

DEATHS

Week of Jan. 19-25

John Price Nearon
1942-2021

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Saturday, Jan. 23 at 10 am. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.

Shirley Diane Guarneri
1942-2021

The family will have a private funeral service for Guarneri at a later date.

Janice H. Williams
1932-2021

The family will receive visitors from 11 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday, Jan. 30 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel. Following the time of visitation, a graveside service will begin at 1 p.m. at Grant Memorial Park.

Derek Lamont Barnett
1970-2021

A private funeral service will take place at a later date. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.

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INDIANA QUIZ

Match the bridge to its location

1. Abraham Lincoln Memorial Bridge

2. Sherman Minton Bridge

3. Red Skelton Memorial Bridge

4. John F. Kennedy Memorial Bridge


A. I-65 South over the Ohio River between Jeffersonville and Louisville

B. I-64 over the Ohio River between New Albany and Louisville

C. U.S. 50 over the Wabash River in Vincennes

D. I-65 North over the Ohio River from Louisville to Jeffersonville

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County graduation rate boasts strong numbers

By Sean Douglas

Despite all of the trials and tribulations of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic in the United States and all of the changes that Indiana school districts have had to make, graduation rates in Indiana increased in 2020, according to the Indiana Department of Education.

Even with schools switching to online learning, and all the challenges that came with that, Indiana's graduation rose from 87.29 to 87.69 percent.

"This modest improvement in Indiana's 2020 graduation rate is encouraging, especially as Hoosier students and educators have tackled unprecedented challenges throughout the pandemic," Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education said in a statement last week.

According to the report, all five school corporations in Grant County – Eastbrook Community Schools, Madison-Grant United School Corporation, Marion Community Schools, Mississinewa Community Schools, and Oak Hill United School Corporation – finished with tremendous numbers, with four of the five schools achieving a graduation rate of 95 percent or higher.

"When I saw those numbers posted, as an educator, I had a deeper sense of appreciation of the collective efforts of educators around the state that focus on student learning from day one...all the way through grade 12," MGUSC Superintendent Dr. Scott Deetz said. "To graduate this spring, it didn't just start this past spring. It started well before that. So those endeavors, even through a pandemic, were to help a great number of students get their graduation certificates and be able to move on into fully productive lives."

Of the five school districts in Grant County, Madison-Grant recorded the highest graduation rate at 98.82 percent. Deetz credited not just the students and the teachers for Madison-Grant's success, but the community as a whole for their dedication to giving Madison-Grant students the keys to be successful.

"A tremendous kudos to our community and our students, and most certainly our teachers and our guidance counselors and our administrators. It starts so

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Mississinewa 2020 seniors celebrated their graduation at Fisher Field. Photo courtesy of Glen E. Devitt



Ashley Scales gets set to cut the ribbon in A Lovely Boutique's grand opening on Friday. Photo by Sean Douglas

A Lovely Boutique celebrates grand opening

By Sean Douglas

This past Friday, on a beautiful, chilly afternoon, Ashley Scales, alongside members of the Marion-Grant County Chamber of Commerce, officially christened her store, A Lovely Boutique, in a ribbon cutting.

And afterwards, she could not help but smile, while shedding a few tears. Friday's ribbon cutting was the culmination of months of hard, diligent work, and a life-long dream to own her own store. De-

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Traffic stop leads to drug arrest

On Thursday, Jan. 21, the JEAN Team Drug Task Force arrested 36-year-old Timothy Ray Moore, of Marion.

The JEAN Team Drug Task Force and Marion Police Department conducted a traffic stop at 2nd Street and Butler Avenue while investigating the distribution of drugs in the Grant County area. Moore was found to possess marijuana and cocaine during the investigation, both at the scene of the traffic stop and at the Grant County Jail.

Moore was arrested for Possession of Cocaine or

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