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## DEATHS

### Week of September 1-7 Rex L. Gates

**1932-2020**  
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Friday, September 4 at 11 am. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.

### AnnaBelle Christine Arbuckle

**1935-2020**  
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Thursday, September 3 at 1 pm. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.

### Gleniss C. Moore

**1933-2020**  
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Thursday, September 3 at 2 pm. Burial followed at Gardens of Memory.

### Deborah Sue Borders

**1950-2020**  
Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church, Gas City, on Saturday, September 5 at 12 pm. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery.

### Myron P. Spencer

**1928-2020**  
Private services for Spencer will be held at  
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## Gas City breaks ground for long-awaited auditorium

By Sean Douglas

After over 30 years of planning and spearheading numerous efforts towards making the Gas City Auditorium a reality, Gas City, together with Mississinewa Community Schools, fi-

nally broke ground on Tuesday afternoon.

The project is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2021 but could be completed sooner or later depending on weather and other factors.

“This is a project that ac-

tually started back in the 90’s,” Gas City Mayor Bill Rock said. “It got remonstrated against and was defeated. But last year, the council, the Redevelopment Commission, and [former Mayor Larry] Leach came up with the

idea to build this and turn it over to the school to run it.

“We felt like it was a great idea for this community and surrounding communities, and we are very excited about [the] things going on here in Gas City. There is more to come.”

Upon completion, utilization of the Gas City Auditorium will be a conjunction of the city and Mississinewa City Schools, thus hosting both community functions and school sponsored performances  
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Bill Reece in front of a mural that is in his Sender Wellness building at 100 S. Washington Street in Marion. **Photo by Ed Breen**

## Marion Makeover Street Jam to run November 6-8

By Ed Breen

Nearly a half-acre of Marion wall space, much of it downtown, is going to take on a new hue when artists participating in the Marion Makeover Street Jam go to work at 10 locations on November 6-8.

The “street art” project, a collaboration by Marion businessman Bill Reece and Louisville, Ky., street artist Riley Gregor, is intended to transform the landscape and will surface at locations ranging from Washington Street to Lincoln Boulevard.

Reece said he has commitments from the owners of 10 locations to paint at least one exterior wall with a mural executed in spray paint only. Among them are several locations near the intersection of First and Washington streets, including a wall of the building that houses the Family Service Society and the east wall of Creech’s Country Kitchen.

The east wall of the courtyard on the north side of the Courthouse Square will acquire a mural, along with the alley extending south from the Fourth Street side of the courthouse and the east wall of the Com-

munity School of the Arts building in the 300 block of S. Adams Street.

Away from the Courthouse area, a warehouse owned by Bahr Bros. Manufacturing on Lincoln Boulevard has a 12-foot by 150-foot wall that will become a showcase.

Reece said much of the planning, coordination and recruiting of artists is being done by Riley Gregor, who has already painted a mural on a building owned by Reece at 12<sup>th</sup> and McClure streets.

About 26 artists are expected to participate. They will come mainly from larger cities where street art is already commonplace. “Ten walls is a lot of space, about a half-acre. That attracts these artists,” Reece said.

The subject matter and content of the street art murals, Reece said, will be decided by the artists themselves, working in conjunction with Gregor and Reece.

Ground rules prohibit obscene language and overt sexual content, he said, “but comment on current social issues is fair game. Profanity and sexual stuff is not going to happen here.”

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## Talks continue about abolishing Marion City Court

By Alan Miller

Judge Mark Spitzer of Grant Circuit Court co-chairs a high-level Indiana judicial planning committee that recommended a decade ago that the state should abolish city and town courts.

“I was a little bit of a dissenting voice on that issue,” said Spitzer, who is completing his 13th year on the circuit court bench.

Spitzer told Indiana Lawyer magazine, for an ar-

ticle published in July 2019, that city court judges handle a significant caseload. He said if the city courts in Marion and Gas City were to close, he is concerned about how the Grant County courts would absorb their caseloads.

Spitzer and the three other county judges – Jeff Todd, Dana Kenworthy and Warren Haas – may have to address that issue sooner than expected after the Marion City Council announced  
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## INDIANA QUIZ

Match the Hoosier movie stars to their films.

1. Steve McQueen
2. Marjorie Main
3. James Dean
4. Carole Lombard
5. Anne Baxter

- A. Giant
- B. The Razor’s Edge
- C. Bullitt
- D. My Man Godfrey
- E. Ma and Pa Kettle Go to Town

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