⇒ TODAY'S VERSE

1 Corinthians 13:13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (ESV)

⇒ FACES of MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



David Brock smiles while enjoying breakfast at Alice's Restaurant. Thank you for your smile, David!

⇒ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces I-74 will be temporarily closed to through traffic in both directions under the State Road 75 bridge for continued work on the S.R. 75 bridge replacement project. This is near Jamestown. Currently, the S.R. 75 bridge is closed in both directions between U.S. 136 and 600 S. Traffic will be routed up the exit ramp and down the entrance ramp via a temporary traffic signal. This closure will allow crews to finish sealing the deck pans in preparation for the bridge deck pour, which will happen on or after Wednesday, February 15, weather permitting. The pour will happen in two phases. INDOT will advice the public in advance prior to the second phase.

Craig Lapointe, a homeowner in Saskatoon, Canada, returned home one afternoon recently to find two broken front room windows, apparently the work of a moose on the loose in his neighborhood, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Lapointe suggests the moose was foraging for food, got too close to his home causing a pet dog and a pet cat to make their presence known which, in turn, riled the moose causing it to break the windows. Ryan Brook, a wildlife researcher, says it is a likely explanation, "If there was a pet, and in this case, there sounds like there was more than one pet, the animal may have hit more than once on purpose. Moose can be very aggressive. They're big. Often the biggest animal around. They have a tendency, if they're startled by animals or people, they may go on the offensive."

The Montgomery County Community Foundation will conduct two competitive grant cycles this year, open to local nonprofit (IRS designation 501 c 3) organizations. Local governmental entities such as schools and parks may be considered when the request is for charitable purposes. The grants are made possible through the many unrestricted and field of interest funds donors have entrusted to MCCF to manage The complete listing of eligibility factors and guidelines is posted at www. mccf-in.org under the Grants/ How to Apply tab. There, one will also see an outline of the process, instructions, and a link to the application. Applications for the Spring Cycle are due no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 10 and applications for Fall Cycle are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, October 19. Those interested in applying should schedule a meeting with Grants & Community Relations Director, Cheryl Keim to discuss the anticipated proposal by calling 765-362-1267 or via email, cheryl@ mccf-in.org.



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CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA

Southmont Schools Awarded \$400,000 **Comprehensive School Counseling Grant**

With the help of Equitable Education Solutions, Southmont Schools has been awarded the Indiana Department of Education's Comprehensive School Counseling Grant. This highly selective and innovative grant will provide more than \$400,000 dollars towards Southmont's efforts to develop comprehensive student support services and redesign the existing school counseling programs. Grant dollars will enable Southmont to address student needs through a graduation pathways director, elementary mental health counselor and Second Step Curriculum. Licensed social worker, Dr. Lori Goss-Reaves, will provide direct mental health services to staff through the Listen and



Lighten program, lend her expertise to improving Southmont's support services for both students and staff, and ensure optimal coordination of available mental health services for families. At a time when

See SOUTHMONT Page A5

Marian Lane...Sweet Lady Or Cold-Blooded Killer?



BUTCH DALE Columnist

Marian Lane, a former resident of Darlington, was born in 1905. She lived a long life, passing away in 1998 at the age of 93. Below are some comments from people who knew Marian in her later years...

One of Marian's most admirable qualities was her generosity. Through the years, she helped nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends by buying them clothing, furniture, gifts, trips, and even cars. She helped the younger ones with school tuitions. She always had a proj-



Marian Lane

ect going on in which she sent money to someone. On trips overseas she carried gifts to the local people...clothing, shoes, food, toys, and she made many new friends there. Her generosity was overwhelming. Another one of her good qualities was her compassion for people. This was instilled in her by her parents, and she truly cared

See BUTCH Page A5

Expanding The 4-H Reach

Started in Ohio in 1902, the national 4-H program has a rich history. 4-H was created as a way to connect new agricultural developments from universities to those adults farming in local communities.

According to National 4-H, researchers found that young people were more willing to be open-minded about new ways of thinking and would

experiment





with new ideas and share their experiences with adults. We see this practical and "hands-on" learning approach still today within the 4-H program.

As the largest youth development organization in the nation, 4-H continues to reach and impact many youth. So far this year, we are excited to welcome 85 first year members that are in regular 4-H (currently in grades 3-12). We also have 53 first year Mini 4-H members (currently in grades K-2). While our overall program total was up 8.3% in 2022 as compared to 2021,

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The Daily Almanac

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Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 7:46 a.m. SET: 6:17 p.m.

High/Low **Temperatures** High: 42 °F

Low: 33 °F Today is...

• The Inbox Day What Happened

• Teddy Day

On This Day • 1906 HMS Dreadnought, the first of a revolutionary new breed of battleships, is christened

• 1967 The 25th Amendment to the US Constitution is ratified

Births On This Day

- 1890 Boris Pasternak Russian author, poet and Nobel Prize laureate
- 1929 Jerry Goldsmith American composer and conductor

Deaths On This Day

• 1837 Alexander Pushkin Russian author and poet

• 1932 Edgar Wallace English journalist, author and playwright

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 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 impact in the lives of young people, and these scholarships are one way that they hope to support the next generation of leaders and community servants. The club invites all eligible students to apply for this opportunity to further their education and achieve their

Applications for the scholarships will be available through the counselors at local

⇒See KIWANIS Page A5

⇒ HONEST HOOSIER

Here's a tip of the seed corn cap to my buddy John Marlowe. Godspeed on your health and recovery!



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TODAY'S QUOTE

"If I had a single flower for every time I think about you, I could walk through my garden forever." Claudia Adrienne Grandi

TODAY'S JOKE

What'd one oar say to the other

oar? How about a little row-mance!



PAGE A2 FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 2023

Senators Young And Kaine Introduce Bill To Formally End Gulf And Iraq Wars

Yesterday, U.S. Senators Todd Young and Tim Kaine (D-Va.) and U.S. Representatives Barbara Lee (D-CA-12), Chip Roy (R-TX-21), Abigail Spanberger (D-VA-07) and Tom Cole (R-OK-04) reintroduced bipartisan legislation to repeal the 1991 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force (AUMFs), to formally end the Gulf and Iraq wars, and to reassert Congress' Constitutional role in deciding whether and when to send our servicemembers into harm's way.

The 1991 and 2002 AUMFs—which passed 32 and 20 years ago, respectively—authorized the use of force for the Gulf and Iraq wars, but Congress has failed to repeal these AUMFs to prevent potential misuse by future presidents.

This bill would also enhance the relationship the United States now has with a sovereign, democratic Iraq.

"In 1991, Congress authorized America's involvement in the first Gulf War. Eleven years later, Congress again acted to authorize the invasion of Iraq. Today, Iraq is a strategic partner of the United States in advancing the security and stability of the Middle East. Sadly, according to these laws that are

still on the books, Iraq is still technically an enemy of the United States, said Senator Young.

He went on to say, "This inconsistency and inaccuracy should be corrected. Congress must do its job and take seriously the decision to not just commit America to war, but to affirmatively say that we are no longer at war. Our bipartisan legislation will repeal the outdated and unnecessary 1991 and 2002 Authorizations for the Use of Military Force and ensure Congress fulfills its constitutional responsibility.'

"Congress is responsible for both declaring wars and ending them because decisions as important as whether or not to send our troops into harm's way warrant careful deliberation and consensus," said Senator Kaine.

"The 1991 and 2002 AUMFs are no longer necessary, serve no operational purpose, and run the risk of potential misuse. Congress owes it to our servicemembers, veterans, and families to pass our bill repealing these outdated AUMFs and formally ending the Gulf and Iraq wars.

"Three presidents have come and gone since Congress last voted to authorize a US invasion

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY COMMISSIONERS' CERTIFICATE

SALE

Montgomery County Indiana
Beginning 9:00 AM Local Time, April 3, 2023

www.zeusauction.com

STATE OF INDIANA

Montgomery County

Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly and by resolution of the Montgomery County Commissioners, notice is hereby given that the following

described tracts or items of real property are listed for sale for delinquent taxes and/or

The minimum sale prices listed below are less than the minimum sale prices when offered in the immediately preceding county tax sale held under Section 5 of IC

6-1.1-24 and include all fees and expenses of the county directly attributable to the Commissioners' Certificate Sale. The Montgomery County Commissioners will accept

bids for the certificates of sale, for the price referred to in IC 6-1.1-24-6.1(a)(3).

The public auction will be conducted as an electronic sale under IC 6-1.1-24-

2(b)10, at the following web site: www.zeusauction.com. The public auction will begin on 04/03/2023 at 9:00 AM local time. The properties in the online auction will

commence closing at 4:00 PM local time on 04/03/2023 at www.zeusauction.com. Each property will have its specific closing time posted on the auction web site.

If you are interested in participating in this public auction, registration information and the procedures you must follow to bid are available online at https:// www.zeusauction.com. In order to participate, you must become a member of the auction web site (www.zeusauction.com). You must read, understand and agree to the

rules of sale and payment terms. Once you become a member of the auction web site, you must register for the Montgomery County auction, specifically.

Please note that in order to bid in the online public auction, you must both complete IRS Form W-9 and agree to the registration statement described at IC 6-1.1-

an Indiana Commissioners' Certificate Sale must provide to the county treasurer, a Certificate of Existence or Foreign Registration Statement in accordance with IC 5-23

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for

properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may be obtained at www.sriservices.com or in an alternative form upon request.

A person redeeming each tract or item of real property after the sale of the certificate must pay: (A) the amount of the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-

24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale; (B) ten percent (10%) of the amount for which the certificate is sold; (C) the attorney's fees and costs

of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (D) the costs of a title search or of examining

and updating the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property; (E) all taxes and

special assessments on the tract or item of real property paid by the purchaser after the sale of the certificate plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on

the amount of taxes and special assessments paid by the purchaser on the redeemed property; and (F), all costs of sale, advertising costs, and other expenses of the county

directly attributable to the sale of the certificate.

If the certificate is sold for an amount more than the minimum bid under Section

5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale and the property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the tract or item of real

property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a

Indiana law prohibits a person who owes delinquent taxes, special assessments penalties, interest, or costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, from purchasing

penalues, interest, or costs uncerty attributable to a prior tax sale, from purchasing tracts or items of real property at a tax sale. Prior to bidding at a tax sale, each bidder must affirm under the penalties for perjury that he or she does not owe delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, amounts from a final adjudication in favor of a political subdivision in this

county, any civil penalties imposed for the violation of a building code or ordinance of this county, or any civil penalties imposed by a health department in this county.

Further, each bidder must acknowledge that any successful bid made in violation of the above statement is subject to forfeiture. In the event of forfeiture, the bid amount

shall be applied to the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs, judgments, or civil penalties of the ineligible bidder, and a certificate will be issued to

the county executive.

The Commissioners specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any

parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to the start or during the duration of the auction. The Auditor's Office does

not warrant the accuracy of the key numbers or street addresses published herein and

any misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise

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LLC BROOKSTONE SUBDIVISION DETENTION POND #1 South of 3002

24-5.3(c)electronically, through the auction web site.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1, a business entity that seeks to register to bid in

from the Secretary of State.

right to the tax sale surplus

Dated: 02/10/2023

Willowbrook dr. (Brookstone sub-div)

Meeting Notes

Southmont Schools Board of Trustees

Regular School Board Meeting

Corporation Board

Room Monday, Feb. 13,

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Senators Young and

Kaine's bill has garnered

passed the Senate Foreign

(SFRC) in August 2021.

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AUMFs in June 2021.

The full text of the

young.senate.gov/imo/

media/doc/AUMF%20

2023.pdf.

bill is available online at

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they first introduced it

in 2019, and their bill

Relations Committee

The House voted to

ian Senator Kaine for

"I'm proud to be a part

office. Yet the legacy

2023 - 6 p.m. **AGENDA**

Executive Session The Board of School Trustees will meet in Executive Session on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023 at 5 p.m. in the corporation board room to receive information about and interview prospective employees, to discuss job performance evaluation of individual employees and to train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials, pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1.

I. Call to Order II. Pledge of Alle-

giance III. Roll Call

IV. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors.

We will recognize Student & Staff of the Month for all schools. V. Revisions to Agen-

da VI. Public Comments

(All Items) VII. Consent Agenda: (minutes, monthly claims, field trips/facilities usage, contributions/

gifts and personnel) Minutes from previous meetings

Claims/Payrolls Personnel:

-Angie Brown - Title One Teacher - New Market Elementary School.

-Elizabeth Newnum - HS Band Teacher -Maternity Leave Request - Feb. 22, 2023 - end of 2022-23 school and will return for the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

-Paige Hewitt - Band & Music Sub for Elizabeth Newnum - maternity leave - March 13, 2023 through May 26, 2023.

-Ms. Kathryn Dory Band & Music Sub for Elizabeth Newnum - maternity leave - Feb. 27, 2023 through March 10, 2023.

-Lesley Lashley -

Homebound Teacher for a Jr. High student.

-Jamie McCormick - Virtual Homebound Teacher for a Jr. High student.

-Approve resignation of Sadie McCormick -Nurse - Jr. & Sr. High Schools – effective 2 weeks from Feb. 6.

-Cheryl Politz - Jr. High Secretary.

-Shasta Cottrell -School Computer Technician.

-Darcy Weiler - Instructional Assistant - Jr. High.

-Cara Troutman - Clinical Assistant/Secretary - Jr. High. -Jason Kelsey - JH As-

sistant Wrestling Coach - Volunteer. -Ed McGaughey - 8th

grade Baseball Coach -\$1250.00. -Javier Hernandez - 8th

grade Assistant Baseball Coach - Volunteer. -Shawn Scott - 8th

grade Assistant Baseball Coach - Volunteer. -Elliott Franklin - 7th

grade Baseball Coach -\$1250.00. -Tim Flagg - JH Track

Coach - \$1500.00. -Amy Reeves- JH Assistant Track Coach -

-James Gary - JH Assistant Track Coach -\$1053.00.

-Matt Gilliland - JH

\$1053.00.

Girls Tennis Coach -\$1500.00. -Michael Allen - JH

Golf Coach - \$1000.00. -Reecie (Gilliam) Allard - JH Softball Coach \$1250.00.

-Jake Allard - JH Assistant Softball Coach - Volunteer.

-Desson Hannum -Varsity Track Coach --Shelley Allen - Varsi-

ty Assistant Track Coach - \$1125.00. -Brad Acton - Varsity

Assistant Track Coach --Jeremiah Sparks -

arsity Assistant Track Coach - \$1125.00. -Justin Lowe - Varsity

Assistant Track Coach --Matt Allen - Varsity Assistant Track Coach -

Volunteer.

-Matt Williams - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - Volunteer.

-Ron Hess - Varsity Assistant Track Coach -

Volunteer. -Dan Taylor - Varsity Softball Coach -

\$5000.00. -Chet Remley - Varsity Assistant Softball Coach

- \$2000.00. -Kathryn Yoakum - JV Softball Coach -

\$1654.00. -Barry Lewis - Varsity Assistant Softball Coach

 Volunteer. -Bill Whalen - Varsity Boys Golf Coach -

\$3000.00. -Cameron Marine -Varsity Assistant Boys Golf Coach - \$1500.00.

-Rob Reimondo - Varsity Girls Tennis Coach - \$4000.00.

-Kirk Jones - Varsity Assistant Girls Tennis

Coach - \$1500.00. -Bill Woods - Varsity Baseball Coach -

\$5000.00.

-Dan Chadd - Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach - \$2000.00.

-Reese Long - JV Baseball Coach -\$1654.00.

-Donations made to Walnut Elementary in the amount of \$75.00, to Ladoga Elementary in the amount of \$210.00 and to Southmont High School in the amount of \$1275.00.

-SA-5 Reports from Corporation Office, Ladoga Elementary, New Market Elementary and Walnut Elementary for the period of July 1, 2022 through Dec. 31, 2022.

-FFA trip to National Soils Contest in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on May 1,2023 through May 6, 2023

-MCU Band winter stipends in the amount of \$2500.00.

VIII. Report from Superintendent

A. NEOLA Board

Policies Updates - 1st B. Transportation

C. Change Jr. & Sr. High Schools to semes-D. Change in school

start times. IX. Adjournment

Meeting Notes

Crawfordsville **Community School Corporation**

Board of Education -Regular Meeting Thursday, Feb. 9,

2023, at 6 p.m. Laura G. Hose Elementary, 800 Fairview

Crawfordsville, Indiana

AGENDA I. Roll Call II. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Corpora-

tion - Pillar of Citizen-

ship III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Spotlight on Excel-

V. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Board of Finance Minutes, **Construction Accounts** Pavable Voucher, Pavroll Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Voucher and Surplus Items

VI. Building Principal Report – Jennifer Hall, Principal, Hose Elementary VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

a. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

b. Consider Money Market Account for **School Corporation Funds**

c. Consider new bus purchase d. Consider CHS Base-

ball Team travel request to Tennessee for their annual Spring Break trip, March 29-April 1 IX. Personnel

a. Consider Resignation of Leslie Peacock - CARA Program

b. Consider Resignation of Sarah Bridges -

Instructor

CMS Math Teacher c. Consider Resignation of Amie Cox - Dis-

trict Media Specialist

d. Consider Retirement of Sue Jackson - Special Ed Teacher CMS

e. Recommend Heather Caudill - Hose Recep-

X. Associate Superintendent Report XI. Superintendent

Report

XII. Other XIII. Board Members

Communication XIV. Patron Com-

XV. Adjournment



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Total Number of Properties: 8 I hereby certify that the above real properties have been offered in one tax sale, not received a bid for at least the amount required under I.C. 6-1.1-24-5 and have been identified in a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for Montgomery County na, to be offered for sale

542200059 54-07-31-441-101.000-030 \$100.00 HELTON TINA JO PT 31-19-4 .20 A 2 Lots east of 221 Crane Dr.

Mindy Byers, Auditor, Montgomery County Indiana.

The Latest News And Notes From Kenny

Two former Purdue standouts who skipped the Citrus Bowl game ostensibly to avoid injury and improve their NFL prospects succeeded on the first goal but their professional outlook doesn't seem to have changed significantly.

Quarterback Aidan O'Connell is projected to be a mid-to-late Day 3 pick, which ranges from the fourth through seventh rounds, by ESPN.com writer Jordan Reid. O'Connell was ranked 10th on Reid's NFL Draft quarterback rankings following the East-West and Senior bowls.

"O'Connell has a quick, over-the-top release, and he's a timing-based passer who gets the ball out in a hurry," Reid states. "And despite an average arm, he shows the ability to anticipate when throwing to the intermediate areas and quickly process presnap reads to attack the underneath areas.

"During practices at the Shrine Bowl, O'Connell was sharp in getting through his reads and placing the ball in adequate spots for his targets. He displayed efficient footwork and was often able to marry it up with concepts that were asked of him. If O'Connell improves ball placement consistency, he could be a popular target for teams in the fourth or fifth round.'

Reid sees a potential fit for O'Connell with the Los Angeles Chargers,



KEN THOMPSON Columnist

who feature Justin Herbert as the starting quarterback. Veteran backup Chase Daniel and Easton Stick are the other QBs on the Chargers roster.

"O'Connell needs to be in a scheme that keeps him on schedule, and the Chargers are an ideal fit because of their propensity to rely on getting the ball out quickly," Reid writes. "O'Connell's at his best when he can make quick decisions and keep pass-rushers from bearing down on him.'

Tight end Payne Durham was ranked among a short list of players who impressed during Senior Bowl practices and game action.

NFL.com writer Eric Edholm says to look past meager bowl game statistics (two receptions for 24 yards, plus a two-point conversion) in Durham's case.

"Durham appeared to improve with each day during practice and might have saved his best for Saturday's game," Edholm writes. "Durham ... showed off impressive athleticism for a 258-pounder.

"It unquestionably was

a productive week for Durham, who at times outshined the more ballyhooed Luke Musgrave (Oregon State) in the buzz department, making several contested catches this week. Considering that Durham, a former lacrosse player, didn't play football until late in high school and arguably was underused at times for the Boilermakers, he's a rising prospect worth keeping tabs on."

Three other Boilermakers are also draft prospects: cornerback Cory Trice, linebacker/ safety Jalen Graham and All-American wide receiver Charlie Jones.

Football transfer talk Former Texas quarterback Hudson Card may be the instant impact transfer for Purdue football in 2023, but another new Boilermaker could be instrumental in keep-

ing Card's jersey clean. Jalen Grant, a former guard at Bowling Green, is among the 10 "more important than you think Big Ten transfers" in On3.com writer Mike Huguenin's opinion.

The 6-3, 285-pound Grant was a three-year starter who also has experience at center, which could ease concerns about Purdue's threeyear starting center Gus Hartwig's recovery from a knee injury.

Huguenin speculates that Grant could step into the role vacated by Spencer Holstege's transfer to UCLA.

Grant is one of five transfers, so far, added by first-year coach Ryan Walters. In addition to Card, the others are defensive lineman Isaiah Nichols and safety Anthony Brown from Arkansas, and former Stanford defensive back Salim Turner-Muhammad.

Future Indiana offensive lineman Max Longman (Massachusetts) and former Hoosiers tight end AJ Barner, now at Michigan, also made Huguenin's list. The 6-4, 302-pound Longman was a three-year starter who played for new IU offensive coordinator Walt Bell. Barner was Indiana's third-leading receiver in 2022.

One more accolade for Edey

With his selection as co-Big Ten Player of the Week on Monday, Purdue junior center Zach Edey is just one more Big Ten honor away from matching the single-season league record.

Ohio State great Evan Turner was chosen Player of the Week seven times during the 2010-11 season. Edey's sixth award was shared with Indiana's Trayce Jackson-Davis for the second week in a row.

Edey tied the late Caleb Swanigan, who was named Big Ten Player of the Week six times in 2016-17, for the Purdue record.

Against Penn State and Indiana, Edey averaged 25.5 points, 15.5 rebounds, 2.0 blocks and 1.5 assists in 30 minutes

per game. He shot 22-of-28 (.786) from the field and 7-of-9 (.778) from the free throw line in the two games.

Edey leads the nation with 19 double-doubles, second in rebounds (13.2 per game) and fourth in scoring (22.4). His six games with at least 30 points and 10 rebounds is more than the rest of the Big Ten combined (5).

He's also doing it against the best teams. In 10 games against foes ranked in the nation's top 50, Edey is averaging 25 points and 13 rebounds while shooting better than 60 percent.

The top-ranked Boilermakers took a threegame lead in the Big Ten (with seven games to play) over Indiana and Rutgers into Thursday night's home game against Iowa.

C-Plus for Purdue Not surprisingly, the hire of first-time head coach Ryan Walters did not receive high marks from college football writer Stuart Mandel of The Athletic.

The Boilermakers were given a C-plus, puzzling Mandel by shying away from their history of offensive head coaches. "The 36-yearold did a fantastic job at Illinois, producing the nation's No. 2 defense at a program with little recent success," Mandel writes. "But the two best coaches in modern Purdue history, Joe Tiller and (Jeff) Brohm, were offensive innovators. Hiring a defensive-focused coach at a program that will always struggle to amass as much talent as the top half of the Big Ten seems a tad risky."

Not surprisingly, Mandel gave Wisconsin an "A" for hiring Luke Fickell and an A-minus for Nebraska's choice of Matt Rhule.

"Fickell feels like the ideal coach to uphold the program's deep-rooted blue-collar identity while also modernizing it.

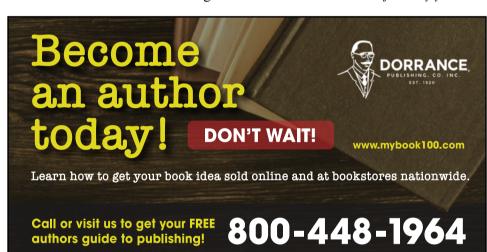
"The 47-year-old (Rhule) previous orchestrated remarkable turnarounds at Temple and Baylor, which should prove valuable in undertaking what could be a massive rebuild in Lincoln."

Louisville also received an "A" for luring hometown hero Jeff Brohm away from West Lafayette.

"My 2016-17 coaching grades have been washed from the internet, but I'm fairly sure I gave Purdue an A for hiring Brohm," Mandel writes. "Louisville gets the same for bringing him home. Brohm is an outstanding offensive coach who led the Boilers to their best run in two decades. and now he returns to a school and a city where he and his family are football royalty. That's a lot to like."

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Indiana Senators Pass 'Site Of Service' Bill With Reservations

By Whitney Downard

A bill dictating payments for certain health services based on location — or site of service — cleared a Senate health committee Wednesday, though nearly every senator voiced concerns with the bill.

Senate Bill 6 passed 8-4 with bipartisan votes on both sides, but at least five of the 'yes' votes expressed reservations about the measure.

"I think this is a flawed bill unintentionally," Sen. Liz Brown, R-Fort Wayne, said, before voting yes on the Senate priority bill

Supporters say that they, through their insurance coverage, shouldn't have to pay hospital-level prices for care delivered at outpatient clinics owned by hospitals. But hospitals argue that these clinics – whether or not they're physically part of the hospital – operate under the same regulations and standards set for hospitals.

Hospital prices are typically higher due to the intensive, 24/7 services offered and specialized equipment. Opponents said the bill would cost hospitals billions.

Valparaiso Republican
Sen. Ed Charbonneau,
the proposal's author,
acknowledged the work
ahead for the bill and
assured critics that he
wouldn't rush the bill
through the chamber. He
said he planned to hold the
bill on second reading –
which allows for amendments from the Senate –
until the bill deadline at the
end of the month.

Employers seek relief from high health care costs

Employers' organizations spearheaded the support for the bill, which wouldn't directly decrease hospital prices but rather decrease costs to those paying for insurance coverage. Under the bill, the site of service – which could include nearly all outpatient treatment depending on the definition – would determine the payment.

Andrew Berger, the senior vice president of the Indiana Manufacturer's Association, criticized the large reserves held by hospitals – enough to

cover operations at some hospitals for up to 260 days – when the state itself only held enough in its reserves to fund 85 days.

"And I don't think anybody would say that Indiana's finances aren't in good shape," he said.

Berger shared health care costs for several national employers with employees in Indiana, saying companies routinely paid more for health care costs for their Hoosier employees.

One company averaged \$12,000 nationally per employee, compared to \$16,000 for Hoosiers. Another reported health care costs were 15-20% higher in Indiana, even if their Hoosier employees were healthier than their out-of-state counterparts.

"The fact that employers have a premium they have to pay to employ someone in Indiana... is a problem that can't go unaddressed," Berger said.

Gloria Sachdev, the president and CEO of the Employers' Forum of Indiana, said hospitals purchased independent clinics and then charged patients more, which adds to costs for employers.

"(We should) pay for offices at the same rate no matter who owns the office because the service is the same," Sachdev said.

Hospitals decry intervention in private negotiations

Hospital representatives said their rate negotiations with insurers already tried to consider the different costs at clinics versus hospital campuses but this bill overrode all of that work on site of service issues.

Gregg Ferlin, a CFO for the parent company of Community Healthcare System in Northwest Indiana, said that his system alone could lose up to \$40 million.

"I'm not exaggerating; this bill will lead to closures and more consolidations," Ferlin said. "We operate facilities across the Region; this is for ease of patient care and local services. We're going to be looking at patients driving further for services or, in some cases, not getting service at all."

Hospitals say that reimbursement rates for government programs haven't kept pace with costs, meaning health care providers must recoup the loss elsewhere – typically with private insurance holders.

Testimony decried the state's low insurance reimbursements for physicians, which are some of the lowest in the country. According to the off-cited RAND study putting Indiana's hospital costs at 7th in the nation, Indiana ranks fourth-lowest for physician reimbursements as a percentage of Medicare.

Joining a hospital, which receives a higher reimbursement rate, can help those independent physicians who have less bargaining power with insurers, hospitals said.

Republican Sen. Vaneta Becker, whose Evansville district butts up against the Kentucky state border and sits close to Illinois, said her local hospital, Deaconess, had met the national average for care.

But under this bill, certain off-campus treatments like cancer services, would have to close because the system could lose money.

"How is that good for care?" asked Becker, who was one of the four senators to vote against the bill.

Insurers sit out this debate

Senators and testimony alike openly questioned why no insurance representatives had appeared to testify on site of service language. Charbonneau asked committee members to limit testimony related to insurers, who have their own bills.

Marty Wood, the president of the Insurance Institute of Indiana, said while many insurance stakeholders watched the meeting, the site of service bill didn't have a direct impact on their industry.

"This is a payment issue and the ultimate payers of these hospital fees, these provider fees, are the business groups," Wood said. "... the truth of the matter is, this is really more of an issue that impacts the employers."

Wood noted that their lobbyist, Maddie Howe Augustus, has testified on insurance-specific issues, including prior authorization, and she was scheduled to speak on a separate

bill Wednesday morning in the House insurance committee that ultimately wasn't called.

But Wood noted that health care testimony, particularly on thorny issues, frequently pits insurers against hospitals and is unproductive.

"It kind of devolves into, 'Who's the bigger evil?'," he said.

But Wood said his association, which represents industry interests, supported the bill overall so that "facility billing is reflective of where the services were actually presented."

He said that physician reimbursement is an issue that insurers wanted to participate in but that high hospital reimbursement rates overwhelmed the discussion.

"We want to be involved in discussions on that but those discussions are never going to take place as long as we've got hospital reimbursements in the top 10 in the country and so much higher than the average," Wood said. "And, obviously, so much higher than what the costs really are."

SB 6 is one of several bills under consideration in the General Assembly as an attempt to reduce above-average health care costs for Hoosiers, which several researchers have attributed to the monopolization and vertical integration of health care under the state's hospital systems.

Non-profit hospitals, especially, have been a target for legislators, as their reported revenues and investment income increased even during the pandemic.

Though lawmakers in both chambers have heard testimony on several bills, only one other priority bill has advanced – Senate Bill 7, which limits noncompete agreements for physicians.

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When Left To My Own Devices . . .



DICK WOLFSIE Life in a Nutshell

Mary Ellen and I compete against each other every evening as we watch Jeopardy! I usually win because she is also playing Sudoku and is only listening to the show. She doesn't realize the closed captions come up on the screen to reveal the answer before contestants buzz in. So, when I hear a clue like: It's the highest point in South Dakota, I yell out: "What is Black Elk Peak?" Mary Ellen is impressed and always asks, "How did you know that?" That question would be easier to answer if I were willing to admit to cheating.

There's more competition in our household. Right now, we have the following electronic devices plugged in: my Amazon Fire, Mary Ellen's Kindle, my Apple Watch, her Fitbit. Three Alexa Echoes, and two iPhones. Oh, and a landline phone, which I seldom use. But you'd have to pry it from my cold dead hands. I'm old school.

I purchased new hearing aids before the holidays. These are incredible devices that have changed my life, but not always for the better. You see, these devices are intended to interface with other electronic devices, which has caused somewhat of a bidding war for my undivided attention.

When I am jogging, for example, my cell phone might ring. I hear that ring through my hearing aids. But then I must dig the phone out of my sweatpants pocket

and select how I want to converse with the caller: over my headset, through my hearing aids, on the speaker or holding the phone to my ear. Here I am moving at a blistering three miles per hour and they expect me to make this decision on the run. Well, it's not really a run, but still it's a blistering three miles per hour. I know one thing: whichever option I choose, the phrase "Can you hear me now?" is bound to be said about a half dozen times during the call.

The other night I asked Alexa to play John Legend. My Apple Watch chimed in and said: "Sorry, to hear John Legend you must sign up for Apple Music."

"I'm not talking to you," I yelled at my wrist. Then I realized I should watch my tone because all the gadgets in my house are monitoring me. They know my most personal secrets. Best not to disrespect them.

Recently, during a nap, I was awakened when one of my wife's audio books for her monthly book club starting coming though my hearing aids. No matter what I did, I couldn't turn the sound off. Later that week, I was the only person at the woman's book club discussion that hated "Bridget Jones's Diary."

Just this past weekend, I asked Alexa what the weather would be like for the coming week. After a brief pause, she said: "I'm sorry, I can't answer that question while you are driving your car."

"I am not driving," I told her. "I am on my treadmill, going at the blistering speed of...."

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Applications Available For Indiana Court Of Appeals

Chief Justice Loretta
Rush announced yesterday that the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission will begin accepting
applications for a vacancy
on the Court of Appeals.
The position on the state's
second highest court will
become available when
Judge Margret Robb
retires this summer.

The chief justice encourages eligible Indiana judges and lawyers to consider applying. Applications are due by March 17 at 12 p.m.

A candidate for the vacancy must be an Indiana resident living in the second appellate district. Candidates must also be a member of the Indiana Bar for at least ten years or have served as an Indiana judge for five years.

The application—which must be submitted online through the Indiana Courts Portal and in hard copy to the Judicial Nominating Commission—requires candidates to provide pertinent background information, writing samples, references, and educational

transcripts.

With Chief Justice Rush as chair, the seven-member Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission includes three lawyers elected by their peers and three citizen members appointed by the Governor. The Commission will consider the applications and letters of recommendation and then will conduct public interviews of qualified candidates.

Interviews are expected to be conducted April 24-25 and May 23. After deliberating in executive session, the Commission will publicly vote to send the three most qualified names to Governor Eric Holcomb. The Governor will have 60 days to select Indiana's next Court of Appeals judge from the three names submitted by the Commission.

Details on the Commission are available online by visiting in.gov/courts/jqc/about/members/.

Those interested in applying may contact Commission Staff Attorney, Luba Gore, at lyubov. gore@courts.in.gov.

Committee Scales Down Pregnancy Child Support Proposal

By Leslie Bonilla Muñiz

House lawmakers on Wednesday approved a scaled-back version of a bill that originally would've let expectant mothers claim child support beginning at conception — in the wake of Indiana's much-litigated abortion ban.

Instead, the House
Judiciary Committee
stripped the bill and
replaced it with language
allowing courts to make
fathers pay for a wider
range of expenses, amid
fears the original language
would open up a can of
legal worms.

Indiana law already allows court orders to include half of costs for prenatal and postnatal care, delivery, and hospitalization. The amended House Bill 1009 would add two more options: "other necessary expenses" related to birth, and "postpartum" expenses.

"When we talk about [birth-related expenses], I want you to think about everything that's needed from the day that you

walk out of the hospital," said Rep. Elizabeth Rowray, R-Yorktown. That could include a car seat, a crib, mattress, blanket, diapers, wipes, nursing supplies and more.

"You can't wait for child support to kick in a month later," she said.

Postpartum expenses, Rowray added, could mean medical issues that develop during pregnancy or birth, like those who lose their teeth because of hormonal changes.

"I think that adding [the provisions] in here is really necessary to make sure that the children that are being born have everything they need on the day" upon discharge from a hospital, she said.

Legal fears remain Though the bill did away with a novel attempt to expand child support through the 40 weeks of pregnancy, some still saw potential legal trouble in

the replacement language.
The term "other
necessary expenses"
could lead to "creative
lawyering" or "overlawyering," said Andrew

Soshnick, a family law attorney speaking on behalf of the Indiana State Bar Association's Family & Juvenile Law Section.

He said it could also overlap with child support provisions currently on the books.

The term "postpartum," could also engender legal fights about causation, Soshnick said: did pregnancy cause the medical issue, or would it have happened regardless — and should the father now pay for it?

And he said that the bill could be vulnerable to legal challenges over income, because the new provisions could encompass child support-like expenses, but the 50-50 divide doesn't account for differences in income.

"Is this a deviation from the income-shares model ... that the Indiana Supreme Court, in adopting this rule, could find inappropriate?" Soshnick asked. "Again, we don't have the answers. We're simply pointing out potential issues with respect to this legislation as drafted."

But for others, the bill was still a way to boost support for Hoosier families.

"I know a lot of other people were really hopeful that it wouldn't just end with things being antiabortion, but that it would actually be pro-life, and that there would be bills that would help support mothers, babies and families, said Angela Espada, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference.

"We see this bill as doing that," she concluded.

The committee approved the bill unanimously, 11-0. It now moves to the full House for any new amendments.

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The Indiana Department of Education identified the importance of the grant as "developing a framework for school counseling programs in the state of Indiana that keeps access to pathways and opportunities top of mind and will help ensure more Hoosier students are prepared for a dynamic future, whether they choose employment,

enrollment, or enlistment leading to service." This grant purpose aligns with the Southmont Schools' vision of providing a challenging, dynamic learning experience which empowers students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to succeed in the future. Dr. Chad Cripe, Superintendent of Southmont Schools, says "Southmont Schools is laser-focused on increasing student outcomes and opportunities for success. This grant gives our staff more tools in their toolbox to best meet the unique needs of our students."

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about people. She cared for the sick, the unfortunate, for the downtrodden, and for anyone in need."

"Marian had a sense of adventure, and every time she left the house for a trip, exciting things would happen. She loved riding in a car, seeing the scenery, and being with people. Marian visited friends and relatives, she laughed, and she loved life. Her father would have been proud of his daughter, for indeed she loved people, and a lot of people loved her in return.

But hold on, readers, there is a little more to this story....What was Marian like in her younger years?

You see...Marian Lane was not her real name. Marian's real name was Winnie Ruth McKinnell. Her father was the minister at the Free Methodist Church right in Darlington. As a young child, Winnie Ruth contracted pneumonia and then tuberculosis, which affected her throughout her entire life. Her parents were strict. She was never allowed to attend a circus, carnival, ball game, movie, skating rink, or other fun activities. Her mother did not allow her to wear jewelry. Winnie Ruth lived a depressed life, and she never felt like she "fit in" with the other students in her class, but she liked everyone and she wanted others to

like her. At the age of 19, she married Dr. William Judd, age 41. She worshipped him because he could relieve people of their suffering, and he adored her. However, the marriage did not work out, and Winnie moved to Phoenix, Arizona, taking a job as a medical secretary. She shared an apartment with two other women, Anne LeRoi and Hedvig Samuelson. Still married to Dr. Judd, Winnie had an affair with a married man. It is believed that her two roommates were

Winnie Ruth Judd

also infatuated with this man.

And then on Octo-

ber 16, 1931, a violent confrontation occurred between Winnie and her roomamates. Winnie fought for her life. She suffered a beating and received a bullet wound to one hand. She in turn shot her roommates, killing both of them, then allegedly dismembered the bodies and stuffed the remains into baggage trunks. When the baggage trunks were found, she was arrested and charged with murder. Winnie Ruth was never given a chance to speak at her trial. People who knew her claimed she could not stand the sight of blood and wouldn't hurt a fly. Despite conflicting evidence and questionable testimony by others, she was convicted and sentenced to hang. Winnie Ruth Judd became known as "the trunk murderess" or "the tiger woman" in newspaper stories all over the country.

However, just a few hours before she headed to the gallows, a hearing determined that Winnie Ruth was insane. She was given a life sentence and committed to the Arizona State Hospital for the Insane. But Winnie Ruth was a very smart and cagey gal. She escaped from the insane asylum on seven different occasions...one time for seven years before she was recaptured. She had changed her name to Marian Lane and worked as a housekeeper during those times. She even visited Darlington on one occasion to see her childhood home.

With the help of famed attorney Melvin Belli, Winnie Ruth was eventually deemed sane and was pardoned by the governor of Arizona in 1971. Winnie had spent more time behind bars than any convicted murderer in the history of the United States. She continued using the name Marian Lane to avoid publicity. During her last years she visited Darlington again on three different occasions, visiting a friend, Marian Holladay, who had corresponded with her through the years.

Mrs. Holladay told me that Winnie Ruth never talked about what happened on that tragic day in 1931. Winnie stated,"The past is the past. I've never been a person to talk about things unpleasant." However, evidence showed that the trunks with the bodies had been moved. At that time, Winnie weighed 103 pounds and was very ill. As mentioned earlier, she had also suffered a bullet wound to one hand. Many people believe there had been a cover-up to protect her husband and her lover. The bodies had been dismembered with surgical precision, and her doctor husband at one time had been treated in an insane asylum for narcotic addiction. During all of the years that Winnie spent in the insane asylum, and during the times she had escaped, she was a caring and compassionate woman. Winnie Ruth Judd passed away on October 23, 1998. Only God knows the truth as to what happened on that night of October 16, 1931. Winnie Ruth Judd, the convicted killer... or...Marian Lane, a friend to all who knew her...may you rest in

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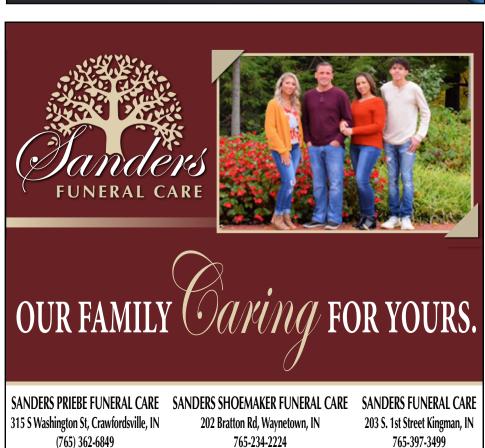
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