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DEATHS

September 22-28

Ralph Edward Gerstorff
1950-2020

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, on Tuesday, September 22 at 1 pm.

Kennedy Christine Gerstorff
2020-2020

Arranged have been entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel.

Amber L. Jones
1986-2020

A graveside service took place at Park Cemetery in Fairmount on Monday, September 21 at 11 am.

Maureen “Rachel” A. Simion
1944-2020

A Celebration of Life took place on Saturday, September 19 at 1020 S. Washington St., Marion.

George F. Whiteman
1927-2020

Funeral services were held at New Hope Baptist Church, Gas City, on Friday, September 18 at 12 pm. Burial followed at Estates of Serenity.

Kathleen L. Cruzan

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INDIANA QUIZ

Most of the 92 Indiana counties are named for people in history. Identify the county connected to each person below.

1. The third United States President
2. The inventor of the steamboat
3. The first Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court
4. The first Secretary of the Treasury (and subject of a recent Broadway show)
5. The first signer of the Declaration of Independence

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James Dean run reaches 45th year

By Sean Douglas

At Playacres Park over the weekend, the sounds of 50's music, excited chatter, and the roar of engines filled the air thousands of people from Grant County, surrounding areas, and the world gathered to celebrate the “King of Cool,” Grant County native James Dean.

Dean was born in Marion but spent most of his formative years in Fairmount before becoming an actor. His career was tragically cut short in 1955 after his fatal car accident, but his legacy lives on every last weekend of September.

While the event looked much different this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, with usual attractions like the parade and the uptown festival cancelled, the

James Dean Run went off without a hitch.

“People are as friendly as ever,” Fairmount Historical Museum spokesperson John Starkey said. “Attendance is down a little bit, but the ones that are here are just absolutely thrilled to get out of the house, get together, and show off their cars and look at other ones.”

Patrons had the opportunity to time-travel through the decades, seeing vehicles like 1920 Ford Model Ts, late 40's-early 50's model Mercurys, Mustangs, and even Dean's own 1949 Ford Sedan, which he drove to school while living in Fairmount, as well as to and from California and New York.

From the most casual of observers to the most fanatical of car lovers, the James



Dean Run, as it has over the past 45 years, brought joy to all in attendance in what has been a trying year.

Patrons from all over come to Playacres Park each September to look at all of the classic cars on display. There are all kinds of cars on display each September, from 1920 Model T's to 60's era Mustangs. **Photo by Sean Douglas**

Friendships were re-kindled, new bonds were made, and camaraderie was shared.

“The love of the automobile and the love of friendship that they have [brings

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Jennifer Lane-Riefler is surrounded by some of the 50 Longaberger baskets that will be auctioned Saturday to raise funds for cancer Services of Grant County. **Photo by Ed Breen**

Cancer Services of Grant County finding new ways to raise funds

By Ed Breen

The year has not been kind to service clubs, health agencies, not-for-profits and others that rely on the generosity of the community to pay the bills.

Thus, creative fund raising is being stretched in new ways. Auctions, online and otherwise, have taken on new popularity.

Jennifer Lane-Riefler, executive director of Cancer Services of Grant County, found herself in possession of a roomful of collectible Longaberger baskets bequeathed to her agency by a former client. What to do with them?

Auction them. They are treasured by some, but others may need something in the collectible basket to entice them to bid and buy.

“So we will have 50 Longaberger baskets filled with loveliness,” she said as she prepared for the annual Color Me Pink fund-raiser to be held from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday at Matter Park in Marion.

The organization which she has headed for 21 years exists mainly to support cancer patients and their families, with a particular emphasis on women afflicted by breast cancer. The

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Indiana Supreme Court to hear argument by City of Marion over ‘old YMCA’ case

By Ed Breen

The Indiana Supreme Court, in a one-page ruling, last week breathed new life into the City of Marion's lawsuit against several defendants in the case of the costly and failed redevelopment of the old Marion YMCA building on W. Third Street.



The court agreed to hear the argument to be presented by the city specifically on the issue of the legal principal of “adverse domination,” which holds that a public official cannot be expected to take action

against himself if there is illegal activity being conducted. Likewise, it holds that city employees cannot be expected to take legal action against their superior if they suspect illegal activity. That became central to

the City's lawsuit late last year when the Indiana Court of Appeals agreed with Grant Superior Court 3 Judge Warren Haas when he ruled that time had run out for the city to take action when the administration of Mayor Jess Alumbaugh took office in 2016.

Under Indiana law, if legal action in such situa-

tions is not begun within two years the “statute of limitations” applies. That is, time has run out to take the matter to court. But, the City has argued, if there is “adverse domination,” there is no possibility that action could be taken in the allotted time.

Both points are at the

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