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DEATHS

Week Feb. 4-11

Vernon Leroy Rumble
1939-2021

Funeral services were held at The Van Buren Central Christian Church, Van Buren, on Friday, Feb. 5 at 2 pm. Burial followed at Van Buren Cemetery

Kenneth W. Ward
1956-2021

A Masonic service was held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 1 pm. Burial followed at Park Cemetery.

Edith B. Trader
1939-2021

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 1 pm. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery.

Janet G. Hamm
1936-2021

A graveside service took place at Grant Memorial Park, Marion, on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 2 pm.

Lacy Marie Skinner
1986-2021
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INDIANA QUIZ

These Hoosiers were born in February. Try to name each one.

1. National Labor leader born in Brazil, Indiana. He disappeared in 1975.
2. Young movie star, born in Marion, killed at age 24 in an automobile accident.
3. Actress, born in Dale, who became best known as the mother of the Brady Bunch.
4. Lawyer, born in Elwood, who ran for President in 1940.

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Safe Haven Baby Box dedicated at Marion General

By Sean Douglas

After a year-and-a-half of planning, donating, and preparing, Indiana's 58th Safe Haven Baby Box was dedicated at Marion General Hospital on Wednesday morning.

A baby box is a secure place where a newborn baby can be safely placed by a parent or parents when their ability to care for the newborn is compromised. The box is temperature regulated, meaning that the baby will be comfortable no matter the season, and when it is opened, a silent alarm sounds, alerting officials.

If all goes well, the baby will be in the box just minutes before help arrives on the scene.

"I'm so excited to be part of this blessing," Gail Elbert, MGH's Director of



Gail Elbert, right, speaks at the dedication ceremony of the new Safe Haven Baby Box located at Marion General

Hospital. The photo above shows what the inside of the Baby Box looks like. Photos by Sean Douglas

the Family Birthing Center and Pediatrics, said. "There are so many women that have experienced unwanted pregnancies, and it can be so traumatic. They are not

sure exactly what to do for many different reasons. This is an opportunity for no shame and no blames, and [babies] have a chance for more of a life."

Monica Kelsey, who founded Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc., has dedicated her life to this venture. In August 1972, her birth mother, then

17 at the time, was attacked and raped, and while her attacker was brought to justice, she discovered she

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Sender Cafe hosts grand opening



Patrons gathered at Sender Cafe on Tuesday, Owner Bill Reece assists his 87-year-old mother Joanne as she grabs the oversized scissors to cut the ribbon at the opening of Sender Cafe at 100 S. Washington St. Photo by Ed Breen

By Sean Douglas

After a year-and-a-half of planning, preparing, and navigating a pandemic, Sender Café celebrated its grand opening on Wednesday afternoon, officially opening Marion's brand-new coffee shop in the Sender Wellness building. "We wanted to bring a

coffee shop to downtown, a place where people could come, fellowship and communicate," Sender Wellness Owner Bill Reece said. "They can meet, they can study, they can just come and hang out and have fun. We just wanted to create an environment that was a little different then what ex-

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Obi's Barbeque celebrates grand opening in downtown Marion



Jeff and Michelle Richardson (holding scissors), cut the red ribbon to celebrate the open-

ing of their new barbeque restaurant in downtown Marion. Photo by Sean Douglas

By Sean Douglas

With the smell of barbeque wafting through the air in downtown Marion, Obi's Barbeque, after faithfully serving the Marion and surrounding communities the past six years, celebrated a significant milestone on Tuesday morning, officially opening for business in their new location downtown.

After six years of selling their barbeque under tents at various festivals and out of a food truck, Obi's Barbeque finally has a permanent place to call home, and co-owners Jeff and Michelle Richardson could not

be more excited.

"It means the world to me," Jeff said. "With my wife's support and my family and friends' support, it means everything to me. Family encouraging me to start this—I can't thank them enough."

Barbeque has been a key part of the Richardsons' lives for many years. Even before the idea of Obi's Barbeque took hold, Jeff always took the time to barbeque whenever he could.

What started out as a hobby quickly turned into a lifestyle, as Jeff, along with

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