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➔ **TODAY'S VERSE**

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

➔ **FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Brenda Allen smiles for The Paper while taking care of customers at the F&F Martin in Waveland. Thank you for your smile, Brenda!

➔ **THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Witham is offering a Certified Nurse's Aide (C.N.A.) class from May 31, 2022 through June 24, 2022. This is the Indiana State Department of Health 105 hour Nurse Aide Training Program which includes at a minimum of 75 hours of clinical and 30 hours of classroom study. Certified Nurse's Aide students will learn a range of skills including basic nursing skills, communication, basic body systems and how they work, residents rights and environment, activities of daily living, skin care and how to prevent pressure ulcers, diseases and other disorders. For registration details on Witham's C.N.A. Training program please contact Teresa Snyder at 765-485-8300. Registration closes May 1, 2022.

**2** Butler Bulldogs and Indiana Hoosiers to clash on Tuesday, April 26! Gates open: 5:30 PM | First Pitch: 6:35 PM. Seating is assigned and is \$10 per ticket. The ticket price is \$8 for schools, season ticket holders, groups of 25+ individuals, children and military members. Children ages 2 and under are free. Premium seating and suite options are available for this event. Please contact CBohm@IndyIndians.com for more details.

**3** It appears that Indiana senators are going with party lines in regard to the vote on President Joe Biden's nominee for the Supreme Court of the United States, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. Sen. Todd Young had already indicated his no vote and Tuesday, Sen. Mike Braun said he would as well. "Today I met with Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to keep my promise to treat this nominee with respect, and we had a good conversation," Braun said. "I previously voted against Judge Jackson due to her activist judicial approach, and based on her record on the federal bench and her answers on issues raised in the committee hearings, I will vote against her nomination on that basis again."

# The Paper

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**Butch Remembers His Students At Reform School**

Many of you didn't know this, but many years ago, right after I graduated from Purdue, I taught one semester at A.S.S.M...the American School for Student Misfits. It was a reform school for students who had been expelled from their regular school for behavioral problems, and had subsequently been adjudicated as juvenile delinquents. As their new teacher, I had to really keep a watch out on them at all times, as they were quite a load to handle. Let me tell you about some of these kids...



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

Joey was 13 years old and a very likeable boy. He was a good athlete, but not very bright. He hated to study and had been held back three times...stuck in the 5th grade. He was finally expelled for good when the teacher caught

him using someone else's crib notes hidden in his hand, and she saw him squinting really hard...trying to see the answers on another boy's test. Being popular, he put his name in for class president, but when it was time to give his speech to the class, the teacher found him hiding in the boy's restroom in the basement.

Joey's best friend was Barry, a skinny little African-American boy who was very smart and provided Joey with cheat sheets. Barry had been caught by his teacher smoking pot, and the police had arrested him. He hated all cops and kept saying that he would get back at them some day. Barry was also very sneaky and made snide comments about the other White kids when they weren't around. His only other friends were two African-American girls...Maxine and Kami, and one White girl named Nancy. Maxine was just outright vicious and hateful to everyone. Kami was kind

➔ See BUTCH Page A6

**Poetry On The Plaza**

Calling all poets and poet wanna-be's! Athens Arts Gallery is sponsoring a poetry writing event to celebrate National Poetry Month. Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, National Poetry Month reminds the public that poets have an integral role to play in our culture and that poetry matters. Join fellow community members in a group event led by Gwynn Wills, certified Amherst Authors and Writers Workshop Leader on Thursday, April 21, 2022, from 1-2:30 PM at the Marie Canine Plaza. Participants will have the opportunity to write poems with inspired prompts from the AWA Method and artwork from local artists. The event is free to the public and an RSVP is recommended though not required. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held indoors at Fusion 54. Come on out and experience the joy of writing. Contact Gwynn at 317-345-5306 or gwills6735@me.com to reserve a spot or to answer any questions.

### The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 7:20 a.m.  
SET: 8:19 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 43°F  
Low: 35°F

**Wacky Holiday Today**

- Dog Farting Awareness Day
- National Dive Bar Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 2005 Over 4 million people pay their last respects to Pope John Paul II
- 1959 One of the first modern programming languages is created

**Births On This Day**

- 1918 Betty Ford Wife of Gerald R. Ford, 40th First Lady of the U.S.
- 1859 Edmund Husserl Austrian mathematician, philosopher

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1981 Omar Bradley American general
- 1973 Pablo Picasso Spanish painter, sculptor

**Wrapping Up Readers' Choice 2022**

Readers' Choice is wrapped up for another year, and once again, The Paper's annual promotion to recognize your favorites in a multitude of categories was a huge success.

Back when our company was founded, the staff at The Paper brought Montgomery County this fun and good-natured promotion that features local businesses, people, products and more and gives you, our readers, the opportunity to vote for your favorites. We often joke that this is like Chicago politics and encourage you to vote early and vote often.

You see, this has never been about the rigidity of the process. Instead, it is designed to be an absolutely fun and very positive way for our readers to cast a good light on their favorites. And oh, how you

have responded! We annually see ballots that number in the hundreds of thousands – so many in fact that we had to find a way to automatic the counting process.

This year, rather than unveil all the winners at one time like we have in the past, we are revealing several categories a day. Today's categories can be found inside and a quick list is also provided here. When the final winners, runner-ups and



**Want MORE?**  
Please turn to page A7 - A13 for the winners, runner ups, and honorable mentions in the **SERVICE** category and for the **ENTERTAINMENT** category. Stay tuned for these categories: **MERCHANDISE** and **GOVERNMENT** next week!

honorable mentions are revealed, we will compile all of them into one keepsake edition that will stay posted on our website for the entire year.

Lastly, we encourage you to pay attention to the many businesses who are saying thank you with their ads. Without those supporters, local news and specifically your daily edition, wouldn't be here.

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**More Is Not Always Better!**

Supplements, do I need them? The answer is simple, probably not. If you have been following social media, you have certainly seen different companies pushing different vitamins



**MONICA NAGELE**  
Purdue Extension Office

➔ **HONEST HOOSIER**

A sad day to remember. The Ultimate Warrior, Fountain County's own James Brian Hellwig passed away eight years ago.



➔ **TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Kindness is contagious – surround yourself with giving people. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at [www.thepaper24-7.com](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).



➔ **INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION**

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➔ **THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

**Want To Go?**

It's that time of year again! The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs 9th Annual Charity Golf Outing is May 13. This year, all proceeds will go to the IDVA 2022 Non-Profit Partner: Pets Healing Vets. Visit the link to sign up your foursome now: <https://www.in.gov/dva/golf-outing-registration-form/>.

➔ **TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Optimist: someone who figures that taking a step backward after taking a step forward is not a disaster, it's more like a cha-cha."  
Robert Brault

➔ **TODAY'S JOKE**

Why can you never gossip in a cornfield? Too many ears.

➔ **OBITUARIES**

Richard Lee Yater



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**13 WTHR** 7 DAY FORECAST

<b>51</b> SOME SUN WITH SPOTS OF SHOWERS	<b>35/43</b> MIX OF RAIN AND SNOW	<b>33/42</b> AM SNOW	<b>30/58</b> FROSTY START, WARMER	<b>51/68</b> BREEZY, SHOWERS CHANCE	<b>57/67</b> BREEZY, SHOWERS AROUND	<b>57/72</b> SHOWERS AND STORMS
THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED

## OBITUARIES

### Richard Lee Yater

June 4, 1938 - April 5, 2022

Richard Lee Yater went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington. He was welcomed to his Heavenly home by his wonderful wife, mother, and many treasured family members and friends.

He was born June 4, 1938, in Detroit, Michigan to Leona Belle Wirth Yater and Morris Cliston Yater.

He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Monticello, Ind., in 1956. He married Evelyn Kay Gross Nov. 24, 1956, near Montezuma, Ind. They were married for 63 years. Throughout his life he loved the thrill of buying and selling. He excelled in hunting both in the woods and for bargains be it cars or tractors. He enjoyed fishing, boating, and playing euchre. He worked hard alongside his wife raising their three children. He worked as a mechanic at Skip's Mobil in Crawfordsville and then he worked 27 years at CEL&P retiring in 1995. He and Evelyn then moved to Burkesville, Ky. They worked together tirelessly on their small farm raising cattle, chickens and goats. He loved being in charge of when hay was to be cut down and when it should be put in the barn. Riding his tractor was his favorite pastime.

Survivors include a son, Thomas Lee (Donna) Yater of Lafayette; two daughters, Leona Kay Yater of Glen Ellyn, Ill. and Ellen (Gary) Rooze of Crawfordsville; sister, Anna Yater of Crawfordsville; and sister-in-law, Sharon Gross of Monticello; grandchildren, Doug (Jamie), Dan (Elizabeth), and David (Courtney) Rooze of Crawfordsville and Zachary (Ariel), Tucker (Megan) and Lily Yater of Lafayette. He also was blessed with eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; and parents, Leona and Morris.

Services are scheduled at Hunt and Son Funeral Home in Crawfordsville, Ind., Saturday, April 9th at noon. Visitation will be from 10 until the time of the service. Interment will be at Oak Hill South.

Condolences and memories may be left at www.huntandson.com



Photo courtesy of HHSB

Displaying HHSB's Five Star Member award from the Indiana Bankers Association are (from left): Trent Smaltz, CLO; Brad Monts, President/CEO; Zach Hockersmith, CFO; Trey Etcheson, Chairman of the Board; and Amber Van Til, IBA President & CEO.

## HHSB Named A Five Star Member Of The IBA

Hoosier Heartland State Bank has been honored as a Five Star Member of the Indiana Bankers Association. The award was presented on April 4 by Amber Van Til, IBA President & CEO, in recognition of HHSB's Association involvement throughout 2021.

The Five Star Member designation recognizes those IBA-member banks which demonstrate outstanding commitment

to the Association in five areas: political awareness, issues advocacy, life-long learning, IBA volunteerism, and Preferred Service Provider utilization.

"We very much appreciate the dedication of Hoosier Heartland State Bank as a Five Star Member bank," said Amber Van Til, IBA President & CEO. "Our Association is strong, thanks to our supportive members."

The Indiana Bankers Association supports Indiana banking through issues analysis, professional education, and products and services that enhance member banks' ability to serve their communities.

HHSB is a locally owned and operated Montgomery County bank which consists of a team of individuals who value customers, family and community. HHSB offers consumer

and commercial banking products, investment services, phone, online & mobile banking and bill pay, unmatched personal service, and a genuine commitment to bettering the communities in which they live.

For more information or to arrange an interview via phone or in-person, please contact Lacey Rogers at 765.323.4833 or Brad Monts at 765.942.2000 or visit www.myhhsb.com.

## Meeting Notes

### Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting

The City of Crawfordsville, Indiana

April 6, 2022 at 10:00 AM

City Building 300 E Pike St Crawfordsville, IN 47933

I. Approval of the minutes from March 30, 2022.

II. Approval of the claims for the week of April 4, 2022

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

A. Mike Patton with a dumpster request at 207 Parke Ave beginning Friday, April 8th for one week

B. Helen Hudson, HUE, requesting to close Pike Street at Pike Place

from 2-9 pm for the Celebration of Unity on Saturday, April 23

C. Park & Rec with street closure requests in regards to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Lew Wallace

D. A request from the Crawfordsville Police Department to close Lane Ave for 1 hr on April 12th

E. A request from the Crawfordsville Police Department to close the yard site to the public the week of June 6th to the 10th

F. A request from the Crawfordsville Police Department to transfer police department funds from a 300 series to the 400 series of the budget

V. Miscellaneous

VI. Department Heads

VII. Adjournment

Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN) and Congressman Tom Emmer (MN-06) recently introduced the Responsible Budget Targets Act (RBTA) to gradually rein in the growth of federal spending in the coming decades by implementing flexible budget caps.

"We need to put a cap on the Biden Administration's reckless and irresponsible spending and get our nation back on the path of prosperity. As long as the federal government keeps spending money we don't have, families in Indiana and across the county will continue to suffer," said Braun.

Emmer said, "Our national debt ten years ago was \$16 trillion. Today, that debt has nearly doubled, to over \$30 trillion. Our fiscal trajectory as a nation is unsustainable and threatens the future of our children and grandchildren."

"We can still change course, but we must act now" Emmer continued. The Responsible Budget



Sen. Mike Braun



Congressman Emmer

Target Act offers a practical solution to our nation's spending addiction that will help to balance our budget in the coming decades without causing major disruptions to government services. I am excited to partner with Senator Braun on this effort, which is a culmination my work over the past year to return fiscal sanity to Washington."

Kurt Couchman, a Senior Fellow in Fiscal Policy at Americans for Prosperity said, "Too much spending and debt have created today's high inflation. Fortunately, Senator Mike Braun and Representative Tom Emmer have proposed a new, smart way to

get the budget back on track." Couchman continued, "Similar to Switzerland's highly successful debt brake, their bill would move toward budget balance over the business cycle—instead of every year—and would allow immediate emergency spending with offsets in the years to follow. We commend them and encourage all members of Congress to support the Responsible Budget Targets Act."

#### BACKGROUND

Previous attempts in Congress to establish fixed spending limits have fallen short largely due to their static nature, often failing to account for fluctuations in the

growth of the economy or federal receipts. The RBTA establishes a dynamic formula that fluctuates with the expansion or contraction of our economy. If followed, this model could put us in a position to balance the federal budget excluding debt in just fifteen years.

Each year, the RBTA would require the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) to send to Congress a spending cap estimate at the beginning of the budget process. Congress would then work within this cap to allocate funds to meet our nation's most important needs and obligations. The bill also allows for any emergency spending to be offset in a manner that will prevent such spending from impacting the overall baseline.

You can read the bill in its entirety online at <https://www.braun.senate.gov/sites/default/files/2022-04/Responsible%20Budget%20Target%20Act.pdf>

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# Cheap Thrills

The dollar store as we knew it is gone. Oh, it's still there. I can see the helium balloons from the street—hugging the ceiling, beckoning me to enter. But don't you fall for it. It's not a dollar store anymore, it's the Dollar and a Quarter Store, regardless of the store name. One chain considered the name 2 BELOW. That would give them the option of two more price increases without having to buy another new sign.

I am addicted to all dollar stores. But now with this price increase, maybe it's time to break my habit. Years ago, when pay phones went from 10 cents to a quarter, that was the last phone booth I ever walked into, except to check the little coin return to see if anyone had left any change in it. Let me pause here while younger readers google what a phone booth is. By the way, for older folks, just so you know, the five-and-dime store has also raised their prices.

Several weeks ago, I was in a dollar store in my neighborhood, unaware this seismic shift in my budget was about to occur. I waited for the cashier to ring up my purchases, though I thought I knew exactly what the total would be. I kept track of how many purchases I was about to make, and I even know to how multiply 1 x 16.

“Wait, how could the total be \$20.00? I only bought 16 items!”  
 “Everything is \$1.25 now, Sir.”  
 “Even a can of okra?”  
 “Sir, if you really like okra, why not just spring for the extra 25 cents?”  
 “Because I hate okra. Everyone hates okra. I was buying it because it was a dollar. How about those helium balloons? How much are those?”  
 “Everything is \$1.25, Sir.”  
 “Okay, I understand the increase with food, but why did balloons go up?”



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Life in a Nutshell

“Because we put helium in them.”

Frustrated, I wandered around the store putting my willpower to the test. At a buck and a quarter, could I resist a half-gallon of generic cola, a set of three screwdrivers, sunglasses, or five pounds of dog food? Hey, we could get a dog someday.

I wondered if I should start a support group for people like me who are getting sucked into an increasingly more costly addiction.

My support group would have six steps to recovery:

1. Admit you are powerless to pass up a dollar bag of ginger snaps.
2. Resist the notion that lower prices are a higher power.
3. Never question the price of goodness.
4. Share your story with others so they can be savers, as well.
5. Pray the \$1.25 stores never go to \$1.50.
6. Before buying on impulse, look deeply inside your shelf to be sure of what you really need.

As I was finishing this column, I saw a rumor online that the dollar store may revert to the old dollar price for some select items that are less popular.

My goal now is to find a really good okra cookbook.

*Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.*

# Indiana Republican Party Sets Statewide Platform Committee Hearings, Announces Committee Co-Chairs

The Indiana Republican Party announced a series of public hearings to be held in southern, central, and northern Indiana for the purpose of soliciting input for its 2022 party platform. The platform, which will be drafted based on this input, will be ratified at the Indiana Republican Party State Convention, scheduled to be held on June 18, 2022, at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum in Indianapolis, Ind.

Jodi Smith, Indiana state director for the Susan B. Anthony List and president of the Indiana

Federation of Republican Women, and Randall “Randy” Head, chief deputy prosecutor for Cass County and former Indiana State Senator for District 18, will serve as co-chairs of the platform committee.

“We are grateful to Jodi and Randy for agreeing to serve as co-chairs of our platform committee,” stated Kyle Hupfer, chairman of the Indiana Republican Party. “These two will lead a process that will give a voice to Hoosier Republicans in shaping a vision for our party and our state, and

in the process, unite us under a set of principles that will continue to make life better for all Hoosiers.”

Hoosiers interested in providing input can reserve a slot to speak during a platform committee hearing or can submit written testimony. To reserve a spot or to submit testimony, please email [platform@indiana.gop](mailto:platform@indiana.gop) <<mailto:platform@indiana.gop>> .

Indiana Republican Party Platform Committee Hearings (All Times Local)  
 • Thursday, May 5,

2022 (Southern Indiana) 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
 Jeffersonville Township Public Library 211 E Court Ave., Jeffersonville, IN 47130  
 • Monday, May 9, 2022 (Central Indiana) 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
 Hendricks County Fairgrounds 1900 E Main St., Danville, IN 46122  
 • Wednesday, May 11, 2022 (Northern Indiana) 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
 St. Joseph County Republican Party Headquarters 719 W McKinley Ave., Mishawaka, IN 46545

# USDA Takes Action To Strengthen Pollinator Research Support

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced its strengthened commitment to advancing research and programmatic priorities that support pollinator health by soliciting nominations for members to serve on its newly formed USDA National Pollinator Subcommittee.

The subcommittee will be part of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board, which provides feedback to the Secretary of Agriculture, USDA’s science agencies and university collaborators on food and agricultural research, education, extension and economics priorities and policies.

“USDA takes very seriously our duty to protect pollinators so that they can continue to play a critical role in our food production system,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “Pollinator species help produce more than 100 crops grown in the United States. We are

keenly interested in understanding the stressors that impact pollinators, including climate change, pests, pathogens and reduced forage. We strive to ensure our research and data in this area are meeting the needs of bee managers and the farmers that rely on pollinators.”

The NAREEE Advisory Board’s Pollinator Subcommittee will provide input on annual USDA strategic pollinator priorities and goals and will make pollinator health-related recommendations to strengthen USDA pollinator research efforts. USDA is both a major funder and conductor of pollinator research, with research initiatives spanning across five USDA mission areas.

NAREEE Board members play an important advisory role for USDA’s science agencies as they shape and advance the large-scale, collaborative research initiatives needed to address tough challenges that our nation’s farmers, ranchers and consumers face.

USDA is seeking nominations for subcommittee members from individuals with diverse expertise in pollinator health. USDA’s research is organized by five major study areas: Status and Trends (e.g., pollinator inventory and monitoring, economics and social sciences); Pests and Pathogens (both established and emerging); Environmental Stressors (e.g., weather stress, pesticide exposure, migratory and stocking density stress); Forage, Habitat, and Nutrition; and Genetics and Breeding.

USDA expects to appoint seven new Pollinator Subcommittee members in accordance with the federal statute. Candidates selected to the Pollinator Subcommittee may serve 1–3 years with terms anticipated to start in July 2022.

NAREEE is accepting nomination packages from now until May 31, 2022, and should be sent by email to [nareee@usda.gov](mailto:nareee@usda.gov). The Federal Register Notice is available online. For informa-

tion on how to apply visit the NAREEE website.

To learn more about USDA pollinator activities and research efforts visit USDA’s Pollinator website.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America’s food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy, and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

# California Gun Law Challenged Here

Attorney General Todd Rokita is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down a California law because it unconstitutionally criminalizes the possession of standard-capacity magazines — outlawing those that hold 11 or more rounds of ammunition — and endangers gun rights in all states.

“When courts allow these kinds of restrictive laws to stand,” Attorney General Rokita said, “it creates a dangerous precedent that jeopardizes the rights of law-abiding gun owners nationwide, including in Indiana.”

States have no authority to limit ownership of firearms to those capable of firing 10 or fewer times before being reloaded, Attorney General Rokita said.

“Hoosiers cherish their Second Amendment rights to keep and bear arms, as well they should,” Attorney General Rokita said. “I will protect those rights at every opportunity.”

In total, attorneys



Todd Rokita

general from 23 states are signed onto an amicus brief asking the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case involving the California law and ultimately to uphold the Second Amendment.

“The purpose of the Second Amendment is not to ensure opportunities for hunting or target practice,” Attorney General Rokita said. “Rather, the purpose of the Second Amendment is to enable law-abiding Americans to protect their lives, liberty and property against all threats — whether posed by individual intruders breaking into homes or marauding armies trying to take over communities.”

April 22nd is Earth Day, spotlighting ways people can help protect and preserve the planet. Increasingly, global warming and sustainability issues have become hot topics that are getting people talking. One company, DRONEDEK, is helping to save the planet through the way people have packages delivered. Focusing on the last mile of delivery, their efforts can help keep the planet healthier and consumers happier.

“To help protect the planet, we have to make small changes in many places, so they all add up to a radical improvement in the environment,” says Dan O’Toole, the founder and chief executive officer of DRONEDEK. “Our contribution is in how packages are delivered. We are helping to save the planet one package delivery at a time.”

Americans purchase billions of dollars worth of goods online each year, which means countless packages are making their way across the country. What adds to the carbon footprint that each package being delivered has is that millions are stolen each year. When packages are stolen from porches by “porch pirates,” they typically have a replacement that will be sent out. This leads to many more packages needing to be

delivered.

Reducing package theft is one way to help save the planet because it will reduce the number of packages being sent overall. DRONEDEK provides a solution to this problem by providing last-mile delivery that ensures packages are delivered safely and securely. Using drone technology, the packages are delivered to a secure receptacle so that only the rightful owner can access them. This helps to save resources with each delivery.

Here are additional ways that the DRONEDEK delivery method is helping to save the planet:

- The DRONEDEK autonomous delivery methods help reduce the number of vehicles on the road that would otherwise be used to make deliveries.
- Building out networks of DRONEDEKs (and the subsequent reduction of delivery vehicles from the road) will help accelerate global efforts towards carbon-neutrality by (or before) 2050. What we may see is a positive correlation between the increase in the number of installed DRONEDEKs and the decrease in carrier traffic needed as a result.
- There are numerous positive ripple effects of DRONEDEK helping to keep delivery vehicles off the road. These include reducing greenhouse gas

emissions, harmful chemicals, wear and tear on the roads, fossil fuel consumption, vehicle accidents, etc. There will also be fewer delivery vehicles driving through neighborhoods.

• DRONEDEK is embracing an ESG-focus (environmental, social governance) model, by encouraging and fostering the acceleration of autonomous delivery methods, including using drones and robots. Having DRONEDEK allows service providers to integrate autonomous delivery methods alongside conventional delivery methods more easily.

“We are happy to be a part of the solution,” added O’Toole. “Not only are we helping to reduce package delivery theft, but our method will also help protect the planet.”

DRONEDEK allows people to receive package deliveries and outgoing mailings through a safe and secure receptacle. The receptacle is a patented, smart receptacle that works with a drone to ensure that packages are received and are allowed to be taken only by those who own the case. The receptacle has been designed to protect the items from the weather and would-be thieves. Users can monitor the delivery on an app on their phones.

Founded by Dan O’Toole, DRONEDEK has raised \$7.1 million, helping

to bring the receptacles to market this year. Dubbed as the “mailbox of the future,” the receptacle will help people send and receive packages securely, safely and provides privacy. The company recently announced it has partnered with Nova Labs, formerly Helium Inc. to allow for more significant wireless network expansion. Helium hotspots will be put into DRONEDEKs in areas with limited coverage to help build out the network.

To see videos of DRONEDEK works, visit DRONEDEK: The Next Generation Mailbox, and New DRONEDEK Smart Receptacle. To learn more about DRONEDEK, visit the site: <https://www.dronedek.com>.

About DRONEDEK DRONEDEK is a company offering a new way of sending and receiving packages of up to five pounds each. The device provides a safe, secure method of delivery that keeps the items in a patented receptacle. The receptacle offers complete protection from the weather and would-be thieves. The company was founded by Dan O’Toole, a patent holder and serial entrepreneur. The company is based in Indianapolis, Indiana. To learn more, visit the site: <https://www.dronedek.com>.

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# The Long, Long History Of Boilermaker “What Ifs” And More

Purdue athletics history is full of “what if” stories. Near the top of the list is Lee Rose and his brief, brilliant two-year stay in West Lafayette.

Rose, 85, died Tuesday. He had been battling Alzheimer’s Disease since 2015. That diagnosis inspired Rose, his wife of more than 60 years Eleanor and Purdue All-American center Joe Barry Carroll to write his autobiography “Coach Lee Rose: On Family and Basketball.”

One of the book’s most controversial chapters detailed that the Purdue-Rose marriage was doomed almost from the moment he signed the four-year contract in 1978. Rose thought it was strange that his predecessor, Fred Schaus, was more involved in bringing him to West Lafayette than athletic director George King. When Rose finally met King, he wrote that the first words out of the athletic director’s mouth were “you’ll never make more money than I do.”

For many years, Purdue had the reputation of thriftiness when it came to paying coaching salaries. According to the Lafayette Journal & Courier, Rose was making \$41,000 for the 1979-1980 season, the second year of his deal. Today, \$41,000 is less than one week’s reported income for current Purdue coach Matt Painter.

Shortly after the 1980 Final Four that saw Purdue lose to UCLA, a defeat that left Rose bitter more than 30 years later, and topple Iowa in the now-defunct third-place game, rumors surfaced that South Florida was pursuing Rose.

The St. Petersburg Times reported that South Florida was offering a package worth \$86,000 a year.

If Rose is to be believed, that was a



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Columnist

contract Purdue and King would never come close to matching. Sure enough, when Gene Keady replaced Rose less than two weeks later, his reported salary was the same \$41,000.

But, as radio legend Paul Harvey used to say, here’s the rest of the story.

As easily offended as Rose was by King, the Kentucky native turned off the most important constituents for any college basketball coach: his state’s high school coaches.

An April 4, 1980 column by Bob Scott of the Journal & Courier told the story of Rose chastising the high school coaches for not sending their players to state schools.

Rose was upset that he couldn’t even get a visit from Indiana Mr. Basketball winners Steve Bouchie and Jim Master. Bouchie signed with Indiana, while Master chose Kentucky.

Rose also complained that he had become bogged down by the “negative attitude” of the state’s high school coaches toward Purdue. Scott, who recorded the speech, wrote that Rose “sounded angry and almost evangelical” during his speech. Rose insisted to the coaches they had a duty to send kids to state universities.

More than one high school coach told Scott they were bothered that Rose only signed one

in-state player during his two-year tenure, Jon Kitchel of Lewis Cass.

Count this columnist among the Boilermaker fans who were not happy with Rose’s lack of recruiting success. I used to joke that Rose and top assistant Everett Bass couldn’t recruit a third-generation Purdue legacy like me.

Rose went 50-18 in his two seasons but off the court, one opponent proved too tough to beat. In 1980, Bob Knight was at his peak of influence and success. That included recruiting, where Indiana had its pick of players from the state.

Of the other six players signed by Rose, future first-round NBA pick Keith Edmonson of San Antonio and junior college All-American Arnette Hallman (Joliet, Ill.) were starters on his Final Four team. Michael Scarsee of Lexington, Ky., and junior college transfer Kevin Stallings (Belleville, Ill.) were key reserves. The others were Atlanta big man Ted Benson and Chicago junior college transfer Lee Cummings.

While Rose’s bank account grew, his reputation as one of the top young college basketball coaches suffered. Rose would later write that promises weren’t kept by South Florida officials to upgrade facilities and increase the emphasis on basketball.

Rose went 106-69 in six seasons with South Florida but never reached the NCAA tournament. When he resigned to become an assistant coach with the NBA’s San Antonio Spurs, Rose owned the best winning percentage in school history. That remains the case more than 30 years later.

So what if Rose had remained at Purdue?

One would like to think the momentum from the Final Four

might have improved recruiting but other than McDonald’s All-American center Russell Cross, Rose’s successor – Gene Keady – had to sign players Knight wasn’t interested in (Ricky Hall, Greg Eifert, Jim Bullock, Curt Clawson, Mark Atkinson) before finally breaking through in 1984 with a class led by Indiana Mr. Basketball Troy Lewis of Anderson, Todd Mitchell and Everette Stephens.

Would Jim Rowinski have blossomed under Rose from a 6-4 skinny walkon to a muscular 6-8 center who became the Big Ten Player of the Year in 1984? Would shooting guard Steve Reid have transferred to Purdue from Kansas State, Keady’s alma mater?

Going even further ahead in time, could Lee Rose have kept Glenn Robinson from leaving the state to join “The Fab Five” at Michigan? Rose’s coaching history, leaving UNC-Charlotte for Purdue after two seasons and a Final Four when his star player – Cedric “Cornbread” Maxwell – left to join the Boston Celtics, is a sign that he wasn’t going to be a long-term coach anywhere.

In the long run, Gene Keady and Matt Painter were better for Purdue basketball’s long-term health.

Mr. Basketball comparison

If Purdue is lucky, Westfield guard Braden Smith and sophomore-to-be Caleb Furst will come close to accomplishing the feats of the only other time the Boilermakers landed back-to-back Indiana Mr. Basketball winners.

Actually, Purdue signed three consecutive Mr. Basketball selections in Lafayette Jeff’s Denny Brady, Billy Keller of Indianapolis Washington and Rick Mount of Leba-

non from 1964-66.

Brady averaged just over 10 points a game as a sophomore and a junior (freshmen were ineligible) before signing a professional baseball contract with the Cleveland Indians organization.

Keller and Mount would form the greatest backcourt in Purdue history and lead the Boilermakers to the 1969 NCAA title game against UCLA.

Keller won the first Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award as the nation’s outstanding college player under 6 feet. He was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1992.

Mount remains Purdue’s all-time leading scorer 52 years after his final game in Mackey Arena. Arguably the greatest shooter in college basketball history, Mount averaged 32.3 points a game on his way to piling up 2,323 in three seasons – all without a 3-point line. He was a two-time consensus All-American and also is a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

Smith edged future Purdue teammate Fletcher Loyer of Homestead to become the Boilermakers’ 13th Indiana Mr. Basketball. Like Glenn Robinson over Alan Henderson 30 years ago, Smith probably got the edge in balloting when he rallied Westfield past Homestead in a Class 4A regional semifinal at Logansport.

Smith led Westfield to its first sectional championship, averaging 18.3 points, 6 assists and 6 rebounds per game. He graduates as Westfield’s all-time scoring (1,629) and assists (453) leader.

Purdue hopes to make it three consecutive Indiana Mr. Basketball winners in 2023 with Heritage Christian forward Myles Colvin.

He’s back

Former Purdue star Carsen Edwards made the most of his return to the NBA on Sunday.

The shorthanded Detroit Pistons signed Edwards to a two-year contract hours before their game Sunday at Indiana. Not only did Edwards make it to the game on time, he put up 13 points and nine assists in 30 minutes to help Detroit prevail 121-117.

Edwards spent two seasons with the Boston Celtics, which drafted him 33rd overall in 2019 before being traded to Memphis this past September. After the Grizzlies waived Edwards, he played 31 games with the Salt Lake City Stars of the G-League. Edwards averaged 26.7 points and 4.2 assists while shooting 38.3 percent from beyond the 3-point line.

Aloha, Purdue Purdue men’s basketball will be among a who’s who field for the 2023 Maui Invitational.

The Boilermakers will be joined by Gonzaga, Kansas, Marquette, Syracuse, Tennessee, UCLA and host Champlaine. The 40th annual tournament will take place Nov. 20-22 at the Lahaina Civic Center. It will be Purdue’s fourth appearance, having gone 2-1 in each of the previous three trips.

The Maui Invitational will be the second high profile tournament involving Purdue in as many seasons. The Boilermakers are committed to the 2022 Phil Knight Legacy, a field that includes Duke, Gonzaga, Florida, Oregon State, Portland State, West Virginia and Xavier.

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# Witham Hosting Community Education Classes And Support Group Meetings

Witham Health Services will offer the following Community Education Classes in April. The Classes are free unless indicated otherwise.

- Diabetes Self-Management Class - Call the Diabetes Education Department at 765-485-8120 for individualized class, scheduling and pricing.
- Rock Steady Boxing 1 & 2 - held weekly at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.
- Rock Steady Boxing 3 & 4 - held weekly at

9:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.

- Silver Sneakers - held weekly at 11:15 a.m. on Mondays for those 65 or older at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.
- Silver Sneakers Cardio - held weekly at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesdays for those 65 or older at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.
- Silver Sneakers Yoga - held weekly at 11:15 a.m. on Thursdays for those 65 or older at the

Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.

- Tai Chi for Health 2 - Seven week sessions, held weekly at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.
- Tai Chi for Health 1 - Seven week sessions, held weekly at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.
- Pedaling for Parkinson's - Held weekly at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays at the Witham

Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.

For more information or to schedule a class, please contact the Witham Health Services Education Department at 765-485-8120 or visit [www.witham.org](http://www.witham.org).

Witham Health Services will host the following Support Group meetings in April. The Support Groups are free unless indicated.

- Individualized Breastfeeding Support is available on an individual basis with a Lactation Consultant. To schedule an appointment and for pricing, call 765-485-

8411.

- Diabetic Support Group - Wednesday, April 13th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Beck Room. Call 765-485-8120 for meeting information.
- Cancer Support Cooking for Wellness - Tuesday, April 19th from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the South Pavilion Wellness Center.
- Alzheimer's Support Group - Tuesday, April 19th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the VIP Dining Room
- Cancer Support Group - Monday, April 25th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the South Pavilion Lobby.

- Grief Support Gathering - Tuesday, April 26th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the VIP Dining Room.

We encourage people living with these problems and their families to attend the monthly meetings. These meetings allow support group members the opportunity to discuss with others the coping mechanisms and frustrations of living with these problems.

For more information, please contact the Witham Health Services Education Department at 765-485-8120 or online at [www.witham.org](http://www.witham.org)

# Lt. Gov. Crouch, OCRA Announce 11 Communities Will Receive The 2022 Indiana Main Street Designation

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs today announced 11 organizations have been designated as recognized Indiana Main Street programs. The Indiana Main Street program encourages community-driven revitalization of downtown areas in Hoosier cities and towns.

The IMS program accepts applications for three levels:

- Nationally Accredited Main Street: A NAMS community meets all of the Accreditation Standards set forth by Main Street America.
- Indiana Accredited Main Street: An IAMS community meets 8/10 Accreditation Standards set forth by Main Street America, but may lack a paid professional program manager.
- OCRA's Downtown Affiliate Network: An ODAN community can include organizations that prefer to specialize in event-related activities only or lack the physical or historical capacity required to qualify as a Main Street organization.

"The Indiana Main Street program continues to be a strong partner of downtowns throughout our great state," Crouch said. "It sparks economic growth by expanding businesses, creating jobs and attracting private and public investments. Congratulations to each community and local Main Street program for attaining these designations, and for their commitment to revitalizing and enhancing their community's unique heritage and features."

The incoming programs include the following

communities:

Nationally Accredited Main Streets:

- The Heart of Lebanon
- Main Street Richmond

Indiana Accredited Main Streets:

- North Vernon Main Street
- Main Street Greencastle

OCRA's Downtown Affiliate Networks:

- Downtown Danville Partnership
- Greendale Main Street
- Main Street LaGrange
- Community Action Leading Loogootee
- Downtown Princeton
- Delphi Main Street
- Scottsburg Main Street

"Congratulations to these 11 communities on earning an Indiana Main Street designation," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "Since 1985, the Indiana Main Street program has been instrumental in providing resources to cities and towns to advance their downtown economic development. I look forward to seeing what these communities accomplish in the future."

A local program's performance is evaluated by Indiana Main Street, which works in partnership with Main Street America to identify organizations that meet rigorous performance standards.

The 11 programs will be provided a formal certificate, access to Main Street America and Indiana Main Street trainings, networking opportunities with other regional and statewide programs, and a resource toolbox unique

to their needs.

To learn more about the Indiana Main Street program, visit [in.gov/ocra/mainstreet](http://in.gov/ocra/mainstreet).

**ABOUT INDIANA MAIN STREET**

Indiana Main Street encourages community-driven revitalization of downtown areas in Indiana cities and towns. The people who make up the Main Street network are passionate advocates, dedicated volunteers, influential stakeholders and community organizers. They work every day to turn the tide in their communities - catalyzing reinvestment, creating jobs and fostering pride of place. IMS is housed within the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, an agency of Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch's family of business.

**ABOUT MAIN STREET AMERICA**

Main Street America has been helping revitalize older and historic commercial districts for 40 years. Today, it is a network of more than 1,600 neighborhoods and communities, rural and urban, who share both a commitment to place and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. Since 1980, communities participating in the program have leveraged more than \$85.43 billion in new public and private investment, generated 672,333 net new jobs and 150,079 net new businesses, and rehabilitated more than 295,348 buildings. Main Street America is a program of the nonprofit National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

# IN Chamber Seeks Community Of The Year Nominations; Locations Urged To Share Their Stories

Attention mayors and local officials: It's your time to tout all the great things happening in your areas. Right now, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2022 NextEra Energy Resources Community of the Year Award.

This annual honor goes to a deserving Hoosier community for significant contributions to its local business climate and overall image during the past year.

"It's been exciting to see how so many Indiana communities have used the challenges of the past two years as a springboard for a brighter future," says Indiana

Chamber President and CEO Kevin Brinegar. "We can't wait to honor one of those communities next fall that's moving forward in an exceptional way, creating a path to prosperity for its citizens and businesses."

The award will be presented at the Indiana Chamber's 33rd Annual Awards Dinner - the state's largest yearly gathering of business leaders and elected officials. The 2022 dinner will feature a celebration of the Indiana Chamber's 100th anniversary.

The event will be presented in partnership with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield on November 16 in

downtown Indianapolis. The winning community will be announced in late summer or early fall.

Communities selected for the honor receive a pre-event press conference, recognition and a video tribute at the Indiana Chamber dinner and are featured in a cover story for BizVoice®, Indiana's leading statewide business magazine.

Cities can apply at [www.indianachamber.com/community](http://www.indianachamber.com/community). All entries must be received by June 13.

The previous five Indiana Chamber Community of the Year recipients are Greater Lafayette, Fort Wayne, Plymouth, Jasper and Goshen.

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of goofy and giggled all the time, while Nancy always wore expensive dresses and jewelry and acted "uppity" like she was better than anyone else...but Barry was always nice to all three.

The other girl in my class was a chubby little gal named Hillary. She was very smart and always wanted to compete against the boys. But I soon found out that she absolutely hated to lose at anything, and if she did not finish first or have the highest grade, she could be quite vengeful. She did quite well most of the time, but one day she lost a math

contest to a little red-haired boy by the name of Donny. She threw a fit and claimed that he had cheated. And then she started some very nasty rumors about little Donny, all of which she had made up. I finally had to put her out in the hallway to cool off.

Now Donny came from a wealthy family, and he was very intelligent. But he was a very independent little boy and no one could tell him what to do. He was very brash and also often bragged about how much money he had. At his regular school, instead of playing sports at recess,

he talked the other kids into playing Monopoly with real money, and he was estate when buying and selling properties, and collecting rent from all the other players. When these kids told their parents how much money they had lost, the principal expelled Donny.

Another very popular boy in my class was Billy, who sometimes liked to hang out with Hillary. He pretended to like her, but while she was busy planning revenge on her enemies at recess, little Billy chased all of the pretty girls out on the playground. When he

caught them, he made them give him a kiss before he would let go. In fact, that's why he was expelled from his regular school after several of the girls' parents complained and they threatened legal action.

There were three students in my class who I would say were just "weird." They were Bernie, Elizabeth, and Beto. Bernie had a big mouth and always wore red T-shirts with the Russian symbol on it... very strange! Elizabeth kept telling the other students that she was a Native American. Of course, when no one

believed her, she had a little temper tantrum and threw a tomahawk at one girl...barely missing her. She had been expelled from her regular school for threatening the teacher with a bow and arrow. Now little Beto was just an oddball if I ever saw one. Sometimes he would just sit there and stare into space. He had been expelled from his regular school for using LSD.

Well, that's a few of my reform school students for you. After that semester, I was fortunate enough to get a job teaching right here in Montgomery County, In-

diana. All of my students were normal little kids who knew right from wrong, behaved in the classroom, and got along with each other just fine. I never saw any of my former reform school students again, but a few years ago a friend told me that all of them had finally graduated...and all of them had become politicians....Can you believe that?

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history

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and nutrients, especially recently with the COVID-19 pandemic. The supplements come in many forms; pills, shakes, and patches. It doesn't matter the supplement delivery method, there are a ton out there, trying to convince you to spend your money on them.

Let's break it down. Our bodies do need vitamins and nutrients, that's no secret. If you are following a well-balanced diet (i.e. MyPlate or the U.S. Dietary Guidelines), chances are you do not need a supplement. If your doctor has shared with you that you are deficient in a certain nutrient

or you are excluding an entire food group from your diet, you may need a supplement.

But more is better, right? Not so fast. Our bodies use nutrients for many things, they break down the food we eat, make bones stronger, help muscles contract, and maintain immunity. That's right they maintain immunity not boost or prevent us from getting viruses such as COVID-19 or the flu. But there's no reason to get more than you need, and some nutrients can be dangerous in large amounts. Not to mention dietary supplements are

not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration, leading to concerns of safety and efficacy. An NSF stamp ensures what's on the label, is what's in the bottle.

All vitamins have a recommended amount that you should get each day, and many even have a tolerable upper intake level. The tolerable upper intake level, indicates when you exceed this amount the vitamin could cause harm to you. For example, Vitamin B6, when exceeding the tolerable upper intake level could cause nerve damage. Sticking to a well-balanced diet, you

will get enough of the vitamins and nutrients you need, and it's unlikely that you will exceed the upper intake level of any vitamin.

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The bottom line is, if you are maintaining a balanced diet, exercising and practicing a healthy lifestyle, supplements are probably not needed. And please don't mega-dose on vitamins, hoping it will prevent viruses like the flu or COVID-19. Vitamins support our immune system they do not boost it or prevent illness.

If you are looking for information about vitamin and mineral recommendation or information about supplements in general,

visit the NIH Office of Dietary Supplements for more information, <https://ods.od.nih.gov/factsheets/list-Vitamins-Minerals/>

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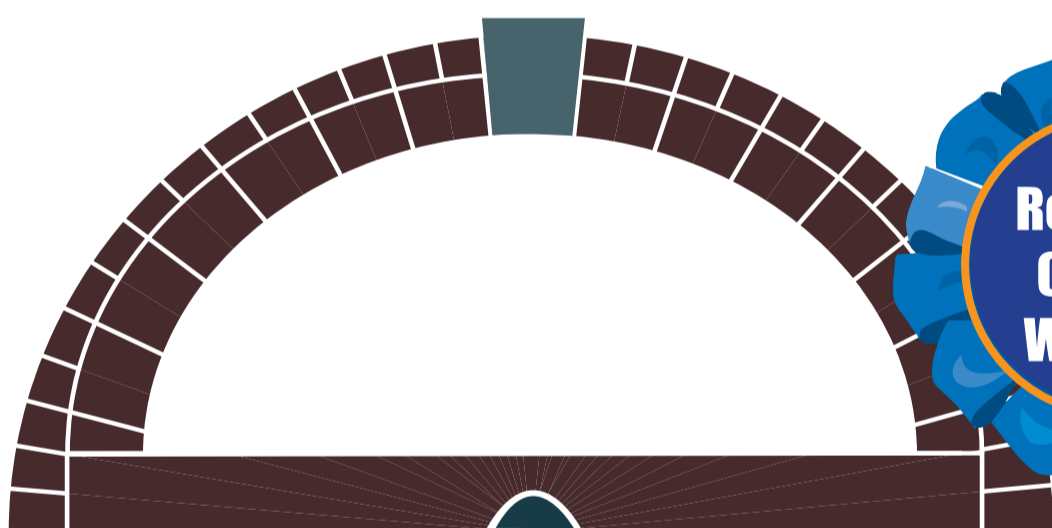
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