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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 27:1 *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

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Lily, Doris (Owner) and Kimberly of the Breakfast Club offered one of our roving photographers winning smiles while accepting their Readers' Choice 2023 Award. Thank you for your smiles!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Kiwanis is in the process of purchasing a bike for a young man here in Crawfordsville. They are raising money through a GoFundMe page and are asking that you post this in your respective papers. <https://gofund.me/b2d12490>

2 Scientists at Purdue have created a white paint that, when applied, can reduce the surface temperature on a roof and cool the building beneath it. In 2020, Dr. Xiulin Ruan and his team of Purdue researchers unveiled their creation: a type of white paint that can act as a reflector, bouncing 95% of the sun's rays away from the Earth's surface, up through the atmosphere and into deep space. A few months later, they announced an even more potent formulation that increased sunlight reflection to 98%.

3 Purdue University researchers with patent-pending innovations for the agriculture, medical and autonomous transportation industries have received funding to further develop their work and bring it to the marketplace. Researchers from the Bindley Bioscience Center and the College of Engineering have received more than \$118,000 from the Trask Innovation Fund to make their work more attractive for commercial use.

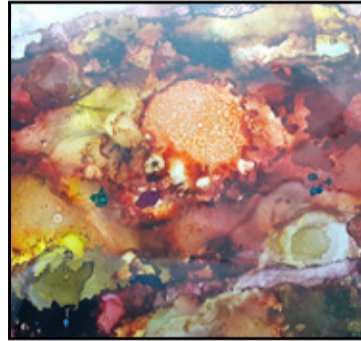
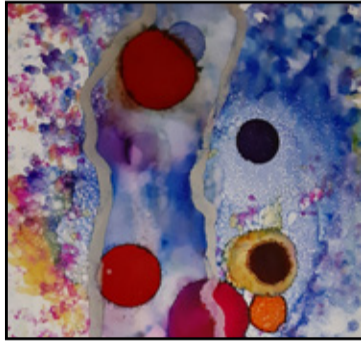
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Examples of Alcohol Ink Art

Art On Thursday - On August 10 - Alcohol Inks

What are alcohol inks? All paints consist of a pigment (color) and a binder. For alcohol inks, the pigment is the ink and the binder is isopropyl alcohol. The isopropyl alcohol evaporates quickly leaving highly pigmented ink.

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Class will be on August 10th. Choose either an afternoon

session (1-3 pm) or an evening session (6-8 pm). Class is open to anyone 12 years and older. Cost is \$35. Classes meet at Athens Arts, 216 E. Main Street, Crawfordsville, IN.

To reserve a spot for the August 10th class, stop by Athens Arts Thursdays and Fridays 10 am to 6 pm or on Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm or call 765.362.7455 during business hours to pay via credit card. ***

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Butch's College Chemistry Class Was Wild!



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

When I began my studies at Purdue in the mid-1960s, I wanted to become a Social Studies, PE, and Health teacher, but I also had

to take "required" math and science courses to graduate and receive my degree. Thanks to the great teachers that I had in high school, I tested out of college Algebra and Trigonometry and received five hours of credit. The only math course left was Calculus for engineering students. I had taken high school calculus and received an "A," so I wasn't too worried about college calculus...Wrong! The instructor was a graduate assistant from a foreign country, and I couldn't understand a word he was saying. The class of approximately 400 students met for 18 weeks that semester. There was only one test...a final exam that constituted the semester grade. I attended class only the first week, and I tried to memorize everything in the calculus book and prayed that I could pass the final exam. I was an "A" student, but when I received a "C," I was very happy, as the class average was a "D."

I had taken Chemistry 111 and passed with flying colors, so the only other Chemistry class left to take was Chemistry 112, an extension of the first course. Simple...right? Wrong again. The instructor of Chemistry 112 was a distinguished professor who had been at Purdue for over 30 years.

One the first day in his lecture class, which consisted of about 400-500 students in the large auditorium, I knew that I would likely have no trouble. However, about 30 minutes into his lecture, the professor spotted a student who had fallen asleep, and in a whispery voice told the class to remain quiet. He tiptoed up the steps to where the sleeping student sat...and whopped the student with a foot-long eraser against the side of his head! The stunned student awakened, his face flushed, and the professor looked him straight in the eyes. "You are to NEVER fall asleep in my class again!" No one else did...that's for sure! At the end of class, he told everyone that in addition to his one weekly lecture, the large class would be broken down into "recitation" classes of about 25-30 students

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:34 a.m.
SET: 9:13 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 80 °F
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Today is...

- Legal Drinking Age Day
- National Junk Food Day
- National Be Someone Day

What Happened On This Day

- 2011 STS-135 lands.
- 1983 Lowest temperature ever measured on Earth.
- 1969 First person walks on the Moon. Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the Moon.

Births On This Day

- 1948 Cat Stevens English singer-songwriter, musician
- 1899 Ernest Hemingway American writer, Nobel Prize laureate

Deaths On This Day

- 1982 Dave Garroway American journalist
- 1796 Robert Burns Scottish poet

State Road 234 Closed For Culvert Replacements Near Ladoga

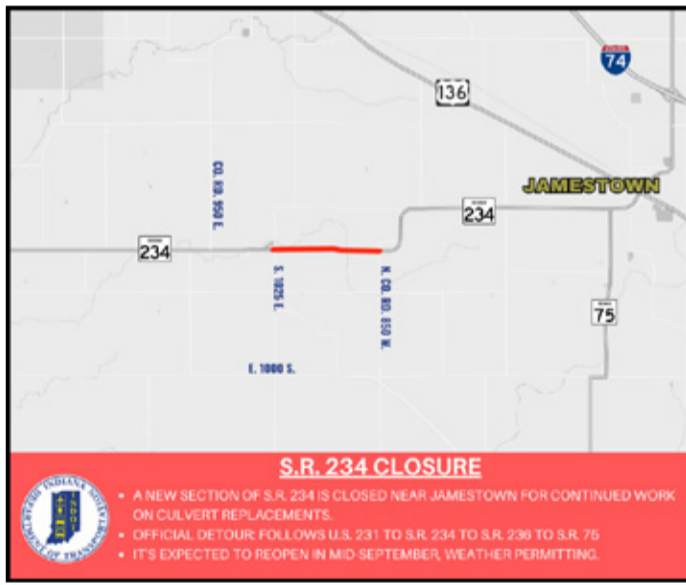
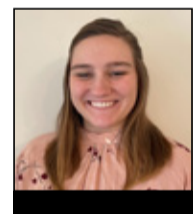


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The Indiana Department of Transportation announces a new section of State Road 234 is currently closed near Jamestown for continued work on culvert replacements. The road is closed between County Road S. 1025 E. and Co. Rd. N. 850 W. It's expected to reopen in mid-September, weather permitting. The official detour follows U.S. 231 to S.R. 234 to S.R. 236 to S.R. 75 and back. This contract was awarded to Conexco, Inc. for \$1.1 million. It also involves additional culvert work on S.R. 234, approximately 3.54 miles west of S.R. 75 in Hendricks County and approximately 7.28 miles west of S.R. 75 in Montgomery County. The entire contract is expected to be completed in June of 2024.

Succession Planning Class For Farm Families



TRICIA HERR
Purdue Extension Office



The Purdue Extension Farm Succession Team is hosting Online Succession Planning Class, Cultivating Relationships and Having the Cash to Bring in the Next Generation. The class will be held August 15, 16 and 17

from 11:30am-1:00pm ET on Zoom. It is an online class, we encourage families to register once and participate together. Cost is \$40 per registration. The class will cover the

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

For those who think pride and patriotism in our country is a bad thing, you are wrong. Those strong feelings are what helped this country get to where it is today.



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Everyone should know their Body Mass Index (BMI) - adults should be less than 25. 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.



➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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School Lists And Registration

Be on the lookout for those school registration emails and be sure to look on the school websites or our website to find lists of school supplies!

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect."
-Mark Twain

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Why do fish swim in saltwater?
Because pepperwater would make them sneeze!

➔ OBITUARIES

None

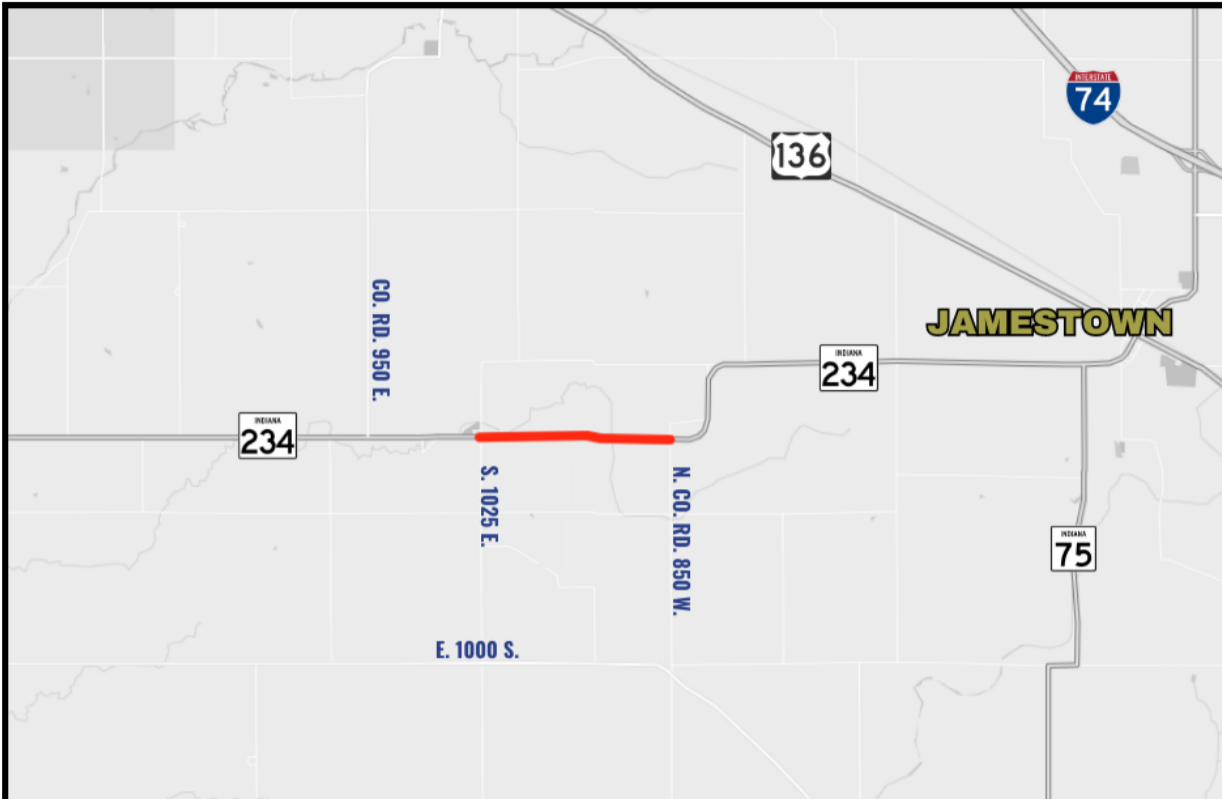
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State Road 75 Closing On Or After August 5 For Culvert Replacement Project Near Jamestown



S.R. 234 CLOSURE



- A NEW SECTION OF S.R. 234 IS CLOSED NEAR JAMESTOWN FOR CONTINUED WORK ON CULVERT REPLACEMENTS.
- OFFICIAL DETOUR: FOLLOWS U.S. 231 TO S.R. 234 TO S.R. 236 TO S.R. 75
- IT'S EXPECTED TO REOPEN IN MID-SEPTEMBER, WEATHER PERMITTING.

Photo courtesy of INDOT

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces State Road 75 will close on or after Saturday, August 5 for a culvert replacement project near Jamestown. The road will be closed approximately 0.9 miles south of S.R. 234, between State Road 234 and S.R. 236, through mid-September, weather permitting. The official detour follows U.S. 136 to S.R. 39 to S.R. 236 and back. This contract was awarded to CLR, Inc. It also involves additional culvert replacement work on S.R. 42 in Clay County.



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Walters Says That Purdue Football Will Be Competitive This Season



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

For years, Purdue Hall of Famer Gene Keady has told the story of how he knew Matt Painter would be a basketball coach someday.

“Ever since he was a player here, Matt has had one of the sharpest basketball minds I’ve ever been around,” Keady said in 2004, when it was announced that Painter would be his replacement on the Boilermaker bench.

“He eats it, sleeps it and wakes up in the middle of the night thinking about it.”

Similar compliments have been paid by former colleagues of first-year Purdue football head coach Ryan Walters.

“The coaches I had in college would always say you should think about getting into coaching when your playing days are done,” Walters said. “It was natural for me. For whatever reason, as a player the X’s and O’s made sense to me. I don’t know if it was because I had the quarterback background prior to playing defense.”

“I’ve always sort of been the youngest guy on the staff and have had a quick rise in this profession because one, I enjoy it. I enjoy the relationships. I enjoy the creativity and I enjoy the challenge and the pressure and the nature of this job. I feel like I’m doing what I’m supposed to be doing.”

The 37-year-old first-year Purdue coach, the

fourth-youngest in major college football entering the 2023 season, worked for six schools in seven years once his playing days at Colorado concluded. Graduate assistant for his alma mater in 2009 and one year later at Arizona. Promoted to defensive backs coach for the Wildcats in 2011, Walters’ journey to Purdue also saw stops at Oklahoma, North Texas, Memphis and Missouri.

Success as defensive coordinator in the SEC with the Tigers brought Walters to Bret Bielema’s attention when he was forming a staff at Illinois in 2021.

“Ryan is a talented coach with a bright future,” Bielema said at the time of Walters’ hire at Purdue. “This is something I had seen coming for a while.”

At Missouri in 2019, Walters’ defense ranked 14th nationally and third in the SEC. The Tigers’ pass defense that season ranked eighth in passing yards allowed (179.3 per game) and 17th in scoring defense (19.4).

At Illinois, Walters groomed cornerback Devon Witherspoon into the school’s first Jim Thorpe Award (top defensive back in college football) finalist. The numbers put up by Walters’ defense in 2022, most notably first in the country in scoring defense (12.3) and second in yards allowed per game (263.8), haven’t been approached at Purdue since 1978.

“The Junk Defense” created by Leon Burnett and featuring Keena Turner, Kevin Motts, Rock Supan and Wayne Smith, gave up 282 yards and 10.8 points

a game (including three shutouts) on its way to a 9-2-1 record. That Boilermaker team missed a share of the Big Ten championship by virtue of a 24-24 tie at Wisconsin.

Even the best defense of the Joe Tiller era, the 2003 squad under coordinator Brock Spack, gave up 302 yards per game while allowing an average of 17.4 points. That Boilermaker defense had 11 future NFL players on the roster.

With a nod to Purdue’s tradition of passing offenses, Walters also promises a similar defensive approach when asked what fans should expect to see from his first Boilermaker team.

“You’re going to see a team that is going to be playing fanatically, playing fast, a team that loves to play the game and plays it the right way,” Walters said. “We’re going to be competitive, we’re going to be tough, we’re going to be disciplined.”

“Offensively, we’re going to score points. We’re going to throw the football around. (Offensive coordinator) Graham Harrell and his track record with developing quarterbacks and skill players speaks for itself. I’m going to piggyback what the new Colts coach said. We’re going to throw the ball to score points and we’re going to run the ball to win games. He put that in terms that definitely speaks to the way we think about offensive football here.”

“Defensively, we’re going to confuse and harass the quarterback. We’re going to generate turnovers and limit explosive plays. We’re going to play smart

football. More games are lost than they are won and so we are going to play attention to the things that can potentially get you beat like penalties, mental errors and turnovers.”

On paper, Purdue’s defense returns five starters: safeties Cam Allen and Sanoussi Kane, cornerback Jamari Brown, linebacker O.C. Brothers and defensive end Kydran Jenkins from a defense that gave up 367 yards and 27.3 points a game.

Those statistics are skewed by giving up 63 points and 589 yards to LSU in a Citrus Bowl game played without NFL draft picks Jalen Graham and Cory Trice.

Filling those vacancies, as well as finding a replacement for quarterback Aidan O’Connell (now with the Las Vegas Raiders), was a priority for Walters upon taking the job. The latter problem seems to be filled by signing former Texas quarterback Hudson Card out of the transfer portal. Promising underclassmen such as outside linebacker Nic Scourton (formerly Caraway), inside linebacker Yanni Karlaftis and a handful of transfers may be the solution to the former.

One of the advantages of being a young, first-time head coach is being open to different ideas. One of them is the balance between family life and coaching. Walters leads by example in the time he spends with wife Tara and their sons Aaron and Cason.

“This job requires a lot of your time,” he said. “I think time is the most valu-



Photo courtesy of Purdue Athletics

able commodity on this planet. So I’ve got time to get away. I like to spend that time with my family on vacation. We usually go to Hawaii every year for an extended period of time. As a result, we’ve got two dogs whose names are Maui and Kona.”

Walters notes that changing technology makes coaching clichés like spending 12-18 hour days in the office no longer applicable.

“I think sometimes people get stuck in ‘this is how we’ve always done it so this is how we have to do it’ instead of changing with the technology and the times,” Walters said. “Obviously it takes what it takes to get the job done but there are different seasons within the calendar year for the football program. For me it’s important to give myself and my staff time to be fathers and be husbands, be available to your family.”

“I think balance keeps you hungry, keeps you energized and can give you a better perspective on what is required and what is conducive to having a healthy environment in your program.”

Walters has yet to coach

his first game at Purdue and a few fans on social media are already worrying he will abandon the Boilermakers for a return to Colorado when Deion Sanders leaves for a bigger job or is dismissed. Never mind that Colorado doesn’t hold the same affection for Walters that Louisville does for former coach Jeff Brohm.

“I’m over the moon appreciative over the opportunity to lead this program,” Walters said. “I want my kids, who are 9 and 7, when they grow up I want them to say they’re from West Lafayette. I plan on being here a long time, as long as they’ll have me.”

“There will be adversity at times. That is guaranteed in life, right? But I’ll promise you we’ll do everything we can to attack that and overcome that adversity with great attitude and with maximum effort to win championships here.”

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

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“The Line”, Like Comedy, Is Subjective



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

Last week, I shared with you some of the most common inquiries I have received from readers over the past 25 years about the writing of humor. Here are a few more.

“Are there any taboo subjects in humor?”

A well-known comic named Tig Notaro found out the day before a performance that she had breast cancer. She then created a monologue for her next stand-up about receiving the bad news. Was that an appropriate topic for comedy? In my mind, yes! Keep in mind it was her own diagnosis she was joking about. That gave her some leeway. As Tig has reported, it was those people with cancer who enjoyed her riff the most.

Jon Stewart once noted that the key to writing about sensitive topics is to make fun of the smoke, not the fire. Example: Stewart himself did a whole show satirizing the way reporters covered Michael Jackson’s death. Not the fact the legend died, but how it was handled in the press. Mel Brooks skewered Hitler, not the Holocaust.

Comedy is about going right to the edge and sometimes over, which

means you risk alienating some. Sara Silverman is brilliant, but she crosses that line for many. She does make Holocaust jokes. I don’t find them funny, but if I don’t like what I am hearing I grab the remote. Or walk out of the club. Let humorists do their thing. Some old Seinfeld episodes seem extremely politically incorrect now. Would I ban them from TV? Of course not.

“I once heard you say that puns were the lowest form of humor. But you often use them?”

I once considered puns a low form of humor because unlike a classic joke, a pun requires very little intellectual input by the listener or reader. There is really nothing to “get”. And getting a joke is what makes you laugh. A pun takes very little getting.

But I was wrong. In order to understand a (good) pun, you must hold two very different ideas in your head at the same time. In poems, the words rhyme. With puns, the ideas rhyme. Some puns do require a little thought to see the connection of two separate ideas. The story goes that a rich passenger on a sinking ship asked the captain if he could choose himself to row the lifeboat or not. “Of course,” said the captain “Either oar.”

“Make me the subject of a joke,” said the king to the court jester.

Frightened of getting himself in serious trouble, the jokester responded: “I cannot do that, the king is not a subject.” Of course, some puns are groan-worthy. For example, I hate puns about sausages. They are the wurst. (See what I mean.)

By the way, Shakespeare loved puns. He averaged about 80 per play. I manage about two a column, but I’m no Shakespeare.

“How long does it take to write a column?”

Actual writing takes about two hours. But the premise of the column must already be in my head. I have probably spent several days with the idea rattling around in my brain. I never sit down to write without already knowing the basic topic and having some direction. Otherwise, I’d be sitting there all day.

I think it was Mark Twain who said, “Humor is easy. If something funny occurs to you, just write about it.” Then he said: “The writing is easy; the hard part is the occurring.”

Next week, I’ll write a real humor column. Hopefully, something will occur to me.

—Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

Young, Peters Introduce Bipartisan Legislation To Increase America’s Global Competitiveness

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Gary Peters (D-Mich.) introduced the Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2023 to increase America’s global competitiveness and ensure our nation continues to be the most attractive destination for international companies to invest.

For decades, foreign direct investment in America has strengthened our nation’s economy by bringing more good paying jobs to our communities, boosting domestic research and development, and exporting more American-made goods. However, in the face of heightened competition from other countries, America must remain intentional about attracting international investment. The Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2023 would support this effort by directing the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a government-wide review of and report to Congress on ways to increase America’s global competitiveness in attracting foreign direct investment.

“Foreign investment in the United States means more jobs for American workers and investment in our local communities,” said Senator Young. “Our

bipartisan bill will reinforce America’s commitment to global leadership, enhance investment in our workforce, bolster U.S. innovation, and help out-compete the Chinese Communist Party.”

“Michigan continues to be a top destination for economic investment because of our world-class workforce and leadership in critical fields like advanced manufacturing and technological innovation,” said Senator Peters. “This commonsense, bipartisan legislation is a needed step to keeping our businesses and workers economically competitive on the global stage for years to come.”

The legislation would:

- Identify unnecessary barriers to foreign direct investment from responsible private sector entities based in trusted countries and the jobs that such investment creates throughout the United States;

- Promote policies to ensure the United States remains the premier global destination to invest, hire, innovate, provide services, and manufacture products;

- Promote policies to ensure the United States remains the global leader in developing and deploying cutting-edge technologies, such as artificial intelligence and quantum

computing;

- Maintain and expand resilient supply chains and reduce the dependence of the United States on supply chains from China and other foreign adversaries; and

- Maintain the United States’ commitment to an open investment policy with private-sector entities based in trusted countries which will encourage other countries to reciprocate and enable the United States to open new markets abroad for U.S. companies and their products.

In Indiana, international investment has led to 204,100 jobs and more than 900 international employers operating in the state.

U.S. Representative Greg Pence (R-IN-06) introduced companion legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives, and it recently passed the House by a vote of 386-22.

Additionally, the Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2023 is supported by Autos Drive America, Global Business Alliance, Information Technology Industry Council, National Association of Manufacturers, and U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Congresswoman Houchin Supports Passage Of Schools Not Shelters Act Amid Border Crisis

“Schools should not be distracted from meeting the educational needs of students because President Biden has failed to secure the southern border,” – Rep. Houchin.

Congresswoman Erin Houchin (R-Ind.-09), a member of the House Education and Workforce Committee, voted to pass the Schools Not Shelters Act to prohibit the use of educational facilities to provide shelter or housing for illegal migrants. This would include public elementary schools, public secondary schools,

and institutions of higher education.

“The House passage of this bill sends a clear message to the Biden Administration and cities across the country that the safety and education of students comes first. Our schools won’t be used to clean up President Biden’s border crisis,” said Congresswoman Houchin.

On Wednesday, Congresswoman Houchin managed the rule for the consideration of the bill on the House Floor.

“As a member of the

Education and Workforce Committee, we were presented with staggering statistics that provide further evidence of the Biden’s border crisis. We learned that over 2,500 migrants are pouring into New York City weekly, with over 87,000 migrants arriving since last spring, it is obvious that action must be taken. These statistics from our larger cities preview what could happen across the country if action is not taken,” said Congresswoman Houchin in the floor remarks.

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and meet twice each week. He would teach one of those recitation classes, but graduate teaching assistants would teach the rest.

I certainly hoped that I would NOT have the professor for my two weekly recitation classes...Wrong again...he was my instructor! At his first recitation class, he seated us in alphabetical order. I was in the middle of the front row. He proceeded to give his lesson, gave us our reading assignment, and told us, "You ARE to know what I have assigned you by the next class." The way that he said this made me somewhat nervous.

Two days later, the recitation class met again. The professor stood in front of the first boy in my row and asked a question. The boy gave the INCORRECT answer...and in a split second received a slap to the side of his face! What the heck! Then the professor proceeded to the next boy...Same result! The third student...same result again! I was next in line. The professor stood directly in front of me, looked me in the eyes, and asked a question. I gulped...gave an answer, and prayed that it was correct...and Thank God...it was...I had dodged a big one!

The next boy sitting at my right squirmed in his seat as the professor stood in front of him. I could sense there may be trouble ahead. When he asked this boy a question, the student did not answer at all. The professor started to smack his face. The boy, who was very muscular, blocked the professor's arm, stood

up and faced him nose-to-nose. Everyone in the class watched and waited to see what was going to happen...because it certainly appeared a fight was about to begin. But after 15 seconds of staring at each other, the boy backed down and walked out of the classroom...and never showed up again.

I wasn't sure that I wanted to stay in that class either...a little too much tension to suit me. I asked my advisor if there was any other science subject that I could take other than Chemistry 112, and he told me that I could take Physics instead. Well, that did it. I dropped out of the Chemistry class, took Physics, and received an "A" at the end of the semester. I found out later than several students had also switched classes to avoid a confrontation with the professor.

This professor taught Chemistry a few more years before retiring. He had taught Chemistry to thousands of Purdue students during his tenure at Purdue.

The students who passed his course KNEW their Chemistry...or else. Of course, in today's world, he could not use his unusual method of teaching, but those were different times. I will say this...if a student stayed in his recitation class, he became a Chemistry expert for sure...after going through his crazy antics!

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basics of succession planning, including:

- Crucial Conversations and When to Have Them
- Legal Aspects of Farm Transfers
- How to Fund Transitions
- Creating a Succession Plan
- Resources for Farm Families

These classes will be hosted by Purdue Extension Educators and Extension Farm Management Specialists. Participants will also get to hear from an attorney who will help answer legal questions and go over how to structure a succession plan.

"Succession planning is an important part of ensuring the long-term success of a farm operation," said Jenna Nees, Putnam County Ag and

Natural Resources Educator. "This class will provide farm families with the resources they need to create a financial and legal plan that meets their specific needs."

The class is \$40 to attend and open to all farm families. To learn more and register, visit: <https://cvent.me/r9yl02>

Please register by August 13.

This Farm Succession Class Series is made possible through grant funding from North Central Extension Risk Management Education.

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Senator Braun's Amendment To Protect Second Amendment From "National Emergency Declaration" Gun Control

Senator Mike Braun offered an amendment to the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act that would prevent President Biden and the Department of Health and Human Services from declaring gun violence a public health emergency for the purpose of instituting gun control measures and infringing on Americans' Second Amendment rights.

"National and local politicians across the country are always trying to restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens. We need to set into law that

no one can declare a national health emergency to seize the power to restrict our Second Amendment rights with the stroke of a pen. I will always stand up for Hoosiers' rights to protect themselves and their families." - Senator Mike Braun

President Biden and HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, and Senator Alex Padilla have called for gun violence public health emergencies.

Senator Braun's amendment would protect Americans' right to bear arms from executive branch infringement by

affirming that the HHS Secretary does not have the authority to institute gun control by declaring gun violence a public health emergency.

Senator Braun's remarks during the markup meeting of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Americans saw Big Government flourish and many of our constitutional rights be diminished.

More and more, big government wants to turn everything into a national emergency.

Recently, the Secretary of Health and Human Services advocated for gun violence to be declared a public health emergency to grant HHS power to restrict Americans' right to keep and bear arms.

The Department of Health and Human Services was never intended to implement gun control of any kind.

My amendment would simply prohibit HHS from declaring a public health emergency to implement gun control.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes on my amendment.

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