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Marion Main St./Gazebo Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

10 AM, Friday, October 3, 2025

Welcome – Mayor Danny A. Smith – Town of Marion

Prayer – Mr. Otis Lee Persley

Gazebo Park History – Mayor Smith – Marion State Bank gave this property to the Town of Marion. Love LA Outdoors Grant & Private Sponsorships funded the park. Mention future park plans including 2 or 3 picnic tables, a pavilion, grills, playground equipment and trash receptacles. The park is dedicated to the memory of our residents & surrounding communities who had family and friends to passed away due to Covid-19.

Mayor Smith recognized & expressed his appreciation to his Marion Patriotism Committee Members, Otis Lee Persley and Frank Andrews.

Recognize pastors and they can name their members who passed away. First Marion (Susan Kennedy Reppond & S.D. Kennedy), St. Paul Missionary B.C., (Fred Daniels, Bobbie Jo Daniels, Rev. Lindsey Riley, Gloria Ann (Moses) Riley), Elsie Culpepper's wife (Carol Culpepper), Marion Baptist Church (Eddie Williams), & Dean B.C., (Spanky Rhodes).

Recognize:

Marion Town Council, Town Staff, Marion Business Community, Union Parish Mayors, Marion Patriotic Committee, Marion DART Chapter, Marion Garden Club, Daughters of the American Revolution & U.P./Marion Council on Aging. Any other organizations present?

Express appreciation to the chamber and acknowledge Jon, Cheyenne and chamber members.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Jon R. McKinnie, President of the Union Parish Chamber of Commerce.

Closing Prayer by Rev. Ronnie L. Traylor, Pastor of Marion Baptist Church

Thank everyone for attending!