



Some Marion stores requiring masks

By Alan Miller

Shoppers at three of Marion’s big-box stores were in almost 100 percent compliance with corporate edicts that took effect Monday requiring shoppers to wear face masks while shopping. There was one exception, however.

Of 150 shoppers surveyed Monday by the News Herald at Wal-Mart, Meijer and Kohl’s – 50 at each store – only 12 people were not wearing masks when they arrived at the front entrances. Only two left without shopping, while the others accepted free masks or bought masks inside the stores.

There were no confronta-

tions between shoppers and employees at any of the four stores visited.

Lowe’s was the exception among big-box stores, however, with just 29 of the 50 customers surveyed wearing masks. The other 21 shoppers did not take advantage of a posted offer to pick up a free mask at the customer service desk.

Although Lowe’s was among several national chain stores that announced last week they would “require” masks starting Monday, that specific message was not posted anywhere inside or outside of the store.

The only warning was an 8 ½-inch-by-11-inch sign posted on the front door that

said, “Attention. Please wear your face mask. Limit 1 per customer while supplies last. If you need a face mask stop by customer service.”

A Lowe’s assistant manager, who did not give her name, said she was not allowed to talk with media representatives. She referred all questions to Lowe’s corporate headquarters.

By contrast, a woman at the front door of Wal-Mart who described herself as being on mask patrol, said she had seen only one customer all morning without a mask. Of the 50 Wal-Mart shoppers counted by the News Herald, all but one was wearing a mask.

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Weekly Schedule

Schedule for July 23-July 30

Thursday, July 23

10:30 a.m. – Sensory Tales, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Hands on creative play for preschoolers ages 3-6 years. For more information, call 765-668-2900 ext. 1105.

Friday, July 24

2 p.m. – Meet and Greet with Jack Edson, Quilters Hall of Fame, 926 S. Washington St., Marion. Join us as we talk with Jack Edson and view his quilts on display in ‘Portraits & Patterns. \$4 admission. 6:30 p.m. – Jack Edson Program at the Quilters Hall of Fame, Quilters Hall of Fame, 926 S. Washington St., Marion. Join us for an interesting evening with Jack Edson, whose quilts are currently on display at the Quilters Hall of Fame in his “Portraits and Patterns” exhibit. No admission for Marie Webster Quilt Guild members, \$5 admission non-members.

7:30 p.m. – Gas City I-69 Speedway Spring Week, Gas City I-69 Speedway, 5871 E. 500 S, Gas City. USAC AMSOIL Nationals sprint cars, non-wing 600cc micro sprints.. Adult General Admission \$15, Children 12 & Under Free. Special event night prices range from \$18-\$25 for adult general admission. Pit Pass \$30. Pit Gates open 3pm, GA Gates open 5pm, Hot Laps 6:30pm. Racing Starts 7:30pm. Tickets available at the speedway ticket office the day of the

event. Concessions available. Free parking. Check our website, social media or call the track for current weather-related updates.

Saturday, July 25

ALL DAY – Christmas in July at the Mississinewa Lake, Mississinewa Reservoir, 4673 South 625 E, Peru. Join us as we celebrate Christmas in July! The fun starts on Saturday with a pancake breakfast and a visit from Santa. We’ll also celebrate Smokey Bear’s birthday with fun events. Campsite decorating contest, youth archery shoot, cornhole tournament, bike decorating, Smokey Bear parade, and much more.

9 a.m. – Your Favorite Hometown Market, 4401 S. Western Ave., Marion. Local, producer-only market boasts amazing local artisan vendors offering handmade and homegrown goods. All of the vendors produce the items that they sell. Shop for in season fruits and vegetables, garden plants, fresh-cut flowers, quality baked goods, handmade soaps, hand-blended teas, herbal lip balms, jewelry, fine arts and handmade crafts. For more information, call 765-507-9071.

9 a.m. – Farmers’ Market, Courthouse Square, 100 E. 3rd St., Marion. You’ll find the freshest fruits and vegetables at our market. Brown eggs, jams and baked goods available. Food, local honey,



arts and crafts each week. Curbside service available during the 2020 season. See you on the square in downtown Marion. For more information, call 765-251-8919.

10 a.m. – Carey Services Duck Race, Marion Splash House, Buy your lucky duck ticket and virtually join Carey Services at the Splash House for the Annual Duck Race. 2,500 rubber ducks take their annual swim today, come fair or fowl weather. Win cash and other great prizes if your duck is selected as a winner. Other ducks will also win door prizes. Tickets \$5 each, packages of multiple tickets also available. Proceeds support the various client activities at Carey Services. Due to covid-19 restrictions, the Splash House remains closed to the public throughout the summer of 2020, so the event is not open to the public. Watch for streaming information.

10 a.m. – Jack Edson Quilt Workshop, Quilters Hall of Fame, 926 S. Washington St., Marion. Join us for this informative workshop presented by Jack Edson. Hosted by the Quilters Hall of Fame.

Reservations required.

For additional information or to RSVP contact 765-664-9333.

Sunday, July 26

ALL DAY – Christmas in July at the Mississinewa Lake, see July 25.

Monday, July 27

5:30 p.m. – Collide at the Courtyard, Third Street Courtyard, 119 E. 3rd St., Marion. Join us

at this artist-led showcase of contemporary and experimental performance and visual arts. Live music, dance, performance art, installations, participatory visual art, food, and coffee. Patrons are strongly encouraged to wear masks for the health and safety of all and are required to practice safe social distancing while in attendance. Please bring a chair or blanket for seating – no seating will be provided.

Tuesday, July 28

10 a.m. – Quilters Hall of Fame Exhibit, Quilters Hall of Fame, 926 S. Washington St., Marion. Marti Michell Quilt Exhibit. Enjoy quilts created by the Quilters Hall of Fame 2020 honoree, Marti Michell.

Admission \$4, \$3 for seniors and students, \$1 for children ages 6-12, and free for children under 6 years of age. Exhibit open Tuesday - Saturday.

3 p.m. – Virtual Steam Challenge, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Join Christina on Facebook for a virtual STEAM challenge every week. The address is facebook.com/marionpubli-

clibrary/.

6 p.m. – Single Parent Tuesday, New Life Community Church, 2011 W. 10th St., Marion. Our goal is to love 100 single-parent families within Grant County by providing basic household necessities as well as a meal, coupons, and other donated goods from local businesses. To be a part of this event visit www.facebook.com/newlifemarion/.

6:30 p.m. – Andrew Manor Neighborhood Meeting, Temple Congregational Church, 1006 North Western Ave., Marion. Please join us, Andrew Manor Neighborhood Association, in our efforts to build and maintain a welcoming neighborhood. Feel free to attend if you live / work in our friendly neighborhood; South of Baldwin Avenue until Kem Rd, and East of West Manor Drive until Quarry Road.

Wednesday, July 29

9 a.m. – Grant County Farmer’s Market, Angle Acres Plaza Parking Lot, 1028 E. Main St., Gas City. Garden grown fresh produce, tomatoes ,corn, peppers, onions, cucumbers, zucchini, watermelons, cantaloupes, cabbage, green beans, broccoli, and beautiful flowers. All local growers. Just off Main Street in Gas City in Angles Acres Plaza, beside McDonald’s. For more information, call 765-251-8919.

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