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DEATHS

Week of August 18-24

Bobby Gene Young
1984-2020

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Friday, August 14 at 7 pm.

Ellawione L. "Winnie" Miller

1932-2020

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, on Thursday, August 13 at 11:30 am. Burial followed at Estates of Serenity.

Malissa Shanks

1971-2020

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Saturday, August 15 at 1 pm. Burial took place at Gardens of Memory.

Max F. Kirkwood

1931-2020

A private gravesite service followed by burial took place at Gardens of Memory.

Karen Sue Sample

1944-2020

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INDIANA QUIZ

Test your Indianapolis 500 knowledge.

1. The winner of the first race in 1911 was a/ Gaston Chevrolet b/ Wilbur Shaw c/ Ray Harroun

2. How many times around the Speedway track equals 500 miles? a/ 100 b/ 150 c/ 200

3. According to legend, what auto safety device originated at the Speedway? a/ Seat belt b/ Rear view mirror c/ Disc brake

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Voting process, not candidates center of attention

By Alan Miller



The ballot for the November 3 General Election in Grant County officially was set Friday when filing for school board seats ended on Friday. But recent media attention has focused more on the voting process – specifically absentee ballots versus mail-

in ballots – than on the candidates.

Typically, absentee ballots refer to ballots that are requested and then mailed

when a person can't vote in person. Mail-in ballots refer to ballots in that allow all people to vote by mail.

At least 34 states have approved mail-in ballots for the Nov. 3 election, with some of those states mailing ballots to every registered voter. Indiana is one of seven states that will accept only absentee bal-

lots.

Indiana allowed all people to vote by mail in the June primary election, but the Indiana Election Commission deadlocked Aug. 3 on a proposal to extend the same privilege for the General Election. Two Democrat members of the commission supported the expanded balloting, and

two Republican members opposed it.

The window is now open in Indiana for voters to apply for absentee ballots, and Oct. 22 is the deadline.

Voters in Grant County can request an absentee ballot application by calling the Voter Registration Office at 765-664-9880 or

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The heat is on...

Sarah Foulk dribbles the ball through the Oak Hill defense in Eastbrook's season opener against the Golden Eagles. All Grant County sports are in full swing. For sports stories and photos, see Pages 10-12.

Photo by Sean Douglas

Marion City Council to consider city court fate

By Alan Miller

When the Marion City Council began its review of the 2021 budget for the city, Council President Deborah Cain asked her fellow councilors to consider whether Marion can afford to keep its city court.

"I raised the issue after several conversations I've had with different council members in the last year," Cain said. "The local media read more into the

comment than I intended. This conversation is just in the exploration stage. It's not something we are going to do this year. We may need a few more years before making a decision."

Cain thought this would be a good time to put the issue on the city's agenda because 2021 will be a year of transition for Marion City Court when Judge Jason McVicker steps down December 31 to become Judge of Grant Super-

ior Court 3.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb will choose a successor to complete the final three years of McVicker's term. McVicker, a seventh-generation resident of Grant County, has served six years as city court judge, which is considered a part-time position.

Cain said she plans to appoint a committee to study whether Marion should continue to fund the city court, which has an an-

nual budget of about \$185,000. In addition to the judge, city court has a full-time probation officer and a secretary.

"The court generates \$60,000 to \$75,000 in revenue each year, and I have been able to cut the budget each year that I have served as judge," McVicker said. "I know it sounds like a lofty goal to suggest the court ever could be self-



Judge
Jason McVicker

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Grant boosts MCS plan for wi-fi network

The state of Indiana has awarded Marion Community Schools with a \$1.1 million grant to increase students' Internet access for e-learning. The grant rewards an innovative, creative, and collaborative plan that will help build a better future for the people of the Marion community.

With the opportunities that remote learning makes possible, Marion Community Schools believes it is urgent that all their students have access to devices, connectivity, and support. This grant will help provide these essentials at both a school and community level.

The grant comes from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund, created by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. Indiana received \$61.6 million in GEER funding. In collaboration with the Indiana Department of Education, the

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