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### ➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 3:13 "Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."  
(NIV)

### ➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton gave our roving photographer a wonderful smile. Thanks for the smile!

### ➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

**1** The Indiana Department of Transportation announces updates to the I-65 Added Travel Lanes (ATL) project in Tippecanoe County. Due to the contractor's schedule, the I-65 southbound entrance ramp at State Road 43 is now expected to open on or after Friday, April 14, weather permitting. Crews will continue to work on this project through the winter months, as the weather and temperature allows. Currently, work is happening on I-65 in both directions between S.R. 25 and W. 725 N., north of Lafayette. INDOT urges the public to be aware of narrow lanes for the duration of the project. Traffic is currently being shifted to the new inside lanes in both directions, while crews construct the outside lanes. Temporary lane restrictions may be required throughout the duration of the project.

**2** The lady was all set to board her flight at Tampa International Airport in Florida recently but when she put her carry-on bag through the checkpoint X-Ray machine the TSA agents saw that the boa in her bag was not a kind of decorative scarf, it was a boa constrictor, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. She claimed the snake was her emotional support pet; the TSA said, in an Instagram post, "Our officers at Tampa International Airport didn't find this hisssssterical! Coiled up in a passenger's carry-on was a 4-foot boa constrictor! We really have no adder-ation for discovering any pet going through an x-ray machine."

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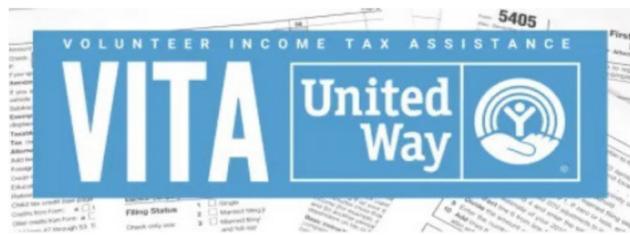
## 2023 Snowcoming



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Simms

Snowcoming is on Friday, Jan. 20. The king will be crowned prior to the Varsity basketball game versus Fountain Central. From left to right: Senior King Candidates Isaac Rogers and Antonio Madrigal, Sophomore Attendant Cole Capper, Junior Attendant James Murphy, Senior King Candidate Roman Contreras, Freshman Attendant Jayden Callejas and Senior King Candidate Calvin Dittmar.

## United Way Offers Free Tax Preparation



United Way in Montgomery County will again be a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program site for the 2023 tax season. In collaboration with United Way of Greater Lafayette, the VITA

program will offer free tax preparation and e-filing services to individuals and families with an annual household income at or below \$73,000; persons with disabilities; and those who are older than 60 years of

age. VITA tax preparers are certified by the IRS to ensure that clients receive all eligible Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) and Child Tax Credits. In addition, clients save money by not having to pay fees associated with tax preparation.

Through the VITA program, United Way will help hard-working individuals and families in our community take advantage of their tax dollars and reinvest their returns back into Montgomery County.

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## Durham Saga #2 – Jeremiah Brisco



**KAREN ZACH**  
Around The County

Jeremiah Brisco Durham popped into this world in Mercer County, Kentucky on 27 June 1806 to John J. and Celia Bonham Durham, their second son and third child. He joined

sister Phoebe but the other son, Richard passed away in January, and Jeremiah Brisco was born six months later. More children to come to the family of John J. and Celia were John Harrison; James Harland; Harriet (died age one); Samuel; Elizabeth Brisco; Jesse Younce and Cassandra Walker Durham. It was January 18th in 1833 that JB married Minerva Payne Walker, daughter of Harrison and Ruth Ruby, she having been born 19 Nov 1807. Soon after their wedding, JB and Minerva moved to Montgomery County as their first child, John Harrison was born here in late November. Jeremiah quickly erected a log cabin where the

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## LWV Presents Panel On Abortion Laws



In The Early Summer Of 2022, The Supreme Court Of The United Sates In The Dobbs V. Jackson Decision Overturned The L972 Roe V. Wade Decision. This Ruling Brings Major Changes To Indiana's Health Delivery System And To Our Public Health System (As It Has For Every State And County In Our Nation). The Ruling Will Also Affect Our State's Economy.

Whatever Anyone Thinks About The Dobbs Decision, It Is Now The Law Of The Land. No Matter Where One Falls On The Political Or Religious Spectrum, The Dobbs Decision's Effects Will Touch Each One Of Us Whether We Are Of Child-Bearing Age Or Not. All Community Members Are Invited To Learn More About What This Ruling Is And How It Impacts Reproductive Health Care In Indiana And Our State's Future.

On Wednesday, A Panel Of Regional Leaders Will Discuss These Issues At The Crawfordsville District Public Library In The Donnelley Room. The Program Begins

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### ➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Speakers, property taxes, politics . . . Remember when government used to run efficiently? Yeah, me neither!



### ➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Most cases of "pink eye" are caused by viruses and will resolve on their own in a few days. 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

**Phyllis Jean Kirkpatrick Lohorn**

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### ➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

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### ➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"A politician thinks of the next election. A statesman, of the next generation."  
- James Freeman Clarke

### ➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What'd the cops yell when they caught the snowman stealing hubcaps?  
Freeze!

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## ➔ OBITUARIES

### Phyllis Jean Kirkpatrick Lohorn

June 9, 1933 - Jan. 17, 2023

Phyllis Jean Kirkpatrick Lohorn, age 89, formerly of Wingate, passed away at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023 in Creasy Springs, Lafayette.

She was born in Lafayette, June 9, 1933 daughter of the late Milton Hiatt and Lena Pearl Jeffries Kirkpatrick.

She married James Luther Lohorn July 18, 1953 and he preceded her in death Aug. 11, 2011.

She was the last remaining member of her graduating class from Wingate High School. Following her marriage to Jim, she was a stay at home mom and homemaker. She had lived in Wingate until moving to Creasy Springs four years ago. Her positive and happy demeanor made her a favorite of the staff.

She was a former member of: Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ, Wingate American Legion Auxiliary and the Coal Creek Election Board. She enjoyed crocheting, puzzles, cooking and most of all caring for her family. There was always room for one more at their table.

Survivors include her son, Scott (Reva) Lohorn of Lafayette and Lena Custer of Wingate; daughter-in-law Peggy Quint Lohorn of Crawfordsville; grandchildren, Beau (Kelly) Priebe, Ashley (David) Kight, Kelley (Beth) Simpkins, Kerry Lohorn, Brittany (Nathaniel) Weaver, Brody (companion Brittany) Lohorn and Cody Custer; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jim; and son, Mike.

Visitation hours are scheduled 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023 at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate, with funeral services following at 1 p.m., with Pastor Alan Goff officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Wingate. Memorial contributions are preferred to Greenlawn Cemetery. Visit us online at [www.familyandfriendsfh.com](http://www.familyandfriendsfh.com) to sign the guest book or share a condolence.



Photo courtesy of Candles Holocaust Museum

## Eva Education Day

Two programs will recognize the life and works of Eva Kor, a Holocaust survivor who passed away in 2019.

The first comes in a statewide proclamation issued by Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb that sets aside Jan. 26, and the second is from the Indiana Historical Society on Jan. 28. Both are titled Eva Education Day.

"On International Holocaust Remembrance Day and Eva Education Day for the state of Indiana, we remember and honor the memory of the six million Jews who were murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators," said Troy Fears, Executive Director of CANDLES museum in Terre Haute. "As we witness a rise in global antisemitism and intolerance, it is more important than ever to listen to or read the stories of Holocaust sur-

vivors, like our museums founder, Eva Kor, and reflect on their experiences, and retell their stories."

Educators across the state our encouraged to visit CANDLES website for educational resources. Visit [www.candlesholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.candlesholocaustmuseum.org) for more information.

The museum has scheduled the grand opening of their new Eva's Scarves exhibit on that day. The event is free to the public and Alex Kor, Eva's son, will be in attendance.

The Historical Society's Eva Education Day is scheduled for Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be educational activities, book signings, talks, a documentary screening, and more. All activities are included with regular museum admission. For more info, visit <https://indianahistory.org/events/eva-kor-education-day/>

## AARP Indiana Accepting 2023 Community Challenge Grant Applications



AARP Indiana is inviting local organizations and governments across the state to apply for the 2023 AARP Community Challenge grant program, now through March 15 at 5 p.m.

Grants fund quick-action projects that help communities become more livable in the long-term by improving public spaces, transportation, housing, civic engagement, diversity and inclusion, and more.

Now in its seventh year, the program is part of AARP's nationwide Livable Communities initiative, which supports the efforts of cities, towns, neighborhoods and rural areas to become great places to live for all residents, especially those age 50 and older.

"AARP Indiana is committed to helping communities across the state become great places to live for people of all ages," said State Director Sarah Waddle.

"The Community Challenge has proven that quick-action projects can lead to long-lasting improvements enhancing Hoosiers' quality of life."

Previous Community Challenge grants have led to impressive results with nearly half of grantees leveraging their projects into additional funding support from private and public sector partners and eight in ten

overcoming barriers and advancing change.

In 2023, the AARP Community Challenge is accepting applications across three different grant opportunities, two of which are new this year. All projects must be consistent with AARP's mission to serve the needs of people 50 and older along with other eligibility criteria. AARP will prioritize proposals that are inclusive, address disparities, and directly engage volunteers age 50 and older.

New this year, the program will provide capacity-building micro-grants paired with additional resources, such as one-on-one coaching, webinars, cohort learning opportunities and more for improving walkability and starting or expanding a community garden.

Also new this year, the Community Challenge will also offer demonstration grants. A portion will be focused on transportation improvements with funding support provided by Toyota Motor North America. Another portion of demonstration

grants will focus on promoting greater awareness of the benefits of accessory dwelling units as a housing solution.

AARP will also offer grants under a flagship opportunity to support projects that improve public places; transportation; housing; diversity, equity and inclusion; digital connections; community health and economic empowerment; and new this year community resilience; and civic engagement.

Since 2017, AARP has awarded more than \$12.7 million to over 1,060 projects - including 19 in Indiana - through the Community Challenge to nonprofit organizations and government entities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The program provides direct support to all community types, including rural, suburban and urban communities with a special focus on the needs of those 50 and older.

AARP Indiana works in collaboration with communities across the

state, bringing people together, and providing resources and expertise to help make Indiana's counties, towns and cities great places to live for people of all ages. Organizations across the state have used grants for a variety of projects, including the expansion of wi-fi Internet access in a Muncie neighborhood, infrastructure improvements in multiple cities, and even a new mural and awning at a food pantry and shelter in Seymour.

The Community Challenge is open to eligible nonprofit organizations and government entities. Other types of organizations are considered on a case-by-case basis. Grants can range from several hundred dollars for small, short-term activities to tens of thousands for larger projects.

The application deadline is 5 p.m., March 15. All projects must be completed by Nov. 30, 2023. To submit an application and view past grantees, visit [AARP.org/CommunityChallenge](http://AARP.org/CommunityChallenge)

## January Montgomery County Master Gardener Club News Submission

The Montgomery County Master Gardeners had their first meeting of the year on Jan. 4.

Incoming President Sheri Bethard welcomed all members to the new year. In addition to Sheri, new officers for 2023 are: Nancy Bowes-Vice President, Karen Thada-Treasurer, Andria Grady-Outreach and Marie Stocks-Secretary.

Vice President Nancy Bowes introduced our guest speakers for the evening, Paula and Marc Robinson, owners of Roosters Revenge. Marc and Paula have been residents of Montgomery County just over a decade. Both have been active in the community through business, arts, special needs and public service. They homestead on about 4 acres with a 5,000 square foot garden, greenhouse and an enclosed porch that they use as an

additional greenhouse.

Sharing an extensive list of all the vegetables they grow, some of the tomato varieties they enjoy are San Marzano, Better Boy, Beefsteak and a few other heirlooms. Yellow pear tomatoes and the "cocktail-sized" Campari are sweet and juicy with a low level of acidity. Peppers do best when on hotter days. Varieties they grow are the Green Bell, banana, hot peppers, poblano and ancho chilies. Herbs, mints, stevia and echinacea are easy to grow. Hardneck garlic does best here. Asparagus, such as Mary Washington and Purple Passion are good producers in our climate, taking about three years to produce good harvest. Buttercrunch is a popular lettuce right now. Malabar spinach (not a true spinach) tolerates heat well and makes a lovely

indoor plant with beautiful flowers and lovely berries.

The Robinsons use several methods to compost, including yard waste. Paula uses Clyde's Garden Planner that helps gardeners plan their planting calendars. Good resources are the Seed Savers Exchange and Seed to Seed by Suzanne Ashworth. We thank the Robinsons for sharing their gardening experiences with us.

Our business meeting included administrative updates for 2023, committee reports, a preliminary budget review, educational opportunities and a report from our Purdue EMG agent, Tricia Herr. Plans for a Butterfly Garden on the 4-H grounds and a Seed Library at the Crawfordsville District Public Library are well under way. Master Gar-

dener volunteers will be teaching plant science to students at the upcoming 4th grade Ag Days in April. A planning meeting for the Nicholson Garden Project, "Growing Together" was held in December and we look forward to our seventh year in the garden with the students.

At our February meeting we welcome Dr. Pat Williams, Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator, Lafayette, who will be discussing the Propagation of Plants.

A new Master Gardeners basic training class is beginning Feb. 7. Format for the class is hybrid with Tuesday evening two-hour sessions occurring virtually. Cost is \$180 per person or \$280 per couple. Anyone interested in joining the class should inquire at the local 4-H extension office.

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# Banks Makes U.S. Senate Run Official

By Niki Kelly

Northeast Indiana Congressman Jim Banks jumped into the 2024 race for the U.S. Senate on Tuesday — becoming the first candidate in what is expected to be a crowded Republican field.

The conservative rabble-rouser is known for his fiery tweets and has served the Third District in the U.S. House since 2017. He just began his fourth term in office.

U.S. Sen. Mike Braun is giving up his seat to run for governor in 2024.

“One thing is clear to me and that’s that Hoosiers deserve a conservative fighter in the Senate. And Mike Braun has been a consistent conservative and we should have a conservative replace Mike Braun and I want to be that conservative leader, that conservative fighter,” Banks said.

He used the word conservative 20 times in a 10-minute interview with Indiana Capital Chronicle. He dropped a video about his run Tuesday morning and plans to file today. In the video he says “only in America could a small town kid from a working class family do what I’ve been blessed to do.”

Banks grew up in Columbia City, the son of a factory worker and a nursing home cook. He was first in his family to go to college and met his wife while at Indiana University.

In Congress, he has focused on veterans issues — he served in Afghanistan for parts of 2014 and 2015 while in the state Senate — and holding China accountable. Just last week he launched an “anti-woke” caucus and has been on Fox News in recent days

highlighting it.

Banks said the Senate would provide an opportunity to do even more on national security and defense issues he cares so much about.

“I think it was obvious to me after being in the House for a few terms is that there aren’t enough conservatives in the Senate. We saw the massive omnibus spending bill get passed in the Senate here recently with Republican support and that’s only paved the way for our \$32 trillion national debt to grow even more. So, we need conservatives in the Senate who are going to fight back against the Democrats and the Biden agenda, not to go along with it,” he said.

Banks also ran the largest conservative caucus — the Republican Study Committee — for two years. He recently came up short in a vote to become the House Republican whip and staunchly supported U.S. Rep. Kevin McCarthy in the recent speakership fight.

“I’ve led the fight in Congress to hold China accountable for stealing our jobs and for giving us COVID,” he said in his video. He also invokes transgender girls athletics, abortion and critical race theory.

A Senate term is six years, rather than two, giving more breathing room between campaigns. But a Senate campaign will likely take millions to win.

In 2018, Braun spent \$4.5 million in the GOP primary. According to Vox, altogether, the three candidates spent more than \$9 million in one of the most expensive and negative primaries that year.

Club for Growth connection

Open Secrets, which researches and tracks

money in politics and its effect on elections and policy, found Banks’ top contributor from 2015 to 2022 was Club for Growth — \$104,066.

Club for Growth’s independent expenditure super PAC went on the offensive Sunday — running an attack ad against two term-governor and former Purdue University president Mitch Daniels, who is also considering a run for Senate.

Mark Lubbers, a personal adviser to Daniels and longtime friend, didn’t mince words about the ad and Banks.

“A majority of Americans are ready to embrace conservative policy ... but loser grifters like Club for Growth keep making conservatism ugly and unlikable. At some point genuine conservatives will have to go to war with these bully goons to save us from baby-Trumps like Jim Banks,” Lubbers said.

He said he heard Club for Growth plans to continue its investment in Banks, possibly reaching into the millions.

“For the sake of my friend Mitch Daniels, I hope he opts out of what these grifters have made of politics,” Lubbers said. “For the sake of my country, I hope Mitch runs and beats Banks to a pulp.”

Lining up support Banks sidestepped a question on Daniels but said he had called Donald Trump to tell him of his decision and he “would be very glad to have his support.” Banks has visited with Trump numerous times and his video includes two pictures with the former president.

Others who are endorsing Banks are Indiana Congressman Larry Bucshon, R-8th, and Arkansas U.S. Sen. Tom Cotton.

“Hoosiers deserve to have another tried and true conservative in the Senate, and Jim Banks is by far the best person for the job. Jim and I are both veterans of the U.S. Navy Reserve, and we need Jim in the Senate to build a strong military that will defend the homeland and stand up to our adversaries like Communist China. Jim isn’t afraid of the radical left and will fight to remove ‘woke’ training from the military that harms our readiness. Jim’s an unapologetic champion for conservative values, with a strong record of defending the unborn and protecting parents’ rights in education. I’m confident Jim will continue the fight for Hoosiers’ conservative values in the Senate, and he has my full support.”

Cotton said “we need more leaders like Jim Banks in the U.S. Senate — leaders with military experience who will defend our rights and our national security. For six years he’s been an indispensable partner in the House and I know he will be an even stronger partner in the Senate. Jim is a proven conservative fighter who puts Hoosiers first and I’m proud to endorse him.”

Banks previously served six years in the state Senate and hails from Columbia City. He and wife Amanda have three daughters.

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# Dining With Diabetes

Do you have type 2 diabetes? Would you like to learn more about your disease and how to live well reducing your health risks? If so, Purdue Extension has a great program for you!

Purdue Extension - Montgomery County is offering Dining with Diabetes again this year. A face to face offering will be held on Tuesdays, Feb. 7 - Feb. 28 from 5 - 7 p.m. Classes will be held at the same time and location each week. It is best to attend all 4 sessions. The Dining with Diabetes program is open to those with diabetes, their family members and caretakers. The series of four sessions is \$40/person and \$65/couple. Pre-registration and payment are required see details below.

The educational programs and cooking school will help adults with type 2 diabetes control their blood sugar to feel better and reduce risk of health complication. Through this program you will learn how to prepare meals that are healthy and easy to prepare that taste good. You will get the opportunity to see several recipes demonstrated and taste each one. Participants of this program will learn up-to-date information on nutrition, meal planning, exercise and how to understand common diabetes-related medical tests. All participants will be given recipes and handouts.

Diabetes is a very serious and costly disease. According to the American Diabetes Association as of 2017, nearly 13% of Indiana’s adult population has diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes and is a life-long disease where there is high levels of sugar (glucose) in the blood. Type 2 Diabetes is often associated with older age, obesity, family history of diabetes, history of gestational diabetes, impaired glucose metabolism, physical inactivity and race/ethnicity. But research has shown that those who learn to manage their blood glucose (sugar) levels, eat a healthy diet and exercise regularly can lower their risks of complications and lead a healthier and more productive life.

Purdue Extension Montgomery County is currently recruiting participants for this program. If you have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, or know someone and are part of the support system for an individual and are interested in being a part of this program register at <https://cvent.me/20X-9WE>

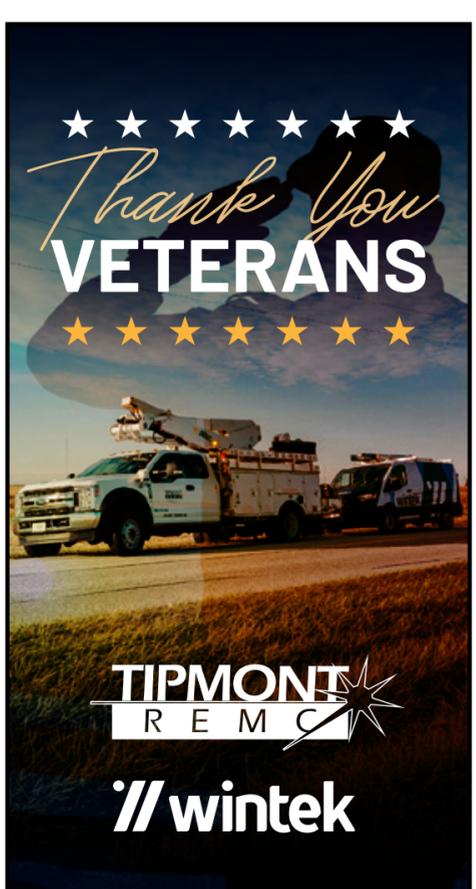
Class’s will be held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in the 4-H Building. For questions or help registering, please call Purdue Extension office at 765-364-6363 or e-mail [Monica at monicanagele@purdue.edu](mailto:monicanagele@purdue.edu).

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# Proposals Limiting Right To Bail, Home Detention Advance To Senate Chamber

By Leslie Bonilla Muñoz

Indiana lawmakers went tough on crime Tuesday when a committee advanced a constitutional change restricting the right to bail and moved a less controversial bill barring people with more severe convictions from participating in community corrections programs.

Under Indiana's current Constitution, only people accused of murder or treason can't get bail, as long as "the proof is evident, or the presumption strong."

Sen. Eric Koch's Senate Joint Resolution 1 would edit that document to let judges deny bail anyone they deem "a substantial risk to the public," and at the same standard of proof.

Prosecutors have said SJR 1 would keep dangerous people off the streets before trial, while critics say it's too vague and subjective to protect those presumed innocent until convicted.

On Tuesday, Democrat Sen. Greg Taylor, of Indianapolis, argued the burden of proof should be more stringent — with evident proof and strong presumption being on the lower end of the scale — while supporters like Sen. Liz Brown, R-Ft. Wayne, said that's the standard already enshrined within the Constitution.

Opposition

Indiana Public Defender Council Executive Director Bernice Corley

and attorney Mike Cunningham told lawmakers that SJR 1 should better define what the "substantial risk" is, pointedly giving examples like communicable disease versus emotional distress or physical danger.

Corley also argued that states with similar bail-limiting language on the books typically have presumptive release, when incarcerated people are by default released when they're first eligible for parole — unless a parole board finds specific reasons not to release them.

"There's two sides of this coin, always," she said about the right to bail. And she warned that passing SJR 1 could "upheave" Indiana's case law.

Courtney Curtis, the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council assistant executive director, said "adding a couple of words" would not require the state to start over.

She described a spectrum with the rights of defendants and public safety on either end, adding that states are "trying to find where's that happy medium."

Koch, meanwhile, said there are already built-in checks on the right to bail: defendants can appeal bail decisions, and can seek review from higher courts.

The nine-member Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee approved SJR 1 with a 5-3 vote, sending it to

the full Senate Chamber. It nearly passed along party lines: the group's two Democrats voted against it, but so did Ranking Majority Member Susan Glick, R-LaGrange.

"I believe the language in this resolution should be void for vagueness," Glick said.

"... What we're attempting to do is keep the very most dangerous individuals in jail indefinitely. I understand that," Glick continued. "But I believe that the language here will allow it to be applied to a lot of other people for a lot of other reasons."

Koch's planning to keep SJR 1's wording the same, for now.

"I'm a listener. I try to keep an open mind. I thought the discussion today was very helpful," Koch told the Capital Chronicle after the committee adjourned. "But as of now, I have no plans to change it. But, this is just the beginning of what is, and should be, a long process."

Serving a sentence out at home

The committee also unanimously advanced an amended bill altering community corrections programming, which is meant to divert felony convicts from incarceration and serve as an intermediate level of penalty between jail and probation, according to the Indiana Department of Correction.

Programming includes

residential centers, work release, home detention and electronic monitoring.

Senate Bill 179 — also authored by Koch — would bar people convicted of level one felonies from participating in the programs, as well as those with certain extra penalties on their convictions.

But it would expand the program as an alternative to county jail, rather than just to the Department of Correction, and allow people on work release to earn accrued time just like those in home detention.

Though the prosecutors and defenders judicial agencies are typically on opposite ends of criminal justice bills, Koch said both groups had workshopped the bill and supported it.

An amendment, which wasn't available online, would crack down on home detention escape without also ratcheting up consequences for smaller violations, committee chair Aaron Freeman, R-Indianapolis, said.

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# IDOE Rolls Out Enhancements To Indiana GPS Dashboard

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has deployed the first round of enhancements to its new Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed Dashboard (Indiana GPS) — a resource that is constantly evolving in response to the needs of Indiana's students, communities and employers.

The most recent enhancements allow users to drill down into longitudinal and disaggregated data, showing data over time by student population.

"When we first began developing Indiana GPS, one of the consistent pieces of feedback that we heard across education stakeholders, including policymakers, educators and families, was the importance of being able to quickly locate longitudinal and disaggregated student population data," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education.

"Having this information available at the click of a button provides a comprehensive look at where we have been in recent years, where we are today, and where we need to go, thus informing our future work at the school, community and state levels."

When first accessing the statewide-, district- and school-level summary pages within Indiana GPS, users can see a snapshot of student performance over multiple measures. From there, users can hit the "Explore" button to drill down further into the data, as well as learn more about how the indicator is calculated

and how it connects to the five key characteristics which best indicate a student's preparation for success after high school.

Similar to the process leading up to the dashboard's initial release, over the last month, school leaders have had access to an embargoed pre-release of this second iteration of the dashboard. This provided an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback prior to the public launch. As a result of ongoing feedback from schools, updates continue to be made to the dashboard to ensure it is as comprehensive and as easy to use as possible.

The development of Indiana GPS follows the enactment of House Enrolled Act 1514, passed in 2021 directing IDOE and the Indiana State Board of Education to develop a school performance dashboard that promotes transparency and multiple student measures, including longitudinal measures. The second iteration of the dashboard is launching nearly one and a half years in advance of the statutorily-required July 1, 2024 date.

The development of this dashboard is an iterative process and will continue to be improved over time, with new data and features added. To learn more about the development of the Indiana GPS performance dashboard, head to [in.gov/doe/home/indiana-graduates-prepared-to-succeed-indiana-gps/](http://in.gov/doe/home/indiana-graduates-prepared-to-succeed-indiana-gps/)

To explore the dashboard, visit [indianagps.doe.in.gov](http://indianagps.doe.in.gov).



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At 7 P.M. And Will Last Until Around 8:30 P.M. Panelists Are Dr. Joyce Burnette, Professor Of Economics At Wabash College, Adam Burtner, Vice President Of Government Affairs Of The Indianapolis Chamber Of Commerce And Dr. Caroline Rouse, Maternal-Fetal Specialist At Riley Children's Health Indiana University In Indianapolis. During The Program, Each Of These Professionals Will Describe How The

Dobbs Decision And Its Indiana Counterpart, Senate Bill 1, Will Impact Their Professional Fields And How The Supreme Court's Decision May Be Felt By Our State In Years To Come. (Senate Bill 1 Is The Indiana General Assembly's Legislation That Passed Six Weeks After The Dobbs Decision. It Bans Nearly All Abortions In Our State With Very Few Exceptions. This Law Is Currently Being Challenged In

Indiana's Courts.) The Audience Will Be Invited To Ask Questions Of Panel Members After The Presentation. Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton Will Be On Hand To Welcome These Guests To Our Community. Christine Amidon, Nurse Practitioner And Wabash College Nurse, Will Moderate The Panel. The Program Is Presented By The League Of Women Voters Of Montgomery County.

**KAREN** From Page A1

family lived most of the MoCo time of about 35 years. Another son, Thomas Wise and seven daughters were all born here. As far as I know, only one, Ophelia Holman, died young – age three.

Not long after their arrival, JB was registered by Caleb Conner, JP as living in Brown Township and taking up a yellow bay horse, about 15 hands, one inch and a half high, probably 6 or 7 years old with the left hind foot white and a scar on the right hind pastern (upper leg) joint. A black mane and tail some gray hair on his forehead and a curl of it around his neck. Shod all around with steel-toed shoes; appraised at \$50 by Thomas Ellis and William Clark. If the taken-up animals were not claimed in a certain amount of time, then they could be kept by the ones who had found 'em (not sure if they had to pay the appraisal or just court cost) but don't know if JB got the interesting horse!

Jeremiah Brisco had a large farm in Brown Township and was active in promoting agriculture, having been the first VP (later in 1854 president) of Montgomery County's Agricultural Society in the early 1850s. Both Jeremiah and Minerva were active in setting up, judging and entering not only Montgomery County but area county Agricultural Fairs as well. He was particularly astute with sheep plus horses (oh and his mules won a time or two) and she with jams and jellies!

Especially when the Durhams got here he was frequently found as having letters at the C'ville post office waiting for him and he began working in the Republican Party in the county as quickly as it began. In Oct 1861, he was seriously injured (CWJ 17 Oct) when his horses veered in Waveland as he was bringing in a wagon load of wheat and his kneecap was completely shattered. Not many years thereafter, in early December 1867, he moved to Topeka, Kansas where he took capital, purchased property in what became the fairly large city and made quite a profit later selling them.

The Durham home was always open to ministers, here and there, JB having been good friends of many in the Methodist denomination which he had been a member of for 49 years. His earnest, outspoken advocacy in the temperance field was well known, purporting to all that "Christianity and Temperance were twin sisters and went hand in hand!" (obit).

It is only assumed here that his farm would sell well (advertised as 240 acres in the best quality, all under fence, with 160 for cultivation and timber unsurpassed along with a good orchard, comfortable and commodious dwelling, large barn and other outhouses – 17 Oct 1867 CWJ) and that he had the plan



to do the Topeka developing when they took off in 1868 but they sure missed home as they would come back home to visit quite often. In the CWJ 31 Oct 1872, they had to head home quickly as "Uncle Jere had to get there in time to vote for Grant!"

First child (John Harrison) of JB and Minerva was born here in MoCo on 28 Nov 1833. At age 34, he married Mary Ellen Imes and they moved to Woodinville, Washington where they owned and operated a hotel, most of their kids (Merritt; Lillian; Albert; Celia; Mary; John Wyatt and Sarah Brisco – others were Dora, Thomas, Eva and Ethel died age two) aided their business.

Second child, Mahala Jane again born here in 28 July 1835 married (7 Jan 1856) Leroy Downing Stone and lived and died in West Baden, Indiana. They parented at least six children (maybe more) – Charles, Mary, Clarence, Joseph Henry, Cora, Kate, Joe, Frank, Albert and Harry.

Mahala's sister, Minerva Caroline was born the last day of 1837 and married William O. Stone. I quickly tried to find if the Stone men were relation but didn't find it but you'd think so. She and her husband moved to Bloomington, Indiana where they are buried. They spent some time in Terre Haute as well where I believe son Edgar Brisco and daughter Hattie were born. William was a physician.

Thomas Wise Durham born 29 Feb 1840 died in a Disabled Vet Home in Sawtell, Los Angeles County, California. He was in the Civil War (11th Ind, he was described as 5'9" ruddy complexion; gray hair; could read/write; Protestant; Farmer) and a book War Memoirs of Thomas W. Durham is quite popular. He married Amanda Montgomery and they were parents of: Claude and Fred neither living long. They adopted a daughter and named her Dorothy.

Very sadly, daughter Elizabeth Catherine passed away at age 25. Her sister, Ruth Cornelia was born in April of 1844 and died in Los Angeles 7 Jan 1933. She

and her husband Joseph Hanna were married here on Valentine's Day in 1865. They lived and farmed in Williamsport, Shawnee County, Kansas. They had no children and he passed in 1912, having been the deputy sheriff there.

Celia, too was born in Brown Twp, Montgomery 20 April 1846 and was fairly young when she passed in Topeka (22 Feb 1885). Although a Durham history in North America Families 1500-2000 says she was not married she is in the 1880 Cloud Co KS census record as 34 and married to William H. White, she a housewife and he clerking in a Dry Goods Store. No children. She is listed as Celia A. White in the Topeka Cemetery and is linked on FindAGrave to JB and Minerva. Her tombstone tells that history and she's the wife of W. H. White.

The youngest child is Martha Craig born May 16, 1849 and married Charles Welch in March before her 20th birthday. They went to Topeka, Kansas as well. Charles was a brick mason and was in the Civil War (Co M 11th Kan Cavalry). He passed in Colorado in 1892 at the young age of 45 but is buried in Topeka. Martha passed in Sept 1934 in Los Angeles and is buried in Whittier, California. They were parents to three: Clifford Durham Welch, Charles and Myrtle.

Quite an interesting family of movers and shakers the children moving and passing in Kansas, Washington, and California. The family was all around their father at the time of his death (photo from FindAGrave added by CDD) 25 Feb 1882 buried Topeka Cemetery, in Kansas. Minerva passed in June seven years later. Bless these folks and read about John Harrison Durham next week in Durham Saga #3.

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