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City rallies against domestic violence *T-shirts will honor those who have died*

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Mayor Wayne Seybold's Commission Against Domestic Violence will kick off domestic violence awareness month activities at noon Tuesday.

The rally in front of Marion City Hall, 301 S. Branson St., will include a display of 63 T-shirts on the lawn, representing the 63 men, women and children who died from domestic violence in Grant County this past year.

People who have made a significant difference to intervene in domestic violence will be honored at the rally. The rally also will include the unveiling of Hands of Hope's Expect Respect campaign.

Everyone who attends can pick up a purple ribbon to wear throughout October.

The commission is comprised of numerous member organizations who regularly meet to discuss reducing domestic violence in Grant County. Member organizations include Hands of Hope (a division of Family Service Society Inc.), City of Marion, Marion Police Department, Grant County Sheriff's Department, Marion General Hospital, Grant-Blackford Mental Health Center, First Light Child Advocacy Center, CASA of Grant County, Grant County Probation, Grant County Prosecutor's Office and Indiana Wesleyan University.

Hands of Hope also is planning a vigil with speaker Michael Moffitt, an IWU administrator who will share his story of domestic violence. The vigil is 7 p.m. Oct. 16 at St. James Lutheran Church, 1206 N. Miller Ave.

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