

Grant County Democratic Party holds voter registration rally

By Sean Douglas

The Grant County Democratic Party met for the first time in six months on Saturday, hosting a voter registration rally at Matter Park.

Along with hearing from several candidates on the status of their campaigns leading up to the election this November, the Grant County Democratic Party’s primary goal on Saturday was to help people register to vote who have not done so already.

“We tried to bring in some candidates so people can hear what they plan on doing and how their campaigns are doing,” County Chair for the Grant County Democratic Party Terry Stodghill said. “We had Christina Hale. We had a representative from Dr. Woody Myer’s campaign. The main message for me here today is we’ve got to get the word out and we have to get people registered to vote. That is the main thing.”

Following an inability to meet during the worst of the coronavirus pandemic, Stodghill believed that holding a rally outdoors was the best way to get people to come out of their homes and register.

Stodghill believes that the upcoming election will be one of the most important in the country’s history and wants as many Democrats to get out to the polls as possible this



Grant County Democrats held their first meeting in six months, together with a voter registration rally, at Matter Park on Saturday afternoon.

Photo by Sean Douglas.

November.

“It’s been since March since we’ve had a meeting, and I was struggling. How were we going to communicate with the Grant County Democrats? And so I came up with this outdoors event,” Stodghill said. “I think the main thing that people have to realize is that we have to change Washington. As far as the presidential race, we have to get changes in Washington D.C., starting with the White House.”

While Stodghill and the Grant County Democratic Party were hoping to target as many people as possible from every

demographic, their primary focus was to target the 18-30 year range. With more votes coming from that group of people, Stodghill thinks that Democrats have a chance to shift the balance of power in the United State government.

“To me, those are the ones that we have so many that are not registered to vote,” Stodghill said. “We’ve got people out working in different parts of the city trying to register the young people. This is the most important election of my lifetime. Our democracy is at stake. All people have to do is wake up and realize what is hap-

pening around them.”

Stodghill hopes that there will be more chances for the Grant County Democratic Party to meet in the very near future. Right now, however, the plan is to continue to be out amongst the people, spreading the word.

“Hopefully, we can plan a few more events before November 3, but right now, we have to hope for the best,” Stodghill said. “Word of mouth is a good way, and we have some good Democrats, and believe me, they are out there speaking out there in the public. That is our biggest thing – we have to get the word out.”

Police reports

Sept. 7-13

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Abdulaziz M. Aden, 23, was preliminarily charged with failure to appear in the 200 block of East Fourth Street, Marion.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Quinn Matthews Smith, 28, was preliminarily charged with probation violation in the 400 block of South Adams Street, Marion.

Austin T. Haisley, 20, was preliminarily charged with failure to appear in the 400 block of South Adams Street, Marion.

Ryan Bennett, 39, was preliminarily charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in bodily injury in the 400 block of South Adams Street, Marion.

Thursday, Sept. 10

Michael John Aust, 24, was preliminarily charged with aggressive driving in the 200 block of East Fourth Street, Marion.

Todd Allen Maddox, 41, was preliminarily charged with probation violation in Allen County.

Rickey L. Jones, 39, was preliminarily charged with strangulation and domestic battery in the

200 block of East Fourth Street, Marion.

Shawn Harold Stiles, 33, was preliminarily charged with theft in the 200 block of East Fourth Street, Marion.

Jonathan Kondwhani Mosley, 22, was preliminarily charged with theft in the 200 block of South Miller Avenue, Marion.

Pedro Daniel Balderas, 38, was preliminarily charged with driving while suspended during a traffic stop at 15th and Adams streets, Marion.

Gerardo Hernandez, 40, was preliminarily charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, operator never licensed, and invasion of privacy during a traffic stop at Ninth Street and Baldwin Avenue, Marion.

Friday, Sept. 11

Azalaya Marie Thinnest, 18, was served a warrant in the 100 block of East Fourth Street, Marion.

A unidentified juvenile, 17, was served a warrant in the 500 block of South Adams Street, Marion.

Taja Ann Robinson, 38, was served a warrant in the 400 block of North Gatewood Drive, Marion.

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Schedule

cavenger hunt for books and prizes 9am-2pm, high altitude balloon launch 10am, and the imagination playground 11am-2pm. We will take temperatures of everyone entering and please remember to bring your masks. Event has been approved by the Grant County Indiana Health Department.

Friday, September 18

9 am – 38 Exhibit, see Sep. 17.

10 am – Quilters Hall of Fame Exhibit, see Sep. 17.

4 pm – Wonderspace Week of Play, see Sep. 17.

5:30 pm – Third Fridays at The Kingdom, The Kingdom Venue, 111 N. Boots St., Marion. Join us for the Fusion Arts Alliance Artist Mixer on the third Friday of each month during 2020. This is an immersive experi-

ence for FAA members, art supporters and the creative community who would like to unwind, share meaningful conversations and chill out. Each month we will feature arts, live music, jam sessions, art exhibits, artist talks, acoustic sessions, book launchings, photography, painting sessions, table talks, karaoke, spoken poetry, games, merchandise, and good times with your friends.

7 pm – Brian Free & Assurance in Concert, Epworth United Methodist Church, 105 West 8th St., Matthews. Presented by the Epworth United Methodist Church. Doors open at 6:00pm. \$10 in advance online or at the door if available. A love offering will be received. Limited seating due to covid-19 restrictions. To

guarantee your seats, please purchase tickets in advance or call/text 765-677-0842. Face masks and social distancing are recommended. Visit our website for Covid-19 disclaimers and to check on the status of the event. Brian Free is undeniably the most recognizable tenor of our generation. Since 1982 he has been at the forefront of Christian music. Special Guest, The Divinity Trio from Greenfield, IN, will open the concert.

7:30 pm – Taylor University presents Godspell, Taylor University Mitchell Theatre, 236 W. Reade Ave., Upland. Presented by the Taylor University Theatre Department. Sunday matinee 2pm only. The musical is structured as a series of parables, primarily based on the Gospel of Matthew. The

parables are interspersed with music set primarily to lyrics from traditional hymns, with the passion of Christ appearing briefly near the end of the show. Songs include ‘Day By Day’, ‘Save The People’, and ‘All For The Best’.

Saturday, September 19

7 am – Gas City 5k River Run, Join the fun at the Gas City 5k River Run. Registration begins at 7am. Races begin at 8am. Register today online. \$15 single registration in advance. Strollers, wagons, tricycles welcome at Family 3k event. The 5K race starts on ‘A’ Street behind City Hall, heads North on 3rd Street to the track at Missisniewa High School. After a few laps on the track runners will then go along the perimeter of the school property and through one of the

trails in the woods. Runners will exit the woods onto Garthwaite Road taking a left on ‘H’ Street, taking a right back on to 3rd Street, and then finish back at the City Hall Pavilion. The first 25 people to register will be guaranteed a race t-shirt. Awards will follow shortly after the last person finishes the race. Proceeds from this race go to support, Main Street Gas City, which strives toward strengthening vitality in our downtown district, celebrating Gas City’s historic character while bringing our community together to enjoy all aspects that Gas City’s downtown has to offer.

9 am – 38 Exhibit, see Sep. 17.

9 am – Farmers’ Market, Courthouse Square, 100 E. 3rd St., Marion.

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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 am – Mama Pearson’s Fall Fest, Mama Pearson’s Soaporium, 125 W. Main St., Gas City. A festive open-air market featuring local growers, makers, & artisans. Our Fall bath & body release, 50 vendors including food trucks, boutiques, primitives, locally grown pumpkins & mums, kettle corn, local honey, Fall decor + so much more! Featuring Free face painting & music. Family fun in Gas City.