

# THE Y VOICE



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**June 6:** Summer and Sports Camps begin  
**June 18:** National Silver Sneakers Day at 10am to 12pm  
**June 30:** Chicago Cubs Bus Trip

## ENJOY THIS ISSUE?

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## QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, IDEAS?

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## LEARNING TO SWIM

Since the last two weeks in April, the Y, Via Credit Union, Dunham's, Wal-Mart, Marion Rotary, and Marion Community Schools have been working closely together to ensure that every 2<sup>nd</sup> grader in the school system learns the fundamentals of water safety. For an entire week, 2 separate 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes will be taught free swim lessons for an hour each day.

So far we've had many students start on day one without any knowledge of water safety and by the end of the week; they

became more comfortable and confident in the water.

Janice Reed, one of Riverview's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers shared her praise for the program:

"This has been a wonderful experience for my kids. I was skeptical at first, but seeing how well organized this program runs has been great. Many of my students walk by the river to school and it's always been a concern for me. Now some of my boys who had arm floaties at the beginning of the week are swimming in the middle of the pool. I love it!"

By the end of the school year at least 400 students will have the knowledge of swimming safely in the water. For more information, parents can contact their child's school.

# TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME



All right baseball fans be sure to get a ticket and save the date! The Y annual Chicago Cubs bus trip is coming up on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Meet at the Y in the morning and enjoy a fun and relaxing charter bus trip to Wrigley Field with some of your favorite Director's as your tour guide. Tickets are on sale at the Front Desk \$70 will pay for the game and the bus ride there. Save mileage on your car and keep the extra money for your own gas tank.

The Cubs will be playing against the San Francisco Giants. Don't miss this thrilling game!

Remember, summer won't be complete without a trip to a ball game!

**WHO WILL**



**WIN**

# TIME TO DISCOVER

Don't forget: summer is just around the corner! Be sure to stop by the Y and sign up your child for a fun-filled summer! Again, we've got a different theme each week and an exciting field trip to match! By mixing education with fun your child will still be learning new things this summer and not even know it!

Remember: registration for all camps begins right now! (April 1<sup>st</sup>). Here's a look at our weekly Day Camp Themes and Sports Camps:

- June 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>: Cartoon Superheroes
- June 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>: Down on the Farm; Basketball and Gymnastics
- June 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>: Meet the Press; British Soccer and Volleyball
- June 27<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup>: Lions, Tigers, Bears
- July 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>: Superheroes
- July 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>: Having a Ball; Basketball and Gymnastics
- July 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>: Surf & Turf; Flag Football
- July 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>: Space- The Final Frontier
- August 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>: Children, Science, Investigation

Discover with us and ask your son or daughter what special activity they'd like to do at home to go with the theme of the week. See if there's a family friendly movie that can be watched the weekend before the new camp theme starts to get them prepared.

Doing these few simple steps will add to their summer fun and help create lasting memories with you this summer, too!



# GOING TO THE X-TREME

We are getting events together and ready for the Grant County Family YMCA's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Marion General Hospital's Corporate Challenge! The dates are set for August 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>. This year we'll be *Taking Your Health to the X-treme* as we bring in some new events and classic favorites.

New to Corporate Challenge? Here's the scoop! Corporate Challenge is one of the city of Marion's many highlights as it encompasses an array of amateur athletic events. The Y works hard in providing programs and services that promote a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. As a YMCA family, we believe in working together to strengthen and better this community. Corporate Challenge is the prime opportunity to combine our family with yours as we compete together over various events in good natured fun.

Through Corporate Challenge, you will see your employees increase in health and fitness; build employee and corporate pride and dedication; and develop community spirit.

Last year's Traveling Trophy winners were Indiana Wesleyan University for the American Division and the City of Marion for the National Division.

If you are interested in knowing more about Corporate Challenge or how your company could get involved please contact Angela Williams at [angelah@grantcountyyymca.org](mailto:angelah@grantcountyyymca.org).

## PARTNERING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Our Community Partners Campaign kicked-off on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>! Pledges are already coming in as we friends of the Y ask others to consider contributing to our campaign. It can't be reiterated enough on how important it is for men and women like you to partner with us as we continue to make this a place where the doors are open for all and no one will feel they have to be turned away due to financial challenges.

If you would like to learn how you can donate to our campaign, please stop by and talk to a director.

If you or someone you know are in need of financial assistance, please stop by the Front Desk and pick up an application form.

Our goal is to raise \$65,000. With your help- we can make it!

## HEALTHY KIDS, HAPPY FAMILIES

Saturday, April 16 was our YMCA Healthy Kids Day. Over 20 vendors set-up booths for their organizations and held various activities and learning materials for kids and families. The range went from baby tomatoe plants to making butterflies out of coffee filters and clothspins to everything in between.

Kids had fun as they ran through an obstacle course, got their parents to play with them and a giant parachute and learn how simple and easy it is to stay active and be healthy.



Many shared their favorite types of fruits and veggies: Strawberries, blueberries, bananas, grapes, apples, carrots, mashed potatoes, corn, lasagna, steak, and macoroni and cheese... maybe a few favorite main dishes snuck in, too. But with this and a giant poster full of various pictures, kids were able to make up their own healthy menu to suggest to their parents.

Healthy Kids Day wouldn't have been complete without a trip on a fire truck. Families were able to enjoy a ride around the block on top of the red engine before the it started raining. It was a good event and we are thankful for all that came out to help and those that participated. Looking forward to next year!

## EASTER PAGEANT RECAP



Tuesday, April 19 was a very special evening for many in Grant County. As the last member left the Y at 5pm, the parking lot was already filling up with cars full of people waiting to get in line for the doors to open for the Easter Pageant.

Easily mistaken for floodgates, people poured into the Y gymnasium once the doors opened. The evening excitement continued as pockets of conversations could be heard in anticipation of the pageant and reminiscing on years past.

Many were impressed with the quality of the video, it really did seem like you were there. The orchestra and choir were beautiful and all throughout the gymnasium a hopeful, calming presence could be felt. Reviving the Easter Pageant has been a wonderful experience and we look forward to the pageant's progression over the years to come.

Again, thank you to all who were involved in turning the memory back into a reality.

# PICTURES OF THE MONTH!

