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DEATHS

March 11-18

Jeffrey T. Evans
1961-2021

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, on Saturday, March 13 at 11:30 am. Burial followed at Jefferson Cemetery, Upland.

Hudson O'Brian Emmons
2021-2021

There will no public visitation or funeral service.

Richard Lee Christlieb
1941-2021

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Friday, March 12 at 3:00 pm. Burial followed at Maple Grove Cemetery.

George F. Brewer, Sr.
1943-2021

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Thursday, March 11 at 1:00 pm. Burial followed at Estates of Serenity.

Emma Irene Circle
1928-2021

Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, on Thursday, March 11 at 3:00 pm. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.

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INDIANA QUIZ
Match the city to the appropriate county

1. Bloomington 2. Fort Wayne 3. Evansville 4. South Bend

- A. Vanderburgh B. St. Joseph C. Monroe D. Allen

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Taylor University names new president

UPLAND — The Taylor University Board of Trustees today announced the election of Dr. Michael Lindsay, Ph.D., as its next President. The appointment comes after an international search led by the University's Presidential Search Committee (PSC).

"Dr. Lindsay is a gifted individual of deep personal faith and proven servant leadership. He excels in areas of innovation and creative adaptation, and he is uniquely qualified to lead the



Dr. Michael Lindsay

University forward with humility, wisdom and courage," said Chris Goe-

glein, M.B.A., Board Chair and PSC Co-Chair. "A respected Christian leader, Dr. Lindsay has a broad understanding of the complexities facing Christian higher education. His spiritual and intellectual development in cultivating and discipling the next generation of servant leaders is truly a calling."

In response to his appointment, Lindsay said that he and his wife Rebecca look forward to being a part of the University's campus community.

"Taylor is one of the world's foremost Christian institutions, and I thank God for the wisdom, strength and faithfulness that has characterized the School's leadership for decades," he said. "We are humbled to be called by God and honored by the Board's selection to serve the University, advance its distinctive mission in providing excellent, Christ-centered higher education and strengthen its promising prospects for future growth and develop-

ment."

"In addition to seeking an individual of strong conviction with a deep personal faith, the Search Committee also sought candidates with the ability to articulate a compelling vision for Taylor consistent with its mission," said Manuel Rosado, Board Vice-Chair and PSC Co-Chair. "We surveyed and listened attentively to the Taylor community before embarking on this journey. Throughout the process, our

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Grant County moves to blue status with COVID

By Sean Douglas

The continuing fight against the COVID-19 pandemic took another positive step forward this week, as medical leaders during the latest COVID-19 Business Update Thursday afternoon announced that Grant County had officially moved to blue status.

Blue status, the lowest metric for community spread, will allow Grant County to continue to open up in the coming days and weeks.

"We are blue," Grant County Public Health Officer Dr. David Moore said. "This is the second week that our numbers have been consistent with blue, so our advisory level moves to blue, which allows for more activity."

The move to blue also corresponds with the continuing decrease in COVID-19 cases at Marion General Hospital. MGH Director of Nursing Cindy Futrell stated that the hospital is continuing to treat patients at an ef-

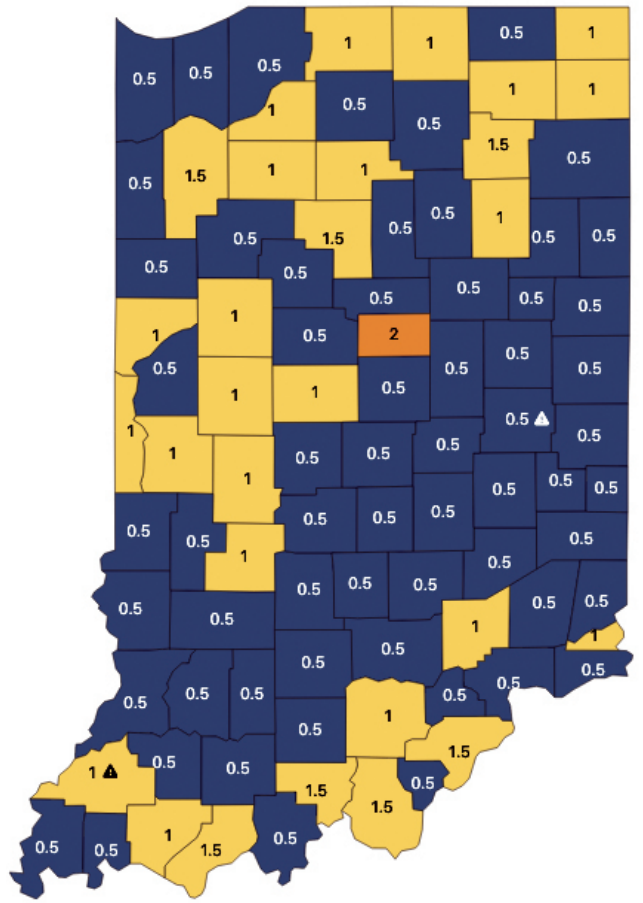
ficient rate, and that vaccinations are still running smoothly.

"We continue to see very few cases and very few admissions," Futrell said. "Patients are doing well, and the vaccination clinic is going really well."

Additionally, it was announced that teachers will be able to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations starting next week.

"Exciting news to hear that we are going to be able to vaccinate our teachers, get them protected, and help them feel better about being in our schools," Moore said. "I feel, very strongly, that if we are going to pressure our teachers to be in school with our kids, that we do it in a way that they feel safe."

While all of the numbers are encouraging, Moore continued to reiterate that the community needs to remain vigilant. For those who are not vaccinated, masks should



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Map provided by Indiana State Department of Health

Altercation leads to deadly shooting

On March 12 at approximately 7:55 p.m., Marion Police responded to the 3200 block of South McClure Street for a shooting with a man down.

Upon police arrival to the area, policed located a Caucasian male later identified Jason Hatton, 32, lying on the ground. Marion General Hospital medics arrived on scene and immediately transported Hatton to the hospital via ambulance. Hatton died shortly after arriving at hospital due to a single gunshot injury.

Police located Chase Black, 20, who was identified as the shooter.



Black reported that he was confronted by Hatton about the loudness of his vehicle, a 2017 Dodge. Black reported that Hatton then struck him in the mouth with a "billy club." Black then stated that he fired his 9mm handgun at Hatton, striking him.

Black's handgun was collected as evidence. A second handgun believed to be Hatton's was also found at the scene and is in police custody.

This investigation is ongoing and active. This investigation, upon completion, will be submitted to the Grant County Prosecutor's Office for review.

Elwood woman dies in single-vehicle crash

On March 12 at approximately 9:08 a.m., officers from the Indiana State Police and the Grant County Sheriff's Department responded to a single-vehicle crash on State Road 37 south of State Road 26, in which an Elwood woman died.

The preliminary crash investigation by Senior Trooper Jeremy Perez revealed that Nancy Fuller, 57, of Elwood, was driving a 2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo northbound on State Road 37, south of State Road 26. For an undetermined reason, the Chevrolet traveled off the



west side of State Road 37 and hit a tree. After the crash impact, the Chevrolet caught on fire and had to be extinguished by Fairmont firefighters. Fuller was not able to escape from the car.

Fuller was pronounced deceased at the crash scene.

Perez was assisted at the crash scene by Senior Trooper A.J. Coffee, the Grant County Sheriff's Department, the Fairmont Fire Department, and the Grant County Coroner's Office.