

DEATHS

Notices for Week of May 18-25

Marion Alice Lewton 1930-2020
Due to current limitations, Lewton's family will have a private, graveside service followed by burial at Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Marjorie Helen Davis 1921-2020
The family will host a private, graveside service followed by burial at Estates of Serenity in Marion. A Celebration of Life service will be scheduled at a later date.

Ronda Kay Huston 1965-2020
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Saturday, May 16, at 1 pm.

Debra J. Eaton 1957-2020
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Saturday, May 16, at 10 am.

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INDIANA QUIZ

1. May 1, 1813: The capital of the Indiana Territory was moved to a/ Vincennes b/ Madison c/ Terre Haute d/ Corydon

2. May 30, 1911: The winner of the first 500-Mile Race was a/ Elmer Shaw b/ Sam Hanks c/ Ray Harroun d/ Joe Dawson

3. May 30, 1949: The first television station in Indianapolis went on the air. It was a/ WTHI b/ WFBM c/ WOWO d/ WFYI

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Henrys discover new sense of purpose

By Sean Douglas

The COVID-19 pandemic has been one of the most encompassing unprecedented events in human history. Since making its way to the United States in January 2020, workers in a variety of fields were asked to work from home, social distancing guidelines were established to help stop the spread of the virus, and the economy essentially grinded to a halt.

Grant County, despite its relative remoteness, was not immune to the spread of the novel coronavirus, and for one member of the Indiana Wesleyan men's soccer, COVID-19 really hit close to home.

Isaiah Henry, a former Oak Hill standout and a freshman on the men's soccer team this past school year, is originally from Uganda. Eight years ago, when Isaiah was 12 years old, he was adopted by the Henry family and moved to the Marion area.

From there, he went on to Oak Hill, where he starred on the pitch as one of the Golden Eagles' premier strikers. Over his four-year career, Henry scored 31 goals, including 11 in his sophomore year, and helped lead Oak Hill to a sectional championship in the 2016 season.

He elected to stay local for his collegiate studies, signing with the Wildcats to play soccer. While he did

not see a minute of game action in his freshman year, a slew of departures at the forward position should put him in the running for extended playing time in his sophomore campaign.

However, in February, his world would turn upside down.

David Henry, Isaiah's adoptive father, was diagnosed in mid-February with pneumonia and influenza. From his initial diagnosis until the end of March, he never fully recovered from the pneumonia, and right around the time when quarantines and social distancing and sports cancellations were going into effect, he learned he had contracted the deadly disease.

David Henry was quickly hospitalized, and on March 28, he was unconscious and intubated, and over the course of the next month, he fought for his life at Marion General Hospital and Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Watching a loved one suffer is tough, but is compounded when the suffering is at the hands of a little understood virus, killing thousands around the world. So, despite their fears and doubts, Isaiah, his mother, and his 11 siblings did the only thing they could do – pray.

Over the course of several weeks, the Henry family fervently prayed for David day and night, hop-

ing that the Lord would provide a miracle.

"There were a couple of things that were really hard for me," Isaiah Henry said. "The first one was how slow things were improving. I was praying so much, and some days, Dad was not improving at all. Some days, he was getting worse. The hardest thing for me was waiting for God to do something. Even when Dad was improving, it was micro improvements."

"The second thing that was hard for me was watch-

ing my family. All the strength that I had left was a little bit depleted watching my family going through this. My mom was in tears constantly, and I wanted to be there for her, but I did not know how to be there for her. Everybody in our house was down. There was crying, there was sadness, and being in that atmosphere was really hard, especially when you care."

There were a plethora of long days and nights, and some days were certainly



Photo above: David Henry (from left) poses with his son, Alex, and wife, Michele.



Isaiah Henry better than others, but finally, in late April and into early May, the Henrys received the best news they could have possibly received.

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Marion High graduation date, time announced

Marion High School will premier its virtual graduation ceremony at 2:30 p.m. May 31 on its website and social media.

MHS asked members of the Class of 2020 to weigh in on options for their graduation, since the traditional ceremony has been canceled due to COVID-19 distancing guidelines. About half the class indicated a



preference, and the majority of those votes were for a virtual graduation in May, and a second in-person ceremony in September.

The more traditional in-person ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 20, on MHS Homecoming Weekend, dependent on the

Grant County prepares for local election

By Ed Breen

In some ways it is the oddest of Indiana political seasons: Date of the primary election changed from May to June to accommodate a pandemic, and paper ballots that may be mailed in from your home. Neither has happened before.

In other respects, politics as usual, at least on the Republican side of the Grant County ballot. A seriously contested race for three

seats on the Grant County Council and four lawyers seeking to succeed Warren Haas as judge of Grant Superior Court 3.

On the Democrat side of the county ballot, vacancies abound, but a gaggle of Democrat presidential names, if not candidates – nine of them on the June 2 ballot – for a nomination that was settled long before the presidential season got to Indiana.

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