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DEATHS

April 12-19
Ethel Kathryn "Katie" Ward
1939-2021
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Thursday, April 15 at 12:30 p.m. Burial followed at Marion National Cemetery.

Raymond Eugene Eccles
1956-2021
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Saturday, April 17 at 1 p.m. Burial followed Van Buren Cemetery, Van Buren.

Cherline Ann Clark
1948-2021
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Friday, April 16 at 1 p.m. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.

Larry Dale Chandler
1952-2021
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, on Wednesday, April 14 at 1:30 p.m. Burial at Maple Grove Cemetery, Sweetser.

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INDIANA QUIZ

1. Hoosier Hill, at 1,257 feet above sea level, is the highest point in Indiana. In which county is it found? a/ Wayne b/ Allen c/ Lake d/ LaPorte

2. Indianapolis is at nearly the same latitude as a/ Hartford b/ Annapolis c/ Phoenix d/ Boston

3. How long is Indiana from north to south? a/ 170 miles b/ 200 miles c/ 230 miles d/ 270 miles

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Jackson to head new Ivy Tech initiative

By Sean Douglas

After 15 years of serving in various capacities in higher education, Tracey Jackson was named the first Executive Director of Ivy Tech – Marion’s new Career Coaching and Employers Connection, an initiative that will provide students with the tools, support, and coaching they need to be successful in life after college.

Originally from South Bend, Jackson attended Purdue University upon her high school graduation,

graduating in 2001 with a degree in communications.

However, whilst completing her undergraduate degree, she realized that her calling was education. As a first-generation student attending Purdue, Jackson stated that she found it very difficult to navigate the campus and find programs that would help her achieve her goals and aspirations.

So, Jackson dedicated her life to being an educator, serving as a teacher, a guiding voice, and a confidant to every student she comes in contact with.

“I felt, though I was successful, that I could have been more successful had I had someone to lead me through the process,” Jackson said. “That is what pushed me into higher education, to be able to assist other families and other students, like myself, who needed that support.

“I like to get to know the student. I like to get on the student’s level and understand what the driving factor is behind why they are in their seat. I also have a background in admissions and enrollment, and that

usually is the first step for students. I’ve always taken that opportunity to touch base with the student.”

Seven years after graduating with her bachelors, Jackson graduated with a Masters degree in Human Resources, and went on to serve in a variety of areas, including admissions and enrollment, career development, student support, international recruitment, both on-campus and online instruction, and much more.

For Jackson, she finds joy



Tracey Jackson

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MHS student headed for Jr. Olympics

By Lori Overmyer
Special to the News Herald

Small, nicknamed “Little Miss Muffet,” a cadet in the Marion High School JROTC, and headed to the USA Shooting National Junior Olympics, sophomore Alysa Yancey is the first from MHS to accomplish this honor.

Yancey began her journey as a marksman playing in the backyard when she was in eighth grade.

“My brother, Patrick, had me prone with a pump actionary rifle, BB and pellet rifle. I hit the center a lot,” Yancey said, “and that began my interest. He told me about the program (JROTC), and I was excited to sign-up for the class.”

Yancey’s coach and teacher, retired Lt. Col. David Farlow, is the JROTC Senior Army Instructor at MHS.

“I realized right away that Muffet is a talented shooter. She was the best as a ninth grader and continued to improve this year,” Farlow said.

“We call her ‘Muffet’ because she’s tiny, but that small height doesn’t stop her skill.” Once school began her freshman year, Yancey was hooked.

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Alysa Yancey has her eyes set on the Junior Olympics, and more.
Photo by Lori Overmyer



The Training Center Executive Director Mary Prows addresses those in attendance at the 10th anniversary celebration. Photo by Sean Douglas

Training Center celebrates 10 years serving Marion

By Sean Douglas

During its annual Night of Sweet Dream Celebration, The Training Center celebrated its 10-year anniversary on Thursday

evening, highlighting its remarkable success, as well as looking towards the future.

The Training Center began in the fall of 2011 and has served as an academic youth development

program for at-risk students over the last decade in both Marion and Grant County as a whole.

However, while it is an

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Heart for children let Myers to CASA

By Sean Douglas

Throughout her life, CASA volunteer Brianna Myers has had a heart for children.

And one year ago, when the opportunity arose to work with CASA of Grant County as a volunteer, Myers jumped at the chance.

Myers first found out

about CASA when she was a teenager. Leslie Hendricks, who serves as the Executive Director of CASA of Grant County, gave a presentation about the organization at her church, explaining what CASA was, their role in the Marion and Grant County communities, and most importantly, how they served

children in need.

From that moment on, Myers wanted to become involved with the organization. However, being under 21 at the time, she could not join as a volunteer at that moment.

So, Myers went on to continue her education, graduating and eventually

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