



CLUES ACROSS

1. Germanic mythological god

4. Cash machine

7. Improvement

12. What voters want

15. Sheepish

16. Placed at powerful level

18. Measure of illumination

19. Trent Reznor's band

20. Commercial

21. Amounts of time

24. English broadcaster

27. Rolls of tobacco

30. Position

31. Expresses pleasure

33. Corporate exec (abbr.)

34. Body part

35. Bleated

37. Businessman
39. Beats per minute

41. Defunct Italian monetary unit

42. Broken branch

44. Put in advance

47. Arrest

48. Prefix indicating adjacent to

49. Artificial intelligence

50. Disfigure

52. The Fighting Irish (abbr.)

53. Not in any place

56. Predict

61. A system of getting stuff from one place to another

63. Philosophy of the principles of things

64. US gov't office (abbr.)

65. Seaborgium's former name (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Network connector

2. Primordial matter

3. Get up

4. Uncoordinated

5. Ill-fated cruise ship

6. Work hard

7. Drivers' speed

8. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)

9. Healthcare pro

10. Egyptian Sun god

11. Expresses the negative

12. Some are three-legged

13. Clothing manufacturer

14. Close by

17. Tooth caregiver

22. Housing material

23. Flows through

24. Founder of Babism

25. Honorary title
26. A type of letter

28. Seize and hold firmly

29. Artery

32. Body fluids

36. Press against lightly

38. An island in the Pacific

40. A reminder of past events

43. Austrian spa town

44. Peter's last name

45. Something a mob might do

46. Of the bones of the feet

51. "Amazing Stories" writer

54. Nazi-resistant youth group (abbr.)

55. Used to have (Scottish)

56. A way to cook

57. Japanese port city

58. Type of precipitation

59. Engrave

60. Female sibling

62. Expresses emotion

Marion dermatologist retires from practice

By Alan Miller

Dr. Kristine Hess' journey to become a dermatologist began with what she describes as a terrible case of poison ivy during her first year of medical school at Indiana University-Bloomington.

"After the poison ivy, I got boils. I was miserable," Hess said. "I went to the student health center where I was treated by a dermatologist who was one of the kindest people I've ever met. He had me all fixed up in 48 hours."

Actually, there were other factors that influenced her decision to pursue dermatology as a specialty. "It's very visual. You get to see both adults and children, and it uses medical and surgical skills," she said.

Hess began her practice in Marion in 1989 and retired in February. In 2015, she sold the practice to Wisconsin-based Forefront Dermatology, which will maintain an office in Marion General Hospital's Medical Office Building.

Hess' husband, Dr. George Geier, who has practiced urology in Marion since 1988, is not retiring. In recent years, the couple has had adjoining offices.

"George and I like to say we met over a dead body," Hess said. "I was a year ahead of him in medical school, so I was working as an associate instructor in the anatomy lab, and he was one of my students."

The couple was married in 1980 while they were in medical school.

Hess was reared in Akron, Ohio, where her father was an engineer for B.F. Goodrich. "After I graduated from high school in 1972, I



Dr. Kristine Hess

told my dad I wanted to attend Oberlin College and become a writer," she said. "He was only willing to pay for me to attend a state school in Ohio – or Purdue University, where he had earned his engineering degree."

Hess enrolled at Purdue, majoring in biology with her mind set on becoming a physician. She spent the first two years of medical school at Indiana University's Bloomington campus and the final two years at the IUPUI campus in Indianapolis.

"Both George and I were fortunate enough to get residency programs in Indianapolis. That probably was due, in part, to the fact there were not many students seeking dermatology and and urology residencies," Hess said.

After completing their res-

idencies, the couple moved to Marion where Geier had accepted a position with Urology, Inc., a medical practice owned by Dr. Marcene Percy and Dr. David Brandes.

"When we moved to Marion, we were not concerned about my career," Hess said. "We had a daughter, and I was expecting our second child, so I had planned to stay home with the children. Our son was actually born the day after we moved into our first house in Marion."

A year later, Hess joined the Marion office of two dermatologists whose main offices were in Muncie. She would later buy the Marion practice.

During her 31 years in Marion, Hess said the practice of dermatology changed to reflect a changing commu-

nity. "When I retired, 63 percent of my patients were on Medicare," she said. "When I began practicing, I saw more of a variety of issues such as rashes and acne. In recent years, those conditions have been overshadowed by skin cancers, especially melanoma."

Hess' influence on the community extended well beyond her medical practice. She served two terms on the Marion school board, several years on the Family Service Society board and was active, along with her husband, in Westminster Presbyterian Church, before it closed.

"My service on the school board grew out of a desire to do what I could do as a community member and parent to be a part of improving education for children in Marion," Hess said.

Her service on the school board also provided a life-saving opportunity for one of her fellow board members, Mike Roorbach.

"Kris and I sat beside each other at board meetings, and one night I asked her to look at a small lesion on my face. It turned out to be malignant melanoma, and it was bad," Roorbach said. "My oncologist said later, 'It was advanced, but you caught it early. Your dermatologist did you a good favor.' So I will always be indebted to Kris. She is more than a doctor, and she is going to be missed."

Doctors Hess and Geier will maintain their home in Marion, but she will be spending time in Georgia where their daughter, Mary, who is scheduled to deliver the couple's first grandchild later this month.

Mary recently completed law school. Their son, Eric, is following in his parents' footsteps. He has completed a Ph.D. and is in his final year of medical school in California.

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