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DEATHS

Death Notices for Week of December 15-21

William Roger Atkinson
1944-2020
Funeral services were
held at Needham-Storey-
Wampner, North Chapel,
on Wednesday, Decem-
ber 16 at 12 pm. Burial
followed at Gardens of
Memory.

Kathleen Caroline
Greene
1934-2020
Funeral services were
held at Needham-Storey-
Wampner, North Chapel,
on Thursday, December
17 at 1 pm. Burial fol-
lowed at Van Buren
Cemetery.

Russell C. Wilkerson
1947-2020
The family will hold a pri-
vate funeral with burial
to follow at Grant Me-
morial Park, Marion.

Robert U. Satterhwaite
1926-2020
The family will have a
private funeral service to
celebrate Satterhwaite's
life. A graveside took
place at Mt. Etna Ceme-
tery, Huntington, on Fri-
day, December 18 at
12:15 pm.

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INDIANA QUIZ

1. To which Indiana city
would you go to enjoy
Christmas at the Seiberling
Mansion? A. Kokomo
B. Madison C. Richmond
2. The town of Santa Claus
is found in which Indiana
county? A. Harrison B.
Spencer C. Knox
3. Name the author whose
childhood in Hammond
formed the basis of the
movie "A Christmas Story."
A. James Whitcomb Riley
B. Booth Tarkington C. Jean
Shepherd

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Public safety workers to get raises

By Sean Douglas

After months of discussion re-
garding raises for the Marion Police
and Fire Department, as well as
civilians, the Marion Common
Council passed three ordinances at
their latest meeting on Tuesday to
make those raises a reality.

General Ordinance No. 19-2020,
an ordinance amending maximum
salaries of appointed officers and
employees and annual payment of
flex dollars (\$250) to non-contrac-
tual full-time employees of the City

of Marion, Indiana for the year
2021, was passed by a 7-1 margin.
The ordinance will grant civilians a
three percent raise beginning on
January 21, 2021.

General Ordinance No. 20-2020,
which would increase the maxi-
mum salary for police officers of
the City of Marion, was passed
unanimously by an 8-0 margin, as
was General Ordinance No. 21-
2020, which increased the maxi-
mum salary for firefighters.

Beginning in 2021, public safety

salaries will increase by five per-
cent.

"The pay raise for public
safety...will start to have real im-
pact," Marion Mayor Jess Alum-
baugh said. "Not only on their
salaries, but on their purses much
more than a one-time payout."

However, despite General Ordi-
nance No. 19-2020 passing, it met
its fair share of resistance. The ordi-
nance also called for raises for both
Chief of Staff Mike Flynn and City
Controller Julie Flores at the tune

of 25 percent, but that figure caused
dissent amongst the council mem-
bers, particularly Robin Foust and
Council President Deborah Cain.

Foust questioned why Flynn and
Flores should be given such exorbi-
tant raises, considering that the
Deputy Controller, Lynda Faw,
would only be given a five percent
raise, despite having some of the
same responsibilities. Additionally,
she questioned why those pay raises
were not included in the proposed

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Officials urge COVID precautions over holidays

By Sean Douglas

With vaccines beginning
to roll out amongst the
healthcare community,
Grant County Public Health
Officer Dr. David Moore,
Dr. Shankaran Srikanth of
Marion General Hospital,
Director of Grant County
EMA Bob Jackson, and
other community leaders
provided another COVID-
19 update, as the holidays
draw closer.

At MGH and other med-
ical facilities across Grant
County, healthcare profes-
sionals are already starting
the process of being vacci-
nated. According to
Srikanth, six staff mem-
bers, including Director of
Nursing Cindy Futrell,
have already been adminis-
tered, and there have been
no signs of adverse effects.
Additionally, 200 more
healthcare and frontline
workers were given the
vaccine on Friday, and
more vaccines will be ad-
ministered in the coming
weeks, according to
Srikanth.

However, while the vac-
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Abandoned vehicles can be found at many properties across the city.

Photo provided

Updates made to parts of Marion's illegally parked, abandoned vehicle measure

By Sean Douglas

After starting the process of up-
dating the city of Marion's Chapter
90 ordinance last week, an ordi-
nance that addresses illegally
parked and abandoned vehicles, the
Code Enforcement Committee met
again on Wednesday to continue
working through the ordinance,
making changes along the way.

The committee spent most of the
meeting discussing section 90.07,
which addresses parking in resi-
dential districts. According to the
ordinance, operable automobiles,

vans, panel and pick-up trucks, up
to one ton, pull-trailers, up to 100
square feet, and motorcycles can
only be parked in a driveway,
street, alley, or other approved con-
crete, asphalt, or gravel parking
surface. Operable recreational ve-
hicles, campers, and boats are per-
mitted to park in a driveway or
alley but cannot be parked in the
street.

Furthermore, large pick-up or
panel trucks over one ton and other
large commercial vehicles, semi-
trucks, truck-tractors, farm tractors,
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ISP investigating death of woman following crash

At the request of the Grant County Sher-
iff's Department the Indiana State Police is
investigating the death of Amanda Elbert,
32, Alexandria.

On Saturday, Dec. 19, at approximately
8:15 a.m., officers from the Gas City Police
Department, the Upland Police Department,
and the Grant County Sheriff's Department
responded to a single vehicle crash near
4598 South Grant County Road 600 East.

Preliminary investigation by Indiana State
Police Detective Wendell Beachy revealed
that when officers arrived at the crash scene,
they found a 2007 Chevrolet Impala that
crashed into a utility pole. Officers also lo-
cated Elbert, a passenger in the Chevrolet.
The driver of the car allegedly fled the crash
scene on foot.

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Fairmount boy, 2, dies from gunshot wound

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, at approximately
12:21 p.m., officers from the Indiana State
Police and the Fairmount Police Department
responded to a reported shooting at a home
on 1500 North Main Street, Lot 15, Fair-
mount, in which a 2-year-old boy died.

The preliminary investigation by Indiana
State Police Detective Josh Maller revealed
that Caci Seals, 22, a resident of 1500 North
Main Street, Lot 15, Fairmount, was feeding
her infant child in a front room. Leighton
Owings, Seals' 2-year-old son, was in a bed-

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Christmas Wishes Merry & Bright