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## DEATHS

### Death Notices for Week of May 25-June 1

**David Walter Pence**  
1936-2020  
A private family visitation and graveside service will be held with burial following at Thrailkill Cemetery.

**Nedra D. Sutter**  
1935-2020  
Due to the families' concern for the community and the virus, funeral services were held at a later date.

**Beryl Louise Sprowl**  
1925-2020  
Funeral services were held at Jefferson Cemetery, Marion, on Friday, May 29 at 1 pm.

**Una Florabelle Smethers**  
1916-2020  
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Friday, May 29 at 11 am.

**Edward Lewis Crago**  
1942-2020  
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Thursday, May 28 at 4 pm.

**Jack Leroy Sheets**  
1933-2020  
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, on Tuesday, June 2 at 1 pm.

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### INDIANA QUIZ

1. Name the only National Park in Indiana.
2. What river marks the border between Southwest Indiana and Southeastern Illinois?
3. Before going to Washington in 1959, United States Senator Vance Hartke was mayor of what Indiana city?

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## Protest in Marion remained peaceful



**By Sean Douglas**

In downtown Marion Sunday evening, people of every race, creed, color, and orientation gathered at the courthouse, becoming the latest group to speak out against corruption, police brutality, and racism.

On May 25, George Floyd, an African-American male, died after being arrested by Minneapolis police on suspicion that he tried to use a counterfeit \$20 bill at a local deli. Minneapolis Police officer Derek Chauvin was caught on police body cam footage kneeling on Floyd's neck for close to nine minutes. Chauvin was later arrested and charged with third-degree murder.

Floyd's death was like a match to a tinderbox, inciting protests across the United States in major cities

such as Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C., and countless others. Many of the protests have turned into riots and, with tensions at an all-time high, escalating violence.

In Marion, however, it was a peaceful gathering. Starting around 5 pm, protesters began gathering on the 2nd St. side of the courthouse. By 5:30, approximately 100 people of all ages were there brandishing signs and chanting phrases such as "Hands Up, Don't Shoot," "I Can't Breathe," "Spread Love, Not Hate," and "Stand With Us."

Occasionally, they marched around the courthouse square, holding up signs that said, "No Justice, No Peace" and "Black Lives Matter."

They spoke the names of

numerous other African-American men, women, and children who had been killed in the last 15 years, including Tamir Rice, Trayvon Martin, Philando Castile, and Ahmaud Arbery.

They stood with one another. They prayed with one another. They held their fists up high, symbolizing power and defiance.

It was a gathering of people from all walks of life, from different cultures, from children to the elderly, with one common goal in mind – to take a stand and show solidarity.

"I'm hoping that it sends a message to the community and the powers that be that black lives matter, and that it is okay to stand up and say things that are wrong that are happening in our country and our community," said Torii



Peaceful protesters stood outside of the Marion Courthouse on Sunday. **Photos by Sean Douglas**

Williams, who helped bring the protest together. "The more of us that stand up, the more of us that do something, that's how change occurs."

Whether they were stand-

ing or marching, the majority of vehicles passing by honked their horns in support of the group's cause.

Steve Wood, a Marion resident and father, was at


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## Splash house closed; Matter Park Softball League cancelled for summer

**By Sean Douglas**

While the city of Marion is continuing its slow process of reopening, several popular summer attractions will remain closed throughout the summer months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Marion Mayor Jess Alumbaugh.

"After much hesitation and consideration, there will be some changes to



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City activities this summer. I have decided to keep the Splash House closed for the remainder of the summer and the Matter Park Softball leagues have been cancelled," Alumbaugh said in a statement.

While the choice to shut down both the Splash

House and the Matter Park Softball leagues did not come easily, Alumbaugh stated the health of the community was the core reason behind the difficult decision.

"I understand that this has been a difficult season, especially for the kids, with

activities being limited," Alumbaugh said. "However, the ability to maintain the social distancing guidelines would be impractical not only in a public water-park setting, but also through contact sports."

However, Alumbaugh reminded the community that there is still plenty to do in the city during the summer months, and expressed the hope that Marion families will take advantage of those activities during this unprecedented time.

"I encourage families to get out and take a walk downtown or ride a bike down the Cardinal Greenway. There are the newly added Pickleball courts at Matter Park, take a jog on the Riverwalk or do some fishing in the pond," Alumbaugh said. "Other activities include playing golf at one of our local golf

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