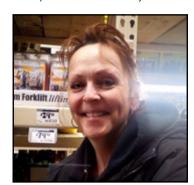
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1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

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People who call our community their own.



Kerry Koehler gave one of our roving photographers a great smile recently. Thank you for your smile!

⇒ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces State Road 59 will close on or after Monday, April 10 for Phase One of a bridge replacement and road reconstruction project, near Waveland. S.R. 59 will be closed from S.R. 47 to Green Street. It's expected to reopen after early October, weather permitting. The official detour follows S.R. 47 to S.R. 234 to U.S. 231 to S.R. 236 and back to S.R. 59.

Lots of men prefer short, little goatee facial hair. Yet there are those who let their whiskers grow to more substantial lengths. Take Mr. Sarwan Singh who resides in Surrey, British Columbia. He's been found by the Guinness World Record checkers to have grown the longest beard on the planet. It measures an amazing 8 feet and 3 inches long and it breaks the record that Mr. Singh has held when was only measured 7 feet and 8 inches long back in 2008. As he put it, "I'm blessed that I was chosen to be the person with the longest beard. As Sikhs, we all keep the beard and we grow it and comb it and go through the daily routines, but I feel lucky that I'm the one that has the longest beard."

Purdue Extension Invites you to participate in Diversifying your Garden and Diet. Instead of only growing the usual staple crops, such as tomatoes, cucumbers, and corn, think outside the proverbial gardening box. A diversified garden is loaded with as many varieties as the gardener can manage in order to provide a diversified offering of produce. A diversified garden extends to container gardening and fall gardens as well. They will answer the questions, how do I get started? Which vegetables and fruit should I choose? How big does my garden need to be? If I plant a new food who will eat it? Don't worry we will be demonstrating (and tasting) how to prepare the new and diverse produce from your garden. Join them on the 4th floor of Fusion 54, April 5, 12, and 19 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Please call 765-364-6363 to register. Food and seeds are provided!

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The Baby Boomer TV Personality: Who Are You?



BUTCH DALE Columnist

Have you ever thought about what factors influenced your personality...what helped make you the person you are...the complex components of temperament, attitude, and character that distinguishes each individual? Many psychologists believe that an individual's basic personality is formed in the first four or five years of a child's life. Although everyone has inborn traits, family parenting methods significantly influence personality development...and always will.

But for those of you born fter WWII there is another factor that was crucial to the development of your personality...that's right...television.



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

In 1946 there were approximately 6000 TVs in America. By 1951, there were 12 million TV sets, and by the mid-50s almost every home had a television. It is estimated that the average child watched two or three hours of television daily. Many parents used television as babysitters because it kept the little ones occupied when they

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To Waste We are closing out National Nutrition Month and remember this year's theme is "Fuel for the Future" eating with sustainability in mind. People are often thinking about

Too Good

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want to challenge that thought and think about how much food we throw away. Is that sustainable? I mentioned in my last article that Americans throw away billions of pounds of food each year. Let me remind you that this is only the food we as consumers are throwing away, not what is wasted during harvest, processing and left on the shelves of

the way foods

are produced

as a means

sustainably.

While this is

important, I

of eating

local grocery stores. In 2010 the EPA estimates that 218.9 pounds of food per person were wasted, 219 pounds of food in the trash. This equates to 1.3 billion tons of food being thrown in our

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April Is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Throughout the month of April, Prevent Child Abuse Indiana and the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Montgomery County, a program of the Youth Service Bureau, remind Montgomery County residents that helping our communities and families create healthy, nurturing environments for children is one of the best

investments we can make. During this time, it is more important than ever that we support each other and especially families who are under extreme stress. Check in on your families, families in your neighborhood, families at your church. Offer help where and

whenever you can. Most of all if you suspect child abuse or neglect, call and report it. While we do not take abuse or neglect reports here at the Youth Service Bureau, please contact the Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-800-5556 to report suspected abuse or neglect. Many people are afraid to make a call, saying it is not their

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Today is... • National Crayon Day

• Eiffel Tower Day



What Happened On This Day

• 1985 The first edition of WrestleMania is held in New York

• 1918 The United States switch to DST for the first time

• 1964 Following a coup d'etat, a military dictatorship takes charge in Brazil





Births On This Day

• 1948 Al Gore American politician, 45th Vice President of the United States, Nobel Prize laureate

• 1927 Cesar Chavez American activist

Deaths On This Day

• 1850 John C. Calhoun American politician, 7th Vice President of the **United States**

• 2014 Charles Keating American lawyer, businessman

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Smile!

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

TODAY'S QUOTE

"I have great faith in fools; self-confidence my friends will call

Edgar Allan Poe

TODAY'S JOKE

Why's are we all so tired today? Because we just finished a 31-day March!



🗅 TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Grandma's advice not to put anything smaller than your elbow in your ear was right - that includes Q-tips. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



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○ OBITUARIES

Timothy B. Bowman

March 26, 2023 Timothy B. Bowman, 64, of New

Richmond, IN formally of Lafayette, IN, passed away at his home on Sunday March 26, 2023, after a short battle with cancer. Tim was born in Lafayette, IN to the late Harry & Sara "Sally" Bowman. He graduated from Lafayette Jefferson High School in 1977.

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High School in 1977.
Tim married the love of his life,
Anissa, at Turkey Run State Park in 1994 and she
survives. Tim's pride and joy were his 6 children:
Deke of Philadelphia, PA, Tucker of Darlington, IN,
Sadie (Bret) Corwin of Waynetown, IN, Gretchen of
New Richmond, IN, Cooper of Crawfordsville, IN,
and Kyle of New Richmond, IN. Tim was looking

forward to being a first time Grandpa in April 2023. Tim served the Lafayette community for many years while working at Beeson's Appliance store and Lehnen's furniture. He spent the last 15 years working at Abilities Services, Inc. He enjoyed doing projects with his children, working outdoors, and loved cooking on the grill. One of the summer activities that brought Tim great joy was mowing lawns. In his down time, he enjoyed watching old westerns. His work in IT at ASI was rooted in a life of technical curiosity and as a hobbyist.

He is also survived by 2 brothers: Michael (Debbie) of Alexandria, VA and Andy (Patty) of Indianapolis, IN. He was preceded in death by both parents: Harry and Sally Bowman.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2023 from 1-4 p.m. at ASI- Abilities Services, 1237 Concord Road in Crawfordsville. Cremation was chosen with Sanders Funeral Care entrusted with care. Read his full obituary and share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.



Photo courtesy of Witham Health Services

Sunflower Honoree Recipient, Brian Foreman

Witham Health Service's Sunflower Honoree Recipient

A heartfelt congratulations to our Sunflower Honoree recipient, Brian Foreman, PharmD. Brian is a pharmacist who exemplifies Witham's commitment to excellence and personalized care.

The Sunflower program at Witham is used to recognize extraordinary care and service provided by non-nursing staff. Sunflower Award nominees personify Witham's remarkable patient experience. These staff members consistently demonstrate excellence through their expertise and extraordinary compassionate care. They are recognized as outstanding role models in our Witham community.

Below is an excerpt from Brian's nomination:

A patient needed a very rare & expensive medication. This med was not immediately available at St. Vincent

or Witham. Within only a few hours, Brian had contacted his superiors, the hospital pharmacy procurement organization and the manufacturer. He arranged for the medication to be delivered by 0230 that next morning. It is VERY difficult to access this drug as it is rarely used, extremely expensive, and would have required enormous effort to obtain so quickly. The patient received the medication and is now recovering. Brian always goes out of his way to provide care to the patients. One of the most compassionate and conscientious pharmacists I've ever met. We are all fortunate and privileged to have him as a colleague.

Brian, thank you so much for being who you are and providing such great care to patients here at Witham!

Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana Arts Commission Celebrate 2023 Hoosier Women Artists Honorees

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, along with the Indiana Arts Commission, announced the 2023 Hoosier Women Artists awardees at a celebration in the Indiana Statehouse Wednesday. One Crawfordsville local, Kathryn Jo Hougton, will have artwork in the office of Indiana First Lady Janet Holcomb.

"It is amazing to annually honor many of the state's outstanding female artists," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "I am very proud to play a role in highlighting Hoosier Women Artists by showcasing their artwork in my own office year after year."

The Hoosier Women Artists program began in 2008 to celebrate the work of female artists from around the state. The program expands the opportunities for woman-made artwork to be displayed in Indiana communities.

"In each corner of our state, artists are playing a vital role in making Indiana a place where people want to live, work, play, study and stay," said Miah Michaelsen, executive director of the Indiana Arts Commission. "We are proud to partner with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to both spotlight the talented women artists in our state and to recognize the work that artists do to improve the lives of all Hoosiers.'

Honored artists will have their pieces displayed in the Statehouse offices of Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Auditor of State Tera Klutz, Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner and Chief Justice Loretta Rush.

"Pablo Picasso once said that 'Every child is an artist...the problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "Each year, I am blown away by the talented Hoosier women, of all ages and backgrounds, who have harnessed and nurtured their skills into the inspiring product we see today. Congratulations to each of this year's artists and thank you for sharing your work!'

Pieces the 2023 exhibition are from many mediums and art styles includ-



Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch along with the 2023 Hoosier Women Ariststs honorees.

ing painting, photography, digital art, paper quilling and other multimedia styles.

"What a pleasure to experience this spectacular showcase of creativity, passion and dedication of this year's featured Hoosier Women Artists," said Indiana Auditor of State Tera Klutz, CPA. "We can all appreciate the storytelling these artists provide in their work, creating a bridge to connect us using a universal language that goes beyond culture, religion, ethnicity, or language.

Any artist living in Indiana who identifies as female is allowed to submit one piece of artwork annually.

"It is a privilege to recognize the creativity of Hoosier women artists," said Indiana Chief Justice Loretta Rush. "I am proud to be a part of the initiative and display their work in my chambers."

In addition to the art selected for the Statehouse, pieces will also be displayed by First Lady Janet Holcomb at the

Governor's Residence. "The Hoosier Women Artists Exhibition is a great opportunity to celebrate and meet talented and creative women who live right here in Indiana,' said First Lady Janet Holcomb. "Each year, I look forward to selecting a few pieces to display in the Governor's Residence for all our visitors to enjoy. The artists generously loan the pieces for one year, and I grow quite attached, making it difficult to let them go.

Of the 230 pieces that were submitted to the pro-

gram this year, 29 were selected to be displayed in the Statehouse and at the Governor's Residence where they will be admired by the thousands of visitors for the next year.

"Every time someone visits my office, I get to share with them that the artwork displayed on the walls was created by talented women from across the state," said Crouch. "We are blessed to work in this stunning building every day, and the opportunity to display their art makes it somehow even more beautiful."

Honorees are from across the state and will be in the following offices:

Office of Indiana Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch

Anna Afshar (Indianapolis) - "Indianapolis Then" Nichole Baker (Lafayette) - "Sonic Metal" Faith Belflower (Bloom-

ington) - "Superman"
Sarah Boutwell (India-

napolis) - "Calm After the Storm"

Boxx the Artist (Indianapolis) - "Lady Blues" Pamela Clements (Crown Point) - "2020"

Kenya Ferrand-Ott (West Lafayette) - "Silver Bison"

Penny French-Deal (North Manchester) -"The Tall Ship"

Cristianne Fritsch (Milan) - "The Joy of Pet Parenting"

Mary Elizabeth Mindiola (Indianapolis) - "Think Big, Dream Easy"

Brandi Page (Monticello) - "Sunflowers at Sunset"

Debbie Potis (Osceola) "The Butterfly Effect"
Frances Ruiz (Fishers)

- "Bailando Bomba de Noche (Dancing Bomba in the Evening)"

Lisa Bliss Rush (Camden) - "Free Spirit" Edda Taylor (Crown

Child"
Dee Thornton (South Bend) - "A Walk in the

Point) - "Mother and

Park"
Beverly S. Wilson
(Greensburg) - "Laboring

in the Heartland"
Shirley Woolard
(Indianapolis) - "Feather
Weight"

Office of Indiana First Lady Janet Holcomb, Governor's Residence

Kathryn Jo Houghton (Crawfordsville) - "Fancy Tulips and Pears"

Sharon Kerner (Shelby)
- "Keeping Watch"
Corinne McAuley (Bunker Hill) - "Pink Peonies"

Office of Indiana Auditor of State Tera Klutz Christine Hubbell (Westville) - "Folly/Cerulean Warblers"

Megan Marie Hughes (Lebanon) - "A Midwestern Spring"

Anna Sowka (Bloomington) - "Nothing Is Ever Lost"
Office of Indiana Sec-

retary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner Emily Bennett (Terre

Haute) - "The Kitchen Sink" Jane S. Lohmeyer

(Valparaiso) - "Missing Beach 2" Office of Indiana Su-

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Susan Ardelean (Avon)
"Virgo's Groove"
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Madhuchhanda Mandal (Carmel) - "The Faceless Entertainer"

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Purdue Fans Growing Tired Of Wait For Next Year



KEN THOMPSON Columnist

As a Chicago Cubs fan, Matt Painter is well aware how many times "wait 'til next year" was uttered by the Wrigley faithful between 1909 and 2015.

Millions of Cubs fans went to their graves without seeing their team attain baseball's version of the promised land, a World Series champion-

Today, Purdue basketball fans are wondering when "next year" is going to arrive for them.

Here's a list of the programs that have reached the NCAA Final Four since Lee Rose and Joe Barry Carroll took the Boilermakers to Indianapolis in 1980.

Virginia (3), North Carolina (14), Indiana (4), LSU (3), Georgetown (4). Louisville (6). Houston (4), Georgia, North Carolina State, Kentucky (9), St. John's;

Villanova (5), Memphis (2), Duke (13), Kansas (10), Syracuse (5), Providence, UNLV (3), Oklahoma (3), Arizona (4), Seton Hall;

Michigan (5), Illinois (2), Arkansas (3), Geor-

gia Tech (2), Cincinnati, Florida (5), Oklahoma State, UCLA (5), Massachusetts, Mississippi

Minnesota, Utah, Stanford, Michigan State (8), Ohio State (3), Connecticut (6), Wisconsin (3), Maryland (2), Texas, Marquette;

Oklahoma State, George Mason, Butler (2), West Virginia, VCU, Wichita State, South Carolina, Gonzaga (2), Oregon, Loyola Chicago;

Texas Tech, Auburn, Baylor, San Diego State, Florida Atlantic and Miami (Fla.).

That's 56 schools, including the ninth seed in Purdue's bracket this season (Florida Atlantic). Eight current Big Ten schools.

What about the other five Big Ten schools missing from this list?

1. Iowa has the same Final Four drought as Purdue, 43 years, and has not won a Big Ten title since 1979.

2. Northwestern has two NCAA tournament appearances in its not very illustrious history.

3. Rutgers has one fewer Final Four appearance than Purdue (1976).

4. Nebraska has the distinction of having never won an NCAA tournament game (0-7), the only power conference school that can make that

5. Penn State made its only Final Four appearance in 1954.

It's commendable that Purdue has won 10 Big

Ten championships since 1980, especially earning one this season with two freshmen guards in the starting lineup. Yes, this was considered a rebuilding year back in October.

But expectations changed after the Boilermakers dominated West Virginia, Duke and Gonzaga in the Phil Knight Legacy. Those expectations grew when Purdue became the fastest school in the history of the Associated Press rankings to go from unranked in the preseason to No. 1.

When 7-4 junior center Zach Edey went from good to great in one year, almost certain to become Purdue's third national player of the year, expectations reached a peak not seen since Glenn Robinson's player of the year season in 1994.

But the ending to the 2022-23 season was the same as 1988, 1994, 2019 and the other 27 NCAA tournament appearances since 1980.

Purdue escaped making history in 1996 when it held off No. 16 seed Western Carolina by two points. It wasn't so lucky this time.

Will Purdue respond like the first No. 1 seed to lose to a No. 16, Virginia, did in 2019 by winning the national championship?

Any chance of that happening begins with Edey's decision about his senior year. If this was 1990, the Canada native would take his player of the year trophies and be

set financially for life in the NBA

Mock NBA Drafts I've seen aren't optimistic about his chances of being among the first 40 picks. So maybe Edev comes back and makes some Name Image Likeness (NIL) cash despite his student visa status prohibiting off-campus

Speaking of NIL, it has to be upsetting to Painter that a player who could have made a difference in the NCAA tournament is going to the Final Four. Nijel Pack could have eased the burden carried by Westfield's Braden Smith and fellow freshman Fletcher Loyer during the second half of the season.

But Miami booster John Ruiz made Pack an offer he couldn't refuse: \$800,000 over two years and a car. Purdue settled for a nice role player in David Jenkins Jr. instead of a difference maker.

For too long, Purdue has played the "we do things the right way" card. Let's see if the hard lesson of losing Pack wakes up the richest Boilermaker backers, and Purdue administration, to the reality that NIL also stands for "Now It's Legal."

If the best Purdue can do in the transfer portal this offseason is a newer model of Jenkins, then more March sadness is inevitable.

Edey adds to trophy case

Purdue junior center Zach Edey picked up a second National Player of the Year award on Tuesday, this one from the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

The coaches also named Edey the winner of the Pete Newell Big Man of the Year Award. JaJuan Johnson (2011) and Caleb Swanigan (2017) also have claimed this honor.

Edey averaged 22.3 points, 12.9 rebounds, 2.1 blocks and 1.5 assists this season. He finished second nationally in rebounding and sixth in scoring.

He is also one of four finalists for the Naismith Player of the Year, along with Indiana's Trayce Jackson-Davis, Gonzaga's Drew Timme and Kansas' Jalen Wilson.

Edey's 1,533 points in 99 games is the most for a player through his junior season at Purdue. If Edey returns for his senior season and can match his 2022-23 scoring (757 points), he would be 33 points shy of Rick Mount's 53-year scoring record.

Reason for optimism Not all of the national media is critical of Matt Painter and Purdue following another NCAA tournament disappointment.

Mike DeCourcy of The Sporting News and a Big Ten Network analyst has the Boilermakers fourth in his pre-transfer portal/NBA Draft decisions Top 25 for 2023-24. Connecticut, UCLA and Duke are ranked 1-2-3.

"You are weary of the Boilers compiling extraordinary regular seasons and then washing out against lower-seeded teams in the NCAA Tournament? Sorry. And lighten up. It's been three years. Mike Krzyzewski lost to a No. 15 seed in 2012 and a No. 14 in 2014 and then went out in 2015 and won the NCAA championship. Matt Painter's last NCAA trip before this run of misery ended a single free throw short of the Final Four at the South Region final in

"So how about we stop pretending this circumstance is eternal?

"This Boilers team will be more experienced, with more physical maturity and ideally more dynamism with freshman Myles Colvin arriving and potentially more shooting with redshirt freshman Camden Heide becoming active.

"All of this is dependent on the Sporting News Player of the Year Zach Edey returning for another season, but every indication is he will remain a Boiler in 2023-24."

The only other Big Ten teams ranked by DeCourcy are Michigan State (11th) and Northwestern (23rd).

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many







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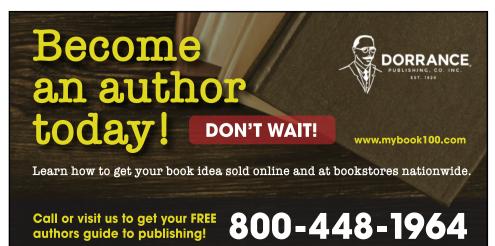
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Duke Energy Request To Reduce Fuel Electric Rate Approved By Indiana Regulators

On March 29, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission approved Duke Energy Indiana's request to lower bills due to declining fuel and purchased power costs. For an average residential Duke Energy customer in Indiana using 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month, it means a decrease of approximately 16% over rates today, or \$26 a month. That is on top of a 5% decrease that went into effect in January.

Customer electric bills were higher in 2022 primarily due to soaring fuel costs that affected the cost of power utilities produced as well as what they purchased on the energy markets. A number of unique events drove up fuel costs - from volatility in the energy markets worldwide to labor shortages at railroads that delivered fuel.

"Fuel and purchased power can account for as much as 25 to 45% of an average residential customer's bill, so when the markets are volatile,



it can have a big impact on energy bills," said **Duke Energy Indiana** President Stan Pinegar. "We're starting to see costs stabilize, and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has approved our request to pass those savings along to customers."

The decrease will be in effect April-June. Four times a year, utilities adjust prices based on fluctuating fuel costs. Fuel rate adjustments are not permanent; fuel costs rise and fall, and utilities pass those costs to our customers with no profit, so customers pay what their utility provider pays. Duke Energy's priority is to purchase fuel at the best possible price, through steps such as long-term contracts and using a diversity of suppliers. Customers can view a short video here about how fuel costs affect their bills: Fuel Costs & Your Bill - Duke Energy (duke-energy.com).

Bill assistance resourc-

Energy costs can be a major part of household budgets, and Duke Energy offers a variety of assistance options for can contact the company at 800.521.2232 to learn

management programs, Lower My Bill ToolKit - Home - Duke Energy (duke-energy.com).

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Senate Committee Moves Stricter Version Of Bill **Targeting Student Pronoun Changes In Schools**

Indiana senators made multiple amendments on the fly Wednesday to a controversial "parental rights" bill that seeks to restrict pronoun usage of transgender children and instruction about "human sexuality" in schools.

Critics of the bill argue that it's part of a nationwide wave of legislation "singling out LGBT people and their families." Supporters say parents have the "right" and
"responsibility" to control
what their children learn — and are called — when at school.

House Bill 1608 would require schools to inform parents if a student requests to change their name or pronouns for any reason — including to a nickname — and block adherence to the student's request without a parent's explicit consent.

It would also prohibit instruction on "human sexuality" for students in Pre-K through 3rd grade. Sexual education typically does not start until the fourth or sixth grades under existing state

standards, however. The proposal is reminiscent of Florida's "Don't Say Gay" law that has been described by some as one of the most "hateful" pieces of legislation

in the country. The measure advanced 9-4 Wednesday from the Senate Education Committee after three hours of debate — much of which included passionate testimony in opposition of the bill. Loud chants, cheers and booing echoed outside of the Senate chamber and through the Statehouse hallways amid

the discourse. "If you pass this bill ... expect the youth homeless population to rise, expect the teen suicide rate to rise, expect the incidence of violence against LGBTQ+ people to rise," said Quinn Mackenzie, a nonbinary Hoosier who spoke before the committee. "There are those who want you to believe that this bill protects children. As a parent with genuine religious conviction, I understand that — I want the best for my children, too and I want to protect them. But trans and queerness is not something that children need to be protected

from.' Notifying parents about nicknames

An amendment filed by bill sponsor Sen. Stacey Donato, R-Logansport, stipulates that teachers have to seek consent from a parent — not just notify them — to call a student by a different name.

Multiple other spontaneous amendments to that amendment followed, too. Democrats on the Senate committee asked to hold off on the changes and a vote on the underlying bill because of the confusion, but were turned down.

Although the latest version of the bill would apply to all Hoosier K-12 schools, private schools are exempted from the language restricting "human sexuality."

Provisions about requested name changes require teachers to obtain parental consent within five business days, regardless of whether the name matches a student's assigned-sex, according to the bill.

Although not specified in the bill, that teacher-parent communication could come in the form of a phone call, text message, email, or physical letter, according to Republican state lawmakers.

"A school should tell parents about any student requests to change their names, pronouns or etcetera, regardless of whether it has anything to do with the gender transition," Donato said, nothing that if a student wanted to change their name from Stacy to Susan, for example, the school would need to notify parents and get consent to go ahead with the request.

"It's easier for schools to administer, because they won't have to decide if a name change is masculine or feminine. If a student wants to change the name, you just tell the parents, period," Donato continued. "Secondly, with this language ... I believe that if a previous transgender student asks their school to change their name back to something that matches their sex at birth, parents would want to know about that, as well.

Another provision additionally prevents schools from disciplining teachers that still use a child's old name or pronouns — even with parental permission to use the new, preferred versions — if the employee or staff member does so out of a "religious conviction."

Bill author Rep. Michelle Davis, R-Whiteland, maintained that her proposal intends to "empower Hoosier parents by reinforcing that they are in the driver's seat when it comes to introducing sensitive topics to their children."

"I believe that parents know their children best, and their authority should not be superseded by teachers and or school

administrators," she said. "By allowing our schools to instruct our young elementary students in human sexuality, and allowing students to decide on different identities without their parents' knowledge and consent, creates an unacceptable intrusion into the parent-child relationship and would be inconsistent with our traditional presumption of parental competence and good intention," Davis continued. "Engaging in any type of sexual relationship discussions in schools especially for Pre-K through third graders — is

inappropriate. Opposition mounts against "anti-trans" legis-

State lawmakers have directed intense legislative focus toward transgender Hoosiers this session — much of which has centered on school-age children.

Melanie Davis, a transgender mom from Bloomington, said language in this bill and others reflects old, "harmful" stereotypes about transgender people. She emphasized that House Bill 1608 is dangerous to LGBTQ children and protects "abusive" school faculty who refuse to use preferred pronouns.

We have moved on. We have grown up as a nation. ... These kids are living in a world where they can actually be themselves for the first time in our history as a nation," Davis said. "Now, you're invalidating — you're stripping this away from their future."

Katie Blair with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Indiana, added that "vague language" in the bill "could create serious, unforeseen consequences for schools, teachers and

families."

She said the bill, if passed, would make "age appropriate and clearly school appropriate conversations" illegal in Indiana classrooms.

"LGBTQ teachers could find themselves in violation of the law simply for acknowledging that they are married within the context of the school. Teachers who happen to be transgender could lose jobs just for existing. Children of same sex couples should be allowed to bring their dads or their moms on school trips and visits just like any other child," Blair said. "But it's easy to see that this bill would significantly chill a school's ability to be welcoming for those kids. "We need to stop forcing teachers to be gender police and from making personal, subjective judgments about whether or not a student may be showing signs that they are transgender and to report on them."

Donato said the amended bill does not stop schools from providing "age appropriate instruction on sexual abuse."

Rep. Davis declined to give specific examples but claimed that parents in her district have reported "human sexuality" instruction in their young children's schools.

Still, the definition of "human sexuality" remains vague. Davis describes it as "just the way people experience and express themselves sexually," but conceded that "everything is open to interpretation.'

She said an amendment to the bill to clarify what teachers can and can not talk about is "definitely something" lawmakers should consider on the Senate floor, "that way, teachers know exactly what they can and cannot do in the classroom."

The bill is likely to be up for discussion in the full chamber next week.

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That's Holy Business

BAGELS ARE ONE OF AMERCA'S MOST **DANGEROUS FOODS**

That headline was the title of an article I read on an app called Smart-News. The story makes it clear that if you show up at an emergency room with a fishhook in your nose or your fingers super-glued together, there is a good chance you will be sitting in the waiting room next to a guy with a bagel injury.

The writer claims that more than 40,000 people in this country ended up in an ER last year with a BRI—a Bagel Related Injury. That's about 10 dozen people a day (in bagel talk). I find this statistic absolutely astounding. It means that over 325 million people in the United States have avoided these doughy morning mishaps. What are they eating for breakfast? Pop Tarts?

As you have no doubt surmised, a BRI is an accident that occurs when cutting the bagel in half before popping it in the toaster. The result can be hand lacerations, gouges or severed digits...all of which, especially the last one, can ruin a lovely Sunday brunch.

Several years ago, I was a victim of my own bagel boo-boo. The big mistake I made was using a dull knife to cut a frozen bagel while holding the bagel in the palm of my hand. Okay, I guess that's three mistakes.

If these accidents continue, hospitals may have to assign specially trained triage nurses to assess the severity of the situation when bleeders arrive at the ER.

"What seems to be the problem, Sir?"

"I cut myself while I was slicing a bagel.' "Were you cutting it

horizontally or vertically?" the nurse might ask. "I was vertical, of course. It's not safe to

slice a bagel while lying

on the couch." "I see you are bleeding pretty badly. I also detect

a white ooze in the cut." "That's cream cheese. Can we move on with

this? It really hurts." "Sir, I need to record



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all the data. It's part of the new government program, O'Bagel Care. What kind of bagel was

"It was an Everything Bagel."

"Oh, I just love those. I can even see the little poppy seeds and specks of onion on your bloody napkin. That explains the burning sensation in your gaping wound. By the way, can you recommend a place to get a good Everything Bagel?"

"Yes, there's a cute neighborhood shop on 86th Street...wait a second, what are we doing here? I hate to be blunt about this, but can we get me in to see a doctor quickly? And can you confirm my accident is covered by my insurance?"

"You would need to have a bagel medical plan like Blue-Cross, Blue-Berry, with a Sesame Seed supplement. Just kidding. Dr.

Cohen, the physician on duty, made up those jokes. It's just a barrel of laughs working here in the ER."

A sympathetic nurse may offer some advice while you wait. "You might want to invest in a contraption specifically designed to cut bagels, so we don't see you here again. They're sometimes called Bagel Guillotines. They protect your hands from sharp edges. Doesn't that sound like a good idea?"

"No, but Pop Tarts are starting to."

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had things to do or had people over. Dad bought our first television in 1952 when I was 3 1/2 years old, so by the time I started school in the fall of 1954... and even though I lived on a farm and played outside much of the time, I had likely watched thousands of hours of TV shows.

My parents' favorite shows were the "Texaco Star Theater" (starring Milton Berle), "The Honeymooners" (starring Jackie Gleason), "The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show", "Our Miss Brooks" (starring Eve Arden), "Your Show of Shows" (starring Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca), "The Jack Benny Show", and of course "I Love Lucy" (starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz). Several people have told me that I have a unique sense of humor, and I really believe these comedy shows had a great deal to do

with that. I also watched my favorite shows..."The Howdy Doody Show" (with Buffalo Bob), "Miss Frances' Ding Dong School", "Captain Kangaroo", "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet", "The Gene Autry Show", and my two favorites..."The Lone Ranger" and "The Adventures of Superman"...all of these coming on the air before I started

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first grade.

I learned quite a few things, information-wise, from the first three shows, which helped me when I began school. I also often imitated the characters in the other shows. I received a capgun and holster one Christmas and pretended I was Gene Autry, Hopalong Cassidy, or the Lone Ranger. I drew an "S" on a T-shirt, pinned a red towel to my back, and jumped from the front porch roof just like Superman. Yes, I did fly...

straight to the ground and broke a bone in my foot! I also could mimic the various comedians' funny facial expressions and tell their jokes to anyone who would listen.

Even under adverse situations as a police officer, I still maintained a sense of humor. Perhaps deep down there is an "Uncle Milty" lodged in the recesses of my brain. Perhaps I became a teacher because of Eve Arden, Miss Frances, or Miss Landers (on "Leave It to Beaver). Perhaps I became a Sheriff because of the Lone Ranger, Matt Dillon, or Wyatt Earp. And is the fact that I always enjoy helping people with their problems a result of me imitating my parents, going to Sunday school, or watching hundreds of episodes of Superman?

Yes, maybe all three. Think about what young people watch today...not

only on TV, but also on video games, in movies, in music videos, and on the Internet. What type of personality traits are being formed? Senseless violence, R-rated language, crude and vulgar humor, sex-filled scenes, and totally abhorrent behavior... is definitely not beneficial in developing a normal, well-adjusted person. We already know the results. We see it on the news every day.

Well, maybe I'm wrong about all of this. The people who know me a bit too well might have another theory...perhaps I watched too much of another show...The Three Stooges.

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landfills, which is about a third of the food produced for consumption, costing about \$161 billion. To bring this down to a household level, a family of 4 throws away an average of \$1600 of food annually. That is two months' worth of grocery bills in my house and with inflation where it is, I can't afford to waste food or money. So, what can we do about

the food waste?

Plan meals before shopping. If you know what and how much you are going to eat for the week, that prevents food from rotting in the fridge. Also take inventory of what you already have. Lots of times you don't need to buy every ingredient for a dish because you already have it on hand or you can adjust the recipe to accommodate for ingredients you've already have. Don't forget to take inventory of the trash. If you threw it away, it means that you and your family don't eat it.

Eat leftovers. Choose to pack a lunch of leftovers for work. Using clear containers to store the leftovers can help, that way you can see what leftover are inside each container. Containers you can't see through may cause the leftovers to get lost in the fridge.

Buy frozen. If you buy fresh food and have a problem with your food rotting before you get to it, try buying the frozen alternative. If you don't think you can eat food

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before it goes bad, throw it in the freezer and save for a later time.

Keep food out of the trash. If you can't eat it, compost it. Composting is a great way to improve soil health and to keep vegetable food scraps out of the trash.

Make a Broth. Make flavorful reduced sodium broths and stocks for future dishes. Instead of throwing away the questionable vegetables you didn't get to in time, or the ends that were cut off when preparing them, throw them in the freezer to make vegetable broth. Once enough vegetables are collected throw them in a stock pot with water and seasonings and boil for about 2 hours. Strain the broth from the vegetable parts and fill freezer containers. If freezer space is a concern, meat and vegetable broths can be canned, but please follow USDA recipes as these broths will need to be pressure canned. Once you are finished with the vegetable scraps compost

In 2015 the USDA partnered with the EPA and set a goal to reduce our nation's Food Waste by 50% by the year 2030. So what steps are you going to take to reduce your food waste?

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business or that they do not know for sure there is abuse or neglect. Protecting our children and youth is the business of the community. It is our responsibility to look out for our most vulnerable community members who cannot look out for themselves. You do not need to know for certain that there is abuse or neglect, an assessor from the Department of Child Services can determine that and offer support and assistance to

families in need. Preventing child abuse and neglect will take effort from every one of us, from policy makers to parents, to ensure our children have the foundation to become tomorrow's leaders. Prevent Child Abuse Indiana and our local council act as educators, working to heighten public awareness of the need for caring communities to promote healthy child development; coalition builders organizing concerned citizens and groups to join forces and leverage resources to prevent child abuse; catalysts advocating for important programs and policies that help communities support parents and help parents raise healthy children; and trainers providing professionals and volunteers with the essential skills and knowledge to help parents and communities prevent child abuse and neglect.

You may ask what you can do to help prevent abuse and neglect in Montgomery County. Supporting families and ensuring parents have the knowledge skills and resources they need are effective ways to protect children from the risk of child abuse and neglect. Children do well when their parents do well. Parents do best when they live in communities that actively support families. We can champion services and provide the support they need to raise strong, healthy and successful children. It begins with awareness but it does not end there.

As part of our awareness campaign, we are pleased to promote the national pinwheel symbol of prevention. The pinwheel was chosen for its positive association with children and with happy images of childhood. It represents the hope and promise that every child can be raised in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment. If you would like to have a pinwheel garden

at your church, business or agency to highlight Child Abuse Prevention, just come by the Youth Service Bureau at 808 W. Pike St. We have free pinwheels and yard signs for you to display to support our message. Also, as you see the pinwheel gardens planted around our community, we hope you will be reminded of the need for all of us to be involved in making our community a healthy and safe place for children.

We also have a variety of child abuse prevention materials that we are happy to share with any church, organization or business that would like to have them. Additionally, the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Montgomery County provides, at no cost, training for adults about prevention, signs

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and symptoms of abuse and mandated reporting. If your church or organization is interested in this training just contact the Youth Service Bureau to schedule a presentation.

If we all work together in Montgomery County we can achieve our vision of having a community where all children and youth are respected, nurtured and protected. We appreciate the support we receive to make this vision a reality. For more information

about what you can do to prevent child abuse in our community, please contact the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Montgomery County at the Youth Service Bureau at 765-362-0694, ext. 105 or visit our website at www. mcysb.org.





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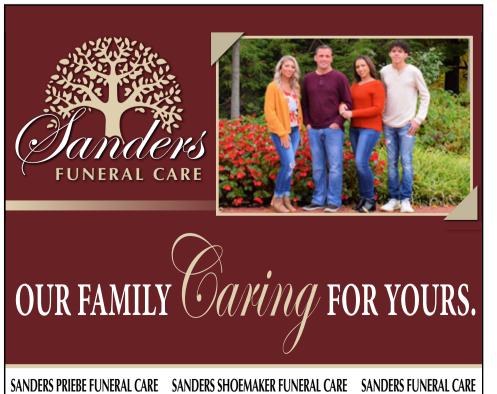
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golden egg to find! We will be serving treats, have an Easter craft, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Stop by Whitlock Place and pick up a picture to color. After coloring the picture, bring it to Whitlock Place by Thursday, March 30th to enter for judging by our residents, we will display all pictures to share with everyone who visits our community.

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