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DEATHS

Notices for Week
of June 22-29

Katelynn Jo Maynus

2002-2020

Funeral services were held at Sunnycrest Baptist Church, Marion, on Saturday, June 27 at 1 pm.

Patricia Ruth Harrison

1944-2020

At Harrison's request, there will be no public visitation or funeral service.

Nancy Mae Johnson-Lytle

1962-2020

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Thursday, July 2 at 1 pm.

Jacqueline F. Jensen

1930-2020

Funeral services were held at Holy Family Catholic Church, Gas City, on Monday, June 29 at 10:30 am.

Kenneth Scott

1947-2020

Funeral services were held at Twin City Bible Baptist Church, Marion, on Wednesday, July 1 at 2 pm.

Alberta I. (Wilcox) Wimmer

1932-2020

Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Marion, on Saturday, June 27 at 12 pm.

Francis Donald "Don" Marley

1934-2020

Funeral services were held at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, Marion, on Thursday, June 25 at 11 am.

INDIANA QUIZ

Seven Indiana State Parks offer inns which provide comfortable overnight accommodations. Name the state park which is home to each of the following.

A. Abe Martin Lodge

B. Clifty Inn

C. Canyon Inn

D. Potawatomi Inn

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School employees must be COVID free to work

By Ed Breen

Faced with what it believed to be a need to act and little guidance from the state, the Grant County Health Board decided last week that it had no choice but to demand that all employees of Grant County's five public school systems must test negative for the COVID-19 virus before

they can go back to work. The requirement applies to all people working in the schools, both paid professionals and volunteers.

The board also voted to require high school athletes and students in performing arts in all Grant County public schools be tested before returning to their school year.

It also recommended — but did not mandate — that all students in all grades be tested for the coronavirus before the schools reopen in August.

The ruling covers students and staff in Marion, Mississinewa, Madison-Grant, Eastbrook and Oak Hill school corporations.

In a meeting which in-

cluded criticism from some of Grant County's school superintendents and criticism by board members of their state counterparts, the seven-member board wrestled with the of the options proposed by County Health Officer Dr. David Moore.

Left unanswered was the question of how the testing requirements will be en-

forced and who will pay for them.

Superintendents of three of the school systems told the board they had comprehensive plans in place that did not include the COVID-19 testing.

The board, in a unanimous vote, also left unexplained the details of how

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Two Marion citizens save man from fire

By Sean Douglas

For most Marion residents, Sunday, June 21, was a normal weekend day. But for Tre' Jones and Marcus Harvey, it was a completely different story — and one that had a happy ending.

On that Sunday afternoon, the two brothers put their lives on the line by pulling a man out of a burning house on South Adams Street and saving his life.

Jones and Harvey were in the area running an errand, but as they were getting ready to head to their next destination, Jones thought he smelled something burning.

"I was talking to Marcus and I was like, 'Bro, I smell somebody's house on fire,'" Jones said. "He said, 'No, that smells like burning wood.' Well, I had had a house fire before, so I knew the difference between wood and material burning and just wood."

Jones and Harvey headed towards the smell, eventually pulling up to 3021 South Adams St., where they could see smoke and people gathered outside. After gathering information on what was happening and realizing that someone was inside the home, two men sprung into action.

Jones originally planned



Marcus Harvey, left, and Tre' Jones, right, saved Guy Tarleton from a house fire. Photo provided by Channel 27 News.

to break the window to get inside, but Harvey told him to try another tactic since it sounded like the man was near the window. A few moments later, Jones went to the front door, kicked the door open, and went inside.

"I couldn't really see anything because it was so black," Jones said. "I told him, 'Here I come, here I come' and asked him, 'Where you at? Where you at?' He was moaning and groaning. I could hear his voice getting weaker and weaker. I couldn't really see him, so it was hard for me to find him knowing that his voice was getting weaker."

After searching the home for several minutes, Jones found the man in the living room stuck in between his couch and his table. After pushing the table away, Jones tried to grab the man by himself, but was unable to get him up.

Luckily, Harvey was right there with him, and the two men worked together to carry the man out of the house.

"I grabbed him and tried to lift him up, but when I grabbed him the first time, his skin pulled off," Jones said. "At that time, I had so much anxiety and I was so anxious to get him out, but (I was able) to grab him up,

snatch him up, and drag him to the door. Marcus started assisting me, and we got him out of the house."

The man, later identified as Guy Tarleton, was treated for first- and third-degree burns, and was eventually taken to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne for further treatment. It is believed that Tarleton was cooking and lay down on his couch to sleep. While he was resting, the stove ignited, which caused the home to catch fire.

Once Jones entered the house, there was only one thing on his mind — saving Tarleton.

"At the time I was in the

house, I wasn't really worried about what was going on around me," Jones said. "I didn't think about what was going on. I didn't really realize that I was inside a big, flaming house. I just had to get him out. It was instinct. I wasn't leaving the house without him.

"At that moment, me thinking about myself wasn't on my mind. The only thing on my mind was trying to get him out of the house. Once I heard him suffering...I felt like I had to take action."

Harvey echoed Jones' sentiments, stating that was

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Work begins on Panda Express

Construction is under way on another restaurant at the south end of Marion's Bypass. Work began last week on the building of a Panda Express Chinese fast food restaurant. It is to open late this year and will be located just north of the Regions Bank branch in the University Plaza retail area in front

of the Meijer store. It will join Texas Road House along the frontage road on the west side of the 3500 block of S. Western Avenue. Panda Express, based in California, is the nation's largest Asian fast food restaurant, with 2,200 outlets.

Photo by Ed Breen



Weekly schedule new feature for The News Herald

Schedule for July 2-July 9

Thursday, July 2

10:30 am — Sensory Tales, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion. Hands on creative play for preschoolers ages 3-6 years. For

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