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**3** Maddock Lipp of Golden, CO is eight years old and likely to soon receive recognition by the Guinness World Record judges for being the youngest person to have skied the slopes of all the world's seven continents, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. According to Guinness, to date "the youngest person to ski on all seven continents is Victoria Rae White beginning at the age of 9 years 88 days in Zermatt, Switzerland and ending aged 10 years 79 days in Winter Park, Colorado, USA, 16 March 2008." Despite his age Maddock has been skiing for half his life, so far; he put skis on for the first time when he was four years old.

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**Joe Biden In A Speedo? Yes, It Could Happen!**



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

How about 2022? Not the greatest year . . . right? Higher prices on just about everything and no solutions to any of the nation's problems. At least the mid-term elections are over. The Republicans won the House, and the Democrats held on to the Senate. Democrats believe government can solve all problems. Republi-

cans believe government IS the problem. Stalemate. Two years from now, we will elect a new president. For Christmas this year, the only thing I want is a new electoral system . . . something more entertaining and fun . . . such as . . .

1st Option: Let's have a televised beauty contest for president. You can call in your vote for the best looking male or female candidate. They would appear in both formal attire and swimsuit, display a talent (such as playing the banjo, performing magic tricks, etc.) and answer a couple of silly questions. If Joe Biden appears in a speedo or Stacey Abrams dons a bikini in the swimsuit competition, that might be a good time to head to the kitchen for a snack . . . just

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**Staying Safe During Winter Holiday Travel**

As we enjoy the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and share the roads with many other travelers, let's remember to stay safe. Colder temperatures and winter storms are hazardous but they typically come



**MONICA NAGELE**  
Purdue Extension Office



with warning, allowing us to plan ahead and stay safe this winter season. Follow these easy tips for preparing your car and traveling this winter.

Get your car ready for cold weather use before winter arrives.

- Service the radiator and maintain antifreeze level; check tire tread or, if necessary,

replace tires with all-weather or snow tires.

- Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
  - Use a wintertime formula in your windshield washer.
  - Be sure cell phone is fully charged.
  - Have an ice scraper and snow brush in the car.
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  - food and water
  - booster cables, flares, tire pump, and a bag of sand or cat litter (for traction)
  - a shovel
  - maps and compass
  - flashlight, battery-powered radio, and extra batteries
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  - plastic bags (for sanitation).

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**HONEST HOOSIER**

2 Montgomery County shopping days until Christmas. Hey, here's a great idea! How about getting someone a subscription to Montgomery County's favorite paper. You know, the one with, well, uh, . . . ME!



**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Cracking your knuckles does not appear to lead to arthritis. 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.



**OBITUARIES**

**Nancy Gegner**

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**Upcoming Holiday Closures**

The holidays mean a few changes in schedules.

For the most part, banks and government offices will be closed on Sunday and Monday, Christmas and the day after. This includes the U.S. Post Office as well.

The same schedule follows a week later when New Year's Day falls on Sunday. Government offices and many businesses will also be closed Monday, Jan. 2. This also includes the U.S. Post Office.

For us at The Paper, following our custom of not publishing on major and postal holidays, there will be no Online Edition on Christmas Day and the day after, Dec. 25-26. And like the above mention, there will be no Online Edition on New Year's Day and the day after, Jan. 1-2. However, it is important to note that our offices will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 26 through Jan. 2. If you need something during that time, please e-mail Tim Timmons at timmons@thepaper24-7.com.

**The Daily Almanac**

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
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**What Happened On This Day**

- 1913 The Federal Reserve Act is signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson, creating the Federal Reserve System
- 1970 The North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City is topped out at 1,368 ft.



**Births On This Day**

- 1963 Jim Harbaugh American football player
- 1964 Eddie Vedder American singer-songwriter guitarist

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1953 Lavrentiy Beria Soviet politician
- 2007 Oscar Peterson Pianist and composer

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**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown."  
- Linus Van Pelt

**TODAY'S JOKE**

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?  
A mince spy!





## OBITUARIES

### James Thomas West

May 22, 1937 - Dec. 22, 2022

James Thomas West passed away on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022 at home.

He was born on May 22, 1937 in Crawfordsville to Gerald and Dorothy (Coombs) West.

He was a graduate of Linden High School, Class of 1955. He proudly served in the United States Army in Germany. He grew up farming and worked as a lifelong truck driver.

He was a member of the local Masons, 40 & 8, and life member of the VFW 1431. He was past president of the Eagles, past president of Montgomery County Shriners Club and past commander of the American Legion, Post 72. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially deer hunting, playing golf, basketball, baseball and running track. He loved watching all types of auto racing but mostly the Indy Car and NASCAR races.

Survivors include four children, Elizabeth Halfhill (Jim) of Ky., Charles West (Kathy) of Crawfordsville and Lori Miles (Neal) of Crawfordsville and Steve Phillips (Vicky) of Cloverdale; 10 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and two sisters, Ruth Brown (Ralph) and Kathy Billingsley; and daughter-in-law, Phyllis West.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three wives; infant daughter, Kim Renee West; two sons, Gary West and Kevin Phillips; and sister, Diane Wilcox.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022 at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington Street in Crawfordsville from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at 1 p.m. Military honors will be conducted by the United States Army National Guard and the American Legion, Post 72. Burial will follow at Indian Creek Hill Cemetery outside of New Market. Share memories and condolences at [www.SandersFuneralCare.com](http://www.SandersFuneralCare.com).



## Weather Causes Changes In State Park Activities

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Changes in activities thus far include:

- The Pokagon State Park toboggan will be closed Dec. 23 due to the bitter cold to ensure the safety of guests and staff. Reopening is expected Dec. 24, if temperatures moderate, but that determination will be made as the weather picture for Saturday emerges. The toboggan is closed on Christmas Day. The park will be open for other daily activities. Pokagon's annual Christmas Eve walk will be modi-

fied with activities at the Nature Center at 9 a.m.; guests can enjoy refreshments, make a Christmas ornament and reindeer treats, enjoy the new exhibits, and bird-watch at the updated Woodland Window.

- Mounds State Park's Nights of Lights is canceled Dec. 23-24, but will reopen Dec. 25.

- Ouabache State Park's Wonderland of Lights is canceled Dec. 23-24 and will reopen Dec. 25.

DNR property offices are closed Dec. 23-26, but open today, if you need to buy annual passes as gifts. State Park Inn gift shops will be open normal hours through the weekend, and the inns have annual passes available for sale, too. Holiday Gift Packs can be purchased online at [shopINStateParks.com](http://shopINStateParks.com) through Dec. 31.

Watch for other changes or notifications on Indiana State Parks' and property-specific Facebook pages or on Twitter at @INDNRstateparks.

## Four Wabash College Professors Earn Tenure



Lorraine McCrary



Karen Quandt



Sujata Saha



Erika Sorensen-Kamakian

Wabash College President Scott E. Feller and Dean of the College Todd McDorman announced the promotion and tenure of four faculty members. Professors Lorraine McCrary (political science), Karen Quandt (French), Sujata Saha (economics), and Erika Sorensen-Kamakian (biology) all successfully completed the tenure process and will assume the rank of associate professor at the 190-year-old liberal arts institution.

"I have been thrilled to watch the development of this group of teacher-scholars," Feller said. "From my time helping to recruit them to Wabash and to launch their careers here, I knew that that these four individuals had the potential to have a big impact on our students, our college community, and their academic disciplines. In reviewing their tenure files, I was struck both by the excellence they have demonstrated and also by the way they persevered under the difficult conditions of the pandemic. They found creative ways to adapt their teaching and to maintain their scholarly work, and they made critical contributions to the lives of our students when those were needed most."

McCrary earned her bachelor's degree from Grove City College and a master's degree and Ph.D. from Georgetown University.

"I'm grateful for the recognition and for the opportunity to continue the work I love," said McCrary. "Wabash's students are kind and respectful; I'm really inspired by them and glad that I can continue to teach them. And it's wonderful that I'll continue to be part of the supportive and collaborative Wabash faculty, without whom I would not have made it this far. This milestone is also the chance for me to reflect on and say thank you for the support from so many people who have helped me get to this point. I am reminded of the many communities of which I am part; I am so grateful for their care and support."

McCrary's research brings together disability studies and the feminist ethic of care; she also

writes about Arendtian natality, as well as the relationship between the family and politics. She often draws on literature in her research.

"In the classroom, Professor McCreary invites free flowing, student-driven discussion while deftly guiding, nudging, and challenging students at the right moments," said McDorman. "This ability stems from her skills as an excellent listener who is deeply dedicated to fostering a sense of community. Professor McCrary's concern for community is also present in her scholarship where she uses political theory to produce novel insights into disability studies, cutting edge work that has earned national recognition. Furthermore, her concern for and investment in the Wabash community is seen in a range of ways from being central to the development of the PPE major to how she cheers her students on at basketball games and in other venues."

Quandt received her bachelor of arts in art history and a master's in French from Notre Dame and her Ph.D. in French from Princeton.

"It is a huge honor to be promoted to tenure at Wabash College, particularly alongside three women who are formidable scholars and highly esteemed teachers," said Quandt. "It means a lot to know that I have the support of my colleagues, and the fact that students have an important voice in the process makes this such a particularly rewarding milestone. The road to tenure is long and sometimes arduous, but I have been fortunate to have had excellent mentorship along the way. I am always aware of the precious value of the professors, advisors, and colleagues who have encouraged me to grow not only as a learner but also as a person, and I work every day to do the same for my students. I am very excited to see what lies ahead, and look forward to continuing to grow as a professor within this special community."

Quandt's primary research interests involve 19th-century French poetry, particularly the intersections between visual

art and literature, and she also works extensively on ecocritical themes in the literature of this period.

"Professor Quandt has been tasked with leadership responsibilities from almost the day she arrived at Wabash," McDorman said. "She leads the French program, mentoring both students and faculty colleagues alike. She also has been a leader on the off-campus and international studies committee. As a teacher, she is deeply invested in the success of her students, providing individualized attention and exhibiting an adaptability that enriches student experience. She is also increasingly recognized nationally for her scholarship on eco-criticism and visual arts centered in 19th century French literature, and performs valued leadership roles for the Modern Languages Association."

Saha earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from the University of Calcutta and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"I feel humbled and thrilled to have earned tenure," said Saha. "The experience of teaching, research, and service at Wabash has been very enriching and rewarding. The students here are invested in their education, and they like to be challenged. Tenure provides me the precious opportunity to continue to strive to provide effective, unique, and inclusive experiences to my students in and outside of the classroom, work on expanding my research agenda, and collaborate closely with faculty, staff, students, and alumni to broaden my service to the College to have a more meaningful and lasting impact. Thank you, Wabash, for all the love, support, trust, and recognition."

Saha's primary research interests are in the areas of international finance and trade and open economy macroeconomics. As a researcher she investigates hot-button issues that have significant effects on a macroeconomic level.

"Professor Saha has the ability to hold students to high standards while still always being supportive of them—and is greatly valued

and respected for it," said McDorman. "Two words that aptly capture her are responsive and conscientious. She takes feedback from students and colleagues seriously and is committed to sustained excellence. She is also valued for her campus-wide service contributions that make meaningful improvements in student experience and College operations. Finally, she is a serious scholar who produces both solo research and scholarship with multiple colleagues, and produced five publications in 2022 alone."

Sorensen-Kamakian earned her B.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

"Of course, I was thrilled to receive the news," Sorensen-Kamakian said. "It was confirmation that the College values my work in the classroom, research, and service. What tenure means is that I can look forward to helping Wabash students get excited about science in the classroom and laboratory for years to come. I owe a lot to my husband and son for their support over the past 15 years."

Sorensen-Kamakian's primary research interest is understanding the molecular mechanisms that govern germ cell development and maintenance, using the animal *C. elegans*, a small worm.

"Professor Sorensen-Kamakian particularly excels in student mentorship and working with students in small group and one-on-one settings," McDorman said. "She has built deep relationships with students in her research lab, relationships that students clearly value and shape both their Wabash experience and their lives. Professor Sorensen-Kamakian is also an excellent researcher who, along with Professor Wally Novak, received a prestigious National Science Foundation grant of a nature and scope more common at R1 institutions. The grant is allowing her to work with even more students and stands to make exciting scientific contributions."

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# Kenny Takes A Look at Purdue Football's Young Coaches

Purdue football is undergoing a youth movement with its coaching staff that Boilermaker fans haven't witnessed in 45 years.

If those fans are lucky, the results will be similar.

Jim Young was early in his eventual College Football Hall of Fame coaching career when he left Arizona to return to the Big Ten Conference at Purdue on Dec. 6, 1976. Young had been defensive coordinator under Bo Schembechler for four seasons at Michigan before taking the head coaching job at Arizona in 1973.

Young was 41 when he was the unanimous choice to replace Alex Agase at Purdue. Instead of hiring veteran assistant coaches, Young turned to men he believed were on the rise in the coaching profession. None were older than 34 at the time.

The headline in the Jan. 11, 1977 edition of the Lafayette Journal and Courier stated "Young's staff averages 30 years of age." Not the greatest headline ever written but at the time it was unheard of to have a pair of 33-year-olds as your top assistants. As it turned out, both were future head coaches.

Defensive coordinator Leon Burnett was hired away from Michigan State, where he served as linebackers coach under Darryl Rogers. Rogers had brought along Burnett from San Jose State, where he was linebackers coach in 1974 and 1975.

Making the most of his talent - including future four-time Super Bowl champion Keena Turner and Purdue's all-time



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

tackles leader Kevin Motts - Burnett's "Junk Defense" was the foundation of three consecutive bowl victories and the only 10-win season in school history. When Young went into a brief retirement following the 1981 season, Burnett was the obvious choice to take over. He went 21-34-1 before being forced to resign following the 1986 season.

Assistant head coach/offensive coordinator John Mackovic stayed just one season in West Lafayette but he helped groom future College Football Hall of Fame quarterback Mark Herrmann into a starting quarterback as a freshman.

Like Young, Mackovic was a protégé of Bo Schembechler as a graduate assistant at Miami (Ohio) following his playing career at Wake Forest. Mackovic returned to his alma mater in 1978 and led the Demon Deacons to their first bowl game in 30 years. The Dallas Cowboys hired Mackovic as quarterbacks coach, leading to a four-year stint as the Kansas City Chiefs' head coach. Mackovic would

later serve as head coach for Illinois, Texas and Arizona, finishing with a 95-82-3 collegiate record.

The "old man" of Young's first coaching staff was 34-year-old offensive line coach Bob Bockrath. Another graduate assistant for Schembechler at Miami, Bockrath was offensive line coach during Young's four seasons at Arizona. Bockrath turned to administration in his post-Purdue days, serving as athletic director at California, Texas Tech and Alabama.

Another assistant with a connection to Schembechler was 29-year-old defensive ends coach Mike Hankwitz. Having played for Schembechler's 1969 Big Ten championship team, Hankwitz became a defensive coordinator for the first time in 1976 for Young at Arizona.

With the exception of two stints as an interim head coach for Arizona and Colorado, Hankwitz spent 25 years as a defensive coordinator before retiring from Northwestern in 2020. Fourteen of his defenses were ranked in the nation's top 25, and Hankwitz coached 14 first-team All-Americans.

Another long-time assistant coach, Ed Zaunbrecher, was 26 when he came to Purdue as running backs coach. He would go on to serve as offensive coordinator for Wake Forest (1980-83), LSU (1984-90), Marshall (2000-01), Florida (2002-

03), Purdue (2006-08) and Rice (2009).

Randy Hart was 28 but had three years' experience as Iowa State's defensive line coach before coming to West Lafayette. Hart, a three-year letterman for Woody Hayes at Ohio State, remained for Young's five years in West Lafayette. Hart then spent five seasons at his alma mater before settling in at Washington from 1988 to 2008. Hart also coached defensive linemen at Notre Dame (2009) and Stanford (2010-15).

Former Illinois linebacker Doug Redmann was a graduate assistant under Young for two seasons at Arizona before becoming Purdue's linebackers coach at age 28. He remained with Young for all five seasons but I was unable to find any information about Redmann's post-Purdue career.

Larry Thompson was 29 when he joined Young's Purdue staff as interior offensive line coach. Another member of the Schembechler coaching fraternity, Thompson also played for Bill Mallory at Miami (Ohio). Like Redmann, I was unable to find any information on Thompson after he left Purdue in 1979.

While Walters is unlikely to have a staff more youthful than Jim Young's 1977 group, he will enter the 2023 as the Big Ten's youngest head coach. Minnesota's P.J. Fleck, 42, surrenders that title to his division rival.

The hiring of four assistant coaches have been announced so far, ranging in age from

26 to 39. The biggest name belongs to Graham Harrell, 37, the former star quarterback for the late Mike Leach at Texas Tech.

Harrell's West Virginia offense in 2022 averaged 30.6 points, 227.5 passing yards and 171.5 rushing yards per game. Harrell also was offensive coordinator at USC from 2019-21, and his 2019 team set school records for passing yards (4,365), completion percentage (71.0), completions (365) and attempts (514).

Defensive coordinator Kevin Kane, 39, follows Walters from Illinois. Kane earned All-Big 12 Conference honors as a linebacker at Kansas (2002-05). His coaching stops have included Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, Kansas and SMU.

Two other imports from Illinois are linebackers coach Joe Dineen and secondary coach Grant O'Brien. The 26-year-old Dineen was a defensive graduate assistant in 2002. Dineen was a consensus All-American linebacker for Kansas in 2018.

O'Brien, 32, was a defensive analyst for the Fighting Illini for two seasons and at Missouri for three seasons.

Noteworthy Just how deep is the top-ranked Purdue men's basketball team?

Zach Edey, the favorite to win National Player of the Year awards, sat out Wednesday's 74-53 victory against New Orleans with the flu. No problem, thanks to redshirt freshman Trey Kaufman-Renn.

Kaufman-Renn scored a career-high 24 points in

26 minutes, the highest output off the bench in the Big Ten this season. It was an efficient 24 points, too, coming of 8 of 10 shooting from the field and 8 of 10 at the free throw line.

That was the highlight of the first home game in Purdue history with the Boilermakers ranked No. 1. The 12-0 start is just the fourth time the Boilermakers have accomplished that record. The 2009-10 team started 14-0 only to have that season ruined by Robbie Hummel's ACL injury at Minnesota. Glenn Robinson's 1993-94 Boilermakers also started 14-0 and reached the Elite Eight before Robinson's back injury affected the National Player of the Year in a loss to Duke.

There was no NCAA tournament in 1911-12 when Purdue went 12-0 for the season under coach Ralph Jones. Twenty years later, Jones coached the Chicago Bears to the 1932 NFL championship but lost his job when the Great Depression forced owner George Halas to return to the sideline to save paying a head coach.

The Boilermakers enter the holiday break one of three remaining undefeated teams (No. 2 Connecticut, New Mexico).

One more bit of trivia: Purdue is the first Big Ten program since Indiana in 1974-75 and 1975-76 to be ranked No. 1 in consecutive seasons.

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# Indiana Secretary Of State Holli Sullivan To Join Regional PR Firm C2 Strategic Communications

C2 Strategic Communications, a leading regional public relations firm, announced that departing Indiana Secretary of State Holli Sullivan will join the company next month. Sullivan will lead the team's Indiana business operations, which includes large scale transportation, infrastructure and energy clients from Indianapolis to Evansville.

Sullivan's experience as an industrial engineer, Indiana legislator and the state's chief election official gives her a broad understanding of core issues facing Hoosier communities.

"Our team thrives on telling success stories for clients that are improving and growing communities we serve," said C2 Strategic CEO Chad Carlton. "Holli's understanding of advanced manufacturing, workforce development, higher education and infrastructure are directly connected to the work we are doing at C2 to inform and prepare communities for growth."

"Through my career, I've learned how effective communications can build bridges," said



Holli Sullivan

Sullivan. "Joining C2 Strategic is a natural extension of my work in connecting varied groups of people for common causes. I'm looking forward to helping share stories that build a stronger, better Indiana."

Sullivan is an industrial engineer who worked at General Motors and Toyota and started her own consulting business before representing northern Evansville and Newburgh in the Indiana House from 2014-21. In 2017, she co-authored and championed the passage of Indiana's fully funded 20-year infrastructure plan, then chaired the House Roads and Transportation Committee for four years. As Secretary of State, she developed the Election Integrity Bill which created measures

to strengthen election security.

"I'm excited that Holli's next chapter will be with a trusted communications partner dedicated to building communities," said Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke. "Holli's diverse professional background will greatly enhance C2's service to the Greater Evansville Region."

"Holli's commitment to community is well known here and across the state," said Tara Barney, CEO of the Evansville Regional Economic Partnership. "C2 Strategic has driven community conversations about the I-69 bridge and the Lloyd Expressway — the kinds of projects that bring people together. We are excited that Holli will bring her hometown understanding and connections to her new position."

C2 Strategic Communications has more than 30 employees across three offices in Indianapolis, Louisville and Lexington. Services include strategic planning, media relations, crisis communications, social media, marketing, advertising and photography.

The company's diverse roster of more than 50 clients includes businesses, government agencies and non-profits that includes:

- Ford Motor Co. and SK's joint venture, Blue Oval SK Battery Park in Glendale, KY
- AES Indiana, the leading electric utility for the Indianapolis region
- River Ridge Commerce Center, the region's largest economic development campus
- Anthem of Kentucky
- Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet
- Caesars Southern Indiana

C2 Strategic is also the leading provider of communications and public engagement services for the Indiana Department of Transportation, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and engineering firms. The company has built the region's most experienced communications team to inform and involve citizens in major transportation projects such as new bridges linking Louisville/Southern Indiana and Evansville/Henderson and major highway expansions in Central Indiana and Eastern Kentucky.

# Thanks For The Memories (Part 1)

Every year about this time I look back at the previous 12 months and express appreciation for the people, places and things that have made their way into my weekly columns. So, thanks to:

My old roommate from college who called me after 55 years. He reminded me we hadn't spoken in 55 years. I told him it was 57, if you count the two years we lived together.

My wife's mother, Margaret gave an original copy of the *The Joy of Cooking* to Mary Ellen to read. Not to cook anything, just to read. In the poultry and game chapter, here is a summary of their advice: "Draw out the entrails, cut the neck close to the body, remove the windpipe end then chop off the feet." As you can tell, this book was also a big hit with serial killers.

My physical therapist, who helped me through rehab. For several months I was encouraged to do Kegels. There is a specialist for that at Community Hospital, but she was out one day, so I asked a question of another therapist who was not trained in the procedure.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Wolfsie, that's a little over my head."

"Then you are doing it wrong," I told her.

The folks at the Sleep Center at Community Hospital where I participated in a sleep study. They had lots of questions:

"Does your wife say you snore?"

"She has no idea because she sleeps in another room...maybe because I snore."

"Mr. Wolfsie, then how do you know you snore?"

"I get a lot of complaints from the neighbors."

My wife, who wanted to try a new Chinese restaurant, found one online and ordered the food. I called back because I wanted to know how long it would take to get there. "Where do you live?" I was asked. I told him the northside of Indianapolis.

"Oh, about six hours."



DICK WOLFSIE  
Funny Bone

Sir, you are calling a Chinese restaurant in Canton, Ohio."

"That's okay," I said. "I love Cantonese food."

My wife, Mary Ellen, one more time. She is reluctant to let me go shopping alone because of all the crapola I bring home. When I do bring it home, I hide it, like the dozen Twinkies I hid under my pillow.

"Promise me, no more junk food," she said.

I wasn't sure I could make that promise. I told her I'd sleep on it.

The researcher at Ohio State who found that the average couple kisses about 25,000 times in a typical marriage. I was concerned we were not keeping up with the Joneses, who are newlyweds down the street. I came home the other night and told Mary Ellen how beautiful she was, how good dinner was, and how hot she looked in her jeans. I was hoping that kissing up counted.

My brother-in-law Tom, who gave me an Apple Watch for Christmas last year. I called him in Oregon and admitted I was overwhelmed by how complicated it was to operate. "Come on, Dick. You just think you are out of your league. Relax. Don't be nervous. And don't be intimidated like so many others have."

"Tom, that is exactly the same advice you gave me when I married your sister."

I'm not done. More next week.

*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.*

# State Emergency Operations Center, Indiana Guard Actively Responding To Winter Storm

The Indiana State Emergency Operations Center remains on enhanced activation as the winter storm system moves through the state. Nearly 150 soldiers from the Indiana National Guard have activated to patrol and help motorists on Hoosier roadways.

The Indiana National Guard fully activated nearly 30 Highway Assistance Teams (HAT) as of 5 p.m. today, patrolling designated areas in the central and northern parts of the state. The soldiers are assisting local first responders to ensure no motorists are stranded alongside roads in the extreme and dangerous temperatures moving through the area. The Indiana Department of Transportation reported nearly 750 plows on Indiana roadways as of 5 p.m., with another 200 on standby as needed throughout the night.

"The State EOC is coordinating a comprehensive state and local response, utilizing multiple state agencies and the Indiana National Guard to help Hoosiers

endure this brief, but serious, event and enjoy the holiday safely. We caution people to stay off the roads, if at all possible," said Mary Moran, director of Emergency Management and Preparedness with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

"Our Guardsmen are trained and equipped to meet the needs of Hoosiers during all weather emergencies. We consistently train with our state agency counterparts to ensure ease of collaboration during responses such as this," said Lt. Col. Randi Bougere, director of strategic communications with the Indiana National Guard.

Indiana 211 can provide a list of warming shelters in your community and other needed assistance.

Hoosiers are encouraged to stay off the roads for the next 24-48 hours as temperatures fall off quickly and rain transitions to ice then snow. The snowfalls are expected to be between 3-6 inches over the next few days, but the strong winds will produce

windchills as low as -30 degrees in some parts of the state. The strong winds also could produce near white-out conditions in some areas, even with minimal snow.

The IDHS website and the Get Prepared website are important resources for Hoosiers to stay safe during a weather emergency. Both provide critical resources and real-time information on road conditions as well as tips to stay safe before and when you may find yourself stranded in an extreme weather event.

The IDHS Travel Advisory Map is active on the IDHS site, with current updates provided by local level emergency managers. 511in.org can provide Hoosiers with the location and road conditions according to INDOT snowplow drivers, including photos and live video of plow locations.

To protect yourself on the road:

- Don't drive if possible.
- Keep plenty of fuel in your car.
- Create an emergency

kit with blankets, food, water and cell phone chargers.

- Do not exit your vehicle unless you are within 100 yards of shelter.
- Slow down.

To protect yourself in your home:

- Prepare an emergency kit to keep your warm and nourished for up to three days if necessary.
- Contact utility companies immediately if necessary.
- Gather everyone in the most-insulated interior room.
- Protect your pipes from freezing by insulating them, allowing them to drip and open cabinets.
- Do not use a fire-place unless it has been cleaned and swept.

Finally, please remember pets and livestock during this type of weather event:

- Brings pets indoors if possible.
- Provide straw or warm bedding, away from wind.
- Provide clean, unfrozen water and food.
- Pay attention to animals in distress.

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## How To Keep Your Pets Safe During The “Cyclone Bomb” Winter Storm

Headlines everywhere are warning about extremely cold weather conditions ahead as a result of the “Cyclone Bomb” winter storm. According to forecasts, most of the lower 48 states will be affected, meaning hundreds of millions of people will be preparing for potential hazards.

If you're a pet owner, that means you'll also need to keep your pets out of harm's way. Best Friends Animal Society, a leading animal welfare organization working to end the killing of cats and dogs by 2025, offers the following tips to keep your pet as safe as possible:

- Keep your pets inside during the storm, especially at night. Cats and dogs, even those with thick coats, can get frostbite on sensitive areas. Their paws, ears, and tail are the most common tissues to be affected, especially if wet. Provide pets with a heated, comfortable space.
- If your pet needs to spend time outside during any part of the storm, make it for as short of a period as possible. Keep walks short and provide a structure that's raised up off the ground, has a door flap to keep out drafts, and is equipped with dry, comfortable bedding.
- For outdoor water containers, use plastic instead of metal bowls and buckets. Your pet's tongue may stick to met-

al, and they could injure themselves when trying to pull away. Be sure to dump out any ice and refill the water as often as necessary. Pets won't lick ice or eat snow when they're thirsty, so they need to have water available. Another option is to purchase a heated water bowl for outdoor use.

- Many dogs, particularly those with short coats, will be more comfortable outside if they have a sweater. If your dog frequently lifts his paws, whines or stops during walks, it is probably because his or her feet are uncomfortably cold. Boots can protect paws from the cold and irritating salt that may be used on streets.

- Chemicals and salt solutions used to melt snow and ice can injure or irritate the pads of your pet's feet and may be harmful if ingested. Gently wipe their feet with a damp towel before your pet has a chance to lick them.

- Be particularly careful when taking older or arthritic animals outside. They will likely become stiff and tender quickly and may find it difficult to walk on the snow or ice. Keep them close to your side when walking on ice to avoid a slip-and-fall accident.

- Don't let dogs off the leash during a snowstorm. No matter how much they want to play in the snow, they can easily lose their scent and

become lost. Make sure dogs are wearing ID tags and are microchipped before you take them out, snow or not.

If you don't have a pet and are considering opening your home to a new furry companion, now is the time due to overcapacity issues in shelters. Every time you adopt, you are saving two lives: the life of the pet you are bringing home, as well as opening space for another homeless dog or cat to be taken in by shelters and rescue groups.

To find a local shelter or rescue near you, visit [www.bestfriends.org](http://www.bestfriends.org).

About Best Friends Animal Society

Best Friends Animal Society is a leading animal welfare organization working to end the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters by 2025. Founded in 1984, Best Friends is a pioneer in the no-kill movement and has helped reduce the number of animals killed in shelters from an estimated 17 million per year to around 355,000. Best Friends runs lifesaving programs all across the country, as well as the nation's largest no-kill animal sanctuary. Working collaboratively with a network of more than 4,000 animal welfare and shelter partners, and community members nationwide, Best Friends is working to Save Them All®. For more information, visit [bestfriends.org](http://bestfriends.org).

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saying'.

2nd Option: Before a presidential debate, have each nominee drink 10 shots of Jack Daniels whiskey and then have them remove all of their clothes. This will reveal the true nature of each candidate because people normally tell the truth when they're drunk. They must bare all if they truly want our vote. To be safe, if Hillary debates stark naked, barf bags will be provided to the audience.

3rd Option: We can have a new TV show entitled “America's Got a Dancing President.” There will be three celebrity judges, and each contestant can do the cha-cha, rumba, waltz, etc. with their vice presidential choice. After 10 rounds, the winners will be our next Chief and VP . . . it will be fun for all!

4th Option: WWE wrestling between the candidates. It would be very entertaining to see “Dementia Joe” vs. “The Orangeman.” Or how about Ted “Crusher Cruz” vs. Adam “Shifty Schiff”? Maybe Gavin “Nuttly Newsom” vs. Ron “Da Man” DeSantis? We could sell ringside seats at \$10,000 a pop and donate the proceeds to charity. It's a win-win!

5th Option: Let dogs decide the winner. You know, dogs have a sixth sense about humans . . . who is nice and sincere and who is naughty and a fraud. Lock the candidates in an enclosed room with five vicious pit bulls. Whoever emerges alive is

our next president! This would also serve as great training for dealing with Putin, Kim Jong-Un and the Ayatollah.

6th Option: Presidential Home-Run Derby . . . yes, the winner becomes our next President . . . or if you are not a baseball fan, then go with a basketball 3-point shooting contest. I'd vote for Alex Rodriguez or Larry Bird for our chief commander over what we have now, wouldn't you?

7th Option: Many of you enjoy NASCAR, so let each candidate's team build a car and then race for the checkered flag at Bristol or Darlington Raceway. There will be no rules. It will be like a grand edition of bumper car. Winner takes all. Bring your suntan lotion and keg of beer . . . It will be a blast!

8th Option: Can't agree on the best candidate? OK, let's settle it like they did back in the 1700s . . . we'll have an old-fashioned duel. Give each party one month to select a candidate. Then take both nominees out to the countryside. Hand each one a blackpowder pistol . . . with their backs to each other, take 10 steps . . . and BLAM! The survivor is our new President. What? You don't like guns? OK, OK, they can have a sword fight instead. I'm easy.

9th Option: Vote for the candidate who will promise to give us the most money. Yes, yes, I know that Democrats already have an advantage since

this is their usual mode of operation, but hey, there are many Republicans out there who would like to win any way possible, too. Our country is broke, so we can just keep printing more currency like we do now. We'll all be rich!

10th Option: Let each party . . . Democrat, Republican and Libertarian . . . choose their favorite candidate. Put them on the TV show Wheel of Fortune. Pat Sajak will be the host, and the hidden words all deal with the Constitution, Bill of Rights and the Ten Commandments . . . everything they should know if they want to be a great U.S. leader. Vanna White is starting to look like Grandma Moses, so perhaps a bikini-clad Kim Kardashian could turn the letters? The winner will head to the Bonus Round, where he will have a chance to win either a Buick SUV, an all-paid trip to Hawaii or the presidency. If he or she has any brains, they will choose the Buick.

OK, OK, I realize that Congress may not institute any of these new electoral procedures. But hey, it's worth a shot. We couldn't do any worse, could we? Honestly, I would love to have “the hick from French Lick” as my President. Go Larry!

*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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When planning travel, be aware of current and forecast weather conditions.

- Avoid traveling when the weather service has issued advisories or if road conditions are too poor.

- If you must travel, inform a friend or relative of your proposed route and expected time of arrival.

- Be patient and remember snowplows are working to improve road conditions for your trip.

- Stay back at least five car lengths behind the plow, far from the snow cloud. Snowplow operators will pull over when it is safe to do so to allow traffic build-up to pass.

- Stay alert for snowplows that turn or exit frequently and often with little warning. They may

also travel over centerlines or partially in traffic to further improve road conditions.

- Slow down to a safe speed for current conditions, and give yourself plenty of travel time.

- Buckle up and ensure children are properly secured in the correct child restraint.

Follow these safety rules if you become stranded in your car.

- Stay with your car unless safety is no more than 100 yards away, but if safety is not within a safe distance continue to move arms and legs, to keep warm.

- Stay visible by putting bright cloth on the antenna, turning on the inside overhead light (when engine is running), and raising the hood when snow stops falling.

- Run the engine and heater only 10 minutes every hour.

- Make sure the tailpipe is not blocked. Unfortunately, we can't stop winter from arriving, but we can be prepared when it gets here. If you are traveling to another state, like I am, please remember that some states have a 511 road safety phone number you can call. Unfortunately, Indiana does not have one at this time. Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

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