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DEATHS

November 3-9
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Norman G. Cline
1928-2020
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Thursday, November 5 at 1 pm. Burial followed at Estates of Serenity, Marion.

Beverly Joan Futrell
1928-2020
Arrangements have been entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, in Gas City.

George Arnold "Jerry" Patterson
1941-2020
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Monday, November 9 at 11:30 am.

Elra E. McGinnis
1947-2020
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, on Saturday, November 7 at 1 pm. Funeral services were held at Gardens of Memory, Marion.

Harry A. Henchon
1948-2020
Funeral services were held at Gardens of Memory, Marion.

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INDIANA QUIZ

Many Indiana cities are known for their industry. Match each city to the product produced.

1. Bedford
 2. Gary
 3. Warsaw
 4. Elkhart
 5. Batesville
- A. Steel
B. Orthopedic Devices
C. Limestone products
D. Caskets
E. Recreational Vehicles

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Council upholds mayor's vetoes

By Sean Douglas

In a surprising development, the Marion Common Council, who have been at odds with Mayor Jess Alumbaugh, voted in favor to sustain Mayor Jess Alumbaugh's vetoes of General Ordinances No. 13-2020, No. 14-2020, and No. 15-2020, announced back on October 23.

The Ordinance No. 13-2020 veto was sustained by a vote of 5-4, and the following two ordinances were tabled by a vote of 8-1, with one abstention.

These three ordinances were adopted by the Common Council back on October 13, calling for across-the-board salary increases and hazard pay for the city of Marion's firefighters, police officers, first responders, and appointed officers and officials who have worked throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, using funds from the CARES Act to do.

However, after originally thinking he could provide hazard pay in the early stages of the pandemic,



Marion Common Council members Gary Fordyce Sr. (left) and Jim Brunner listen to discussions.
Photo by Sean Douglas

Alumbaugh, after discussing the CARES Act with his legal team, reversed course.

"If I thought it were possible, that's exactly what I would like to do," Alumbaugh said.

"What we have is two entities, the IFA, which represents the state of Indiana, but the funds are from the federal government. [My legal] team is concerned, and they

brought this to my attention as they delved into this deeper and deeper as time has gone by, that the feds could very well, and likely would, audit us. The people who are giving out hazard

pay to public safety could very well be told by the feds that they owe that money back. If the feds audit them, they will have to give that money back.

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Makeover Street Jam continues revitalization of downtown Marion

By Sean Douglas

Over the last several years, the city of Marion has made a conscious effort to revitalize the downtown sector, bringing new life, vibrancy, and freshness to the area.

Over the weekend, Bill Reece, in collaboration with Louisville-based street artist Riley Gregor and several other artists from around the country, added to Downtown Marion's revitalization, painting 20 different pieces of art at eight different locations as a part of the Marion Makeover Street Jam.

"This is truly an art form," Sender Wellness Project Manager Becky Arnett said. "Downtown Marion is really on the cusp of

taking off, and something like this is going to bring people downtown to see the murals, and then, also, to shop at all the cute little shops here. We want an awareness of downtown Marion and an awareness of the arts."

Throughout his life, Reece has always been fascinated by art. A Marion native, Reece spent a part of his life in Miami, where he fell in love with street art, particularly the beautiful, painted building in the city's Wynwood neighborhood.

When he returned to Marion several years ago and procured Plenny Farms on South Branson Street, he allowed artists to use it to express themselves, including



Twenty-two murals were painted at eight different locations in downtown Marion over the weekend. Photo by Ed Breen

Gregor, who painted a mural at the location. "Street art, murals, and graffiti have been blasting out the last couple of years, but this type of work and scale of work is meant to be in person," Gregor said.

"It's moving the large-scale aspect, the color choices, the blends, everything that goes along with the process can be viewed as and related to by anybody. When you put that into rural

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MPL hosts job fair

By Sean Douglas

On Wednesday, Workforce One, in conjunction with the Marion-Grant County Chamber of Commerce, the Grant County Economic Growth Control, and many other Grant County entities, hosted a job fair at the Marion Public Library, giving the residents of Marion and Grant County a chance to seek or find new employment in a variety of fields.

Robert Johnson, a Human Resources representative for Grant-Blackford Mental Health, stated that the mental health group was looking to fill a variety of positions.

"We are looking for employees at Grant-Blackford Mental Health," Johnson said. "We have jobs for resi

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