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DEATHS

Notices for Week of July 27-August 3

Joshua "Josh" Lee White 1986-2020

Cremation will take place with burial at a later date.

Robert Eugene Powers 1933-2020

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, on Thursday, July 30 at 1 p.m. Burial will take place at LaFontaine I.O.O.F Cemetery.

Gilbert A. Jones, Sr. 1935-2020

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Thursday, July 30 at 12 p.m. Burial will take place at Marion National Cemetery.

Matthew Aaron Rude 1989-2020

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel on Thursday, July 30 at 1 p.m.

Stacie R. Harmeyer 1988-2020

A service to celebrate Harmeyer's life will begin

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INDIANA QUIZ

The official state bird of Indiana is the cardinal. Can you name the other symbols listed below?

1. The state tree
2. The state flower
3. The state stone
4. The state motto

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Council extends 'olive branch' to mayor

By Ed Breen

Marion's City Council, embroiled in what some of its members believed was a stalemate with Mayor Jess Alumbaugh, backed off from its aggressive stance Tuesday night and issued what one council member described as an "olive branch" to the city administration.

Alumbaugh and three members of his staff appeared at Tuesday's meeting under subpoena issued by the council two week ago.

They had come prepared, as ordered by the subpoenas, to provide answers to 11 questions posed by the council last month regarding the source of money to pay about \$1.6 million in legal fees connected with a lawsuit involving the failed "Old YMCA" renovation project of the previous Wayne Seybold administration.

Only one of the 11 questions was raised at all by the council members, who, instead seemed to be seeking ways to back away from the

confrontation with the mayor.

The lone question from the July list dealt with the collection and disbursement of money said to have been donated by anonymous citizens to encourage the lawsuit in its formative stages nearly four years ago.

Council President Deborah Cain, who had used her authority to issue the subpoenas to the mayor and his staff, asked who had donated the money, how much

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Mayor Jess Alumbaugh and City Attorney Tom Hunt listen to questions from the City Council.

New Afena Credit Union location opens in Upland

By Sean Douglas

During a ribbon cutting ceremony this past Friday afternoon, Afena Credit Union, a financial institution staple in Grant County, officially christened its newest branch, as it looks to continue its expansion throughout the region.

The previous Monday, the branch had a soft opening conducting banking transactions primarily via the drive-thru lane and allowing their employees to familiarize themselves with the new affinities. However, as of 3 pm on Friday, the lobby was open to the public.



Members of Afena Credit Union and the Upland and Grant County Chambers of Commerce cutting the ribbon at Afena's new location in Upland. Photo by Sean Douglas.

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Rising star researcher to be inducted into Marion Hall of Fame

By Sean Douglas

From a young age, Dr. Leslie Weaver knew that she wanted to work in the sciences.

Safe to say, despite her youth, she has already made a significant impact.

For all of her accomplishments in STEM-related fields, particularly in the field of molecular biology, Weaver, a 2004 Marion High School graduate, will be inducted into the

Marion Hall of Distinction.

While growing up, Weaver served as a caregiver, looking after her great-grandmother who suffered from dementia. It was during these acts of service that her interest in her research and science first took root.

"It comes back to being a caregiver and being interested in, 'Why does my great-grandma forget who I am?' and, 'What is it about

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