

DEATHS

Death Notices for Week  
of July 13-20

Timothy "Tim" James  
Eckstein  
1966-2020

A funeral service with  
law enforcement honors  
was held at the Mis-  
sissinewa High School  
Gymnasium, Gas City, on  
Saturday, July 18 at 2 pm.  
Burial will take place at a  
later date in Marion Na-  
tional Cemetery.

Kay Elaine Fountain  
1947-2020

Funeral services were  
held at Needham-Storey-  
Wampner, North Chapel,  
on Friday, July 17 at 1  
pm.

Wendell J. Smith  
1924-2020

At Smith's request, there  
was no public visitation  
or funeral service.

Amy Jo Poling  
1970-2020

There will be a celebra-  
tion of life at 4 pm on  
Saturday, July 25 at the  
Poling Residence, 6731 E.  
1125 S., Fairmount.

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# Marion Community Schools announce plans

By Sean Douglas



At their regularly sched-  
uled meeting this past Tues-  
day evening, the Marion  
Community Schools Board  
of Trustees approved a pair  
of baseline plans for the  
2020-2021 school year.

Along with an onsite  
learning plan for those com-  
fortable with returning to a  
normal school environment,  
Marion Community Schools  
expanded their Giant Online  
Academy program to in-  
clude options for all grade  
levels for those who wish to  
continue to learn from  
home.

“Our mission is continu-  
ity of learning for all our  
children, meeting the needs  
and preferences of our Gi-  
ants and their families,  
whether that is home learn-  
ing through our Giant On-  
line Academy, or on campus

learning in our school build-  
ings,” Marion Community  
Schools stated in a release.  
“The health and safety of  
our community is our top  
priority, and important  
changes will be required for  
the school year ahead. Flex-  
ibility, innovation, and co-  
operation will be more  
crucial than ever.”

The new school year will  
begin on Wednesday, Au-  
gust 5 for grades K-12,  
while preschool will start up  
on Monday, August 10. Stu-  
dents will attend school five  
days a week, as usual, and  
start and end times will re-  
main the same.

Mask usage by both staff  
and students is strongly en-  
couraged, and Marion Com-  
munity Schools  
acknowledged that there  
will be certain situations,  
including some in-school  
settings or a bus ride home,  
where wearing a mask will  
be required.

Hand washing and sani-  
tizing throughout the school  
day will be expected, espe-  
cially at the start of the  
school day, before and after  
eating, after using the rest-  
room, after blowing nose,  
coughing, or sneezing, and  
before and after using

shared equipment. Hand  
sanitizer will be available  
throughout the building, in-  
cluding classroom, cafete-  
rias, and hallways.

Furthermore, classrooms  
will be spaced out as much  
as possible, all seating will  
be assigned, one-way traffic  
will be utilized whenever  
possible, and water foun-  
tains will not be used. So-  
cial distancing is to be used  
whenever possible.

All staff and students will  
be required to self-screen  
before coming to school  
each day. Students or staff  
with a fever of 100 degrees  
or higher will be not be al-  
lowd into the building. Ad-  
ditionally, they must be  
fever free for 72 hours with-  
out the use of fever reduc-  
ing medications to be  
allowed to return to school.

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# New Subway location officially open

By Sean Douglas



After eight months of  
planning, preparation, and  
navigating a global pan-  
demic, Grant County's  
newest Subway, located in-  
side the BP gas station and  
convenience store off I-69,  
is officially open for busi-  
ness following a ribbon cut-  
ting ceremony this past  
Thursday.

Good Oil Company,  
which has been in the petro-  
leum and convenience store  
business since 1941, pur-  
chased the building in No-  
vember 2019 with plans to  
have the Subway portion up  
and running in the spring of  
2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic  
pushed this goal back; how-  
ever, the persistent work of  
Good Oil Company, the  
Marion-Grant County  
Chamber of Commerce, and  
their multiple partners  
streamlined the process.

“We felt compelled that it  
was probably the best thing  
to bring a Subway back to  
the area,” Good Oil Com-  
pany Director of Marketing  
and Food Services Mike  
Jones said. “That was al-  
ways the plan going into it.  
Unfortunately, the COVID

situation and the shutdown  
added some untimely de-  
lays, but suffice to say, we  
worked diligently with the  
Humphries Development  
group, who is the Subway  
business development agent  
in the area, on making this  
possible.”

The new branch of the  
popular sandwich chain is  
in a prime location. Not  
only is it right off the high-  
way, but is also near Mar-

ion's Ivy Tech campus, giv-  
ing Subway two distinct  
customers bases.

Jones stated that all those  
factors went into picking  
that location.

“There is great access for  
folks coming off the high-  
way,” Jones said. “We've  
got interstate signs to let  
them know that there is a  
Subway here at this exit. We  
figured with all the other  
QSR (quick service restau-

rant) offers that are avail-  
able, Subway presents itself  
as a healthier option and a  
fresher option.

“Between the various  
businesses, the interstate  
traffic, and Ivy Tech behind  
us, there is a huge market  
for what we are going to  
have here.”

Despite the delays due to  
the COVID pandemic,  
Jones praised the Marion-  
Grant County of Com-

merce, the Grant County  
Health Department, and  
various other organizations  
for their effort, their flexi-  
bility, and their drive to  
make this Subway possible.

“We deal, throughout the  
state of Indiana and even  
into Illinois, with a lot of  
municipalities and various  
counties and cities,” Jones  
said. “Grant County, and

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INDIANA QUIZ

How well do you know  
the poetry of James  
Whitcomb Riley? Fill in  
the blanks below.

1. Oh, it sets my heart  
a-clickin' like the tickin' of  
a clock, when the frost is  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ and the  
fodder's in the shock

2. When the Saturday's  
chores were through. . .  
and we went visiting, me  
and you, out to old  
Aunt \_\_\_\_\_

3. Oh, the  
\_\_\_\_\_ man, he  
works for pa, and he's  
the goodest man ever  
you saw

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