

# The Paper

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➔ **TODAY'S VERSE**

Isaiah 30:21 *And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.*

➔ **FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Ruthanna Williamson gives The Paper a beautiful smile. Thank you for your smile Ruthanna!

➔ **THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Chilean swimmer, Bárbara Hernández, has broken the Guinness World Record for swimming a distance of 1.55 miles in the frigid waters of Antarctica, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. And she did it wearing nothing more than a simple one-piece swimsuit in the 2.2 degrees Celsius waters off the coast of Greenwich Island. She had a purpose in mind when she decided to take a dip in some of the coldest waters on the planet. As she put it, "Swimming in Antarctica has been a dream I've had for years, and part of my longtime ambition to swim in parts of all seven of the world's oceans. Physically it has been incredibly tough, but all worth it if the message on the need for urgent action to protect these amazing waters reaches decision-makers."

**2** Local residents can take advantage of free massage sessions on the Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette campus during the Spring semester. The services to the public help students in the Therapeutic Massage programs learn real world skills they can use in their careers following graduation. The Ivy Tech Therapeutic Massage Spring Clinic helps students practice a variety of massage techniques. Appointments are available beginning February 14 and on subsequent Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesdays from 12:45 - 4 p.m. And Thursdays from 12:45 - 4 p.m. when school is in session. Cancellations are frequent; clients should check the website at Lafayette.clinicsense.com. often. The clinic is open to the public and the sessions are offered at no cost. Clients must be over the age of 18 and are limited to one session per week.

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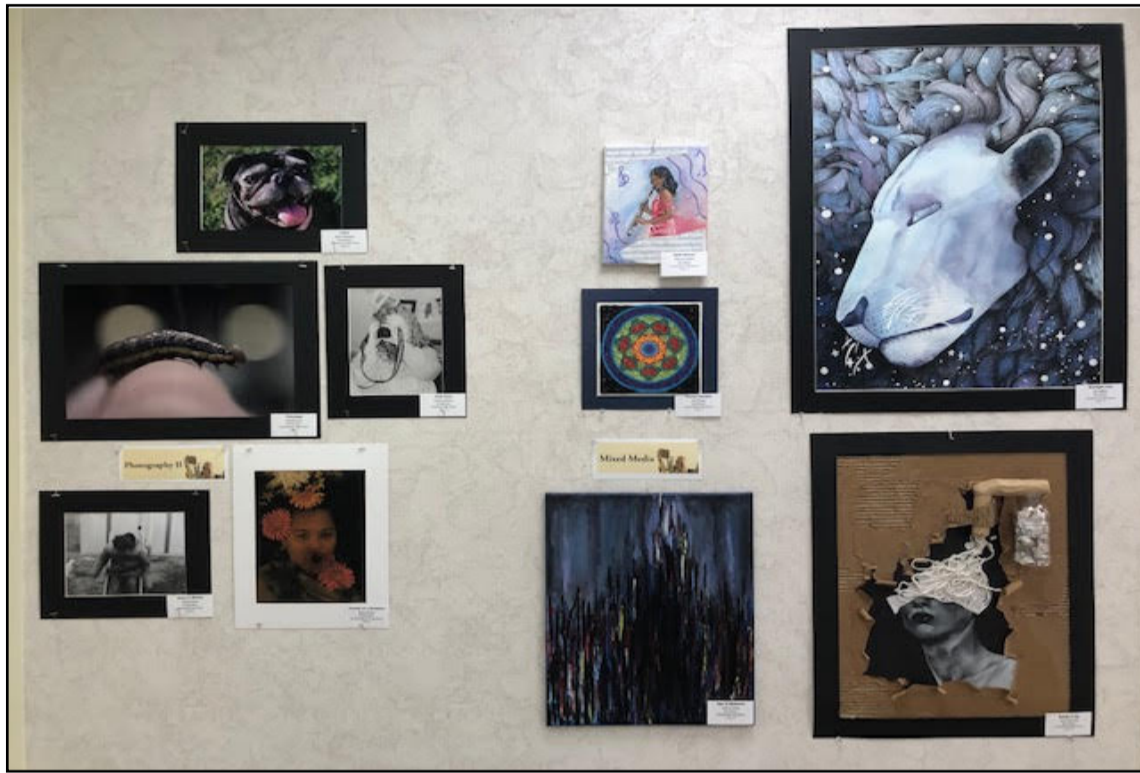


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## Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery

Are you interested in showing off your art for the county to see? We would be happy to exhibit your work from now through March 18, 2023!

There is no cost to display your art and items do not have to be for sale. If you decide to sell your work during the exhibition period, the gallery charges a 20% commission. The artist(s), or an artists-approved sponsor, may plan a reception and is responsible for any associated cost, as there is no budget to offer these types of services. Please contact the

Circulation department (circ@cdpl.lib.in.us) for more details about selling your artwork, reserving a meeting room, or making arrangements for a reception during CDPL hours of operation.

Artists are responsible for the installation and removal of artworks. A CDPL representative will be available to answer questions and provide limited assistance. All works to be hung must be inside the borders of the self-healing walls within the gallery space. No adhesives may be used; painter's tape or

mounting putty is acceptable. No items may be hung from the ceiling. Pedestals and easels must be requested in advance. Items on pedestals, easels, or freestanding sculptures may not block walkways, exits, or elevators, nor impede access to the library's collection. Any works left after 30 days without prior arrangements will become the property of CDPL. The MBM Gallery reserves the right to refuse any works at any time that it deems inappropriate for this all-ages, publicly-accessible space.

## Harshbarger Saga #2



**KAREN ZACH**  
Around The County

Lancaster County, PA (or Franklin) was the place this week's Saga feature, Jacob Harshbarger, entered the world on 24 June 1792, moving with his parents to Roanoke Valley as a child. In Roanoke 25 Oct 1814 he married Salome Ammen (born 17 May 1796



Botetourt Co VA daughter of Michael Ammen (Ammon) and Catherine Deardorf) and they were parents of eight children. They both passed away in Clark Township (6 June 1871 for her

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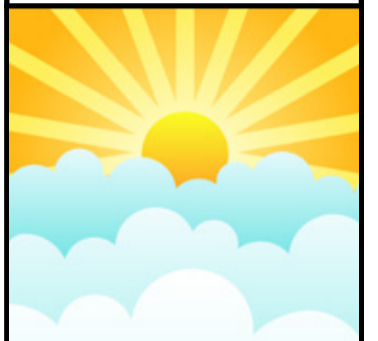
## Fatal Crash Wednesday

On Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023 at 2:04 p.m. the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to US 136 and CR 650 West regarding a crash with injury. It was reported a passenger car had flipped over.

Deputies arrived and determined that a 1995 Pontiac Sunfire, driven by Avery J. Osowski, 19, was traveling east on US 136. A 2007 International North Montgomery School Corporation bus had been traveling west on US 136 and was preparing to turn south onto CR 650 West when the Sunfire and bus collided. The collision caused the Sunfire to overturn. The school bus was being driven by Bradley Birge, 45, and

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## The Daily Almanac



**Sunrise/Sunset:**  
RISE: 7:39 a.m.  
SET: 6:24 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures:**  
High: 62 °F  
Low: 53 °F



**Today is...:**  
• Fat Thursday  
• Tim Tam Day



**What Happened On This Day:**

- 1945 The Alaska Equal Rights Act of 1945, the first anti-discrimination law in the United States, was signed into law
- 2005 The NHL cancels the entire 2004-05 regular season and playoffs



**Births On This Day:**  
• 1831 Nikolai Leskov Russian author, playwright and journalist  
• 1941 Kim Jong-il North Korean politician and 2nd Supreme Leader of North Korea

**Deaths On This Day:**  
• 1957 Josef Hofmann Polish/American pianist and composer  
• 2013 Tony Sheridan English singer-songwriter and guitarist

➔ **HONEST HOOSIER**

It was just about six years ago when North Korea fired a ballistic missile across the Sea of Japan. Today, they're firing missiles they say can reach us. And we're still telling them do it. Maybe Congress ought to quit wasting time on a bunch of stupid stuff and take a look at this before it's too late!



➔ **INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION**

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➔ **THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE Churches! Listen up!**

The Paper is offering any Montgomery County church a free ad to let folks know what time services are, sermon topics . . . or really, anything they want - something that is especially valuable as we all try to get people together in places of worship so that we can begin to find some common ground that unites us, instead of focusing on what divides us? If you represent a church and would like a free ad each week in our Faith section, just e-mail timmons@thepaper24-7.com.

➔ **TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side. My greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."  
Abraham Lincoln

➔ **TODAY'S JOKE**

What can you get at the barber-shop in the middle of winter?  
Cold cuts!

➔ **TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Eating whole grains instead of refined white starches results in less belly fat.  
Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



➔ **OBITUARIES**

**Phyllis Marie Gibson (Edwards)**

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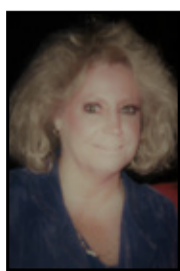
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THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED

## ➔ OBITUARIES

### Phyllis Marie Gibson (Edwards)

July 31, 1948 - Feb. 15, 2023

Phyllis Marie Gibson (Edwards) passed on Feb. 15, 2023. She was born on July 31, 1948 to Robert Max Edwards and Virginia Rose Graves. She is preceded in death by her parents. Phyllis is survived by daughter Angela Brewer (David), grandchildren Charlie and Frannie and daughter Leesa Todd (Dave), grandchildren Jarrett and Aly. Additionally, survived by siblings Nancy Clark, Judy Cochran, Carla Watson, Mike Edwards (Donna) and Andi Worrell (Warren) and her stepmother, Naomi Rose Edwards. Phyllis graduated from Coal Creek High School in 1966.



She was known for her outgoing personality. She was friendly, chatty and did not know a stranger. Phyllis was a great cook and loved to share food with others. She enjoyed playing cards and going to movies. Phyllis was everyone's biggest cheerleader. She instilled a confidence in me that I could accomplish anything. This trait is something I have worked to instill in my own children. I am grateful for this gift. Rest easy mom, I promise to learn to make pretty fruit salad, noodles and pies with a top crust.

Cremation was chosen with a celebration of life at a later date. Sanders Shoemaker Funeral Care is entrusted with care.

Share memories and condolences online at [www.sandersfuneralcare.com](http://www.sandersfuneralcare.com)

## ➔ Meeting Notes

### Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting

The City of Crawfordsville Indiana  
Feb. 15, 2023 at 10 a.m.

City Building 300 E Pike St Crawfordsville, IN 47933

I. Approval of the minutes from Feb. 8, 2023.

II. Approval of the claims for the week of Feb. 13, 2023.

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

A. A request from

Bryce Barton, CHS, to close College Street from School Street to Seminary Street on Feb. 24 from 4-10 p.m. for a Basketball game at Laurel Flats.

B. A request from Amanda White to place a dumpster at 1001 E. Market Street (on Pine Street) Friday, Feb. 17 - Monday, Feb. 27

C. Agreement between the City and Crawfordsville Main Street Program

V. Department Heads

VI. Adjournment

## DePauw University Fall 2022 Dean's List Recipients

The following local students have been named to DePauw University's Fall 2022 Dean's List:

- Madison Altman from Crawfordsville
- Joshua Hacker from Crawfordsville
- Ian Hensley from Crawfordsville
- Collin Knecht from Crawfordsville

- Trey McLemore from Crawfordsville
- Brook Riley from Crawfordsville
- Halle Smith from Crawfordsville

The Dean's List recognizes students who achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Congratulations on this well-earned achievement!

## Bills To Require Taxpayer Receipts, Limit Transcript Ransom Practices Pass Senate

Two bills authored by State Sen. Spencer Deery (R-West Lafayette) passed the Indiana Senate today. The bills are the first two authored by Deery to pass out of the Senate since he was sworn in as a member of the General Assembly. Senate Bill 243, which would require the Indiana Department of Revenue to provide taxpayers who paid adjusted gross income taxes with a receipt that explains how their taxes are used, unanimously passed out of the Senate.

"When Hoosiers go to any retailer or shop online, they get a receipt that shows what was purchased," Deery said. "This bill will do the same for government services, offering an easy and transparent way for taxpayers to see how their money was spent."

Senate Bill 404 would prohibit public colleges and universities from withholding a transcript if a student paid at least \$100 to \$300 toward their debt within the last year,

depending on how much the individual owes.

SB 404 passed out of the Senate by a vote of 47-2.

"This bill was designed to allow current and former students at public colleges in Indiana to continue to make progress toward their academic goals," Deery said. "It would allow students who have made a good faith effort to pay down their debts to return to another institution and complete their education."

Both bills now move to the Indiana House of Representatives for further consideration.

Legislative calendars, agendas, vote tallies, livestreams and proposed legislation can be viewed online by visiting [iga.in.gov](http://iga.in.gov).

State Sen. Spencer Deery (R-West Lafayette) represents Senate District 23, which includes Fountain, Parke, Vermillion and Warren counties, and portions of Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties.

# Dear EarthTalk: Is It Unhealthy For You To Live Near An Airport?



Living near an airport can have negative effects on health and quality of life due to noise pollution and air pollution from aircrafts. The noise from airplanes can disrupt sleep, increase stress levels and lead to hearing loss. Air pollution from aircrafts can have negative impacts on respiratory and cardiovascular health. However, the degree to which these negative effects occur can vary depending on factors such as the proximity to the airport, the number of flights, and the type of aircraft.

A study supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in collaboration with the University of California and Columbia University found that people who lived within six miles of 12 of California's largest airports exhibited higher levels of asthma and heart-related problems. Admissions for respiratory issues like asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) at nearby hospitals were 17 percent higher than the baseline average. Heart issues also saw an increase—by as much as nine percent.

In another study led by Rima Habre, an associate professor of clinical population and public health

sciences, it was found that the culprit may be something known as ultra-fine particulate matter (UFP), a form of pollution emitted by aircraft, especially in the vicinity of airports. In her study, she hoped to observe the effects of acute exposure by asking participants to take walks in a park that was near a Los Angeles airport, as well as a park that was further away. She discovered that the inhalation of UFPs led to an increased inflammatory response in not only the lungs, but the entire circulatory system of the participants with asthma shortly after exposure. As Habre further elaborates, UFPs are not regulated, and many individuals who live in the vicinity of high-traffic airports are assuredly at risk.

Lead exposure is another issue that many aren't aware of. A study published earlier this month in PNAS Nexus discovered elevated blood-lead levels in children who lived near the Reid-Hillview Airport

in Santa Clara County, California. The source of the lead pollution was found to be piston-engine aircrafts—small single or two-propeller aircraft commonly used for training or trailing advertisement banners.

Unfortunately, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), older adults, those with heart or lung-related conditions, and children (especially at schools), are also vulnerable to UFP pollution. In fact, researchers from the University of Washington's Department of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences (DEOHS) have stated that air quality inside a classroom can be worse than the air quality outside. Thankfully, the researchers are working on a solution that involves portable air purifiers, as well as upgrades to heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

Their research, known as the Healthy Air, Healthy Schools Project, is in part being conducted at 20 schools near SeaT-

ac Airport, and will involve the use of purifiers with and without filters, along with an analysis of academic performance. Hopes are that the findings will inform future endeavors related to the improvement of air quality not only in schools, but in other buildings used by the public on a daily basis.

CONTACTS: A review of health effects associated with exposure to jet engine emissions in and around airports, [ehjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12940-020-00690-y](http://ehjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12940-020-00690-y); Airport pollution linked to acute health effects among people with asthma in Los Angeles, [pphs.usc.edu/airport-pollution-linked-to-acute-health-effects-among-people-with-asthma-in-los-angeles/](http://pphs.usc.edu/airport-pollution-linked-to-acute-health-effects-among-people-with-asthma-in-los-angeles/).

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# Funding Is Available To Reclaim Long Abandoned Mining Land

Recently approved federal funding of up to \$385 million over the next 15 years will allow Indiana to reclaim more former coal mines to their pre-mining status. Hoosiers who own such property are encouraged to report it to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) — even if you don't want the work done right away.

Reclamation is the process by which adverse safety, health, and environmental effects of formerly unregulated surface mining are minimized and mined lands are returned to a beneficial end use. In Indiana, more than 2,000 reclamation projects have been

completed since 1982 on both public and private lands.

Because reclamation funding is distributed based on need, the DNR Division of Reclamation's Abandoned Mine Land program (AML) is cataloging future projects. Indiana's eligibility for these federal grants depends upon the state's inventory of abandoned mine land. To qualify for funding, the mining land must have been abandoned prior to 1977.

Owners of such land should call 1-800-772-MINE (6463) or the Reclamation office number, 812-665-2207, or email their information directly to the AML program at

[abandonedminesrestoration@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:abandonedminesrestoration@dnr.IN.gov).

Once reported, an AML project manager and the landowner will review the site to determine if the impact on the property was caused by mining. They will talk with the landowner to determine what needs to be done and discuss accommodating other requests in the reclamation design. The project manager will work closely with the landowner during the design process to ensure the property's needs are met. If the landowner approves the design, the project is put up for bid through the state public works process.

The contractor who

wins the bid then completes the work under the supervision of the AML program. When the project is complete, AML conducts a meeting to assess the work and make sure all requirements and agreements have been met. Most reclamation projects can be completed within a year.

"We can't bring every eligible property to construction right away, but we need Hoosiers to report their problem areas to us as soon as possible," said Kit Turpin, who leads the AML program for DNR. "We must have a complete inventory to ensure funding is available in the future."



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# Young Commemorates Abraham Lincoln's Birthday And Hoosier Roots



Senator Todd Young

of our country's greatest Presidents, a visionary and inspiring leader who appealed to the highest of American ideals and moved our nation toward a more perfect Union.

Sunday marked the 214th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, and even today, historians still wrestle with the question – how was a man of such character forged?

The answer can be found in southern Indiana, near the Ohio River.

In 1860, when asked for details of his youth by a biographer, Abraham Lincoln was uncooperative.

It could all, he said, be "condensed into a single sentence...the short and simple annals of the poor."

"That's all you or anyone can make of it," Lincoln insisted.

Mr. President, if you will pardon me, I would like to make a little more of it. Now my colleagues from Kentucky will point out that Lincoln's birth occurred in their commonwealth. And, as my colleagues from Illinois will likely remind you, when Abraham Lincoln

departed for the White House, it was from their state.

I'll give them this: Lincoln was born in Kentucky, and he made his name in Illinois.

But Abraham Lincoln was a Hoosier.

"It was there I grew up," he recalled of southern Indiana.

It was there, in Spencer County, "I grew to my present enormous height" he once joked.

True, there's little left that Lincoln would recognize in our state today.

Just reminders of a once unbroken forest among the low hills...the soil, in it the graves of loved ones...and a great river, separating north from south.

In what does remain though, we can still see where his character was formed, what prepared him for the trials to come.

The Lincolns arrived the same year Indiana became a state. It was still the frontier line, the woods full of bears and the night air alive with the roar of mountain lions.

It was a hard and heart-

breaking life, uncertain and often short.

Those years of Abraham Lincoln's life were characterized by loss, first his mother Nancy and later his sister Sarah...and by constant labor which he grew to so dislike.

Schooling was scarce, opportunities for improvement were few. By his own account, he had no more than a year of formal education.

Decades later, when he recalled life in Indiana, Lincoln wrote "my childhood home I see again, and sadden with the view..."

But he also wrote that among the memories, there was "pleasure in it too."

There were happy days in the Little Pigeon Creek Community, captivating friends with his homespun stories, and there was the love of a step-mother who nurtured his curiosity.

The sparse schooling he had taught him to write and to read.

He pored over what few books he could find – the Bible, a tattered biography of George Wash-

ington borrowed from a neighbor, and, later, a collection of Indiana laws containing the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

And there was the Ohio River, a gateway of possibilities and point of departure to the outside world.

He earned his first half-dollar ferrying passengers on it; he first saw the horror of slavery travelling down it.

By the time he and his family left the Little Pigeon Creek Community in 1830, Lincoln had spent a quarter of his life in Indiana.

He crossed the Wabash River into Illinois a grown man whose heart, touched by grief, was kind, generous and strong...who could spin a yarn like no other... whose intellect far outpaced his meager education...

...and of course he carried with him a great reverence for our Founding's promise of freedom and a burning desire to rise in life.

Though he was loath to speak of it as he grew older, those 14 years in

Spencer County – the sad and joyous – shaped Abraham Lincoln.

The qualities that saved the Union in its time of greatest peril, they were forged in the Indiana wilderness.

In March 1865, only weeks before his death, Lincoln addressed the 140th Indiana Regiment.

The soldiers had recently captured a Confederate flag in North Carolina, which the president gave to Indiana Governor Oliver Morton.

Lincoln reminded these Hoosiers that he was raised in their state and praised their valor...but he was ever mindful of the Union.

"I would not wish to compliment Indiana above other states," he said.

For whatever it is worth, I do.

He belongs to all Americans, but Hoosiers can claim a special connection with Abraham Lincoln.

On the occasion of his birth we celebrate the life and legacy of this remarkable Hoosier. He represents the best of us; he was one of us.

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# Dear Earthtalk: Did The Tiger King Documentary Of 2020 Have Any Impact On The Business Of Illegal Wildlife Trafficking?



Netflix's Tiger King special was as informative as it was sensational, showcasing not only the wild nature of its main star, the Tiger King himself, Joe Exotic (Joseph Maldonado-Passage), but also the harm caused to big cats trapped within the exotic animal industry. On more than one occasion, the outlandish documentary highlights how terribly these animals were treated, all in the name of fame and fortune.

Thankfully, the special brought more to the table than just views, notoriety and cash. Since Tiger King first aired on March 20, 2020, a number of justices have been served.

First and foremost, Joe Exotic's GW Zoo has been shut down, he has been charged and convicted on 17 counts of animal abuse, including the killing of five healthy tigers (as well as attempted murder for hire). As a result of his crimes, he will be serving 22 years in prison. Not only that, all the tigers that were kept in his captivity were eventually removed, and are now safely kept in a sanctuary in Colorado.

Secondly, President Joe Biden has gotten involved

in the fight for big cats, a fight that was arguably championed by none other than Carol Baskin (an early supporter of the bill), the infamous star of the Tiger King special, and a rival of Joe Exotic. On December 20 of last year, Biden signed into law HR.263, otherwise known as the "Big Cat Public Safety Act." According to the new law, private citizens may no longer breed, purchase or transport big cats; if they already own any, they must have them registered. The bill also restricts public contact with lions, tigers, cougars, leopards, snow leopards and jaguars, effectively ending the private ownership and exploitation of big cats in the US.

Thirdly, as much as the show focused on Joe Exotic, there was another character, Doc Antle, who was arguably guilty of many similar exploitations of big cats. In fact, during June of 2022, Antle, among

others, was charged with both wildlife trafficking and money laundering, and will be facing a maximum of five years in prison for the wildlife charges, and 20 years for the money laundering charges.

Another, less obvious positive consequence of the Tiger King special is that the illegal wildlife industry is now under increased public scrutiny. The special itself was viewed by some 64 million households after a month and a half, drawing 5.3 billion minutes of view-time within the first week of its release. With these kinds of numbers, the exploitation of wild animals will be taken more seriously in the future.

If you're looking to help big cats yourself, there are a number of conservation initiatives that focus on rehabilitating big-cat locales. For example, Save the Tiger Fund and Panthera are collaborating to increase

tiger populations in specific locations by 50 percent over a 10-year period. They are looking for donations from those who are interested in helping out.

CONTACTS: Tiger King, <https://www.netflix.com/title/81115994>; Tiger King takeaway: It's time to end big cat breeding and trafficking, [blog.humanesociety.org/2022/01/tiger-king-takeaway-its-time-to-end-big-cat-breeding-and-trafficking.html?credit=blog\\_post\\_011122\\_id12684](http://blog.humanesociety.org/2022/01/tiger-king-takeaway-its-time-to-end-big-cat-breeding-and-trafficking.html?credit=blog_post_011122_id12684); 10 Key Facts About Tigers and How You Can Help Them Right Now, [netflix.com/tudum/articles/tiger-king-facts-and-how-to-save-wild-tigers-from-extinction](http://netflix.com/tudum/articles/tiger-king-facts-and-how-to-save-wild-tigers-from-extinction).

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# Lt. Gov. Crouch, OCRA, Indiana Humanities Highlight Completed Preserving Women's Legacy Grant Projects

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, and Indiana Humanities today released a video on the completed Preserving Women's Legacy Grant program and projects. Three more videos will be released throughout March on Peru, Angola and Michigan City's PWLG projects. Grants were awarded to these three Main Street communities in 2020 in an effort to highlight and preserve women's history.

"It has been an honor to participate in this initiative and learn more about these influential Hoosier women," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, who serves as chair of the Indiana Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission. "Even if you aren't able to travel to see these public art pieces, I hope everyone takes a moment to watch these videos and celebrate the work and lives of Sojourner, Naomi and Marie."

Preserving Women's Legacy Grant projects support historic preservation work, public art and other projects that commemorate Indiana women's history and promote visits to Main Street communities.

The first of the four videos to be released discusses how the program began and the process that followed.

"Angola, Peru and Michigan City took this program and ran with it, creating moving sculptures in their communities to celebrate women in Indiana history," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "Now, more Hoosiers

are able to see the impact of these projects on their communities and Indiana through these videos."

The following three videos to be released over the next month will cover each individual PWLG project and highlight the effect on the community and Hoosier women.

"We are proud of this collaborative work to celebrate women's history and Main Street communities through the Preserving Women's Legacy Grants program with Lt. Governor Crouch and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs," said Keira Amstutz, president and CEO of Indiana Humanities. "These projects will continue to share stories of Indiana's suffrage movement with Hoosiers across our state for years to come."

The Downtown Angola Coalition used the PWLG grant to create a life size sculpture of abolitionist Sojourner Truth. Michigan City Mainstreet Association used their grant funding to create a series of sculptures in honor of Naomi Bowman Talbert Anderson, a suffragist, civil rights activist, writer and poet. Rediscover Downtown Peru used the funding to create a life-size statue of Marie Stuart Edwards as a young teen standing by her bike on the grounds of the Peru Public Library.

For more information on the Preserving Women's Legacy Grants, visit [indianasuffrage100.org/pwlg](http://indianasuffrage100.org/pwlg).

To view the Preserving Women's Legacy Grants video, visit <https://youtu.be/Lw1BPpCM14>

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# Realtors Release January Central Indiana Housing Data

New housing data issued by the MIBOR REALTOR Association (MIBOR) for January 2023 shows an increase in median sales price and active inventory compared to January 2022.

The median sales price rose 11 percent in January compared to January 2022, and decreased 2.9 percent compared to December 2022. New listings decreased 20.5 percent in year over year comparison. Active inventory increased 92.5 percent in year over year comparison and decreased 8.7 percent compared to last month.

Pending sales decreased 10.4 percent in year over year comparison. Closed sales decreased 31.3 percent compared to last year.

"The New Year started with the median sales price of a single-family home in central Indiana sitting at \$272,000, down slightly from last month but up 11% over last January. Prices in central Indiana show strong year-over-year growth, unlike other markets nationally where we are beginning to see year-over-year price declines," said MIBOR CEO, Shelley Specchio. "Though active listings declined slightly from last month, they are nearly double last year's numbers at 3,388. Month's supply of inventory has reached 2.2 months, almost tripling from the 0.8 months available last January and marking the first time this number has been above 2 months since January 2020. While inventory levels are moving toward a

more balanced market and have improved significantly from the low levels experienced over the last several years, they are still relatively low from a historical perspective."

Dr. Elliott Eisenberg, an internationally acclaimed economist and public speaker says, "In the national housing market, we are seeing a bit of a recovery thanks to slightly lower mortgage interest rates. Still, we continue to face a meaningful shortage of active listings, and that is not likely to improve rapidly as many potential sellers remain "locked-in" to their existing low-rate mortgages. Generally, the market is in a holding pattern waiting for rates to decline, and there is little indication from the Fed that pivot will happen anytime soon."

Additional central Indiana year-over year comparisons (January 2022 vs. January 2023)

- Pending sales decreased 10.4 percent to 2,399
- Current median sales price: \$272,000
- Months supply of inventory: 2.2 months
- Total active listings increased 92.5 percent

The attached MIBOR REALTOR Association (MIBOR) Market Insights Report provides a market analysis of the 16 central Indiana counties within the MIBOR service area by creating a single, timely, reliable source of data. The report analyzes both month-over-month and year-over-year to give a view of the trends occurring in the central Indi-

ana market. Consumers will also have access to specific county information for the 16 counties included in MIBOR's Broker Listing Cooperative (BLC) listing service area: Bartholomew, Boone, Brown, Decatur, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Jackson, Jennings, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morgan, Putnam, and Shelby counties.

To coincide with the new MIBOR Market Insights Report, MIBOR has added a consumer tool to allow members of the public to view a number of market metrics such as number of units sold, median sales price, number of new listings and more. The metrics are shown graphically to show the trends in the marketplace. To view the new Market Insights, visit [www.mibor.com/marketinsights](http://www.mibor.com/marketinsights).

This information has been provided by MIBOR REALTOR Association (formerly named the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS), the professional association representing central Indiana's REALTORS. MIBOR serves the needs of over 10,000 members in Boone, Brown, Decatur, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morgan, and Shelby counties. MIBOR also supplies the BLC service to REALTORS in Bartholomew, Jackson, Jennings, and Putnam counties. MIBOR's archive of housing data can be found at [www.mibor.com/marketinsights](http://www.mibor.com/marketinsights).

## KAREN From Page A1

6 Feb 1866 for him) and are buried in the Old Harshbarger Cemetery – no stone for Salome, however – I find that so sad and Jacob's (photo by Joe Spears, FAGrave) isn't in the best of shape!

Jacob was quite the go-getter, running his mill on Tinker Creek, grinding grain for the neighborhood which was shipped all over. He sawed lumber, crushed limestone, sold dry goods, had a cooper's shop and was just an amazing worker. As was his father, he was completely against slave labor and didn't want to be around it. He sold his property, clearing \$7,000 and in November 1831, brought his family to Indiana where he was said to have acquired about 3,000 acres of land. (A Place Apart: The Harshbarger Family, p 33). For sure he purchased 160 acres in the same section his father would purchase a chunk (Sect 12, 17N 4W).

I believe it was this Jacob who joined-up for the War of 1812 as a Private under Capt. James Paxton. Listed in the US Army Register of Enlistments, he was 5'6 1/2" had brown eyes, black hair, dark complexion, was 21, living in Botetourt enlisting May 12, 1812, signing up for five years. The registry had who his captains were, where he was when, the last entry May 12, 1817 when his term expired while in New Orleans. If I am correct that this is this Jacob, then he evidently got home long enough to marry Salome (25 Oct 1814 – he showed up for roll call a month later).

Their first child, Lydia came along 9 Oct 1816 Roanoke, evidently after another visit home from pop. She married 13 Oct 1836 in MoCo to William Myers (born 4 Sept 1816 Botetourt VA) son of John and Katherine (Frantz). Lydia passed away before William (24 Sept 1892, he 1 March 1907) and they are buried in the Ladoga Cemetery, adding Elizabeth, Salome, Daniel Ammen, Jacob Franz, Alice Susan, and Mary E. Myers to the ever-growing Harshbarger crew. These children married into the Frantz, Graybill, Yenawine, O'Neall, Baldwin and Gill families and to

my calculations, there were 30 grandchildren.

Jacob and Salome's first son, John was but 12 when he passed away and was buried in Virginia.

Catharine Harshbarger born the very last day of 1821 married Zachariah Fisher Mahorney (b 8 Aug 1818) who was a successful farmer in Clark, complete with a beautiful, large home to raise their eleven children, most remaining in the area: Jacob W (moved to Pasadena, California); Zachariah; Sophia (migrated to Kansas); Byron T; James M. Perry; Phoebe Lee; Samuel David; Mary L; Martha J; Daniel Milton; and John Calvin.

Next is Salome married Madison Britz Anderson who had a large molasses manufacturing business near Ladoga which began when sugar cane first was introduced into Montgomery County. He used much research and trial and error to make the best for miles around. They had three sons (William L. educated at the Ladoga Academy and Ky University, graduating from the Meadville Theological School in PA – he preached many local and family funerals; George W and Jacob) and two daughters, Emaline and Salome. Salome Harshbarger Anderson lived to 86, passing 10 Jan 1911 – buried Harshbarger Cemetery and active in the Dunkard Church, Madison having passed in 1902 at age 80.

Elizabeth Ellen Harshbarger (b 23 March 1826 Roanoke, VA) is next, marrying Samuel Parker Frame. They spent time here where all their children were born (Mary Jane; Alice Ann; Marion Ammen; John Parker; Jacob W.; Samuel Webster; Wallace Morton; Eliza and Lillie) but the family moved to Greene County, Missouri where SP and EE are buried in Ash Grove Cemetery with many of their children and grands. I believe Mary Jane was the only one who remained here with her husband, Joe Graybill and their two children, Homer and Salome, then Wallace passed away in Aztec, New Mexico, the others remaining in their adopted home of Ash Grove, Mo. Elizabeth tallied at least 38 grandchildren.

Jacob, Jr. married Mary Myers and they remained in Clark Township. Their child, Marion passed at age one, but four others blessed their home (Amanda married Elijah Brookshire who graduated from the Central Indiana Normal College at Ladoga, engaged in farming, taught school, studied law and was a state Representative; Salome married David Davidson and mothered four daughters and three sons. Henry Mede Harshbarger died young (20 Sept 1876) married Lavina Peffley about a year before that and so sadly, Henry only knew his daughter, Lula (who married Ezra Goshorn) for a couple of weeks. George William, the last child of Jacob Jr. and Mary Myers married Eva Canine and they were parents of Earl, Mary and Everett Harshbarger.

Another Frame marriage occurred here when Ann Harshbarger wed William. Three boys and three girls (kind of a common theme in this family) blessed their home (George W; Marcus D; Mary E; Jane Salome; John C. and Alice A.) and mainly stayed in our area.

Anyone knowing anything about the Ladoga area will certainly recognize Himes – this one, Daniel who married Mary Louise Harshbarger (last child of Jacob and Salome Ammen) wed (16 May 1850). Daniel did carpentry, farmed and raised stock. Their children were: Salome; John Caylor; Liddie Valentine; Samuel H; Silas M; Mary E; Daniel Peter; Sophia Edna; Charles C; Charity J.; Minnie A; and George. This Himes family would make a great saga, as well!

Many of the Harshbargers and their children and grandchildren were farmers in the Ladoga area and we thank them for keeping that going since as you check above you'll notice names of many local farmers yet today.

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was occupied with 27 middle and high school students. Birge and all of the students were uninjured.

Oswowski was pronounced deceased at the scene. Oswowski's passenger, Linnae R. Harshorn,

19, was transported to Franciscan Hospital and later flown to an Indianapolis hospital by Stat-Flight.

The crash remains under investigation. If you have any information about the crash, please

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