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"It will put us closer to our passion and purpose, which is kids. At the same time, keeping everyone safe is a great responsibility, and one that comes with a heavy weight on our shoulders, hearts and minds."

LILY ALBRIGHT, Unicoi Elementary principal, on precautions put in place due to COVID-19

Coroner releases names in murder-suicide

By Laura Lane
The Herald-Times

Police continue investigating an unusual double murder Labor Day weekend that left a Bloomington family of four dead in their home in the city's Yorktown neighborhood.

Detective Tom Shields announced Tuesday that the dead were 18-year-old Jakob Mumper, 15-year-old Dinner Mumper, 54-year-old Amamarie Cora Mousley Mumper and 66-year-old Jeffrey Mumper.

Investigators said they're confident that Jeffrey Mumper shot his two children and wife this past Saturday before taking his own life. The Mumper's were found inside the southeast-side house where they had lived since 2005. It was likely they died in the early morning hours Sunday.

Services are scheduled for today in Terre Haute. Official cause and manner of death are pending the results. Shields said.

Late Sunday afternoon, an Indianapolis TV crew filmed outside the two-story house, where forensics staff conducted the investigation.

As of 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, a friend of Emma Mousley, the Mumper's 54-year-old daughter, said she was at the scene and had come to pick up her friends.

On Monday, a Bloomington police officer told the News that the house had been searched.

Police said the woman left the residence and called 911. When officers arrived, they discovered three bodies. The Mumpers and their daughter were found in their bedrooms, and Jeffrey Mumper's body was found in the bathroom.

Monroe County Police Department Capt. Ryan Pedigo said it's too early to determine the “course of events.”

In an interview with WTHG News 10 in Terre Haute, Pedigo said investigators are not releasing details.

Police and animal control removed a dog and a cat from the residence.

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Lessons from the great outdoors

Sycamore Land Trust teams up with Christian school to teach about nature

By Emily Ous
The Herald-Times

Sitting in the woods of the woods on a Friday afternoon, fifth and second grade students closed their eyes and stuck their hands into six different brown paper bags being held by their teachers. Shae Gilmore, Sycamore Land Trust's environmental education director.

They exchanged glances as they kept quiet about what they thought was in each bag. Then quickly raised their hands as soon as Gilmore asked them to guess the items they had felt but not seen.

"No. I was a turtle shell from a box turtle," Gilmore said.

"I know," some students said.

This school year Gilmore is partnering with the Cedar Christian School to teach students about the classroom. Based in the great outdoors.

In the future, Gilmore said they could add turtles and butterflies. The goal is to create a "third place" the students can visit.

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7-day Monroe County positivity rate through Sep. 5: 9.7% at 79 tests. 97% individuals.

COVID-19 in area counties: Boone (1,720 tested, 91 cases, 2 deaths), Carroll (1,290 tested, 387 cases, 35 deaths), Lawrence (6,155 tested, 400 cases, 27 deaths), Monroe (9,613 tested, 626 cases, 30 deaths), Owen (1,254 tested, 156 cases, 1 death). See OUTDOORS Page A4
Wayport fire station to close Thursday

By Ernest Rollins
The Herald-News

A temporary fire station established in 2018 in Washington Township is closing this week.

Officials opened a temporary station on the Project Green Metal property at 9258 N. Wayport Road in the Galesburg Estates neighborhood. The station is located in the northeast corner of the township.

The station was opened in 2018 to provide coverage for the growing population in the north end of the township.

The station was closed on March 1 due to low membership levels.

The fire station will be closed on March 8 at 5 p.m. The last alarm was rung at 2:45 p.m. on March 7, and the station will be closed by 5 p.m. on March 8.

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