

Sports schedule

Thursday, April 29

1 p.m.—MBB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Spring Arbor University
Game 2—MBB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Spring Arbor University
4:30 p.m.—BG—South-

wood @ Madison-Grant
5 p.m.—BBB—Madison-Grant @ Eastbrook
5 p.m.—BG—Mississinewa @ Oak Hill
5 p.m.—GSB—Madison-Grant @ Eastbrook
5 p.m.—GSB—Marion @

Northfield
5 p.m.—GSB—Oak Hill @ Alexandria
5 p.m.—GT—Madison-Grant @ Mississinewa
5:30 p.m.—BBB—Mississinewa @ Frankton
5:30 p.m.—BBB—Oak

Hill @ Alexandria
5:30 p.m.—GSB—Mississinewa @ Frankton

Friday, April 30

TBA—MTF—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Lancer Invitational

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3 p.m.—MBB—Marian University @ Taylor University
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limited. For over forty years, Mark Trammell has been singing Gospel Music. He has won multiple awards as a singer and a producer, and has been a member of The Kingsmen, The Cathedrals, Greater Vision, and Gold City. The Mark Trammell Quartet consists of Mark Trammell (baritone), Nick Trammell (lead), Stephen Adair (tenor), Randy Byrd (bass), and Trevor Conkle (pianist).

Friday, April 30

7 p.m. – Community School of the Arts presents “Matilda the Musical,” F. Ritchie Walton Performing Arts Center, 750 W. 26th St., Marion. Your entire family will enjoy this heartwarming story. The musical’s narrative centers on Matilda, a precocious 5-year-old girl with the gift of telekinesis, who loves reading, overcomes obstacles caused by

her family and school, and helps her teacher to reclaim her life. Adults \$18, Students \$12. Friday and Saturday 7pm-9:30pm, Sunday matinee 2pm-4:30pm only. Tickets and additional information available on the CSA website.

7:30 p.m. – Taylor University presents “Harvey,” Presented by the Taylor University Theatre Department. Sunday matinee

2pm only. Harvey is the story of Elwood P. Dowd who makes friends with a spirit taking the form of a human-sized rabbit named Harvey that only he sees (and a few privileged others on occasion also.) After his sister tries to commit him to a mental institution, a comedy of errors ensues. Elwood and Harvey become the catalysts for a family mending its wounds and for romance blossoming in unexpected places.

Saturday, May 1

ALL DAY – Fairmount Town-Wide Rummage, Rummage sales galore throughout Fairmount, Indiana. Rain or Shine event. Maps available day of sale at Hometown Express, Horner’s Market, and Village Pantry. Sponsored by the Fairmount Extension Homemakers Club.

7 p.m. – Community School of the Arts presents “Matilda the Musical,” see April 30.

7:30 p.m. – Taylor University presents “Harvey,” see April 30.

Sunday, May 2

2 p.m. – Community School of the Arts presents “Matilda the Musical,” see April 30.

2 p.m. – Taylor University presents “Harvey,” see April 30.

7:30 p.m. – Taylor University Symphony Orchestra Concert, Taylor University Rediger Auditorium, 236 West Reade Avenue, Up-land. Be our guest for an evening of delightful music. No admission charge.

Monday, May 3

10 a.m. – Board of Work Meeting, Marion City Hall, 305 S. Branson Street, Marion.

Tuesday, May 4

9 a.m. – Salamonie Preschool, Salamonie Reservoir, 9214 West Lost Bridge West, Andrews. Program designed for children ages 3-5 and their adults. Hand on, active fun for kids designed to enhance a preschooler’s basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time

outdoors. Dress for the weather, rain or shine! \$60 per child for 9 sessions; additional siblings are \$40. Advance registration required – call 260-468-2127 to register. In compliance with Back on Track Indiana, face coverings and CDC social distancing guidelines will be practiced.

7 p.m. – Marion Common Council Meeting, Marion City Hall, 305 S. Branson Street, Marion.

Wednesday, May 5

10 a.m. – ‘B is for Bud and Blooms’. What is a bud and what does it need to bloom? Preschool age children ages 2-5 years and their adults are invited to this preschool program that is designed to enhance the preschooler’s basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors with a nature-related theme. \$2 fee per child. Limited seating available – advance registration is required. Call 260-468-2127 to register. Event held in the Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation area.



Council

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flourish. It’s ridiculous.” Brad Luzadder, one of the most senior members of the Council, stated that this has never happened in any of his years of service.

“In the years in which I have served on the council, this is the first time that we have not had an option of having discussions with department heads for an administration that claimed to run their election on transparency,” Luzadder said. “This has not happened in the past. The council has always had open communication, and we saw things happen.

“It is not this council’s money, it is not the administration’s money, it is the citizens of Marion’s money that we are in charge of. As the fiduciary body for the city, it is our job to make sure that the funds run smoothly through the city so that we can get our best bang for the buck.”

Councilwoman Robin Fouce believes that the lack

of transparency between the two governing bodies is not fair to her constituents, nor to the citizens of Marion as a whole.

“I think department heads are caught in the middle of something. I’m sad for them,” Fouce said. “It’s clearly indicative of our system that is broken and needs to be fixed. And the way that we do that is we talk, we have conversations, we figure it out, we mill it over, we do research, and we continue to reinvent the cycle of performance and business. I find that minimal, at best, currently.”

Alumbaugh stated that his door is always open to Council members, all they need to do is make an appointment. However, according to Alumbaugh, six of the nine Council members have not reached out.

“I told them at the end of last year’s budget session that if you would like to talk to me, let’s build a bridge together so we can work to-

gether effectively,” Alumbaugh said. “Make an appointment, come in, and let’s just sit and talk. So far, just [Councilmen Jim] Brunner, [Gary] Fordyce, and [Mike] Cline have taken me up on that. The other six have never done that. [President] Cain and Brad Luzadder have met with me over specific things, but that ‘come in and build a relationship meeting,’ none of them have done that.”

While the hope remains that the Council and the Mayor will be able to continue to hash things out when they meet in early May, Luzadder stated that he, and the Council, should be willing to use of all of their powers at their disposal to get the information they need to help them complete their duties in service of the city of Marion.

“What is there to hide? Everything should be for open communication,”

Luzadder said. “The Mayor works for the citizens of Marion, and we represent the citizens of Marion. It makes no sense that this body and this administration cannot work together for the betterment of this community.

“If there is something to hide, then you probably need to bring it to the light,” Luzadder added. “Because anything that is done in the dark does no good for this city. That means if we have to call, using our subpoena power, for a general audit of the departments in which to find financial security so that we know we are going to be moving forward, then I would call this body to use whatever is needed in which to get the information so that this body is able to function fully and do exactly what we were elected in which to do.”

Alumbaugh reiterated that once he had met with his department heads that the Council and the depart-

ments heads would in fact be able to meet to discuss budgetary items for 2022.

“As soon as we are done meeting with the department heads, which I would think would be at least before Memorial Day weekend...we will have a list of wishes and needs, and I will submit those to the council,” Alumbaugh said. “We will share that with them, and then come summer time...they can meet with the department heads and have these conversations.”

In other business, Resolution No. 3-2021, a confirmatory resolution of the City Council declaring economic revitalization area for property tax deductions on real estate and new manufacturing equipment for Structural Steel Services, Inc., was passed by a unanimous margin.

Structural Steel Services, Inc., whose main product is I-beams for construction, will be adding on a new addition to their building,

procuring more equipment, and adding four more jobs with this 6-million-dollar investment.

“This investment keeps them on the cutting edge of technology,” Grant County Economic Growth Council Executive Director Tim Eckerle said. “That is very important in today’s world because it’s difficult to find employees.”

Additionally, General Ordinance No. 2-2021, an ordinance to amend Section 153.065 of the Marion City Code pertaining to downtown signage, was also passed. This update will make it easier for businesses to put signs for advertising.

“I would just recommend that we continue to help businesses with whatever they need, whether it’s signage, display, and set-ups,” Luzadder said. “If we want our city to flourish, then we need to be willing to work in that direction.”