



Beauty in flight

A great blue heron in full flight form glides across the surface of the Mississinewa River at Charles Mill dam in Marion on Thursday. The dam, which has been in place for more than a century, has been unused for years and is the object of study on whether it ought to be removed from the river. Public hearings are to be held later this summer.
Photo by Ed Breen

Weekly schedule —
April 29-May 6
Thursday, April 29
6 p.m. — Mark Trammell Quartet in Concert, Epworth United Methodist Church, 105 West 8th Street, Matthews. Presented by the Epworth United Methodist Church. Concert. Doors open at 6:00pm, concert begins at 7pm. \$10 in advance or at the door if still available. Tickets available online or call/text 765-667-0842. A love offering will be received. Due to covid-19 restrictions seating will be
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Frustration over lack of communication between mayor and council at center of Common Council meeting

While a resolution and an ordinance were passed at the latest Common Council meeting this past Tuesday at Marion City Hall, the Council’s continued frustration over a perceived lack of communication between its body and Mayor Jess Alum-

baugh and his administration was the main focus. According to Council President Deborah Cain, Council members received an email stating that Alumbaugh and his staff were in the process of developing a comprehensive plan with

the various department heads in the city to identify not only immediate needs, but those in the near future.

The mayor additionally stated that he would deliver a list of items that he and his department heads need in order to accomplish their operational objectives in 2022. This list would be forwarded to the Council on May 3 to give them ample time to review those items and identify and formulate questions they may have for when the pre-budget hearings commence in August.

However, according to Cain, members of the Council are not going to have any input with the department heads regarding pre-budget items as they have in the past, which ruffled the feathers of several Council members.

“I don’t understand why he doesn’t ever want us to talk to his department heads,” Council Vice President Brian Cowgill said. “We aren’t allowed to talk to them, and they aren’t allowed to talk to us. This is just frustrating beyond belief. I don’t understand. We are trying to do everything we can to help this city

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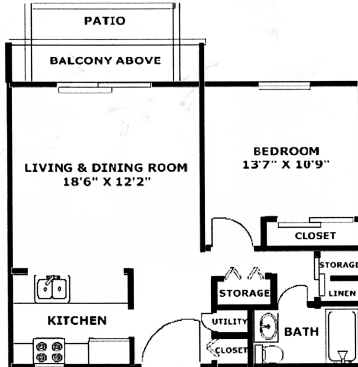

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