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## Second time is the charm for Tri-Way

By JAMES MASTER  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

PLYMOUTH - Tri-Way Drive-in Theatre began showing films yesterday and tonight. Last weekend would've been the season opener for the **See Tri-Way A2**

## Commissioners to meet Monday

By JAMES MASTER  
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MARSHALL COUNTY — The Marshall County Commissioners will meet on Monday, May 4, for their first meeting open to the public in more than a month. Having said that, seating is limited so as to maintain social distancing. Seats with an "X" on them will be available.

The commissioners meet at the County Building, located at 112 W. Jefferson Street in Room 203. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The public will only be able to enter the County Building through the south end door. The public will also be required to wear a mask while in the building. The county will not provide masks.

A security officer will be on duty to assist at the door. Also of note, the public restrooms will be located on the third floor.

On the agenda for the meeting is Jackie Wright from Older Adult Services with an INDOT transit application. Jim Hulse will be discussing gun laws. There will be a public hearing concerning the broadband planning study including Resolution 2020-20.

Building Commissioner Chuck DeWitt will be informing the commissioners about department updates/permits and registrations.

County Attorney James

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## Gov. Holcomb outlines Indiana Back on Track

By JAMES MASTER  
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INDIANA — "Today, I can report, that thanks to the discipline and actions of 6.7 million Hoosiers we are ready to move ahead in a measured way," stated Governor Eric J. Holcomb.

In his daily press conference, the governor detailed the state's plan to reopen the state in a staged manner.

As the State enters into the second stage of recovery, there are four guiding principles that are being followed to ensure the state is heading in the correct direction.

- Monitor the number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients, and track that the numbers have been decreasing for 14 days.

- Retain the capacity to treat a surge of patients. This includes making sure that the number of ICU beds, ventilators, and personal protective equipment (PPE) remain in order to treat a surge of patients.

- Have the ability to test all Hoosiers who are COVID-19 symptomatic. According to the governor, 100,000 more Hoosiers will be tested per



month. Starting next week, any symptomatic Hoosier can be tested.

- Have the ability to contact trace all cases. Every person infected will be contacted so that their close contacts can quarantine to limit the spread of the virus. A 500-person call center is being opened to centralize contact tracing.

With these guiding principles, the governor announced a five stage roadmap that will take Indiana back on track by July 4.

"Of course, this roadmap is subject to change," the governor cautioned.

Stage One was the "hunker down" stage where the stay-at-home **See Back A10**

## Join the race to raise \$400,000 for the "Fund the Essentials" Campaign

### Over \$200,000 raised of total goal ~ halfway to the finish line

By JAMIE FLEURY  
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MARSHALL COUNTY — John J. Oliver, President of U.S. Granules Corporation, and his wife Sarah are asking the community of Marshall County to join them in a race to raise \$400,000 for those who suffered economic hardship from the global pandemic caused by the SARS-COV-2 virus which causes COVID-19.

Joined by Marshall County Crossroads, the "Funding Essentials Campaign" has gained the momentum of several sizable donations made by other pacesetters.

Oliver "set the pace" through U.S. Granules with a contribution of \$50,000 toward the overall goal of \$400,000. As of Friday the team was over halfway to their goal with over \$200,000 raised. The funds raised from the campaign will be used to provide financial support to pay for the housing (rent), utilities, and nutritional needs of those who were impacted eco-

nomically by the shelter in place response to "flatten the curve" of the novel coronavirus.

Oliver was returning home from U.S. Granules when he passed a parking lot full of people waiting for food outside the Bread of Life food pantry located at 6770 N. Michigan Road. Drawn by the sizable crowd, Oliver turned around and made an effort to speak to someone in charge.

After a conversation with Sarah later that night, they agreed to embark on a journey to help the people in Marshall County who are facing another pandemic; the pandemic of poverty. Oliver said, "The need was urgent." They are among those who are considered vulnerable to the virus if they should be exposed to it; their hearts went out to those who have been impacted economically by the necessary precautions taken to help protect people across the nation and across the globe.

Employees at U.S. Granules were able



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### Ways to give:

- Donate online at [www.marshallcountycrossroads.com](http://www.marshallcountycrossroads.com)
- Attend the Progressive Arts & Culture Experience online Tuesday, May 5th from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. for any at will donation to the Fund the Essentials Campaign.
- Text "FUNDESENTIALS" to 443-21 to donate towards the Fund the Essentials campaign.
- Mail a check: Please make checks payable to Marshall County COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund and mail to Marshall County Philanthropy Center, P.O. Box 716, 2680 Miller Drive, Suite 120, Plymouth, IN 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
- Follow Marshall County Crossroads on Social Media @ GreatHometowns

to continue to work Oliver also qualified for as it was considered a Paycheck Protection an essential business.

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# Obituaries

## Ronald K. Hoffer

September 2, 1949 - April 29, 2020

WALKERTON - Ronald K. Hoffer, 70, passed away on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 in the home that he and his wife Janelle built.

Ron was one of five children born to Ray and Vera (Prater) Hoffer on Sept. 2, 1949 in Knox. He graduated from Knox High School with the class of 1967. He attended Ancilla College in Donaldson, where he met Janelle. He continued his education at Indiana State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree from Purdue University.

Ron proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, as an electrician's mate aboard minesweepers. He was Honorably Discharged on April 18, 1973. Ron met and stayed close with many friends from his time in the Navy, and he will be deeply missed by his Navy buddies.

Ron worked as a chemist for AEP/Cook Nuclear Plant. Ron retired on December 21, 2012.

In St. Michael Catholic Church in Plymouth, Ron married Dr. Janelle A. Bottorff. She was his heart and shared many memories in their 22 years of marriage before her passing in 2015.

He loved being outdoors and enjoyed riding his Harley with friends to get a bite to eat. Ron took many trips to Minnesota walleye fishing, and he loved hunting deer and grouse with Janelle, his nephew Bradley and his many friends. They raised bees and made honey for family and friends. They also operated a kennel raising Deutsch Drahthaar dogs, and he leaves behind his dogs: Tilly, Lettie and Nelle. Ron was a caring and compassionate man. This carried over into his passion about wildlife; planting sunflowers for the birds, maintaining bird boxes and wood duck boxes, planting field corn and was an avid gardener.

Ron was a lifetime member of the VFW Post #748 in Knox, the American Legion Post #131 in Knox and the National Rifle Association.

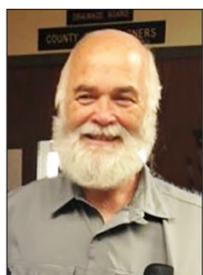
He is survived by his long time best friend, Bert Briggs of Walkerton; his brothers, Billy "Joe" Hoffer of Knox and Dannie (Thelma) Hoffer of North Judson; niece and nephews: Bradley (Stephanie) Hoffer of Knox, Matthew (Amanda) Hoffer of Hamlet, Moses Martinez II (Christy) of San Antonio, Texas, Verarose (Jesse) Keehn of Knox, Ricky Hoffer and Dannie Hoffer Jr., both of North Judson; his sister-in-law's and brother-in-law's: Eyvonne A. (Gary) Aker, Beth A. (Craig) Gudeman, Dr. John M. (Lori) Bottorff Jr. and Patrick J. Bottorff. Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends also survive, as well as, his girlfriend, Stephanie Metsker of Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his true love, Janelle; his parents Ray and Vera; his sister, Tami Martinez and Tina Fraizer; his in-laws, Dr. John M. and Carol L. (Emenaker) Bottorff Sr.; and brother-in-law, Joseph Bottorff.

Due to the restrictions on social gatherings, the family will have a private service in the New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions can be made to Heartland Hospice 230 W Catalpa Dr. D, Mishawaka, IN 46545 or Humane Society of Marshall Co, PO Box 22, Plymouth, Ind. 46563.

Condolences may be sent to the family through the website: [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com)



## Kenneth Lester Otto Smith

August 16, 1940 - April 29, 2020

Kenneth Lester Otto Smith, 79 of 19th Road, Argos, passed away on April 29, at 9:20 p.m. at his residence following a lengthy illness. On Aug. 16, 1940 in Plymouth, he was born to Lester Smith and Mildred L. (Sutherly) Smith. Kenneth lived all of his life in Marshall County.

In 1980 he and Gloria Alderfer started their life together, and on January 29, 1994 they were married.

In 2010 he retired from Bomarko in Plymouth, Indiana after 30 years. Kenneth worked on the side as a farmer and for Gerald Irwin Construction.

He was a former member of the Moose Lodge in Plymouth and Rochester, and the American Legion, Plymouth.

Kenneth served his Country in the United States Army National Guard from Aug. 6, 1963 with the 3rd Rifle & Weapons Platoon, Company C, 2 Division, Battalion 293. On Aug. 5, 1969 SP4 E4 Kenneth Smith received his Honorable Discharge.

On Sept. 15, 1993 Marshall County Chapter of the Red Cross presented Kenneth a plaque for his attempt to rescue of a man in a car/train accident.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Gloria Smith, Argos; daughter, Suzette Bergstedt and husband Douglas of Logansport; four grandchildren: Natasha R. Skinner and husband Captain Tim Skinner stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; Keenan L. Bergstedt and wife Amanda of Carrollton, Texas; Marissa Bergstedt and fiancé Michael Alvarez of Logansport; and Derek Bergstedt of Logansport; a great grandchild Bergstedt to arrive in July; brother, David L. Smith of Warsaw; nephew, Carl D. Smith and wife Brenda of Winona Lake; niece, Barbara L. Eyrich and husband Douglas of Bourbon; brother-in-law, Roger Alderfer and wife Patricia.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside Services will be held at the Richland Center I.O.O.F. Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial Contributions can be made to: Kindred Hospice, 1476 W. 18th St., Rochester, Ind. 46975

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

*We remain committed and prepared to safely care for the families we serve during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and want to stay within the government's guidelines. Whenever possible, Earl-Grossman Funeral Home will continue to enable families to participate in the rituals that are most important to them and allow them to be able to say their final good-bye to their loved one. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.*

## Donald D. Bane Sr.

July 21, 1935 - April 29, 2020

HAMLET - Donald D. Bane Sr. of Hamlet, Indiana passed away on Wednesday April 29, at the Catherine Kasper Life Center in Donaldson following an illness. He was born on July 21, 1935 in Denham, to Wilbur and Fern (Dilts) Bane, both who precede his death.

He lived in the area since 2013 coming from Dyer, and was a retired Glacier after working many years at Harold Construction.

On March 24, 1956 in Grovertown, Don married the love of his life, Jeanette Singleton, who also precedes him in death. Don was also a member of the Hamlet American Legion Sons of the American Legion.

Don is survived by one daughter Carol Dowd of Hamlet; two sons Donald (Deborah) Bane Jr. of Dyer and William (Sandy) Bane of Merrillville; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; one brother Edward Bane of Schererville; and one sister Susan Bane of Benton, Ky. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, two brothers and five sisters.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, private Graveside Services will be held at Fletcher Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to the Catherine Kasper Life Center, 9601 Union Rd., Plymouth, IN 46563.

The Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel has been entrusted with his care.

To leave on line condolences visit [rannells-fh.com](http://rannells-fh.com).



# Give from front

Program (PPP) loan. Determined in his heart to share of his personal financial provisions with those less fortunate; he is urging others to do the same. Oliver referred to the quote by philosopher Aristotle as the guiding principle leading the effort, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts."

Oliver contacted Linda Yoder, Director of the United Way of Marshall County (UWMC) and the Marshall County Community Foundation (MCCF), along with Commissioner Kevin Overmyer to combine forces.

The Marshall County Crossroads team, described by Oliver as a "county wide organization with the talent and the commitment", took the lead on the promotion and organization of the fundraising campaign. Oliver said they "evolved beyond a partnership", and the synergy of the group gained momentum.

Oliver is convinced that the Marshall County Neighborhood Center and the Bread of Life Food Pantry could serve people seven days a week if the resources were adequate. He said the number of those in need in Marshall County is substantial and while some have argued that there are those who would "abuse the system" Oliver stated, "We can't look for reasons not to do something. We cannot let the potential for abuse stop us from helping those in need."

He emphasized that children especially should not go without the basic necessities of food and shelter. Children are the most vulnerable among us as they are dependent on their adult caregivers. "Kids mustn't suffer."

Oliver encouraged those, especially those who benefited from PPP loans, to share their resources with those who were not so fortunate. "Though we were under stress, we were not only permitted to operate but we benefited from federal funds to continue."

Oliver said, "I recognize that there are business owners and employees that are in great need of assistance themselves." Oliver is not asking for those to give what they do not have, rather that those who have; provide for those in need. "The need should be met by

•Those in need of assistance should contact Marshall County United Way by dialing 2-1-1 for questions regarding food, childcare, housing, utility assistance, or mental health services. United Way of Marshall County can also be reached at 574-999-8900 during the disaster response period.

those of us who can meet it."

Oliver noted that those in need are not limited to those who were already suffering in poverty; but those who have been laid off, have had their hours reduced, and are facing unemployment. "We (Marshall County) have the ability to do this. We have the resources."

"The need we are serving is so compelling that the risk (those who might abuse the system) is beginning to sound corny." He added, "We must tolerate that risk for the greater good. The potential for abusing the system cannot be the reason to do nothing," added Oliver.

He also said that he has enjoyed meeting new folks and engaging again with long time friends.

A website for the campaign was developed and press releases have been released to media outlets. Details of a "Day of Giving" event that will adhere to all social distance requirements will print in Monday's Pilot News.

Oliver beseeched donors, "We want to avoid impeding on traditional fundraising efforts for the United Way." This campaign is meant to serve as an additional supplement to the needs of Marshall County, as they are facing unprecedented need in the face of "enormous levels of unemployment", rather than to replace already established contributions from individuals, businesses and organizations.

Find out more about how you can help the vulnerable families of Marshall County as they face poverty compounded by the global pandemic of COVID-19 by visiting [marshall-countycrossroads.com](http://marshall-countycrossroads.com).

# Death Notices

## Bonnie L. Yeazel

Bonnie L. Yeazel, 88, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 1, at her home. Arrangements are currently pending.



# Send us your selfies with your amazing Mom!

Fernbaugh's Diamonds & Fine Jewelry along with the Pilot News are having a Mother's Day Selfie Contest. All selfies sent in to us will be eligible to win flowers & a gift certificate for your Mom

Deadline to send in your selfie with Mom will be May 7 at 5 p.m. Winner will be chosen by random drawing on Friday, May 8 & winner will be notified. All selfies may be published on Facebook & websites of both sponsors

Send selfies to:

[fernbaughs@gmail.com](mailto:fernbaughs@gmail.com) or [news@thepilotnews.com](mailto:news@thepilotnews.com)



# Tri-Way, cont. from front

theatre, however, per the Indiana State Excise Police, the theatre did not open for business.

The business was given the go-ahead by the Marshall County Health Department as long as they followed these guidelines and policies set forth by the department.

1. Patrons must stay in their vehicle the entire time. Two exceptions to this include when patrons use the restroom and to get concessions. Patrons must wear a face mask when using the restroom or getting concessions. Lawn chairs are not allowed, and the playground will be closed.

2. Only one vehicle between the poles.  
3. A certain number of patrons will be allowed in the restrooms. This is to maintain social distancing. Hands must be washed before and after patrons use the restroom.

4. Concessions may be ordered from the theatre's take-out window on the

south side of the concession stand. Social distancing must be maintained during those times.

According to the theatre's website, [www.triwaydrivein.com](http://www.triwaydrivein.com), the theatre asks that patrons be considerate to each other.

"Please don't ruin this for all the other drive-in theatres trying to get open. Stay safe!" states the website.

Menu for this weekend's viewings have been limited including drinks, popcorn, candy, bosco sticks, pretzels, cinnamon nuts, nachos, hot dogs, and hamburgers. The website states that prices have not been increased from the 2019 season.

Tri-Way Drive-In is planning on showing Trolls: World Tour (PG) and Dolittle (PG) on screen one and Invisible Man (R) and The Hunt (R) on screen two.

Shows will start about 8:30 p.m. For more information about the theatre, visit the website previously cited or the Facebook page [@triwaydriveintheatre](https://www.facebook.com/triwaydriveintheatre).

