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## DEATHS

### Notices for Week of July 6-13

**Mary Lou Ronk**  
1935-2020  
Visitation will take place from 11 am to 1 pm on Saturday, July 18, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel. Her service will begin at 1 pm.

**Betty E. Johnson**  
1942-2020  
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Saturday, July 11 at 3 pm.

**E. Allen Sinclair**  
1932-2020  
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Monday, July 13 at 1 pm. Burial took place at Grant Memorial Park.

**Geraldine Faith Long**  
1944-2020  
A graveside service was held at Estates of Serenity on Saturday, July 11 at 2 pm.

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## INDIANA QUIZ

Name the President who fits each clue below.

1. In 1901, this President came to Indianapolis to attend the funeral of a friend and former President, Benjamin Harrison.
2. In 1936, this President was in Vincennes to help dedicate the George Rogers Clark Memorial.
3. In 1971, this President came to Jennings County to help dedicate a marker to commemorate his mother's birth near Butlerville.

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## Dissension grows between mayor, city council

By Ed Breen

The tension between Marion Mayor Jess Alumbaugh and some members of the Marion City Council ratcheted up over the weekend, with the council taking historic legal action against the mayor and his top administrators.

Two major steps were taken Friday:

— Alumbaugh, in his strongest message thus far in dealing with the council and its probing of legal expenses, said he would “not be intimidated or bullied by



Mayor Jess Alumbaugh

their threats.”

— Within hours of the mayor’s statement, Martin Harker, the newly-hired lawyer for the city council drafted subpoenas ordering Alumbaugh, City Controller Julie Flores, Chief of Staff

Mike Flynn and City Attorney Tom Hunt to appear before the Council on Tuesday, July 21, and again on Aug. 4.

The subpoenas, believed to be the first issued in the history of the relationship between council and mayor in Marion, require that the four “produce evidence regarding financial expenditures . . . and you are also commanded to bring with you copies of the responses to the requests for information sent to the controller on July 2, 2020, and any other materials necessary to an-

swer questions of the common council.”

The subpoenas, to be delivered by mail, were signed by Deborah Cain, president of the council, and witnessed by Harker and City Clerk Kathy Kiley.

While it is unusual for subpoenas to be issued outside of court action, Indiana law contains a provision giving the City Council the authority when the council is “conducting an investigation.” Failure by the mayor and his people to comply would apparently give the council the authority to

have the officials brought before a judge in one of the Grant County Circuit or Superior courts.

There was no immediate reaction from city officials regarding their response or willingness to comply.

At issue is the disclosure of information on how much money the city has spent in its legal action pursuing the failed “Old YMCA” redevelopment project under the administration of Mayor Wayne Seybold a decade ago.

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## Despite changes 4-H members glad to have fair

By Sean Douglas

Every summer, the Grant County 4-H Fair is one of the area’s most anticipated and most popular weeks of the year.

However, just as the COVID-19 pandemic has affected most areas of life across the country, it also impacted Marion’s annual summer event, as Kris Goff and her staff at the Grant County Fairgrounds had to make drastic venue changes.

While Goff made the tough choice to cancel many of the fair-like aspects, including the rides and the carnival atmosphere, the 4-H events continued as scheduled, creating one of the most unique Grant County 4-H Fair experiences in county history.

The fair began with the crowning of 4-H royalty and recognition of 10-year members. In subsequent days, all of the annually anticipated animal shows were



Contestants walked their cows around their arena to show off their features. Photo by Sean Douglas.

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## Marion General Hospital closed Upland location

By Sean Douglas

Early last week, Marion General Hospital officials announced that they would be suspending services, which include diagnostic testing, radiology, and physical therapy, at their Upland

location effective July 9.

According to Marion General Hospital representative Sarah Evans, Shannon and Helen Riegler, both of whom are longtime specialists in family medicine, have “opted to end their affiliation with Marion Gen-

eral Hospital.”

No further comment was given regarding the Riegler’s decision to go in a different direction.

For those patients who used the Upland location as their primary care center, all of the services that were

provided there are also available at one of the many other MGH locations around Grant County.

“We are happy that all services that are provided at the Upland location will be able to be provided to those residents,” Evans said. “We



have a facility in close proximity in Gas City that will offer primary care provider access as well as laboratory diagnostic test-

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