

# Memorial Day moments



Visitors made their way through the cemetery Memorial Day to pay their respects. **Photos by Ed Breen**

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“We are so excited,” Habitat for Humanity of Grant County Executive Director Brittany Howey said. “We have been in Grant County since 1993, and we are really hitting a beautiful stride for growth right now. We are making a bigger impact here in one neighborhood, and we are really excited to grow that.”

The recipient of the new home, which is being built on Harmon Street in Marion, is longtime Grant County resident Zaniethia Jones.

The hard-working mother of two was told by members of her church to apply for the new home which was built in Sweetser a year ago. While she did not qualify at the time, Howey and other members of Habitat worked diligently to help her take the steps she needed to take in different areas to qualify during the next cycle.

“Brittany has been amazing,” Jones said. “She has been really supportive and really willing to help. Anything I needed, no matter what it was, she was willing to explain it to me and take time to meet with me. She invested a lot of time to help me.”

“Truly, she is one of the most hardworking, perse-

vering folks,” Howey said of Jones. “She works a couple of different jobs to make ends meet, so we are hoping that by having the Habitat house that it makes it more affordable for her to partner with us.”

Ultimately, Jones and her two children, daughter Journee and son Jaxx, were selected for Habitat’s 55th home, and she was blown away by all of the support shown both by the organization and many others across the city of Marion.

“It’s amazing, I didn’t think it would happen like this,” Jones said. “I thought it would be a few more years before I’d ever qualify or anything. But [Habitat] really helped a lot.

“I didn’t expect this much support. I didn’t expect this many people to be here. To see all of these people being supportive of something for me and my kids made me

cry.”

The three-bedroom, two-bathroom home will be completed around October, and Jones hopes to move in sometime in November and begin the next chapter of their lives.

“The impact that this has for our families is huge and long term,” Howey said. “It’s not just helping right now, it’s helping for so many years to come. The more we can do that and create stability, affordability, and housing for families, the more successful they are. We are excited.”

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day – wiping seats, mopping floors, sanitizing everything that could be cleaned on the buses, then fogging them each evening. As a result of their rigorous work, Marion Transportation Director, Jeff Edwards said they never received one call of someone getting sick from being on the buses.

“The remarkable statistic speaks to the roughly 24,000 rides given during a time in which countless essential, even life-saving, services were being provided,” explained Edwards. “Our entire staff made it possi-

ble – from drivers and our mechanic to dispatchers and administrative staff – with support from Mayor Alumbaugh and Chief of Staff Mike Flynn.”

Edwards said it’s important to remain safe in changing back to normal.

“We want to remain diligent and not relaxed,” Edwards stated. “We will still be cognizant of capacity and will not let people stand once seats are full. We will limit the amount of carry-ons a rider can bring now that more people will ride

at once.”

Edwards added that masks are still required until September 1 per CDC mass transit guidelines. Also, once normal routes resume, riders must return to standing at bus stops or corners along routes as opposed to expecting pickup from home or other places outside the routes, with ADA Paratransit service being the exception.

To find Marion Transit’s bus schedule and routes, visit: [cityofmarion.in.gov/bus](http://cityofmarion.in.gov/bus).

There is no charge to ride City of Marion buses.

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**Wilma J. Mullenix**  
1937-2021  
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, on Friday, May 28 at 10 a.m. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.

**John Robert Dishmon**  
1946-2021  
The family will receive visitors at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, on Tuesday, June 1 at 6 p.m. A celebration of life will be held in Jamestown, Tennessee at a later date.

**James “Jim” D. Downing**  
1940-2021  
Funeral services were held at Brookhaven Wesleyan Church, Marion, on Wednesday, May 26 at 1 p.m. Burial followed at Park Cemetery, Fairmount.

**Paul M. Koon**  
1964-2021  
Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Marion, on Wednesday, May 26 at 2 p.m.

**Helen “Honey” M. Austin**  
1929-2021  
Funeral services were held at Brookhaven Wesleyan Church, Marion, on Thursday, May 27 at 11 a.m. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.

**Helen L. Jones**  
1928-2021  
Funeral services were held at Upland Community Church, Upland, on Saturday, May 29 at 10 a.m. Burial followed at Jefferson Cemetery, Upland.

**Maggie Sophia Nieman**  
2012-2021  
Funeral services were held at Friends Church, Fairmount, on Saturday, May 29 at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at a later date.

**Chad H. Jackson**  
1945-2021  
Funeral services will be held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Fairmount, on Friday, June 4 at 6 p.m.

**Nancy J. Gillespie**  
1951-2021  
Funeral services will be held at Upland Community Church, Upland, on Friday, June 4 at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Jefferson Cemetery.

**Byron L. Stowers**  
1941-2021  
Funeral services will be held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Fairmount, on Friday, June 4 at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Vinson Cemetery, Summitville.

**Jane E. Hall**  
1950-2021  
Graveside services were held at Gardens of Memory, Marion, on Thursday, May 27 at 1 p.m.

**Carrall Chambers**  
1942-2021  
Funeral services were held at Raven-Choate Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 2 at 1 p.m. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery, North Manchester.

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