

September 10-17
Thursday, Sept. 10
10 am – Quilters Hall of Fame Exhibit, Quilters Hall of Fame, 926 S. Washington Street, Marion. Jack Edson: Portraits and Patterns Exhibit. Many of Jack’s quilts are based on images and portraits from Art History but are carried through in the traditions of the art of quilting. Admission \$4, \$3 for seniors and students, and free for children under 6 years of age. Exhibit open Tuesday – Saturday. In order to protect everyone, we will be taking appointments to view the quilts so there will not be multiple groups in the museum at once and we will be requiring masks. Between groups, we will sanitize all frequently touched surfaces. Call 765-664-9333 or email us at admin@quiltershalloffame.net to arrange your appointment.
7 pm – Garfield Neighborhood Association Meeting, First Baptist Church, Marion. Please join us, The Garfield 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 3rd Street until 7th Street and East of Baldwin Ave to Nebraska Street.
Friday, Sept. 11
9 am – Matthews Cumberland Covered Bridge Festival, Cumberland Covered Bridge, 3rd and Front streets, Matthews. Walk or drive through the 1877 bridge for unique craft exhibits, live entertainment, a variety of food vendors, antique engines, a steam-powered sawmill, an antique tractor pull and the world famous Matthews Lions Club frosted malts! Inflatables, horse rides, and fun for all the kids in your life to enjoy. Admission \$2, 10 and under free. Free parking. Friday events 11am-9pm, Saturday events from 9am-9pm. Fireworks Saturday night. Sunday events from 9am-4pm. Huge crafts and flea market area. Saturday at 9am enjoy the antique tractor

parade. Don’t miss the Matthews Fire Department car show at the Matthews Community Building on Sunday from 9am-4pm. Terrific family-friendly event, fun all weekend long! This year due to covid-19, social distancing will occur, and per the Governor’s order, face masks are required.
10 am – Quilters Hall of Fame Exhibit, see September 10.
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’.
7:30 pm – Gas City I-69 Speedway Salute to First Responders – Battle of the Badges, Gas City I-69 Speedway, 5871 E. 500 S., Gas City. Sprint cars, USAC Midwest Thunder

Speed 2 midgets, modifieds, street stocks, hornets, ‘Battle of the Badges’ race featuring local police, fire, and rescue personnel. Adult General Admission \$15, Children 12 & Under Free, Pit Pass \$30. Special event night prices range from \$18-\$25 for adult general admission. 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, Sept. 12
7:30 am – Swayzee Days Festival, Antique Tractor Show sponsored by the Swayzee Antique Tractor and Machinery Club. This town festival includes vintage machinery, car show, town parade, Prince/Princess contest, kids pedal tractor pull, tractor drives and games, poker run, dog walk and a silent auction. Entertainment, raffles, and lots of family fun. Schedule of events. Sat 7:30am-10pm, Sun 9am-5pm.
9 am – 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.
9 am – Matthews Cumberland Covered Bridge Festival, see September 11.
10 am – Quilters Hall of Fame Exhibit, see September 10.
10 am – VA Northern Indiana Car & Bike Show, VA Northern Indiana Healthcare System, 1700 E. 38th St., Marion. Held on the Marion Campus of the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System, this show is eligible to all cars and bikes. Pre-registration requested but not required - please call 765-677-3114 to register. No entry fee. Registration begins 9am day of event. Gift bags, plaques and trophies.
2 pm – Voices of Recovery, Gas City “Beaner Linn” Park, 718 S. Broadway St., Gas City. Join us for this festival featuring live music, game, food trucks, and fun. Camping

and Sunday morning church service. Funds raised will benefit the Hope House.
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Sunday, September 13
7:30 am – Swayzee Days Festival, see September 12.
9 am – Matthews Cumberland Covered Bridge Festival, see September 11.
10 am – Matthews Fire Department Car Show, Matthews Community Building, Matthews. Annual Matthews Fire Department Car Show. \$10 entry fee. Registration 9am-12pm. Judging 10am-2pm. Awards 3pm. Awards for Top 50. Best Paint, Best Engine, Best Truck, Best Interior, Best Rat Rod, Best Original, Best Custom, Best Truck, Best Motorcycle, and Fire Chief Pick. Dash Plaques for first 100. 50/50 Drawing. Plenty of food, entertainment and vendors in addition to 50’s music from KC’s Rock-N-Roll Oldies throughout the day! Free WiFi provided by Eastern Indiana WiFi. All proceeds benefit the Matthews Fire Department.
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CASA

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“We’ve reached a point, however where we can’t keep waiting and hoping that the virus will go away. Our state and national offices are now trying to come up with a plan, for at least the short term, so we can resume training volunteers.”
Despite that handicap,

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Hendricks still encourages people who would like more information about becoming a CASA volunteer to contact her at 765-664-1891 or casa@grantcounty.net.
All of the 300 children being served or on the waiting list are from Grant County and are under the care of Superior Court 2 Judge Dana Kenworthy. The judge depends heavily on CASA volunteers to gather information and prepare periodic reports to assist in her in the adjudication of each case.
At Kenworthy’s request, the Grant County Council last week increased the 2021 budget for the CASA pro-

gram from \$34,000 to \$44,000. She said if the county had a guardian ad litem guardian, instead of the volunteer-based CASA program, the annual cost would exceed \$500,000.
“This is the cheapest way we can go to serve our kids,” Kenworthy said. “And frankly, our CASA volunteers and staff do a fantastic job.”
Hendricks said the advocates are assigned to family units, and not specific children, so caseloads are dependent on the number of children in a family. She said the average time a volunteer spends on one case ranges from 18 to 24 months.

Marion City Councilman Mike Cline has been a CASA volunteer for almost three years. “I was familiar with the program because of a couple Rotary Club friends who had been volunteers,” Cline said. “I knew when I retired I didn’t want to sit around, so out of the blue I called Leslie Hendricks to see if I would be a fit for CASA. She said yes.”
Cline spent 28 years as a journalist, mostly at the Chronicle-Tribune, before spending the last 10 years of his career at the Grant County Prosecutor’s Office.
The two sisters that Cline currently represents are living out of state with rela-

tives, which has made his CASA assignment more difficult. “I couldn’t go to see them, so I’ve had to do everything electronically,” he said. “You really would like to sit on the front porch and talk with them and see the environment in which they are living.”
Kelly Myers, another CASA volunteer, migrated to Marion from Ohio, to study at Indiana Wesleyan University, where she also was director of a residence hall and later worked in the admissions office.
“My husband and I have three children and we are just interested in serving children in our community,”

she said. “We have a special interest in foster children and thought this was a season in our live when we felt we were ready to have foster children in our home.”
Hendricks said several children in the CHINS program are in foster homes, but there has been a policy shift in recent years to keep the children in their homes when possible.
“The policy shift at the Department of Child Services is based on the thinking that there often is more harm done by removing children from the home and placing them in foster care versus keeping them at home,” Hendricks said.

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