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Woodbridge COVID-related deaths climb to 8

Health officials see spike in testing; fear case spike

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At least five more deaths have occurred at Woodbridge Health Campus.

As previously reported, the assisted-living facility had three deaths, but that number has jumped to eight as of Tuesday. While names of some individuals have not been released, Nell Riewoldt, 90, and Dorothy L. Eldridge, 95, both residents at Woodbridge, passed away Saturday.

Helen E. Shanks, 89, of Logansport, also succumbed to complications of COVID-19 and pneumonia while being treated at Logansport Memorial Hospital. It is unknown if she was a resident at the health campus at 602 Woodbridge Ave.

According to Cass County Health Department's Serenity Alter, Woodbridge is "doing the best they can."

Alter anticipates Cass County numbers to keep growing. A representative of the facility contacts the health department every day to provide COVID-19 numbers and an update on the situation. Alter said she has been on site to tour the facility and check in on the residents.

The Indiana Department of Health's Infectious Control unit also has been on scene to assess the residents and employees.

The facility remains shut down to visitors unless a loved-one is receiving end-of-life care. According to Gary Fernandez, senior vice president-chief marketing officer with Trilogy Health Services LLC, the parent company of Woodbridge, admissions to the campus are suspended.

Currently, there are 44 of 63 residents who remain positive or are presumed positive, based upon the public reporting by Trilogy. Employees who are positive or presumed

positive remain at 11. There are 94 active employees.

In fact, the Indiana Department of Health's latest results show Cass on the incline. There are a total of 2,136 cases – eight of which are new – and a total of 16 deaths. Those numbers are likely to increase as of Friday, when each county must report updates to the state.

"People are getting careless," said Alter, advising that it is important to wear masks, wash hands, and maintain social distancing. Because symptoms associated with COVID-19 are similar to those of the flu and allergies, people are getting tested more often than in the past. They want to eliminate the possibility that they are positive for the virus, said Alter.

Last week, she was averaging 40 to 50 tests a day, she said. By 1 p.m. Tuesday, Alter was forced to cut off testing because the health depart-

CORONAVIRUS BY THE NUMBERS

Covid-19 cases as reported by Johns Hopkins University* and the Indiana State Department of Health.**

WORLDWIDE*
Total cases: **37,974,575**
Total deaths: **1,083,131**

UNITED STATES*
Total cases: **7,829,476**
Total deaths: **215,476**

INDIANA**
Total cases: **138,104**
Total deaths: **3,595**

CASS COUNTY**
Total cases: **2,136**
Total deaths: **16**

NOTE: Miami County has 507 cases and 4 deaths, Howard County has 1,504 cases and 66 deaths, Fulton County has 294 cases and 2 deaths, Pulaski County has 124 cases and 1 death, White County has 527 cases and 15 deaths, Carroll County has 299 cases and 13 deaths.

As of 2:24 p.m., October 13

ment had already completed 80 tests. She had no doubt that the department could have done 100, but the high numbers meant employees needed time to process and analyze data.

The sheer volume of tests has

prompted the health department to switch gears. Instead of accepting walk-ins, people must schedule appointments at the 1616 Smith Street site. People are encouraged

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IN A TIME OF CRISIS



Photo provided

Four County Counseling's April Filmore, director of facilities and safety (shorter person carrying the box in the dark gray shirt) and Terry Dewitt, maintenance tech (taller person carrying the box in the bright blue shirt) move an item, while Mark Mayer, lead maintenance tech, right, assembles a chair.

Short-term treatment now available at Four County

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Spending time behind bars is sometimes part of the criminal justice system process.

Oftentimes, when a person disobeys the law, he or she gets a police escort to the local jail. But Cass County Sheriff Ed Schroder said it is not so cut and dry. In fact, there are often situations where a person does not need to sit in jail. Instead, that person needs treatment, he said.

Between suicidal subjects and domestic violence situations, the sheriff said officers are not necessarily trained in these areas, so accepting help to resolve those issues can mean the difference between saving a life and making a life worse.

That's why he is appreciative of Four County Counseling Center's new program, the Mobile Crisis Team unit.

One of only a handful in the state, the unit is on-call 24 hours a day. Trained mental health associ-

ates volunteer for shifts where they respond to law enforcement calls that pertain to crisis situations, said Four County Chief Executive Officer Dr. Carrie Cadwell.

"[T]here are two de facto mental health places: jails and emergency rooms. The only way to manage that is to do things in a mobile world," said Cadwell, whose program has rolled out in Cass, Fulton, Miami and Pulaski counties. Each county has two team members who are available day or night to assist at scenes where

a mental health or psychological concern exists.

Schroder said he appreciates the support because officers are not trained in these medical matters. "We're not experts, but we're called to respond. This gives us another tool to help resolve situations that occur in our communities."

Logansport Police Department Chief Travis Yike agreed.

The mobile unit has been beneficial, he said, explaining that

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Student success at center

CNAs in high demand; auto program in works

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Students who want to graduate high school with a career already lined up are making it happen at the Century Career Center.

During his presentation to the Logansport Community School Corporation board members Monday, director of the center, James Little, highlighted a few professions in which students are seeking employment.

The programs of criminal justice and nursing were just a couple such areas. Soon, students will enter the automobile industry upon high school graduation as well.

The latter program has been in the works since last spring, said Little. "It's the first in our area."

The Century Career Center (CCC) partners with Ivy Tech Community College and the Kokomo Career Center to provide internship opportunities at businesses such as HE McGonigal Buick GMC, Button Motors, and Twin City Dodge, all of Kokomo. Additional information on this program is forthcoming and should be available by the end of the week, said Little, who expressed his excitement to the board.

Offering this program, he said, will be a huge benefit for this community. Also beneficial is the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program, he said. In fact, there is such a high demand for qualified CNAs that students were hired at local nursing homes before they even sat for their State CNA Licensing Exam.

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James Little

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