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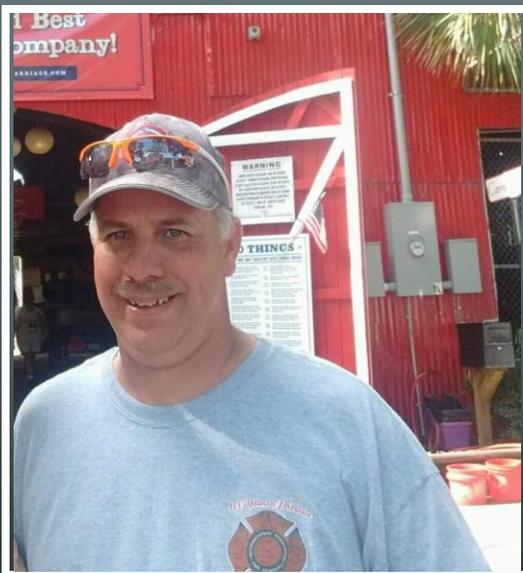
## New Computer Program

It is counterintuitive to desire something new when an old method is so comfortable.

Marion has outgrown our old billing system and our new program will facilitate same day billing. When customized programs are installed, it is only the beginning. They still need months of tweaking. This type of transition can be both challenging and frustrating. I want to thank everyone for embracing the change.

Some people have stepped up and are providing guidance in the transition. Gary Shelton has been a leader in this new world at Marion. Tracey Broome has also taken the initiative to instruct several offices about the new program.

Most employees are looking forward to the improvements, even as they grapple with the labyrinth of changes. We thank our facilitators for going the extra mile and helping us implement this new system. When finalized, there will be a marked improvement in our billing.



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## SAFETY TIP – PRESSURE WASHER

The high amount of pressure put out by pressure washers can quickly and easily cut through your flesh, resulting in serious injuries. Fortunately, almost 100% of pressure wash related incidents can be avoided.

### Safety Tip #1: Identify Potential Hazards

Best way to avoid injury and damage? Plan ahead. After all, you can't avoid it if you don't know it's there. Make sure you consider all of the potential hazards before you use your pressure washer. This will include any obstacle that you may trip on, slip on, or get distracted by; including children, pets and traffic that is passing by your work space.

### Safety Tip #2: Wear Safety Gear

The majority of pressure wash related injuries occur because the proper protection is not worn. When working with a pressure washer ensure you are protected with the following:

**Proper footwear:** Do not wear any type of open toe shoe when pressure washing. It is always best to wear a closed toe shoe, preferably boots, as the high water pressure could tear through most common shoe materials.

**Gloves:** The most commonly injured body part when using a pressure washer is the hands. When operating a pressure washer, it is essential to wear protective gloves. They will not only protect your hands but will also help to improve your grip and avoid other types of unnecessary injury or damage.

**Long Pants:** Since you are going to be using water that is highly pressurized to blast away debris and dirt from various surfaces, you need to make sure that your legs are fully protected from any flying debris and water splashback that may occur.

### Safety Tip #3: Pressure Washers Aren't Toys!

Pressure washing can be fun and watching all the dirt and grime fly away can be extremely satisfying, but that still doesn't make it a toy. It's important to not play with a pressure washer as they can cause serious injury.

## HAPPENINGS



Mike James, Gary Shelton, Barry Lasley

Oct. 23-25 - Railroad Environmental Conference in Urbana-Champaign, IL. Marion had a booth and participated in the informative classes at this annual conference.

Nov. 7 - Manufacturer's Association Environment, Health & Safety Summit. Marion was the main sponsor and hosted a booth at this annual event in Chattanooga. The summit had great speakers with a focus on state regulation.

- Jeb Barrett, a senior geologist with Marion, sits on the board. We are proud of the role Jeb plays in this organization.

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