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Additionally, across the state, the majority of cases are people under the age of 55, and close to 90 percent have not been vaccinated.

“The numbers are nowhere near as bad as they were back in October, November, December, and January, but make no mistakes they are definitely creeping up,” Dr. Shinkaran Srikanth of Marion General Hospital said. “It’s worrisome. It’s definitely worrisome.”

To combat this, Grant County leaders urge the community to continue to receive the vaccine, no matter if it’s Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson and Johnson, as it has proven to be the best weapon in the fight against the virus. As of now, according to Srikanth, studies have shown that the vaccine is efficient for six months, and with further tests, it could prove to be longer.

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first half of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic but reopened its doors in June. During the summer, the Center served 30 students four hours a day, four days a week and was assisted by several educators from the school system on a volunteer basis.

During the school year, the Training Center works with Indiana Wesleyan students, along with volunteers. In all, the Center has a base of about 30 students and volunteers who serve 42 students.

“It’s about partnering with families and schools and communities to give kids a support system outside of the school day...[and] to give them a place to dream of a positive future,” Prows said.

This year, the Night of Sweet Dreams will be held at New Life Church at 2011 W. 10th Street, in Marion. The Silent Auction runs from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary, while a guided tour of the Training Center will be given from 5 pm to 6:15 p.m. The tour will give

the public a chance to see what the Training Center is all about and what a typical day is like in the organization.

United Way of Grant County Executive Director Alicia Hazelwood will serve as the opening speaker, while the keynote speaker will be former Indianapolis Colt Devon McDonald, who worked 18 years for Sports World before becoming Athletes in Action Pro-NFL Directors to Chaplains for Athletes in Action in 2020.

Additionally, the Training Center will recognize community organizations and volunteers and hear stories from families who have been impacted positively by the organization.

“Our theme for this year is, ‘Learn from yesterday, live for today, and hope for tomorrow,’” Prows said. “That is a quote from Albert Einstein, but it describes where we are at. We want to give hope for the future for our students.”

As is the case each year,

Prows hopes that the Night of Sweet Dreams will help bring awareness to the Training Center and all of the necessary and remarkable work it does for the students of Grant County.

“We want people to come

hear our story,” Prows said. “[We want people] to come find out more about what we have been doing and what we are going to be doing so that we can continue to strengthen not only our organization, but our community.”

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Jacob David Cottrell
1989-2021

Funeral services were held at Bethel Worship Center, Marion, on Saturday, April 10 at 10 a.m.

Rosemary M. Matney
1938-2021

Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Fairmount, on Monday, April 12 at 1 p.m. Burial followed at Park Cemetery.

Patricia “Patty” M. Lusher
1961-2021

Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Marion, on Tuesday, April 13 at 11 a.m. Burial followed at Gardens of Memory.

Rhenus “Gene” E. Lewis
1949-2021

A memorial service for Lewis will be held at a later date.

Julia E. Richards
1940-2021

Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Fairmount, on Tuesday,

April 13 at 2 p.m. Burial followed at Park Cemetery.

Charlotte Carolyn Carpenter
1948-2021

Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Fairmount, on Wednesday, April 14 at 11 a.m. Burial followed at Park Cemetery.

Mary Lou Newsom
1958-2021

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Marion, where a visitation will be held on Saturday, April 17 at 1 p.m. A private burial will be held at a later date at Marion National Cemetery.

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