



The Spindle

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARION OHIO
P.O. BOX 1091
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September 3, 2019

TRUBLUES WMRM 97.5

Spencer Phelps

Spencer Phelps is a lifelong resident of Marion, OH if you don't count the first few years he spent as a child in Houston, TX. Spencer has been a fan of, and active participant in, local radio all of his 39 years. Most recently, he was an active volunteer at WDCM-LP 97.5 FM, a local non-profit radio station as a content creator and all-around "gopher." Since then, Spencer has gone on to earn an associate degree in Business Management at Marion Tech. and a Bachelor's in Accounting from Franklin in Columbus. When he heard the station was in dire straits, he reached out to help. In 2016, Spencer assumed the helm of that now 15-year old station just with different call letters: WDIF-LP. He gave the charity a new coat of paint, a new mission – to use our proceeds to give kids in Marion free music lessons and used the station to broadcast the most American genre of music you can get next to country – the blues.

"Silky Ray" Macklin

"Silky Ray" Macklin is a 44-year veteran of the blues. He's performed with the likes of Bobby Vinton, Eddie "Clean head" Vinson, Joe Turner, George Thorogood, and BB King. Ray first took interest in music as a small child. He came from a musical family where both parents played music. Ray was introduced to jazz and blues early in his life and began singing professionally at the age of 14. He learned how to play baritone horn in elementary school and up through high school, and it's taken him places he thought he'd never go. He has performed around the world in such places as Germany, France, England, and Jamaica. Ray holds an associate degree in Business Management from Western Michigan University and a bachelor's degree from the Culinary Institute of America. For the past 3 years, Ray has been the voice and soul of TruBlues975 volunteering his talents to Marion, Ohio and Marion Makes Music.

"Service Above Self"

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