>th</sup> grade-Oliver Siefring read 59 books and Addison Bruns and RJ Olberding each read 55 books, 5<sup>th</sup> grade-Kelsey Bergman read 80 books and Brooke Evers and Luke Kunkler each read 25 books. Other numerous prizes were also given out. We would like to thank the following for their support of our Summer Reading Program: The Knights of St. John for the use of the hall, the Town Tavern and Korner Kafe for the donation of popcorn, Chickasaw Fire Department for the fire truck rides, Wagner's IGA as well as Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm, Bicycle Museum of America, Dayton Society of Natural History, Chakeres Theatres, Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Browns, Cleveland Cavaliers, COSI, Dayton History at Carrillon Park, Kings Island, Maria Stein Dairy Station, McDonalds, Mercer County Fair, Mercer Health, Minster K of C, Moeller Brew Barn, Newport Aquarium, Piqua Historical Area/Johnston Farm, Precision Strips, Inc., Starlight Drive-in, Wal-Mart and the Mercer Auglaize YMCA.

Come in and join us for these upcoming events:

- Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Mercer Health will be offering flu shots from 1-3 pm at the library.
- Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – Halloween family night. Dress in your Halloween costumes for a Halloween themed story hour. Starts at 6:30 pm, craft included, no pre-registration required.
- Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – Create your own personalized door mat. Join us from 6:30 to 8 pm, cost is \$45 and you can create a mat that says "Welcome" or "The (Name) Family". All supplies will be provided. Call the library at 419-925-4966 to sign up.
- Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – From 1:15 to 5:15 the Mercer County Council on Aging will be at the library for Plan D prescription coverage comparisons. They will be here to help you with any questions you may have.
- Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving family night. Come join us for a Thanksgiving themed story hour. Starts at 6:30 pm, craft included, no pre-registration required.
- Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> -- Get your teams together for "Trivia on Tap" which the library will be hosting at the Moeller Brew Barn. Sign up is at 7:30 with the trivia to begin at 8 pm. No fee to enter. Maximum of 20 teams.
- Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – Appetizer recipe swap. Make your favorite appetizer and bring it to share at the library at 6:30 pm. Bring 2 copies of the recipe with you. All appetizers and recipes will be shared.
- Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – Santa will be at the library from 6:30 to 8 pm. Get your child's picture taken with Santa.

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!