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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Pastor Rick and wife Heather Hernandez smile during a Saturday gathering serving food and listening to testimonies of God's great love. Thank you for your smiles!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The average, garden variety Sunflower is said to weigh a pound or two, a mere fraction of the sunflowers the Welsh Fortey farming family are used to, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. In 2021 the Forteys earned the Guinness World Record for growing an 11.5 pound sunflower; this year they outdid themselves nurturing a sunflower that weighed in at more than 14.21 pounds. It's not surprising; the family has been growing sunflowers for more than a century and their seeds are known to grow what are officially known as Fortey Giant Sunflowers.

2 Governor Eric J. Holcomb offered the following statement regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to transport hazardous materials from the East Palestine train derailment to an Indiana facility. "I continue to object to the EPA Administrator's decision, from Washington, D.C., to move hazardous waste from the East Palestine train derailment to Indiana. Further, there has been a lack of communication with me and other Indiana officials about this decision. After learning third-hand that materials may be transported to our state yesterday, I directed my environmental director to reach out to the agency. The materials should go to the nearest facilities, not moved from the far eastern side of Ohio to the far western side of Indiana. I have made a request to speak to the administrator to discuss this matter. I want to know exactly what precautions will be taken in the transport and disposition of the materials."

3 Registration for the annual Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshop, which is open to women ages 18 and older, opens this week. The workshop will be held May 5-7, at Ross Camp in West Lafayette. The program is designed for women to learn outdoor skills in a relaxed, low-pressure environment. Participants will choose four activities from more than two dozen offerings, including fishing, archery, geocaching, wild edibles, wildlife tracking, shooting muzzleloader guns, and outdoor cooking. The workshop is for women who want to learn all the way to those who enjoy the camaraderie of individuals with similar outdoor interests and seek time away to reconnect with nature. Size is limited to 100. To register, go to IndianaBOW.com. The cost for the workshop is \$275, which includes all equipment, meals, and lodging.

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Harshbarger Saga #4 – Our Last Three Younguns



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

Although Samuel will be the main concern in this saga, his sister, Susanna (1799-1888) who remained in Virginia I'll overview. She married John Bonsack. They were parents of Samuel, Jacob, Elizabeth, Mary, Nathan, Salome (died age 23), John H., Susan and Catherine (died age 3). All but Elizabeth (died in Wisconsin) stayed in the Botetourt, Roanoke Virginia area. Jacob I believe is for whom the town of Bonsack was named and he was important in that community owning a very large blanket factory with 18 men employed there in 1860.



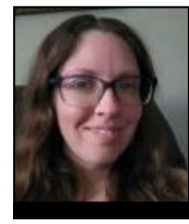
Samuel and Susanna's sister, Catharine (last of Samuel and Elizabeth Gish's children) married Jacob Bonsack 22 Nov 1819 in Botetourt. I am assuming John above and Jacob are brothers, but I could not find anything on these two. Anyone know?

So, this leaves us Samuel Harshbarger, some say Jr., but I know his father was Samuel B. and I've not seen to date an initial for the younger Samuel. At any rate, he and his family will wrap-up the Harshbarger Sagas. Sam was born 11 April 1802 in Virginia married Elizabeth Myers (1808-1850) daughter of John and Katherine (Hantz) Myers in Botetourt

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Staff Picks To Fall In Love With At CDPL

The staff at Crawfordsville District Public Library is ready with several book recommendations that they love. These books are all currently on display on the first floor of the library. Stop in and check them out, and perhaps you'll fall in love with a few of these, too.



Megan Taylor
Fresh off the Shelf

Brenda recommends two popular best-sellers; the first is Mad Honey by Jodi Piccolt (FIC Pic). She says, "Like all of this author's books, this story is well-researched and takes a close look at current moral issues. Readers learn a lot about beekeeping and the novel also addresses domestic abuse, secrets we keep, life choices, and why people do what they do. Great twist that I didn't see coming! So good and a powerful story this turned out to be!" Brenda's second recommendation this month is a book

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IT'S BACK! Welcome To Readers' Choice '23

It's back. It's new and improved. It's better than ever. What is it? Montgomery County's biggest annual contest, The Paper's Readers' Choice 2023!

The way this huge annual promotion works is simple. The Paper publishes a list and asks you to vote for your favorites. For example, who has the best cheeseburger in town? Who makes the best pizza? Who is the best mover? What's your favorite newspaper? Since around 2005, Crawfordsville and Montgomery County residents have voted by the hundreds of thousands for their favorite people, products and places.

And this year, we are making it even easier to vote. You can go to www.thepaper24-7.com and click on the Readers' Choice 2023 ad and then vote for any and all your favorites. Or, you can watch for the Readers' Choice page in some

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Last year we finished with more than half a million votes.

Paper readers have been voting by the hundreds of thousands for their favorite people, products and places for years and this time around looks to be no exception. "We started the Readers' Choice Awards as a way to have some fun and let people

recognize their favorite things," Paper Publisher Tim Timmons said. "It seems that we always hear about the bad things. Readers' Choice is a great opportunity to point out the many, many good things and good people all over Montgomery County." Everyone is encouraged to vote in all categories, and you can vote for as many or as few – or as often – as you want. As usual, there is no definitive ending date announced, so don't wait! Hurry up and vote now, today. And keep voting if you like! You are the Reader and these are your Choices. Make them count!

The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset:
RISE: 7:14 a.m.
SET: 6:37 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures:
High: 53 °F
Low: 38 °F



Today is...:

- Cat Rescue Day
- Old Stuff Day



What Happened On This Day:

- 1959 Miles Davis records Kind of Blue. It is considered the best-selling jazz album in history and one of the most influential works of jazz music ever produced
- 1995 The top quark is discovered. The existence of this elementary particle, the bottom quark's counterpart, had been presumed since the 1970s



Births On This Day:

- 1968 Daniel Craig English actor
- 1931 Mikhail Gorbachev Soviet lawyer, politician, President of the Soviet Union, Nobel Prize laureate

Deaths On This Day:

- 1982 Philip K. Dick American author
- 1930 D. H. Lawrence English novelist

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Happy Birthday, Moe Berg. This guy played pro baseball and was an American spy during World War II. Moe was born on this date in 1902 – and passed away in 1972. They don't make 'em like that anymore.



➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Your skin can be damaged by UV light on cloudy days too. 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
James "Jim" Ray Moffett

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➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"In March, winter is holding back and spring is pulling forward. Something holds and something pulls inside of us, too."
Jean Hersey

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Did you see that the snow and ice are melting?
Yes, I thaw!

7 DAY FORECAST

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
38/57 HOT AS WARM	39/56 WINDY, WET, HEAVY RAIN	34/51 BREEZY & COOLER	29/56 MAINLY SUNNY	41/69 SHOWERS NORTH, CLEARER	44/53 PARTLY CLOUDY	35/46 COOLER TREND

OBITUARIES

James "Jim" Ray Moffett

Feb. 15, 1948 - Feb. 28, 2023

James "Jim" Ray Moffett, age 75 of Covington, passed away at home on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023. He was born in Crawfordsville on Feb. 15, 1948 to the late George Donald & Evelyn Gene (Roach) Moffett.



Jim attended Wallace High School and was in the first graduating class from Fountain Central High School. Jim grew up on the Moffett Farm, which was known as Pike's Peak Farm and he loved playing baseball. He then graduated from Indiana State University with a bachelor's degree in business management. He first worked at Fountain Trust Bank as a trust officer and investment advisor for 20 plus years, then worked at Steel Grip at the Danville, Illinois plant as their accountant for over 20 more years before retiring. He was an avid IU fan, enjoyed working in his yard, and trap shooting.

On April 28, 1973, he married the love of his life, Barbara (McCarley) Moffett of Covington, who survives. They would have celebrated their 50th anniversary this April. He also leaves behind a son, Brady (Tiffany) Moffett of Texas; a daughter, Whitney (Andrew) Jones of Texas; six grandchildren, Barrett, Hallie, Logan, and Cora Moffett, and Chloe and Nora Jones; a sister, Sara (Al) Stoner of Merrillville; and some nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at Sanders Funeral Care, 203 S 1st Street in Kingman on Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 1 p.m. till the time of the funeral service at 3 p.m., with Pastor Jerry Holdman officiating. The service will be recorded which can be viewed on his obituary page at www.SandersFuneralCare.com. Burial will follow at Wallace Lutheran Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Hanging Rock Christian Assembly, P.O. Box 218, West Lebanon, IN 47991-0128, or at www.hangingrock.org Share memories and condolence online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

ACLU Calls Bills Anit-LGBTQ

The Indiana chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union said that two bills advancing in the Indiana Legislature are threatening the rights of the LGBTQ community.

"Today, Indiana legislators advanced two additional anti-LGBTQ bills that aim to erase LGBTQ youth and families from our communities, putting the lives of trans youth, specifically, at risk," said Katie Blair, Advocacy and Public Policy Director for the organization. "These legislators have made it clear, they want to use our laws to control what LGBTQ youth can and cannot read, what they can and cannot learn, and—most troublingly—who they can and cannot be. These bills threaten the fundamental rights of LGBTQ youth and their families, and the ACLU of Indiana will continue using every tool at our disposal to stop this onslaught of hateful legislation."

According to the ACLU, The Indiana Senate passed SB 480 which would ban evidence-based, gender-affirming care for transgender people under 18, and SB 12, which could criminalize public schools and librarians for having material deemed "harmful to minors" — a vague term historically used to target LGBTQ related content.

This comes less than a week after the House passed two other bills the organization said are harmful to the LGBTQ community. HB 1608 is a bill that would censor conversations about the LGBTQ community in school, and force teachers to out students, and HB 1407, a bill prohibiting child services agencies from even considering failure to provide a safe and affirming environment to trans youth when deciding whether to remove a child from an abusive home.

Dear EarthTalk: What Are The Environmental Implications Of "Blueskying"—That Is, Seeding Clouds To Affect The Weather—Like China Did In Preparation For Hosting The Olympics Back In 2008?



Cloud seeding—also called "blueskying"—involves releasing chemicals such as silver iodide, potassium iodide or calcium chloride into the atmosphere to stimulate cloud formation, enhance clouds' precipitation or suppress rain where blue skies are desired. China used cloud seeding to ensure dry weather for the 2008 Beijing Olympics, one of the most recent and significant examples of the technique being used on a large scale. China has also used cloud seeding to stimulate precipitation to help replenish its shrinking Yangtze River watershed.

But at what price to the environment, you might ask? Cloud seeding can theoretically go well, but there is always a chance of unintended adverse consequences. Releasing these chemicals into the atmosphere can contaminate water supplies below and affect human and animal health. Researchers from Spain's Complutense University found in a 2016 study that silver iodide causes acute toxicity for a range

of living organisms both in soil and freshwater.

Another potential environmental implication of cloud seeding is its potential effect on weather patterns. Increased precipitation in one area could lead to droughts in nearby areas, as the rain is diverted away from those regions. Similarly, cloud seeding could cause excessive rainfall, leading to flooding and other weather-related disasters. Cloud seeding could also have an impact on agriculture and natural ecosystems. While increased rainfall may be beneficial for some crops, it could lead to soil erosion and other negative impacts on the environment. Similarly, increased rainfall could alter the ecosystem's balance, leading to the proliferation of certain species and the decline of others.

Cloud seeding can

also have an impact on the Earth's ozone layer.

Silver iodide can break down ozone molecules in the atmosphere, leading to the depletion of the ozone layer. Ozone depletion can have severe consequences for the environment, including increasing our exposure to harmful ultraviolet radiation and the potential for climate change.

Given all the potential risks, governments should proceed cautiously with any plans to seed clouds. Perhaps with more research and refinement humans can perfect the process in the future, but until then it might be better to just accept whatever weather we have. Of course, what we think here in North America has little impact on what the Chinese or others elsewhere think about this type of geoengineering, so get ready for it to become more and more

common around the world.

CONTACTS: Planned Weather Modification through Cloud Seeding, ametsoc.org/index.cfm/ams/about-ams/ams-statements/archive-statements-of-the-ams/planned-weather-modification-through-cloud-seeding/; Climate Intervention, ametsoc.org/index.cfm/ams/about-ams/ams-statements/statements-of-the-ams-in-force/climate-intervention/; Potential risk of acute toxicity induced by AgI cloud seeding on soil and freshwater biota, <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27517140>.

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Parents Lose Right To Direct Gender-Affirming Care For Transgender Minors Under Senate Bill

By Whitney Downard

The Indiana Senate voted 26-12 on Tuesday to approve a bill that would ban gender-affirming health care for transgender minors.

"It's common sense public policy to protect your children from unproven, irreversible and life-altering decisions," Sen. Tyler Johnson, R-Leo, said. "A child cannot understand the weight and permanency of these decisions."

Johnson's bill would ban the use of puberty blockers, hormone replacement therapies and surgical procedures — but only if the minor is diagnosed with gender dysphoria. Johnson said that other children could continue to get those "unproven" treatments under other medical diagnoses.

Medical providers who testified said puberty blockers are generally considered to be reversible and senators introduced studies suggesting that just 0.4% of youth

who seek gender-affirming care later regret their decision.

Committee testimony last week included zero instances of surgical interventions for transgender minors and the majority of testimony against the bill came from out-of-state, anti-trans activists. When asked directly, Johnson said procedures happened in the state but wouldn't name any physician, health care system or say how many children were impacted.

Counseling and mental health services would still be allowed.

Concerns From Parents In particular, parents in committee said the bill would override their rights to make medical decisions for their children. Sen. Andrea Hunley, D-Indianapolis, noted that parents make medical decisions for their children all the time — such as whether to vaccinate against COVID-19 or use hormonal birth control.

Hunley said that

though the effects of hormonal birth control are well documented, parents still have the option to choose which one to use for their children and aren't barred from any specific type.

"It is critical that we're giving parents the right to do what is best for their child in their unique circumstance," Hunley said. "We need to maintain parent autonomy over what happens in the doctor's office and not have state intervention."

When opposing senators asked Johnson, a physician, several medical or technical questions, he continually fell back on what he called a "medical, moral and legal obligation" to protect kids. He said around 1,000 transgender minors are treated at the Riley Children's Hospital Gender Health Program.

The "extremely vulnerable" population of transgender minors already faces societal barriers to acceptance and report higher rates of bullying, physical

assaults and suicide attempts, as detailed by Sen. Shelli Yoder, D-Bloomington.

"I would argue that we're bullying children," Yoder said. "About half of transgender youth report being bullied in school and the last thing we need to do is add to that."

Three Republicans joined nine Democrats to vote against the bill: Kyle Walker, Ron Altling and Vaneta Becker.

None of those Republicans, nor the other 35 Republicans who voted to advance the bill, spoke on the proposal. The bill now moves to the House for further consideration.

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Governmental Activities	1	Cumulative Fire	\$185,182.03	\$27,413.72	\$16,706.82	\$195,888.93
	3	Fire Fighting	\$100,188.95	\$70,779.71	\$53,100.00	\$117,868.66
	7	Rainy Day	\$21,401.01	\$2,951.00	\$0.00	\$24,352.01
	8	Township	\$48,924.38	\$44,872.27	\$24,112.50	\$69,684.15
	9	Township Assistance	\$85,170.03	\$7,457.82	\$7,151.98	\$85,475.87
		Total All Funds	\$440,866.40	\$153,474.52	\$101,071.30	\$493,269.62

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 Kylene Simpson (sign)
 BROWN TOWNSHIP - Trustee
 Telephone: 765-866-1601
 Date this report was to be published: March 1, 2023
 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Brown Township Advisory Board at its annual meeting, this 20th day of February 2023.
 Jack Reynolds (sign)
 Brown Township Board Chairman
 This report was received, accepted, and approved by the following Township Board Member(s) at its annual meeting, this 20th day of February 2023.
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Dear Earthtalk: What Are Ski Resorts Doing To Fight Back Against Global Warming And Keep Their Businesses Alive As The World Warms? Which Ski Resorts Or Ski Regions Will Fare Best In The Future?

As the world warms, many of our customs begin to feel the encroaching threat of climate change. Skiing is one dramatic example, among many. With warming winters and increasingly unpredictable snow, the ski industry, like the white winters it relies upon, is slowly being nudged towards extinction.

But necessity is the mother of invention, and the increased threat the ski industry faces is also what has encouraged it to take great leaps toward a sustainable future. Says Gilles Delarule, head of tourism for Courchevel, one of France's most famous ski resorts, "It's a responsibility that everyone needs to have for the next generation. If we don't protect nature, we won't have skiing for the future." Needless to say, perhaps, finding sustainable ways to generate electricity is necessary for affording the increased burden of snowmaking, and for slowing or reversing the climate change that is why more snowmaking is needed.

This same mantra of 'diversify or die' has been carried across the

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Atlantic, too. Aspen Skiing Company, for instance, is already on track to shift to 100 percent renewable energy by 2030 and has invested \$5.24 million in a plant that converts methane from coal into electricity. Jackson Hole Mountain Resort in Wyoming is already entirely powered by an Idaho wind farm, and Big Sky Resort in Montana has been fueled by renewable energy since 2021. The nimbleness of the ski industry in reacting to the climate crisis is an example of what can happen when companies have a vested interest in going green.

As for the ski resorts and regions that are most likely to survive longest as we move into a warmer future, the answer is not so optimistic. "Are we winning? No," says Auden Schendler, the Senior Vice President of Aspen Skiing Company. "You've got to reverse global CO2 emissions and bend the curve down

and that's not happening." Despite their efforts, the ski industry cannot halt the climate crisis alone. Until the rest of the world begins to take the vital action needed, the ski resorts that stand the best chance of survival are not those most proactive in fighting warming, but rather those fortuitously situated closest to the poles, with the highest latitude and the lowest temperatures.

The Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research (ISAR) predicts that if we continue with a "business-as-usual" level of emissions—without changing our consumption of gas, oil and coal—then the Alps risk losing up to 70 percent of their snow coverage by 2100. The stakes are high for change, however. "The world is currently on track for an average of 2.7C (4.9F) of warming by 2100," reports ISAR. "If global temperature rise is kept below 2C (3.6F),

though, the reduction in snow cover will be limited to 30 percent."

Although the future for skiing is not all that bright, a glimmer of hope can be found among the many resorts that demonstrate what action is possible in the face of the climate crisis. If other industries followed suit, then perhaps skiing, like our white winters, would stand a chance of surviving extinction.

CONTACTS: The 10 Ski Resorts Most Threatened By Climate Change, leafscore.com/eco-friendly-fitness-products/ski-resorts-most-threatened-by-climate-change/; Save Our Snow, saveoursnow.com/.

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Meeting Notes

Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting

The City of Crawfordsville Indiana
March 1, 2023 at 10 a.m.
City Building 300 E Pike St Crawfordsville, IN 47933
I. Approval of the minutes from Feb. 22, 2023.
II. Approval of the claims for the week of Feb. 27, 2023.

- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business
 - A. Haley Kunkel, Nucor, with parking requests for Thursday, March 2 and Friday, March 3
 - B. Open received bids for the construction of the Alley Activation Project
 - C. A request to surplus a furnace - Crawfordsville Street Dept.
 - V. Department Heads
 - VI. Adjournment



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Senators Debate Ban On “Inappropriate” Library Materials For Minors

By Casey Smith

What books should Hoosier kids be allowed to read in school? Who decides which texts are “inappropriate” for students? And what say should parents have about removing books from library shelves?

Those questions were at the heart of nearly two hours of debate in the Indiana Senate Tuesday as lawmakers weighed a bill that seeks to ban materials deemed “harmful to minors” in school libraries.

Senate Bill 12 ultimately advanced 37-12 to the House.

Language in the proposal, authored by Sen. Jim Tomes, R-Wadesville, removes “educational purposes” as a reason that public schools and libraries could claim legal protection for sharing “harmful material” with underage students. That includes books and other materials deemed to be obscene, pornographic or violent.

The bill also carves out a new process for parents to request the removal of books they believe are “inappropriate” from school libraries.

Tomes said his book is about “parents, their children, and books — really, really, really bad books.” The senator said he wants to eradicate “raw pornography” from school libraries.

Although he did not give specific examples of such works in front of the chamber, titles on the

senator’s desk included “This Book Is Gay,” a book by Juno Dawson, and “Let’s Talk About It: The Teen’s Guide to Sex, Relationships, and Being a Human,” a graphic novel by Erika Moen and Matthew Nolan.

Democrats and a handful of GOP lawmakers pushed back, arguing that the bill could lead to the removal of anything a parent deems to be unsuitable.

“What I’m concerned about is, will some people think that other things that would not be pornographic or obscene would be inappropriate?” said Republican Sen. Eric Bassler, of Washington.

“I think that if you look, throughout the history of the world, there have been all sorts of gruesome things we’ve seen, whether it’s pictures of victims of the Holocaust, or victims of slavery, or maybe the mistreatment of Japanese Americans during World War II,” he continued. “I’m just concerned that a parent might think that a picture ... of African Americans hanging from a tree might not be appropriate.”

Which Materials Are “Inappropriate?”

Current Indiana law already outlines criteria that has to be met for a book to be considered criminal.

Outlawed materials must, as a whole:

- Describe or represent, in any form, nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sado-mas-

ochistic abuse

- Appeal to the prurient interest in sex of minors

• Be patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable matter for or performance before minors

- Lack serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors

Tomes held that his bill will not ban literary classics like “The Great Gatsby,” “Catch 22,” “The Grapes of Wrath,” and “1984.” It also doesn’t apply to “children’s books, or even adult books about cultures or other parts of the world,” he said.

But Sen. Rodney Pol D-Chesterton, said Tomes’ bill will empower parents who have “a political ax to grind.” His fear is that conservative parents will swamp school boards with complaints about “progressive” books or works authored by “somebody that supports the opposing party” or a “cause that (they) don’t believe in.”

“Nobody in this chamber is probably going to agree as to the specific line for which inappropriate is,” Pol said. “And if none of us can probably agree on that, then there’s probably going to be a lot of consternation, disagreement throughout each community, through each school board, through each district throughout the entire state.”

Tomes said the parental complaint process outlined in his bill will referee whether parents have a “legitimate grievance or not.”

Lawmakers on both sides of the issue agreed they do not want to allow kids to access pornographic or “obscene” books. But even if those materials are removed from school libraries, Pol and others questioned what good the legislation would do to stop kids from accessing such content through other means, especially online.

“Telephones or cell phones, computers — well, that’s the parents’ responsibility. That’s the FCCs responsibility,” Tomes said. “We can’t do anything about it. But we can sure do something about it in schools that we have paid for, with our taxes that educate our children.”

A “chilling effect” On School Libraries

Under the proposal, a local prosecutor could decide to charge a K-12 school teacher, librarian or staff member for giving “harmful” material to minors, meaning the educator could not argue in court that the material has educational value.

They could still argue that the material has literary, artistic, political or scientific value as a whole, however.

If charged, educators could face a Level 6 felony, which carries a maximum penalty of 2.5 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Colleges and public libraries could still use the defense against a charge of disseminating harmful material to minors, according to the bill.

“I hope it does have a chilling effect,” Tomes said, referring to school libraries that carry the materials he’s seeking to have removed. “I hope it’s enough of a chilling effect that they will come to their senses, and have it upon themselves to see to it that for the kids entrusted in their custody, they will do their best to protect their innocence.”

The measure would also require school libraries to publicly post lists of books in their collection and create a formal grievance process for parents to object to certain materials in circulation.

Those who testified in support of the bill earlier this month included some who claimed to be parents of school-aged children, as well as members of conservative groups like Purple for Parents and Moms for Liberty.

They argued that students should not have access to “raw” and “disturbing” works, pointing to school library books that deal with sex education, drug use, violence, sexual abuse and gender identity.

They maintained, too, that school boards do “nothing” when parents complain about specific titles.

Still, advocates for schools and libraries say schools already have

processes in place for parents to bring local challenges to books they find inappropriate. Tomes’ bill requires local review committees to review parent challenges.

They further contend the issue goes beyond claims about pornography in libraries or legal defenses available in state statute.

More broadly, those opposed to the bill said the issue stems from “fundamental differences” in values and opinions over what material is “appropriate” for Hoosier youth.

They emphasized, too, that such penalties outlined in the bill would have a “chilling effect” on schools and lead to the removal — or “banning” — of books that are perceived as inappropriate or controversial to some parents, but not others.

Tomes has filed similar bills in years past to take away schools’ defense to the state’s “harmful materials” law. A similar proposal failed in the 2022 session after K-12 librarians and educators argued they would be unfairly criminalized.

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Spring Checklist For Pets

(Family Features)
Warmer weather means it's time to spring clean, get grooming and prepare your pets' diets to support them through the season.

Keep your furry friends happy and healthy this spring with these six tips from the experts at Zesty Paws, an award-winning pet supplement brand:

Give Skin and Coats a Little TLC: Many pets form winter coats during the colder months to help them stay warm and comfortable then shed the coats in the spring to prepare for warmer temperatures. Some pets may need extra help maintaining their shiny, healthy coats, especially if mats have formed in their fur or if they are breeds that develop a thick undercoat. Professional grooming, at-home brushing and regular bathing can all be helpful ways to speed up the process to remove some of the extra fur and decrease the prevalence of dander, dust and pollen that can attach to fur and skin through the season.

Add Seasonal Allergy

Support with Supplements: Just like humans, furry friends can develop and experience seasonal allergies, too. Giving your pets' immune systems some extra support can help ease some common allergy symptoms. Supplements like Zesty Paws Aller-Immune Bites for Cats and Aller-Immune Bites for Dogs are chewables that provide seasonal allergy support by aiding normal immune functions, skin health and gut flora, and may also help maintain normal histamine levels.

Ease Back into Exercise: The change in weather means more time for outdoor adventures with your pets, but don't forget to cool down and warm up as you and your pets ease back into the season. Planning for short, leashed walks and timed play sessions can help your pets gradually prepare their hips and joints for fun, warm weather activities.

Watch Out for Pet Pests: Once temperatures start to rise, the tiny, creepy critters start crawling. Fleas, ticks and other pests can cause

serious health concerns for pets. This spring, make sure your pest control programs are primed and ready for added protection. Talk to your veterinarian about the best routine and products for your pets.

Freshen Up Bedding and Bowls: It's important to keep a clean environment by scrubbing, sweeping and vacuuming regularly to decrease allergens in the home. When you're tackling this year's spring cleaning, remember to put your pets' bedding and bowls on the list, too. Updating or disinfecting your pets' blankets, litter boxes, toys and other supplies is a good way to keep them feeling safe and comfortable in the home.

Schedule an Annual Vet Visit: Spring is a good time to schedule your pets' annual vet visits. Make sure they're up to date on all vaccinations, get their dental health checkups and re-evaluate nutrition plans.

Find more advice for keeping your pet healthy and happy at zestypaws.com.

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by Fredrik Backman, author of *A Man Called Ove*, which has recently been adapted into a film starring Tom Hanks. The *Winners* (FIC Bac) is the author's latest book which "takes place in a small Swedish hockey town. The book is long—but stick with it and you won't be sorry about this story that you won't soon forget. I know very little about hockey – but the characters, their relationships, and the complex circumstances of small-town communities made this an enjoyable read!"

If you love mysteries, Kaela recommends *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner (FIC Pen), which is "full of twists and turns, you won't want to put it down!" Megan loved *Rock Paper Scissors* by Alice Feeney (FIC Fee): "If you like mysteries, don't miss this one! Creepy and atmospheric, and definitely will keep you guessing to the end." And Dawn enjoyed *All That is Secret* by Patricia Raybon (FIC Ray): "Patricia Raybon's storytelling includes faith, race, and class in this 1920s murder mystery."

If you are looking for a sweet read, try Susanna's recommendation: *Trains and Lovers* (FIC MC-CALL) "is a short sweet book of love stories as told by passengers on a train. The audiobook in particular is a wonderful travel companion.

The author, Alexander McCall Smith, is better known for the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series." Or what about one of Dawn's favorites? *A Christmas Memory* by Richard Paul Evans (FIC Eva) is "a touching story of the author's recollection of an important part of his childhood in 1967. I fell in love with Mr. Foster and his dog." Dellie also recommends some sweet and inspirational stories that are all available as large print copies: *A Search for Redemption* by Jo Ann Brown (LP FIC BRO), *Wyoming Homecoming* by Diana Palmer (LP FIC PAL), and *The Apple Creek Announcement* by Wanda Brunstetter (LP FIC BRU and FIC Bru).

For nonfiction recommendations that focus on Black history, Dawn recommends *Overground Railroad: The Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America* by Candacy Taylor (973 Taylor), calling it "a beautifully put together and very interesting historical piece of work," and Lisa recommends the movie *Till* (DVD FIC Til), "an emotional film about the true story of Mamie Till-Mobley's relentless pursuit of justice for her 14-year-old son Emmett Till." You can also find more materials that honor Black History Month on the second floor of the library

throughout February.

Finally, if you are seeking some personal growth and reflection, Kaela highly endorses *Love Does* by Bob Goff (248.4 Gof): "Every once in a while you read a book that changes your life—drastically. Well this one is it for me! Through the author's stories full of whimsy, you will laugh, cry, and want to connect more with others. The author even includes his phone number to call!! Simply put.... Love Does!" And to learn how to thrive when the world overwhelms you, Ivette recommends *The Highly Sensitive Person* by Elaine N. Aron, Ph.D. (155.232 Aro). "HSPs are usually thought of as 'shy individuals' or 'introverts' – this book adds a fresh perspective on the wide spectrum of personality traits and how they may impact our daily lives in unique ways. An empowering book for sensitive people who may feel judged or unseen in their full humanity."

All these staff picks and more are on display and ready to be checked out with your library card anytime during our open hours: Monday-Thursday 9a-9pm, Friday-Saturday 9a-5pm, and Sunday 1-5pm.

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13 Nov 1825. Although there was but six years difference in Samuel and Elizabeth, he lived 22 years past her death (12 Oct 1850 and he passed 4 Oct 1872) and they are appropriately buried in Old Harshbarger Cemetery (FindAGrave photo by R&S Fine). He remarried Elizabeth Kuhns who was 15 years younger.

Loved the way their children panned-out – two gals, five boys and then two more gals. Sarah married Robert Henry Miller, a minister, and they were parents of several children (Salome, John RH, Sarah J. – died age 21, Susan AC, William DC, Charles I and Samuel Hubbard Miller). John Robert Henry is buried in Wabash County with another wife and Sarah C. Harshbarger Miller is buried (died 1880) in Old Harshbarger.

Nancy was born 8 September 1829 in Virginia and died in Montgomery County not too long after her marriage to Clark Byrd. They were in the 1850 census Scott Township with a small son Samuel J. Clark remarried and had several children, moving to Cass County, Iowa where he passed away in 1911. Could not find what happened to Samuel J., but both his mother died (1 Oct 1850) and grandmother died (12 Oct 1850) along with about 20 others in September and October in the Lado-ga area.

John Henry was born in Botetourt VA Jan 5, 1832 and was 73 years and 2 months old at his death (March 5, 1905) passing of a cerebral hemorrhage (as several of the Harshbarger's) at his home in New Ross. He farmed in Montgomery County, married Susan Clark and were parents of several heirs. Robert and David O. died as small children. Samuel "Milt" on mainly worked as a millwright. He married Blanche Collins and had at least two children, Nona and Monte. John Henry's

son Claude owned the Harshbarger Cement Products Company in Ladoga for 50 years. It made ornamental vases, cement blocks, burial vaults and he was widely known as a pioneer in that field. Oliver Willard was born in Montgomery but lived for much of his life in Lebanon where he did odd jobs and for some time was a fireman. Twice married, he had several children Bea, Ruth, Earl, Effie, Ernest, Bertha, Vora and Noel. Son William Franklin lived in the Brown Township area where he was a brick maker and stock dealer. Twice married, he fathered Bea, Warren and Harold. Buried in Maple Ridge. John Henry's daughter, Nannie married Oscar Jeffries and mothered Buel, Basil, Loyce, Catherine, Juanita and Inez.

Joel C. farmed in Clark Township, married Minerva Daugherty and they had one son, Edgar who married and had a daughter, Pauline. Joel passed from nephritis and a cerebral hemorrhage lacking a few days of 89 years.

Samuel Need married Mary LaFollette 9 Dec 1862 and farmed in Putnam County. He fathered at least three children: Hettie, David H. and Charley O.

William Roland lived in Scott Township all his life and was a pastor of the Brethren Dunkard Church, married to Anna Peffley (daughter of John B and Sallie Mangus). They were parents of Emma, Effia, Daniel Wilford, John A and George Franklin. He too farmed and raised high quality sheep. Interesting in all the census records, someone was always living with them, a cousin, an in-law, a housekeeper. Also interesting that John A and his wife Olive Lillus Lidikay celebrated 61 years together and died within a few weeks of each other and George Franklin and Amanda Delano were right up there with them.

David Myers was born

4 Feb 1842 on the property his father purchased when coming from Virginia (Scott Township) and where David lived his whole life. He married Sarah Davidson (daughter of William Fleming and Mary Ann Hostetter Davidson). He had an excellent farm and was well known for stock raising. Their children were Clara, Saloma, Cora and Jessie.

Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" married Nathan G. Kessler (son of Benjamin Franklin and Elizabeth Graybill Kessler) the 5th of 10 children. Nathan too was born in Botetourt and came with his family at age eight. Nathan was also a well respected farmer and stock raiser and he and Lizzie had William Henry (owned a couple of clothing stores – 3 sons, Horace, Ken and Wayne); John Milton (farmer marr Nora Davidson – son Clyde, daughter Elizabeth married 61 years); Sarah (marr Charles Buser – four sons Harry Cline, Clyde, Clayton and Benjamin Allen); Salome (married Stephen Hester two sons Don and Harold Elmer); Louie Lee (?) and Samuel Benjamin (never married died age 28).

Salome born 27 Feb 1847 Scott Township married David Franklin Peffley and they farmed in Scott Township. They were parents of William Hyten, Samuel Arthur and Teresa Belle.

As you can see, Samuel especially had a nice family who went forth and prospered most staying right here to aid in developing our beloved Montgomery County. For sure, he and sisters wrap-up this Harshbarger Saga and hope you enjoyed it!

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