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DEATHS

Week of Oct. 13-19

Gene R. Wolf

1950-2020

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Friday, Oct. 16, at 11 am. Burial followed at Gardens of Memory, Marion.

Diana K. Roberds

1940-2020

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 1 pm. Burial followed at Estate of Serenity.

Kentner L. Crotchett

1929-2020

Funeral services were held at Eastview Wesleyan Church, Gas City, on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 12:30 pm. Burial followed at Marion National Cemetery.

Harold Jordan O'Neal

1930-2020

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 12:30 pm. Burial followed at Marion National Cemetery.

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INDIANA QUIZ

Match each of the following Indiana schools to its location.

1. Taylor University
2. DePauw University
3. Earlham University
4. Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
5. Martin University

- A. Richmond
 - B. Indianapolis
 - C. Upland
 - D. Greencastle
 - E. Terre Haute
- Answers

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Upland clinic to reopen by end of November

By Alan Miller

The former Upland Health and Diagnostics Center, which Marion General Hospital closed abruptly on July 9, will reopen by the end of November, thanks to a \$2 million gift from the husband-and-wife team of doctors who owned the building and practiced at the clinic for 23

years.

Patients who showed up for appointments at the clinic on July 8 found the doors locked. A MGH news release a day later said services at the clinic had been suspended and that the primary care providers, Dr. Shannon Riegle and Dr. Helen Riegle, were “no longer employees of Marion General Hospital.”

With the exception of a pharmacy, which has continued to operate, the building at 1809 S. Main St., Upland, has remained closed and phone calls to the facility have been routed to a MGH clinic in Gas City.

Neither the Riegles nor the hospital ever explained why the clinic closed.

On October 1, the presi-

dent’s office at Taylor University announced in a letter to the campus community that the Riegles had made a gift totaling nearly \$2 million by transferring ownership of the building to the University, effective September 30. The clinic is across the street from the entrance to the campus.

“Who would have imagined that when the health

clinic was closed this summer, it would result in a partnership with the Riegles that would bless them, their patients, Taylor University, students and the Upland community. We are thankful to the Lord for providing this opportunity through the Riegles. We are pleased to see this plan come to fruition,” said a statement

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Kuczora marks upcoming retirement with celebration

By Alan Miller

Paul Kuczora will officially retire November 6 as President/CEO of Grant-Blackford Mental Health, Inc., an agency he has served for more than four decades. To note only that one title, however, would fall far short of explaining what Kuczora has meant to this community.

“There are some things that the president/CEO of a mental health agency would be expected to do in a community, in addition to his job,” Kuczora said. “At the top of that list is being involved with the state and community correctional system.”

Kuczora has been on the county’s community corrections board since its inception, and was on the ground floor of specialty courts such as the drug court.

“I was fortunate to serve on the board of the St. Martin de Porres Center for many years because that is

where my personal and professional interests overlapped,” he said. “I served as the board treasurer at St. Martin, which led me to being pigeonholed as the treasurer for other community social agencies.”

Fittingly, Kuczora has a Master of Business Administration degree from Ball State University with an interest in entrepreneurial studies.

Kuczora also has served on the boards of Bridges to Health and two terms as chairman of the Marion-Grant County Chamber of Commerce. He has been deeply involved in various ministries of St. Paul’s Catholic Church, most recently as a musician.

“I taught religious education at St. Paul’s for many years, and many of my former students are now people in their 50s who have become prominent members of our community. It’s rewarding to know that I



Paul Kuczora celebrates his retirement ceremony at Matter Park after faithfully serving the Grant-Blackford Mental Health community for 43 years.

Photo by Sean Douglas

played a small role in their lives,” Kuczora said.

Paul and Pam Kuczora’s only son, Matthew, is a Roman Catholic priest, a special source of pride for the family.

“Catholic parents hope and pray for a son to become a priest,” Paul Kuczora said. “It was a little foreign for Pam, who did

not grow up a Catholic, but she has embraced Matt’s decision heartily and has encouraged other parents whose sons are considering the priesthood.”

The couple also has four daughters.

The Kuzcoras have left a rich legacy for the Grant County community, which Paul discovered virtually by

accident.

“I had earned an undergraduate degree in psychology from Arizona State University, where I was incredibly fortunate to meet my wife,” said Kuczora, who was born and reared in the Chicago area.

“I was enrolled in a direct

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Ivy Tech Marion adds three new board members

By Sean Douglas

On Oct. 8, the Ivy Tech Community College’s State Board of Trustees affirmed three new appointees to the Marion Campus’s Board of Trustees, each of whom is dedicated to preserving Ivy Tech’s reputation as a state leader who provides world-class education and drives economic transformation.

Cindy Kohlmorgen, who serves as the Vice President of Operations at Via Credit Union, will represent com-



merce, helping Ivy Tech continue its tremendous growth by providing essential guidance for the campus and the college system. Under her leadership, Marion Ivy Tech Chancellor Alex Huskey hopes that Ivy Tech students will be given even more chances to succeed.

“Cindy is an up-and-coming leader and is doing great things with VIA Credit Union,” Marion Ivy Tech Chancellor Alex Huskey said. “We are looking for her expertise in helping us navigate commerce and develop strategies that will best lead to educational attainment and to areas of her

concern. [She will] help us develop strategies to grow the campus and build stronger opportunities for our students.”

Carison Adams, who works at St. Paul Baptist Church in Marion, will become the first board member to represent community and faith-based organizations, helping to build stronger and sturdier relationships within those populations. By adding Adams, Huskey believes that Ivy Tech will be able to attract

students of all different faiths and beliefs.

“This is a new role to our board, but something that we recognize that has been lacking,” Huskey said. “We wanted to get this role installed, and the purpose of having that role is to help us connect better with the broader, faith-based community, bring that perspective in, and help us identify opportunities to help serve those underrepresented populations.”

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