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Commissioners pass resolution to open county buildings to public for 'essential services'

County Museum and County Jail remain closed to public



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MARSHALL COUNTY — Marshall County will be opening certain county facilities to the public starting today. On Friday, the County Commissioners passed Resolution 2020-21, a resolution restricting public access to county buildings.

protect and the public, county employees, and to ensure that patrons shall exercise social distancing and shall wear a mask."

Patrons, according to the resolution, may be required to remain outside of the county facilities at a safe distance until they can be safely admitted.

As for employees, effective Monday, the county facilities shall remain open to county employees for the purposes of continuing coun-

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Effect of COVID-19 restrictions on the operation of the Prosecutor's Office

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It is May 1 as I write this. We have all just completed the strangest month of April in our lives. But you do not need me to confirm the extraordinary measures undertaken by so many in our community, and the disruptive impact of this pandemic. Let me instead share some observations of my office and our local criminal justice system for the month of April.

April began with our offices strictly excluding public interaction, as well as operating with a skeleton crew. The five prosecutors in this office rotated the essential functions and responsibilities of screening cases, making the applicable charging decisions, and assessing risk in terms of pretrial detention or release. Police reports continued to be submitted to our office through a drop box delivery, very guarded hand delivery, or digitally when appropriate. Otherwise, the normal interaction with

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Plymouth HS one of five new drive-thru COVID-19 testing sites

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INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) today announced that 645 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 19,933 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's total.

While the number of cases has increased, intensive care unit and ventilator capacity remain steady. As of Sunday, 43.7 percent of ICU beds and 80.4 percent of ventilators were available at hospitals throughout the state.

A total of 1,132 Hoosiers have been confirmed to have died of COVID-19, an increase of 17 over the previous day. Another 114 probable deaths have been reported. Probable deaths are those for which a physician listed COVID-19 as a contributing cause based on X-rays, scans and other clinical symptoms but for which no positive test is on

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record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 108,859 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 104,141 on Saturday.

Marion County had the most new cases, at 193. Other counties with more than 10 new cases were Allen (19), Carroll (16), Cass (70), Dearborn (16), Elkhart (16), Hamilton (14), Hendricks (19), Johnson (38), LaPorte (22), Lake (43), St. Joseph (13), Tippecanoe (36) and White (25). The Lake County totals include results from East Chicago and Gary, which have their own health departments.

ISDH will offer drive-thru testing clinics this week across the state.

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Care-a-van support for Reese family

PILOT NEWS GROUP PHOTO / ALLENA PEACOCK
TOP: The Reese family waving at the caravan of support driving past Sunday afternoon.

PILOT NEWS GROUP / JAMIE FLEURY
RIGHT: The Pilot News Group joined a caravan line of supporters who gathered Sunday afternoon to drive by the home of Jaysin Reese as he prepares to return to St. Jude Children's hospital Monday to continue cancer treatment. Reese is a student at Lincoln Junior High in Plymouth. His family asks for continued prayers and thanked the community for their support.



Funding the Essentials Campaign: Randy and Eleanor Danielson

"The whole is greater than the sum of it's parts" - Aristotle

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MARSHALL COUNTY — Randy and Eleanor Danielson entered the "Funding the Essentials Campaign" race as one of the pacesetters at the request of John J. Oliver, President of U.S. Granules. Danielson referred to Oliver as a role model for leadership and philanthropy. "When John asked us to help, there was no hesitation."

Funds will be administered through the United Way of Marshall County and the Marshall County Community Foundation under the supervision of Executive Director Linda Yoder. Danielson felt confident that the funds raised would be allocated efficiently with the organization behind the campaign.

Rather than a variety of smaller fund raisers that often duplicate similar efforts and recipients, this initiative will assist a larger need base. The global pandemic, and the need to shelter in place, impacted families across the county, state, nation and globe. Not only were people facing

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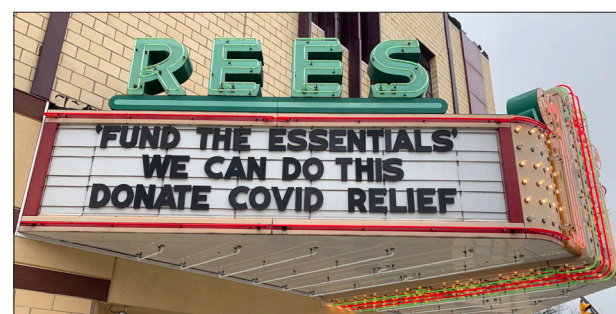


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impact on certain people, those families who were not working "essential" jobs were sent home to face the compounding complication of poverty.

The campaign team and pacesetters recognize a need rising among the ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed) families. These families are those households with an income above the federal poverty level but below a basic survival income level; more commonly understood as those families who live "paycheck to paycheck".

Danielson said, "I feel more confident that the help will get to those who need it most."

Though the goal to raise \$400,000 was hoped to be reached by Tuesday, May 5 to coincide with the global day of giving and unity, Danielson is confident that fund raising efforts will continue until the goal is reached. "This movement won't end on the fifth."

Danielson said, "There is obviously such a great need here in Marshall County. This is a matter of people in

Marshall County coming together." Eleanor added, "This is about taking care of our community."

As reported previously, the seed for the campaign started within the heart of John J. Oliver, who sought help for a robust fundraiser after driving past the Bread of Life Food Pantry and seeing a parking lot full of people in line for food.

Business owners, organizations, and community leaders joined Oliver's race to raise \$400,000 to meet the essential needs of Marshall County families. Needs that have compounded exponentially as many households faced the loss of jobs and health insurance. The campaign will focus on housing (rent), utility assistance and food.

Danielson noted that the campaign and the fund raising event was made possible by the help and support of "people who are passionate about their community." Danielson said, "It's very important that the words gets out through Marshall County." He emphasized the importance of

connections within the community. "It takes someone to ask; someone like John Oliver."

Randy and Eleanor Danielson, along with Oliver, did not want to be highlighted for their philanthropic efforts, but validated the need to ask for help from their community for their community.

He emphasized that this is personal for every family within Marshall County, whether the impact was economic or viral. "Everyone has been impacted by COVID-19 in some way."

Danielson, whose professional career was in the funeral industry expressed compassion for those who have had to bury loved ones during this time of social distancing and restriction. Noting the sacredness of human life through every chapter he said, "Our community has respect for the living and the dead. I'm proud to be a member of this community."

Oliver emphasized in his exclusive interview with the Pilot News that, "The whole is greater than the sum of it's parts." Those willing to join the

race with Oliver, the Danielson family and other pacesetters may donate online at www.marshallcountycrossroads.com. Attend the Progressive Arts & Culture Experience online Tuesday, May 5 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. for an "at will" donation of any amount to the "Fund the Essentials" campaign. Text "FUNDESSENTIALS" to 443-21 to donate. Mail a check (payable to Marshall County COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund) to Marshall County Philanthropy Center, P.O. Box 716, 2680 Miller Drive, Suite 120, Plymouth, Ind. 46563. Please note "Fund the Essentials" on the check.

100% of the funds will remain in Marshall County and support the Marshall County COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund which is administered by the United Way of Marshall County and the Marshall County Community Foundation

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officers from the various departments has been greatly curtailed.

Each of the five prosecutors attended on their specifically assigned day initial hearings conducted in the various courtrooms, with the defendant appearing by video from the jail. The initial hearings for defendants released on bond, or called by summons, have all been delayed to mid-May at the earliest. No trials were conducted or contested hearings of any significance held other than requests to lower bond. The submission of plea agreements of jailed defendants has continued, as have some sentencing. Please note that each of the prosecutors have always had the ability to work their cases remotely with a computer and a phone. Nevertheless, their presence in the office on days not specifically assigned to him or her was frequent and welcome. Please also note I only refer to the criminal case docket and that the courts all had a wide range of civil matters to manage. Full crew reported for duty on April 21.

We do not know the answer to the question if crime decreased in the month of April. Police reports submitted to our office reflect a downturn. That metric does not, however, convince me that methamphetamine or heroin or opioid consumption has remarkably decreased. A decrease in

retail theft is perhaps more a function of diminished opportunity due to fewer open retail stores, rather than people inclined to steal changing their ways. We have had arrests for domestic violence, burglary and other driving offenses, but failure to appear and Operating a Vehicle while Intoxicated remain the two top reasons a person is booked into the jail. Those persons generally make bond relatively quickly. Also, local media outlets adequately report the daily arrests and listed offenses from public information sources.

Here is some data we do know: as previously reported, on average between 6 to 7 people a day are booked into the Marshall County Jail, and that number has stayed constant for the last 12.5 years, until now. In the 30 days of April 2020, 35 bookings occurred, making the average number booked into our jail at 1.17 persons per day. By every standard, that is a precipitous drop in jail bookings. We handle substantially more cases through summons and promises to appear, rather than events that demand public safety be preserved through immediate incarceration.

All of these factors and more result in more people being released from our jail for time served or movement to another jurisdiction or delivery

to the Department of Corrections or Community Corrections for the remainder of a sentence, than are entering our jail for a prolonged pretrial stay. As I write this, the jail population is 163, substantially less than the 239 limit. The jail is at 68% capacity.

Thank you for this opportunity to share these observations. As we continue through these unusual times, I remain reluctant to make any definitive statement of the pandemic's effect upon the level of incidences of crime, its clearance through apprehension, and our unwavering response to vigorously prosecute. I can say unequivocally that the current circumstances have not resulted in any early releases or other deviation from standard protocol of managing cases from detection and arrest to final resolution. I am proud and grateful to everyone in this office--- staff and lawyer--- that continue to deliver justice for crime victims, child support recipients, and whether recognized or not, even criminal defendants themselves. No invisible virus is going to diminish the administration of justice in our county. You can count on that.

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