

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

*Philippians 4:6 -7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

**➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

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Jerry Doyle smiles for our roving photographer. Thank you for your smile, Jerry!

**➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** On Feb. 13, 2023 there will be a PARP at the 4-H Building on the Montgomery County Fairgrounds 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. in Crawfordsville. No RSVP is necessary. It is a joint PARP with Fountain County. Commercial CCH, and RT credits are available for Category 1 and Category 14. It is very important for applicators to attend these events not only to stay up on their licenses but to learn about the new regulations and laws that have taken effect Jan. 1st, 2023.

**2** Facial hair is all the rage in Casper, WY, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Just ask the judges at the Guinness Book of World Records, who say the citizens of that town broke the record for the longest beard chain. As the Casper Star Tribune described it, "To participate, competitors needed to sport a beard at least 8 inches in length. They stood side-by-side, one lengthy beard attached to the next until the chain stretched through the room. Once they were all clipped together, someone took a tape measure to determine the length of this cable of historic facial hair: 150 feet."

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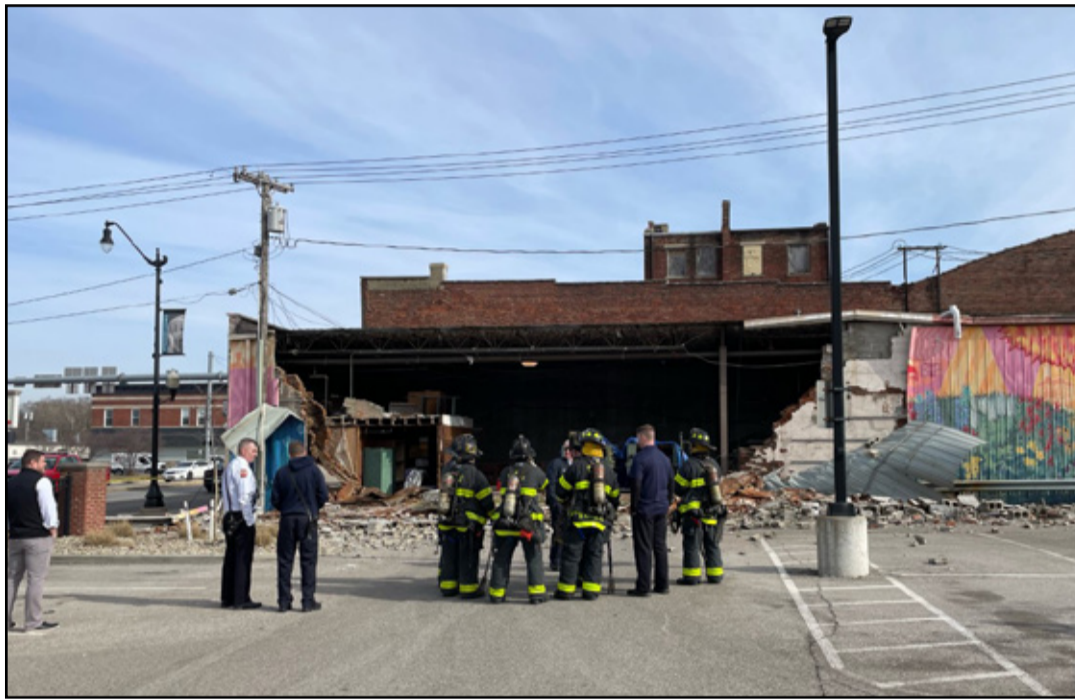
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### Journal Review Wall Collapse



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**At 1:30 p.m. Monday, the Crawfordsville Fire Department and Montgomery County Sheriff's Office responded to calls about a building collapse at the offices of The Journal Review. There were no injuries or casualties, per CFD Fire Chief Scott Busenbark. Busenbark confirmed that officials from CEL&P, Indiana American Water and Centerpoint Energy were called to the scene to secure power lines and pipes to ensure no future issues in the event of a further collapse. According to Busenbark, "We currently have a structural engineer en route from Indianapolis to come look at it and tell us what it needs, what possibly happened and all of that."**

### Homeschooling vs. Public School . . . Success Or Failure?



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

As a librarian for the past 33 years, I have had the opportunity to help families who made the decision to homeschool their children. The kids and their parents often come to the library to seek out information on various subjects and check out books. Today however, with information readily available via Internet, they mostly show up to check out books to read for entertainment. I have

seen the results of homeschooling . . . some good and some not so good.

At one time, public school attendance was mandatory; however over time homeschooling became an alternative to traditional education. Millions of children are homeschooled today. Parents cite a variety of reasons. Some just do not like changes that have been made in public education, including wokeness and indoctrination of beliefs. They believe their children can attain higher academic achievement levels at home, and they can also include religious teachings. Many dislike the negative social influence of certain peer groups in public schools and are also concerned about safety issues, especially in those schools in larger cities. Many also believe their children should proceed at their own pace and have a flexible schedule, while also forming a

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### Kids Classes At Athens Arts

Athens Arts Gallery is offering arts & crafts classes for children ages 5-10. The classes will be held the first Saturday of each month - March through November. Classes will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon and open to children 5 years to 10 years. Cost is \$5 for one child, \$10 max per family.

The gallery's new location is 216 E. Main Street in Crawfordsville (across from Little Mexico).

Each month's class will be unique. The children will work with a variety of arts and crafts which help develop a child's motor skills and build his/her visual skills and art appreciation. We will have a short lesson about art & artists, and examples of different mediums. Then each child will choose his/her own activity.

To reserve a spot for any of the classes - call 765.362.7455 or stop by Athens Arts Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You may pay by cash, check, or credit card, or pay day of class.

### The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 7:50 a.m.  
SET: 6:13 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 52 °F  
Low: 42 °F

**Today is...**  
• "e" Day  
• Rose Day

**What Happened On This Day**  
• 1795 The 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is ratified  
• 1962 The United States bans all Cuban imports and exports

**Births On This Day**  
• 1962 Garth Brooks American singer-songwriter and guitarist  
• 1962 Eddie Izzard Yemeni/English actor and comedian

**Deaths On This Day**  
• 1959 Nap Lajoie American baseball player  
• 2015 Dean Smith American basketball player, coach

### Kiwanis Announces Scholarships

The Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club is proud to announce that they will be offering scholarships of \$1,250 to one eligible graduate of each of the three Montgomery County high schools.

These scholarships are designed to support and encourage students who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership skills, and, most importantly, a commitment to serving their communities. The scholarships will be awarded based on academic merit and service to the community, and recipients will be chosen by a committee of judges from the Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club.

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must be

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**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

Steve Crane, a big-time Hollywood star, was born on this date in 1916 right here in Crawfordsville. He passed away on tomorrow's date in 1985.



**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Cigarette smoke exposure is a risk factor for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). 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.



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**➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

Show Us Those Smiles!

Are you a proud parent or grandparent? Got a great photo of your loved one? E-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com along with the pertinent info (and your contact information so we can reach you if we have questions). C'mon, let's show off as many bright and smiling faces as we can and make clear exactly why Montgomery County is such a great place to raise a family!

**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams."  
Dr Seuss

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

Why do air fresheners love Valentine's Day?  
They're scent-imental!

**➔ OBITUARIES**

Judi Robinson  
Ruth E. Campbell Bunnell

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## OBITUARIES

### Judi Robinson

Sept. 29, 1945 - Feb 4, 2023

Judi Robinson, (Judith Pauline Jeffers), 77, Crawfordsville, with husband Dennis lovingly by her side, went to be in the arms of Jesus on Feb 4, 2023, after a hard fight following heart surgery in December.

She born to William H. and Beatrice Pauline (Brading) Jeffers on Sept. 29, 1945 in Clinton Hospital.

She grew up in Bloomingdale with her parents and siblings. She graduated from Turkey Run Highschool in 1963.

On June 20, 1964, she married the love of her life Dennis. They have three children, Darrin (Becky, more like a daughter than a daughter in law) Robinson, Deanna Goebel and Denise (Darrick Teague) Robinson. They have five grandchildren, Tiffany (Matt) Youngs, Dylan (Aubrey) Robinson, John (Katie McGann) Goebel, Lexi Robinson and Elijah Robinson-Teague. Great-grandchildren, Daxon and Dayde Robinson, Makenzie Youngs, Annabella Robinson and Baby Goebel due June 20.

She was a 50-year member of the Eastern Star. She was a strong Christian woman through and through, she was a lifelong member of New Hope Christian Church. In her younger days, she often could have been found delivering or making meals; in the nursery or the kitchen at the church. She loved helping, whether it was with the kids or the meals for church dinners and/or people in need.

She and Dennis had countless Adult Sunday School class dinners, most commonly known for her soup beans over the fire.

She had a very fulfilling job for ten years working at the Indiana Children's Christian Home in Ladoga. What much more could you ask for, getting paid for doing things you love to do. Shopping and helping kids!

She had another fun job of taking care of a child with special needs at New Market School.

She really enjoyed working for many years at County Market making and serving food samples to her customers. She loved seeing the same people week after week to talk about how things were going with their families. She enjoyed drives and car shows in their 57 Chevy (the one they dated in). She also enjoyed flea markets, garage sales and going out to eat.

Most of all, she loved her family and spending as much time as she could with all of them, especially those babies. As their best friend, Deanna and Denise already miss her so much and those the daily phone calls (sometimes several calls in the same day) How will I ever make a recipe again? She lit up when Darrin would walk in, just to say "Hey". After being together for six decades, Dennis misses her more than any of us can imagine. She is missed by the old and young.

Her favorite job titles were Wife, Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma, Sister, Aunt and Friend. Oh, and of course "cat mom" to Paulie Mae.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Bill, John, Bob, Jayn, and in-laws.

Survivors include her immediate family, her brother-in-law Bill Wittenmyer, sisters-in-law Carolyn Jeffers, Fran Robinson, many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by their life long friends Tom and Katy Everson.

Visitation is scheduled Tuesday, Feb. 7, 4 to 8 p.m., followed by funeral services, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 10:30 a.m., with Michael Whitacre officiating, at New Hope Christian Church in Crawfordsville. Burial will be at Indian Creek Cemetery following the services. Arrangements made by Sanders Funeral Home.

### Ruth E. Campbell Bunnell

Feb. 4, 2023

Ruth E. Campbell Bunnell age 103 of Wingate, passed away at 6:20 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023 in Sugar Fork Crossing Assisted Living & Memory Care, Anderson. Arrangements are incomplete at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate.

## Meeting Notice

### Montgomery County Drainage Board

Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Montgomery County Government Center, Community Meeting Room  
1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

- I. Call To Order
- II. Pledge Of Allegiance & Prayer
- III. Approval Of Minutes
- Jan. 11, 2023 - Regular Meeting
- IV. Hearing
- Benjamin Crabbs

- #517 - Petition To Vacate A Portion Of Regulated Drain
  - Old Business
  - John Walkup #604
- Petition To Assume Jurisdiction Of Mutual Drain
  - William Shelley #706
- Reconstruction Update
  - Claude Moody #583
- Discussion On Reimbursement Of Engineering Costs
- VI. Other Business
  - Financial reporting
  - o Drain fund transfer request
  - o Drain listing report
  - o Assessment rate reductions
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Adjournment

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# Purdue Trustees Endorse 12th Consecutive Tuition Freeze



The Purdue University Board of Trustees last Friday endorsed President Mung Chiang's request for a 12th consecutive tuition freeze, meaning students will see no increase in tuition through at least the 2024-25 academic year.

To be formally approved by the trustees in late spring per state statute, after the legislative budget setting, base undergraduate tuition

at Purdue will remain at \$9,992 per year for Indiana residents and \$28,794 for out-of-state students through 2024-25.

The total cost of attending Purdue continues to be less today than in 2012, with tuition held flat and lower room and board rates. The tuition freeze saves students over \$150 million per year for a cumulative total of over a billion dollars, compared to if Purdue had instituted annual increases at the Big Ten average, and debt per undergraduate student has declined 36% since 2012. By 2024-25, 10 graduating classes will have never experienced a tuition increase during their time at Purdue.

At the same time, more students than ever are seeking a Purdue degree - more than 71,000

applied for admission for Fall 2023 - and more employers than ever are seeking out Purdue graduates. Last fall, total enrollment reached a record 50,884 students and marked the university's eighth straight record high. That total includes 37,949 undergrads - also a record.

"Purdue remains committed to the vision of higher education with the highest proven value," Chiang said. "This proposal of another year of tuition freeze, and the endorsement by the Board of Trustees, continues Purdue's national leadership in student access and success."

In addition to the growing number of applicants for enrollment from across the country, evidence of Purdue's enhanced national profile include being the only

university named a "Brand That Matters" by Fast Company magazine in both 2021 and 2022, a No. 4 ranking as the most trusted public university in the country and a top 3 ranking as a university that protects free speech and open inquiry. U.S. News & World Report has ranked Purdue as one of the most innovative schools in the country each of the last five years in addition to ranking numerous academic programs highly.

President Emeritus Mitch Daniels first announced that Purdue would not increase tuition in Spring 2013, shortly after he became the university's 12th president. Before that, Purdue tuition had increased every year since 1976, and it rose an average of nearly 6% annually from 2002-12.

# Students To Celebrate Agriculture And Leadership Around The Country

This month, FFA members around the country will celebrate agriculture and FFA during National FFA Week.

Today, FFA provides the next generation of leaders who will change the world. As the nation's top school-based youth leadership development organization, FFA helps young people meet new agricultural challenges by encouraging members to develop their unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of career pathways. FFA members are our future leaders, food suppliers, innovators and more!

Whether through service projects or community gatherings, National FFA Week is a time for FFA members to raise awareness about the National FFA Organization's role in developing future leaders and the importance of agricultural education.

National FFA Week always runs from Saturday to Saturday and encompasses Feb. 22, George Washington's birthday. This year, the week kicks off on Feb. 18 and culminates on Saturday, Feb. 25.

The National FFA Board of Directors designated the weeklong tradition, which began in



1948, to recognize Washington's legacy as an agriculturist and farmer. A group of young farmers founded FFA in 1928, and the organization has been influencing generations that agriculture is more than planting and harvesting - it involves science, business and more.

"National FFA Week is a meaningful week for members across our country as we celebrate the organization, share the message of positive youth development through FFA and promote agriculture," said National FFA Advisor Dr. Travis Park.

"During this week, FFA chapters across the country celebrate agriculture while thanking their supporters - their local alumni chapters, agriculture teachers, or local businesses. Today, FFA and agricultural education continue to play a key role in developing the next generation of leaders and those who will fill the ever-growing need in the talent pipeline across our food systems."

National FFA Week is a time for FFA members to share agriculture with their fellow students and communities. During FFA Week, chapters also

give back to their communities through various service projects.

The six national FFA officers will connect with chapters across the country throughout the week - delivering keynotes, greetings, workshops and more.

President Andrew Seibel will visit with FFA members in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Western Region Vice President Ryan Williamson will visit FFA members in Delaware and West Virginia. Eastern Region Vice President Gracie Murphy will visit with FFA members in Mississippi and Louisiana. Central Region Vice President Karstyn Cantrell will visit with FFA members in Alabama and Tennessee. Southern Region Vice President MacKenna Clifton will visit with FFA members in Indiana and Michigan. National FFA Secretary Jess Herr will visit with FFA members in Oregon and California.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 850,000 student members as part of 8,995 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

# Witham Hosting No One Dies Alone Training



the sensitivity of the program, volunteers must be older than the age of 18. Applicants will undergo a criminal history background check, health screen and interview to be considered as a volunteer team member and member of the NODA team.

Training and Volunteering No clinical skills are required to volunteer for this program. Volunteers will receive NODA-specific training. Once approved as a volunteer team member, new volunteers will also attend a hospital-specific training and a new

volunteer orientation session. These trainings are required to ensure appropriate education for our volunteers and to ensure the safety of both volunteers and patients, in addition to helping make the compassionate companion experience a positive one for everyone involved. The training will take place on Monday, Feb. 27 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the North Pavilion Community Room at Witham's main campus located at 2605 N. Lebanon Street in Lebanon. Deadline to RSVP for the NODA training is Friday, 2/17/2023 and registration will be limited to 25 participants. Please RSVP to Amy Mitchell at 485-8175 or amithchell@witham.org.

# Purdue's Next Big Move: The Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. School Of Business

Purdue's next big move in a decadelong series of major strategic investments will honor a celebrated president who led transformative change during his tenure, as plans for the state-of-the-art Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. School of Business were approved Friday (Feb. 3) by the university's Board of Trustees. The reimagined Daniels School will prepare tomorrow's leaders and entrepreneurs, grounding them in the hallmarks of a Purdue education, including STEM disciplines and business analytics.

"To be associated with any aspect of Purdue's academic enterprise is an inestimable honor, but this one in particular touches me deeply," said Daniels, Purdue's 12th president, who retired from the role in December. "Practiced with integrity, business careers are the noblest of life choices; they create new jobs and wealth for others and bring into being the resources which the public and nonprofit sectors take to pursue their goals. This modernized School of Business will send out its graduates armed with a sense of mission and the tools to fulfill that mission in the most complex of enterprises."

This announcement marks the first time Purdue's business school will have a formal name. The board committed to retaining the Krannert name, long associated with the school's graduate offerings since the naming began, for its graduate and executive degree programs within the newly named Daniels School.

Charting a new course for business education, the Daniels School will be marked by graduates who embody the values of wisdom and creativity, grounded in a firm grasp of today's technologies and their likely evolu-



Photo courtesy of Purdue University

tion; who are aware of the history of progress that freedom of enterprise has created and continues to advance; and who are trained to lead and inspire others with strength and decisiveness. The reimagined Daniels School will instill these values and qualities, preparing each graduate as they leave Purdue to found and lead businesses and be the successful entrepreneurs and industry leaders of tomorrow.

The new name not only celebrates Daniels' acclaimed tenure as Purdue president, but also his highly reputed business acumen in the private sector. Before his time at Purdue, Daniels held several top executive posts in an 11-year career at Eli Lilly and Company, including president of Eli Lilly's North American pharmaceutical operations and senior vice president for corporate strategy and policy. Fortunes soared during Daniels' tenure, his longest in any role in his professional life, as part of the leadership

team that saw assets, revenue and income more than double. He also has served as CEO of the Hudson Institute, which is a major contract research organization, and on the boards of a number of public and private companies, including Penske Entertainment, Norfolk Southern Corp. and Interactive Intelligence.

As the 49th governor of Indiana, Daniels transformed the nearly \$800 million deficit he inherited into an annual surplus of \$370 million within a year. Daniels reduced the state's overall debt by 40% and left Indiana with a budget surplus, reserve funds equal to nearly 15% of annual spending and its first AAA credit rating. The public-private Indiana Economic Development Corp., Daniels' first legislative success while in office, broke previous records for creating new jobs in the state and was associated with more than \$18 billion of new investment. In 2008 Site Selection Magazine and CNBC both named

Indiana the nation's Most Improved State for Business. Thanks to the turnaround under the Daniels administration, Indiana has enjoyed favorable national rankings of business attractiveness and job creation to this day.

"President Emeritus Mitch Daniels is regarded as the most innovative university president in America, and his private sector business leadership is as outstanding as his public service. It is truly fitting and exciting to place his name upon this impactful growth to the Purdue landscape," said Mung Chiang, Purdue's 13th president. "Through the launch of the Daniels School of Business, Purdue will have a world-class business school that carries out even more top-caliber research and educates many future leaders of a technology-driven, free market economy."

The advances of science across almost all economic sectors have created a clear need for a future crop of business leaders who fully

understand not only the data in front of them, but also from where the next breakthrough may come. At the Daniels School, students will master the skills of gathering big data and using it to drive business decisions to become the most valuable working professionals of today and tomorrow. This transformation will be rooted in preeminence in business analytics and degrees that blend business with technology, which will enable Purdue to scale innovation.

Capitalizing on the momentum of a 33% enrollment increase since 2019, bucking the trend of declines in college-going rates nationwide, the Daniels School of Business relaunches with ambitious plans to increase the undergraduate student body significantly, double the enrollment of the graduate school, and significantly add to the facility's physical size through expansion and renovation. The initial phase will also include attracting large cohorts of preeminent faculty and national thought leaders, as well as curricular and experiential education additions. With excellence at scale, the Daniels School positions Purdue to become a world leader in business education and a top 10 business school, with its graduates uniquely prepared to bring discoveries to the marketplace and scale up innovations.

The Daniels School will build upon Purdue's mission as a land-grant university to provide affordable and accessible education while combining technological excellence and business expertise. Some of that foundation has already been established with Purdue's recently inaugurated Integrated Business and Engineering degree; its highly ranked business analytics programs; the new Dean

V. White Real Estate Finance program; and the Larsen Leaders Academy, further propelled by a \$10 million gift from Marshall and Susan Larsen. The Larsen gift was celebrated last fall to create a competitive advantage for students entering business.

Mike Berghoff, chair of Purdue's Board of Trustees, said Purdue will invest a minimum of \$100 million into the relaunch, along with a fundraising campaign of \$200 million from loyal donors, underlining the determined commitment to making the Daniels School of Business one of the foremost business schools in the nation through new academic programs, innovative learning opportunities and top-notch faculty recruits.

Historically, Purdue has celebrated many graduates who have become CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, with eight alumni currently serving in that role as measured by Academic Influence. The move toward the Daniels School of Business further builds on a standard of excellence at scale at Purdue, beginning with the College of Engineering, where both the graduate and undergraduate degree programs are ranked among the top in the nation by U.S. News & World Report (4th and 9th, respectively).

Purdue was the only university selected by Fast Company as a "Brand That Matters" in 2022, earning the distinction for the second consecutive year. Purdue was also named America's No. 4 most trusted public university by Morning Consult. It has been recognized as a top 10 public university by the Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education and a top 10 Most Innovative University for five years straight by U.S. News & World Report.

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# The Mitch Daniels Political Era Passes

Perhaps it was poll after poll showing congressional approval hovering around 18%. Or that he never had that horde mentality; Mitch Daniels has been for the past three decades the leader of the pack. Or, perhaps, it was the Cooperstown busts of two native Hoosiers – Major League Baseball commissioners Kenesaw Mountain Landis and Ford Frick – and the fact that the job could come open next summer, that might have held sway.

When it came to a decision, Mitch Daniels determined that spending the next eight years campaigning and serving in dysfunctional Washington, D.C., with Donald Trump-inspired loony bin senators in stasis congressional gridlock was the ultimate deal breaker.

Thus on Tuesday, the former two-term Indiana governor and Purdue University president and, arguably, the most cunning and influential Hoosier Republican of the 21st Century, slammed the door on a political comeback. “I’ve decided not to become a candidate for the U.S. Senate. With full credit and respect for the institution and those serving in it, I conclude that it’s just not the job for me, not the town for me,” Daniels said.

The decision capped off a two-month exercise of whether Daniels would seek a Senate seat that he had once turned down, when Gov. Robert Orr offered him Vice President-elect Dan Quayle’s seat in 1988.

After spending a day in DC last week, he seemed uncertain, telling



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Politico, “I’m not the least bit worried, honestly, about losing an election. I’m worried about winning it and regretting it for six years. I say this with great respect for those who do it. But you know, that doesn’t mean it fits me or fits me at this time of my life. So that’s what this field trip’s about.”

“My one tour of duty in elected office involved, like those in business before and academe after it, an action job, with at least the chance to do useful things every day,” Daniels said. “I have never imagined that I would be well-suited to legislative office, particularly where seniority remains a significant factor in one’s effectiveness, and I saw nothing in my recent explorations that altered that view.”

At this writing, U.S. Rep. Jim Banks, R-Columbia City, is the sole candidate to announce for the Senate seat being vacated by Mike Braun, who is running for governor. “As I’ve said before, I respect Gov. Daniels and I learned a lot from him when I served in the Statehouse,” Banks said in a statement Tuesday morning before meeting with former British prime minister Boris Johnson. “I’m excited about the

early momentum and support for our campaign but we’ve got a long way to go. Over the next two years, I’m going to work hard every day to make my case to Hoosier voters that I’m best prepared to be their conservative Senator in Washington.”

U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz, R-Noblesville, had expressed interest before Daniels explored a bid, and might do so again. Informed and reliable sources close to Attorney General Todd Rokita tell Hovey Politics Indiana/State Affairs that he likes his current job and will likely seek reelection in 2024.

In addition to Spartz, the other potential factor in the race is Gov. Eric Holcomb, who said in December that he has not ruled out a Senate bid, but such a determination would not come until the Indiana General Assembly sine die expected in late April.

Holcomb was a Senate candidate in 2016, facing then-U.S. Reps. Todd Young and Marlin Stutzman, when Gov. Mike Pence selected him to finish the term of Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann, who resigned to become president of Ivy Tech. Holcomb went on to win a gubernatorial caucus by the Indiana Republican Central Committee when Donald Trump chose Pence to be his vice president nominee.

Asked about a potential Senate candidacy in mid-December, Holcomb responded, saying, “We’ll see.”

“I’ve been involved in some campaigns that have been 16 months, and I thought that was early. And then I’ve

been involved in some that took about 106 days, and I thought that was rushed,” Holcomb said. “I’m going to do the job I’ve got. That’s somewhat liberating. I’m very comfortable with that.”

On the day that Daniels announced his decision, Donald Trump endorsed Rep. Banks. “Jim Banks is running for the United States Senate from the Great State of Indiana. I know Jim well, have seen him tested at the highest and most difficult levels, and WIN!” Trump wrote on Truth Social. “Jim Banks is respected by all, will never let you down, and has my Complete & Total Endorsement!”

This is the same Donald Trump who had dinner last December with an anti-semitic neo-Nazi, suggested the U.S. Constitution be “terminated” to let him back into the office he lost by seven million votes in 2020, and called Russian President Putin’s invasion of Ukraine a fit of “savvy genius.”

In his statement, Daniels said, “I’ve likewise tried to keep in mind President Reagan’s observation that some people seek public office to be something, others to do something.”

Rep. Banks will run in the Trump lane, but there are a number of Daniels type Republicans in Indiana who will be searching for a non-Trump alternative.

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# Jenkin’s Lost Cabin

We all know someone will find Jenkins’s cabin. Someday. Oh, it’s up there in those hills somewhere. We all know that.

It’s become a friendly object of conjecture and speculation. No one living has seen it, as far as we know. Jenkins himself died quietly when he was on one of his infrequent trips to town for supplies. Funny guy, that Jenkins.

He worked in the city for years, mostly as a night watchman in a factory that made diapers. Didn’t really enjoy people much, and told us many times how nice it was to just be in the huge factory when it was quiet. Then one day he decided to move to the mountains and make pretty things out of leather. Once in a while he’d have his coffee at the counter at the Mule Barn, but often as not, he’d camp out on the edge of town for the two or three days it took him to sell his crafts and buy supplies. He’d smile and wave from his campsite, then he’d be gone one morning. We wouldn’t see him again for months.

Now and then someone would ask him where his cabin was, and he’d just point toward the mountains and say, “Up there.” How far up there? “A ways.” What was his cabin like? “Not too big.”

And so we came to regard the little cabin as an intriguing mystery, an object of local legend. After he died, several



**SLIM RANGLES**  
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of the fellows tried to backtrack him to find the place, but Jenkins evidently didn’t take the same trail each time, as though he wanted his quiet times protected from even a friendly visit from one of us. During his lifetime, we respected his wishes. In this country, a man has a perfect right to be a little strange. And, truth be known, we hold a certain admiration for those of us who hear different instructions. But there is something in the human spirit, also, that begs to have its mysteries solved. So now, several times each year, one or two of us will use the mystery of the lost cabin as an excuse to poke our noses into the nuances and seclusions of these hills. We play off our curiosity against our wishes to respect a man’s privacy, even when he’s gone.

We have yet to discover Jenkins’s lost cabin. Maybe we never will. Maybe that wouldn’t be such a bad thing, either.

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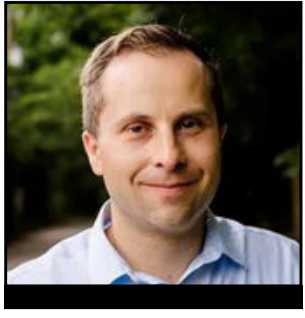
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# Welcoming Pages To The Statehouse



**SPENCER DEERY**  
Guest Column

Last week I welcomed Ava and Emma Hunley and Avery Wills to the Statehouse as Senate Pages.

Through the full-day program, students in grades six through 12 tour Indiana's Statehouse, listen to debates and help staff with age-appropriate tasks. Students also have the opportunity to meet their state senator.



Photo courtesy of Spencer Deery

Want to participate in Senate Page Program? The Senate Page Program runs through early April. Positions fill quickly, so it is important to apply early. Pages are scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during the legislative session. They begin their

day at 8:30 a.m. and are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. Groups serve together on Wednesdays. Serving as a page is considered an excused absence from school.

For more information or to apply, visit [www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/page-program](http://www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/page-program).

# Indiana 211 Day Raises Awareness Of Valuable Resource For Hoosiers

Governor Eric J. Holcomb has proclaimed Saturday as "Indiana 211 Day," as Indiana joins states and cities across the country raising awareness about 211: an important, free resource, available to all Hoosiers. In 2022, Indiana 211 helped connect more than 150,000 callers throughout Indiana with housing, utility assistance, health care, food and many other important resources.

"In 2022, assistance locating housing was the number one concern of callers to Indiana 211, along with utility assistance and help feeding their families," said Tara Morse, executive director of Indiana 211. "But what many Hoosiers don't realize is that they can call for everyday information like where to take their child for developmental screening or how to locate job training or find free tax filing support."

Experienced, responsive and compassionate community navigators at Indiana 211 can quickly help connect Hoosiers to resources and services they need. During winter months and the early part of the year, the 211 team also enhances its database to include specific resources such as energy assistance programs, warming centers on subfreezing days or tax assistance during tax season.

February 2023 marks the 20th anniversary of the first call accepted by Indiana 211. Indiana 211 connects Hoosiers with thousands of health and human services agencies and resources in their local communities quickly, easily and confidentially. Anyone can call 211 and connect to a navigator who can assist them. There are no eligibility requirements or income standards, and Hoosiers can call on behalf of

themselves or for other Hoosiers in need. Many Hoosiers called 211 during the pandemic to schedule or reschedule a vaccine or find a testing site.

Indiana 211 is a free and confidential statewide service that helps Hoosiers find local resources they need, including housing, utility assistance, health care and food. In 2020, Indiana 211 became a part of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, helping to simplify the process of connecting people to the many services in our state and placing the power of Indiana state government behind this convenient resource. Information and resources are available at [IN211.org](http://IN211.org), including an in-depth data dashboard that shows call volume, caller demographics, county breakdowns, caller needs and other information.

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strong family bond. Of course, the COVID pandemic became a factor, with some families still worried about health concerns. Even though the parent (usually the mother) loses her free time . . . or has to give up a job she enjoys, with the family still paying taxes for local schools without receiving any benefits for their money, most think it's worth it.

I have observed varying results. The first time I was involved with a homeschooling family was in the early 1990s. The mother, who was very religious, brought her two kids to the library each month to check out books, and they used our encyclopedias to write reports. The children were quiet and polite, but as they grew older, I sensed that they did not seem happy. By the time they were teenagers, both had changed drastically . . . seeking out the "wild life" . . . hanging out with the wrong crowd, drinking and using drugs. As adults, both ended up in jail . . . the girl several times.

In one family the homeschooled girls were never allowed to date, and after graduating, instead of attending college as their controlling mother had planned, fell in "love" with the first boys they met, were married and had kids. I believe they were anxious to leave home any way they could. Several years ago, another mother homeschooled her son. He was very well-mannered, polite, and intelligent. However, he had no social skills. When the boy turned 18, he just had no clue about real life or how to converse with others his age. His mother had "protected" him all those years. I seriously doubt that he

even knew "the facts of life."

However, another family in town also homeschooled their kids today, and they visit our library quite often. The mother does a great job, and she and her husband often take the kids on educational trips and to events in which the kids can be in clubs and sports and socialize with others. The children seem to be happy and well adjusted. Another mother with children of about the same age brings her two kids to the library each week. The kids are well-mannered and love to read. They are also involved in several church activities. But in another homeschooling family, I often see two of the children walking around town or riding their bikes at all hours of the day. I am almost certain they are well below what they should be for their grade level. There is no accountability. The end result of homeschooling is often unpredictable. The children may be just as intelligent as public school students . . . or perhaps not. Some adjust to "real life" after leaving home . . . and some are lost.

I attended a public school the entire 12 years. I received an excellent education. I loved going to school, and I admired and respected my teachers. There was only one teacher who just was not very good. But I made it through that year. I stuck with it and did my best, which taught me a valuable lesson for later in life. I was in several activities and clubs, and I participated in all of the sports that were offered. I interacted with all type of personalities . . . from my classmates, friends, and teammates

. . . to a couple of older downright bullies. And I learned many things that were not taught in the classroom. Just like real life. If my parents had homeschooled me, I likely would have been resentful and rebelled as a teenager.

But the 1950s and early 1960s were a different time. There was no homeschooling. There were also no drugs, no computers, no Internet, no social media, no woke teachers, no crazy psycho mental cases . . . and 90 percent of my generation attended church or Sunday school. I believe we have excellent schools here in Montgomery County, and the vast majority of teachers are caring and compassionate. But I realize homeschooling is still an option for some of you. The success of homeschooling, in my opinion, depends on the attitude, education, and abilities of the parent doing the teaching . . . and the personality of the child. But keep in mind that even in the best situation, homeschooling may not turn out the way you anticipated. Homeschooling . . . I have seen success. I have seen failure . . . the same with public school. But you are the parents. You must decide. You love your kids. You want them to be educated and socially well adjusted, and live a happy, successful life. Whether you choose public schools or homeschooling, cross your fingers and pray for the best.

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graduating seniors from one of the high schools in Montgomery County, Indiana, and must plan to attend an accredited college or university in the fall. Applicants must also have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and must be active in their schools and communities.

The Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club is dedicated to making a positive

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Applications for the scholarships will be available through the counselors at local high schools and online at the Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club Facebook page

starting Feb. 1, 2023. The deadline for submitting applications is March 31, 2023. The scholarships will be awarded in May of 2023 at each school's awards night.

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