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DEATHS

June 8-14  
Barbara L. Creech  
1934-2021  
Burial will take place at a later date at Gardens of Memory, Marion.  
  
Catherine J. "Sally" Glassburn  
1937-2021  
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Thursday, June 10 at Noon. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.  
  
Shirley Ann Thompson Khalouf  
1932-2021  
Funeral services will be held at Temple Congregational United Church, Marion, on Saturday, June 12 at 1 p.m. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.  
  
Cora L. McNair  
1940-2021  
A graveside service will be held at Grant Memorial Park on Tuesday, June 15 at 11 a.m.

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INDIANA QUIZ

The Indiana Historical Bureau has placed hundreds of markers around the state which identify significant people, places, and events in history. Match the marker to its location.

1. The T. C. Steele Home and Studio

2. The JFD Lanier Mansion

3. The C. G. Conn Band Instrument Company

4. The Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company

A. Elkhart

B. Brown County

C. Muncie

D. Madison

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Proud Americans Veterans Warehouse in Marion

By Ed Breen

Drive through the north Marion intersection of Adams and Bradford streets and you would be hard pressed to find anything unusual. Modest homes. The Green Olive Pub is west of the corner. Some former industrial buildings.

And on the northwest corner – 403 N. Adams Street — is what once was the K-W Electric showroom, where fancy light fixtures were displayed and sold.



RON TURNER

Today the walls have been sided, several windows re-

moved, doors front onto both Bradford and Adams streets. No sign; only the weather-worn K-W Electric sign.

Inside the 8,000-square-foot building, however, a whole new enterprise aimed as meeting the needs of Marion and Grant County veterans is coming to life.

It is the Proud Americans Veterans Warehouse, a point where those veterans and their families can come for a little assistance when they need it: Canned foods, toi-

letries, almost anything you might need to get through a rough patch. Hundreds of feet of shelving are filled with products, much of it donated by the Dollar General Distribution center in Marion.

It is here now because years ago a young Marion man, Ron Turner, freshly returned from Vietnam, couldn't get some help when he needed it and he vowed then and there that his time and resources would go to helping other

veterans when he had the opportunity.

What makes this place special is that everything inside – soap, paper goods, food, everything — is given to veterans and their eligible families free. No charge. You need it, you get it.

Turner, who is partially disabled after leg surgery years ago, is a Marion native who came back after his Army years, worked at RCA and Fisher Body and

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Converse holds annual summer fair

By Sean Douglas

Summer in Converse began in usual fashion this week at the Converse Fairgrounds.

The annual fair featured all that event-goers are accustomed to finding – livestock shows, harness and pony racing, and delicious fair food, along with several others vendors.

Since 1871, the Converse Fair has been a local favorite event for the west side of Grant County, and this year was no exception. The livestock shows — sheep, goat, cattle, and swine — top the event's attractions.

"It's fantastic," Converse Fair spokeswoman Dessa Miller said. "I have really enjoyed this year. Everyone who has come back has been super friendly, and I've enjoyed it."

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Converse Fair was one of the few events that did not cancel last summer, bringing in record numbers of people and livestock, which included over 200 cows, 300 sheep, and 600 hogs.

This year, attendance has been even higher, according to Miller, and she has been pleased with the turnout.

"We are back to normal, probably higher than normal this year," Miller said. "I think last year, since everyone came out, it got our name out there."

After a tough 2020, feelings of normalcy have begun to slowly creep back into everyday life. Miller believes that the fair not only gives the population of Converse a fun start to the summer, but also provides a place where the next generation can learn how to show livestock and take an active role in local agricultural practice.

"In Converse, a lot of people don't get to see livestock every day, so it is very important for them to come out and see that," Miller said. "Locally, I gear my shows towards helping younger kids... and teaching. I grew up showing here, so I want them to learn something when they come. I think that is important and unique for our show."



One of the cattle being shown at the annual Converse Fair.  
Photo by Sean Douglas

Carpenters dedicated to serving Marion's youth as new CASAs

By Sean Douglas

Over the course of 40 years in the ministry, Tim and Kate Carpenter have given their lives to selflessly serving those in need.

Before retirement, Tim served as pastor of the Friendship Alliance Church in Callahan, Florida, while

Kate, a folksinger and songwriter by trade, has dazzled audiences around the United States as "Mrs. Kate" with puppetry, unusual instruments, and riveting storytelling. Her performances motivate, educate, and entertain with the help of an interactive musical extravaganza.

Upon moving to Marion

one year ago to be closer to their son and his family, the Carpenters knew that they wanted to continue to minister, albeit in a different manner.

"We were in ministry for so many years, and we felt like we wanted to get involved in a community outside of the church," Kate said. "We wanted to step

out of our comfort zone... and get involved in something more community based."

Tim and Kate's son, Will, and his wife, Jackie, have served as foster parents for many years, which kindled Tim and Kate's involvement in serving the children of Grant County. A year after settling in Marion, CASA of

Grant County came on their radar, and the duo jumped at the opportunity to serve.

"Watching our son and his family involved in foster parenting, and as a pastor, we saw some of the sorrow that goes through a lot of dysfunctional families, troubled families, and families in need, with the children

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