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**TODAY'S VERSE**

*Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*



**Happenings**

**Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
All Campus Reading at Scholars Lounge Lilly Library, 11:15 a.m.

**Monday, Jan. 22, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
All Campus Reading at Scholars Lounge Lilly Library, 11:15 a.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
All Campus Reading at Scholars Lounge Lilly Library, 11:15 a.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
Artist Talk at Fine Arts Center, noon  
Art Exhibition Reception at Fine Arts Center, 4 p.m.  
Basketball at DePauw, 8 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024**

**ATHENS ARTS**  
Class: How to draw eyes (1-3 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. - reservation required)  
**WABASH COLLEGE**  
Board of Trustees meeting

**Friday, Jan. 26, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
Board of Trustees meeting

**Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
Board of Trustees meeting

**Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024**

**NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS**  
High School Robotics Fundraiser at Fieldhouse, 2 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
Basketball at Kenyon

**Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
Lecture Series, Blackness in Mexico - Dr. Anthony Jerry at Baxter Hall, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 2, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
Faculty & Staff Workshop at Malcolm X Institute, 12:10 p.m.

Wrestling at Univ. of Indianapolis, 10 a.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
Special Olympics Basketball at Wabash College, 6 a.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
Faculty meeting, 4:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024**

**WABASH COLLEGE**  
Sports Gambling discussion at Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

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## Boomer Bits



### Ask Rusty – How Can I Get Details about My Social Security Payment?



**ASK Rusty**  
Social Security Advisor

#### Social Security Matters

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**Dear Rusty:** How do I find the actual breakdown of the Medicare insurance that I have auto deducted and my actual Social Security payment? I was just looking at a video which explained the 3% Cost of Living Adjustment we will be receiving this year, and it compared the current payout to the new payout. There seems to be a big difference in what I am getting and what they said in the video. Currently my Social Security payments are \$1,431. My Medicare insurance is supposed to be \$165, which means my total Social Security is about \$1,596. On the video it said all retired workers are

getting \$1,848 with the new increase to take it to \$1,938.00. There are a couple hundred dollars there that I seem to be missing out on. Can you help me understand that difference? Signed: Confused Senior

**Dear Confused Senior:** What you're asking for is an itemized breakout of your gross Social Security benefit, any deductions being taken therefrom (e.g., your Medicare Part B premium), the amount of your COLA increase, and your net Social Security

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### Romance Scams on Rise; Elderly Particularly Vulnerable

*StatePoint*

They say, "you can't buy love," but scammers have figured out a way to exploit it for profit.

Romance scams are at an all-time high and, while victims cross all demographics, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reports that elders are increasingly targeted. Why? Because they often have retirement savings at their disposal and may be more isolated and less tech savvy.

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### Prioritize Mental Health in 2024 With 9 Tips

*StatePoint*

As the new year begins, many people make resolutions regarding their physical health, but it's just as important to focus on mental health in the year ahead, especially for older adults, according to experts.

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## Karen Loves Twins – Meet Henry & Josie

I love twins! Our family is full of them – at one family reunion when I was seven or so at Lafayette Park, there were 17 sets, and if my twin had lived, there'd have been 18. I watched my twin brothers, so different yet so close until my brother



**KAREN ZACH**  
Around The County

until my brother Garry passed after twinning for 55 years (oh, my he has been gone 21). We had to pull his twin from the casket – he was ready to go, too! Wherever one was, the other had to

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Henry Howard and Josie Davis

### TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Twenty percent of kids between the ages of two and five are overweight – get them out of the strollers and turn off the TV.

*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](http://www.thepaper24-7.com)*



### THREE THINGS You Should Know

**1** Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton has scheduled his 128th community forum with the public. This month's meeting is scheduled for Monday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Mc McDonald's North, 1000 Smith Rd. As always, the public is invited to come and talk about anything and everything related to the city.

**2** Want to learn how to draw eyes? Then Athens Arts might just be your ticket. A class on exactly that is set for Jan. 25. You can choose either an afternoon session (1-3 p.m.) or an evening session (6-8 p.m.). Class is open to anyone 12 years and older. Cost is \$35. Classes meet at Athens Arts, 216 E. Main St. in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville. To reserve a spot stop by Athens Arts Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or call (765) 362-7455 and leave a voice message.

**3** Eek! Do mice get a bum reputation? According to experts on the subject, mice "are fastidiously clean animals." Rodney Holbrook of Builth Wells, Wales can attest to that; he noticed that "stuff" in his tool shed was being relocated each night in an orderly fashion. He planted a hidden camera and, sure enough, he caught what he calls a "tidy mouse" gathering nails, small tools, etcetera and neatly putting them in a small tray. The mouse usually works alone but sometimes has help from a "brother mouse." As Wells put it to the BBC, "I don't bother to tidy up now, I leave things out of the box and they put it back in its place by the morning."

### TODAY'S QUOTE

"When Americans lend a hand to one another, nothing is impossible. We're not about what happened on 9-11. We're about what happened on 9-12."  
Jeff Parness

### TODAY'S JOKE

What did 50 Cent do when he was hungry?  
58.

### THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Indianapolis Home Show begins today and time is quickly running out to get your free ticket, courtesy of your favorite Montgomery County Paper! The 102nd Home Show is open at the Indiana State Fairgrounds through Sunday, Jan. 28 and all you have to do to win free tickets is send a selfie with your smiling face, our front page (electronic or print) and your name and contact information to [news@thepaper24-7.com](mailto:news@thepaper24-7.com). And hey, if you want to say something nice about us, we wouldn't object! But hurry, supplies and time are limited!

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## The Daily Almanac

### Sunrise/Sunset

RISE: 8:06 am  
SET: 5:51 pm



### High/Low Temperatures

HIGH: 14°F  
LOW: 2°F



### Today is...

- National Popcorn Day
- Tin Can Day
- New Friends Day



### What Happened On This Day

- **1983** Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie is arrested in Bolivia. Barbie was known as the "Butcher of Lyon".
- **1915** Georges Claude patents his neon discharge tube. Neon lighting soon became popular for outdoor advertising.



### Births On This Day

- **1946** Dolly Parton- American singer-songwriter, actress
- **1943** Janis Joplin- American singer-songwriter

### Deaths On This Day

- **1990** Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh - Indian mystic, guru, educator
- **1865** Pierre-Joseph Proudhon - French politician, philosopher, economist



## OBITUARIES

### Mary Lou Abbott Henry

March 26, 1927 – Jan 11, 2024

Mary Lou Abbott Henry passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at Ben Hur Nursing Home. She was born on March 26, 1927 to the late David and Ruth (Seybold) Foster. She was a graduate of Crawfordsville High Class of '46. Mary and James "Bill" Abbott were married in 1952, until his passing in 1959. She was also the former wife of William Henry.



Mary worked for Indiana Bell and Montgomery Ward. She was a longtime member of the Smartsburg Christian Church. In her spare time, Mary loved watching westerns and listening to music. She enjoyed caring for dogs and cats, but the most important part of her life was spending time with family.

Mary is survived by her 3 children, Nancy Jeffrey, Patricia (Rick) Kinnett, Gregory (Linda) Abbott; stepson James T. Abbott; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; and her sister, Patricia Yount.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband, Bill; and siblings Lucille Shahan, Robert Foster, Don Foster, Donnis Heath, and Dave Foster.

Mary had a compassion for taking care of animals. In her memory, memorial contributions can be made to a local animal shelter of your choice.

Visitation will be at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street in Crawfordsville on Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 10:00 am until the time of memorial service at 12:00 pm. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery North. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at [www.SandersFuneralCare.com](http://www.SandersFuneralCare.com).



### Richard Lee "Dick" Tunin

Sept 2, 1934 – Jan 13, 2024

Richard Lee "Dick" Tunin, age 89 of Crawfordsville, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at home while surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Kingman, Indiana on September 2, 1934 to the late Cecil Ross & Bessie Florence (Arvin) Tunin.



Dick graduated from Kingman High School in 1952 and proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War and was stationed in Japan. On February 1, 1958 he married the love of his life, Carolyn Jean Slazas. He worked at Raybestos for over 30 years. He loved the outdoors and nature, enjoyed golfing, photography, bird watching, wood working, and genealogy, but most of all he loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Carolyn Tunin of Crawfordsville; three children, Rick (Carol) Tunin of Maryland, Bob (Anna) Tunin of Crawfordsville, and Shelli LaMaster of Connersville; a sister, Carole Pendleton of Crawfordsville; eight grandchildren, Ian Tunin, Matt (Katie) Tunin, Ross Tunin, Ana Tunin, Jesse Tunin, Justin Mack, Lilly (Ryan) Hauser, and Jamie LaMaster; and seven great-grandchildren, Mekenzie, Madison, Kyle, Branson, Calvin, Charlotte, and Hazel.

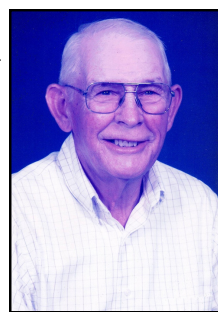
He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Don Tunin; and a sister, Nancy Worley.

Visitation will be at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St in Crawfordsville on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. There will also be a visitation at First Christian Church, 211 S Walnut St, in Crawfordsville on Thursday, January 18, 2024 from 10:00am till the time of the funeral service at 11:00am with Pastors Keith Strain and Darla Goodrich officiating and military honors by the United States Army and Legion Post 72 Honor Guard. Burial will follow at Oak Hill South Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to First Christian Church or your charity of choice. Share memories and condolences online at [www.SandersFuneralCare.com](http://www.SandersFuneralCare.com).

### Gary Max Leatherman

Jan 30, 1937 – Jan 14, 2024

Gary Max Leatherman, 86, of Rockville, Indiana went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus on Sunday, January 14, 2024, at St. Vincent Clay Hospital in Brazil. He was born January 30, 1937, in rural Rockville, Indiana to the late Charles Leatherman and Lois Stark Leatherman Deck.



Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Janet Elaine Evans Leatherman whom he married June 18, 1960 in Terre Haute; also surviving, three children, Kelly Lynn (Gayle) Johnson of Crawfordsville, Ted Joseph (Krista) Leatherman of Rockville and Kristy Leigh (Edward) Lippencott of Waveland; six grandchildren, Kori (Tyler) Thornton, Kylie (Curtis) Wainman, Joe (Kendall) Leatherman, Lyndsy (Nate) Eslinger, Trent Johnson, and Ross Lippencott; six great-grandchildren, Bodie, Blaine, Barret, Claire, Cole, Henry, and one more on the way.

Gary was a 1955 graduate of Greene Township High School. He served with the Indiana National Guard from 1956-1957 and with the U.S. Army from 1957-1959. He attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood and was stationed at Fort McClellan in Alabama, serving in the chemical corps as an E-4 corporal. After his service in the Army, Gary returned home to the family farm, and continued the grain and livestock operation, which is currently operated by his son and grandson as Leatherman Farms.

A committed Christian, Gary was an active member of Christ Community Church in Brazil. He was a member of American Legion Fellenzer post 48 in Rockville. In the community, Gary served on the Turkey Run School Board, and has been a livestock superintendent at the Parke County 4-H Fair. Throughout the years, Gary enjoyed hunting, fishing, following sports and activities of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with family. Nearly every Saturday Gary and Janet enjoyed going out to eat together. They have also enjoyed their many travels over the years.

Services will be 11:00 am Thursday, January 18, at Gooch Funeral Home, 112 W. Howard Street, Rockville, with Pastor Joshua Sanders officiating. Burial with military graveside honors by Parke County veterans will follow at Mt. Moriah Cemetery north of Hollandsburg. Visitation is 3-7 pm Wednesday at Gooch Funeral Home.

Memorials should friends so desire, may be made to Christ Community Church 10942 N. State Road 59, Brazil, IN 47834 in his memory. Online condolences may be shared at [www.goochfuneralhome.com](http://www.goochfuneralhome.com).



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## Witham Receives Honor

The Indiana Hospital Association (IHA), in partnership with Governor Eric J. Holcomb and State Health Commissioner Lindsay Weaver, M.D., FACEP, recognized Witham Health Services Maternity Center for their commitment to infant and maternal health at IHA's annual INspire Hospital of Distinction recognition program. INspire, funded by the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH)'s Safety PIN grant, was developed to encourage the

implementation of best-practice care for Hoosier moms and babies and recognize hospitals for excellence in addressing key drivers of maternal and infant health. Witham Maternity Center received the highest recognition based on six key areas of infant safe sleep, breastfeeding, tobacco prevention and cessation, social drivers of health, perinatal substance use, and AIM Patient Safety Bundles: Obstetric Hemorrhage

and Maternal Hypertension. "Thanks to the tireless work of our dedicated staff, Witham has risen to this challenge," said Lynn Schafer, BSN, RN, Clinical Director OB Services. "We remain committed to doing our part to create a highly-reliable obstetric care system for moms and babies across Indiana." For more information about our OB or Maternity services go to <https://www.witham.org/our-services/>

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### Drug Free Montgomery County Coalition Hires Full Time Director

The Drug Free Montgomery County Coalition is program of the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, but has never had a full-time director. That's changed now. Diamond Justus is the new director. "We are so excited to finally have someone concentrating their efforts solely on this incredibly important program," YSB Executive Director Karen Branch said. "All of this is possible because of a collaboration with the Montgomery County Health Department. Adrienne Northcutt, Administrator for the Montgomery County Health Department, has been instrumental in this position becoming a reality. The Health Department entered into an MOU with the YSB and is providing partial funding for the position. The remaining funding will come from the Opioid Settlement funds for the County, as approved by the County Commissioners. "Diamond has already been working collaboratively with the Coalition and there was no one more qualified or as passionate as she is to serve our community and help reduce our substance use issues," Branch added. "We are grateful to have someone of her caliber direct the efforts of the coalition." Drug Free Montgomery County Coalition is a county-wide effort aimed at reducing the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other illicit substances in

our community for both youth and adults. First and foremost, DFMCC wants to provide support for organizations using evidence-based programs that help modify unhealthy behaviors, advocate for policies that support access to treatment for substance abuse disorders, and form relationships in our community that foster the reduction of substance abuse issues. The purpose of this coalition is to communicate with the citizens of our community; by spreading awareness of the harsh reality that substance abuse and addiction cause, we are constantly striving to achieve our goal—to make our county drug free. Drug Free Montgomery County has made great strides in the last two years through its mini-grant program that supports the agencies and organizations that are doing the front-line work: the probation department, health department and local agencies. They are providing education and prevention services, treatment and intervention programs and support to local law enforcement/criminal justice all with the financial support of the Montgomery County Drug Free Coalition. The Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau and their program, Drug Free Montgomery County Coalition are both United Way in Montgomery County partner agencies.

## Purdue Extension: Carpe Diem Friends

Congratulations, you've made it to the year of 2024. I know I am not the most seasoned adult out there, so my life advice on New Year's resolutions can be open to doubt. But I would say most resolutions could be avoided if we seized new opportunities when they presented themselves to us. I can't tell you how many times I looked up birding hikes in Indiana and then didn't go on them. My new resolution is to do the difficult things and the uncomfortable things. Improving myself and my relationships requires putting myself in the rooms I want to be in, no matter the insecurities. How many chances of bettering yourself did you let pass by in 2023? Will you do the same in 2024?

#### Upcoming Programs from Purdue Extension

**Bi-State Garden Conference:** January 23, 2024, @ 10 AM-1 PM ET @ Beef House in Covington, IN Join Purdue and Illinois Extension at

the Beef House to learn more about invasive species, smart purchasing at the nurseries, organic lawn care, and how to manage difficult weeds. Cost is \$30. Email or Call Tricia Herr to register. 765-364-6363 or [triciaherr@purdue.edu](mailto:triciaherr@purdue.edu)

#### Keeping The Business In The Family: A Roadmap to Successful Succession:

This is a 3-part program that focuses on the succession planning process and conflict management. Feb. 1st, 8th, & 15th @9:00-11:00 AM @ Russellville Community Center. Cost is \$50 per person. Register by calling 765-653-8411.

#### Ag Women Engage Conference:

February 22, 2024 @ Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Registration is open until February 13th. To register and learn more about the Ag Women Engage Conference please visit <https://purdue.link/AWE2024> or contact Jenna Nees at

[smith535@purdue.edu](mailto:smith535@purdue.edu) or 765-653-8411.

The Ag Women Engage Conference is designed to bring women together involved in various aspects of agriculture, including farmers, researchers, educators, and industry professionals. Attendees will have the opportunity to network, share experiences, and gain valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities facing women in the agricultural field. Keynote speaker Amanda Radke, fifth-generation rancher and author, will discuss navigating the dynamics of multi-generational family agricultural businesses.

#### Bi-State Homesteading Conference:

February 22, 2024 5-8 pm ET @ Beef House in Covington, IN The Illinois and Purdue Bi-State Extension Team is hosting their first ever, Homesteading Conference. Come have a great meal and learn more about produce food safety, how to build a

customer base, and adding chickens to your backyard. Cost is \$30. Email or Call Tricia Herr to register. 765-364-6363 or [triciaherr@purdue.edu](mailto:triciaherr@purdue.edu)

#### Master Gardener Basic Training Class in Crawfordsville:

Tuesdays and Thursdays September 3 – November 7, 2024. Call or email Tricia Herr for more information: 765-364-6363 [triciaherr@purdue.edu](mailto:triciaherr@purdue.edu)



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### ↓ KAREN

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be! There is just a certain tightness with twins. Don't know many opposite sex twins, though, so not sure if it worked that way with these two (thanks Andy via Joyce for this awesome photo), Henry Howard and Josephine "Josie" but bet it was similar. On April 16 in 1870, Angeline Smith Davis, beloved wife of Manning Davis birthed these adorable lookalikes (well, at least I think they do – look at their face shape, ears, foreheads, plus hair/hairline) and they grew-up in the New Market area. I can imagine them singing together in church choir or walking to school side by side! Why, I even picture their eyes sparkling as Josie walked down to meet her husband to marry (William Lewellen) or when Henry made Elzora Dinsmore his bride. For sure, Henry loved his nephew, Manning (yep, named for gpa'), "Byron" Lewellen who was born Sept 23, 1897. Josie was never

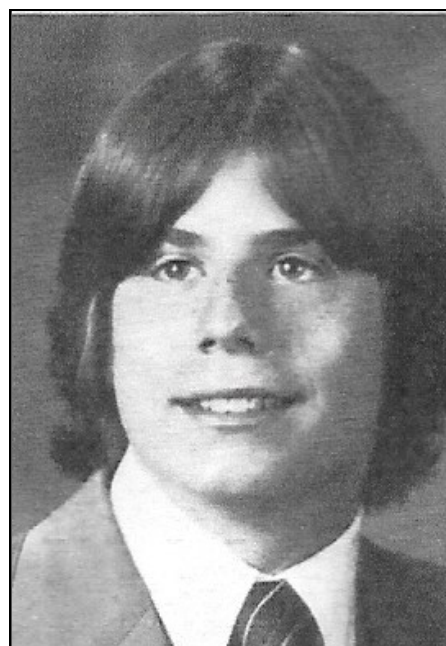
tip-top after that, passing away Oct 20, 1904 in her 34th year. William Lewellen married Maude Steel 14 months later and although all seemed amicable, Byron was thereafter raised by his Uncle Henry. Henry's heart was certainly big enough to bring Byron into the fold along with his own two boys, Carl and Roy, as well as his three daughters, Norma Eulalia (wife of Clarence Calder); Cecile Gladys (wife of Thomas Conarro) and Hazel (wife of Clarence Switzer), all living nearby in the Waynetown area. Henry's flower bearers at his funeral were mainly his grandchildren – loved that! Henry passed in the middle of the summer in 1950 at age 80, his sweet Elzora passing in December, four years prior. At his death, he left his two sons, and three daughters, adding 11 grandchildren and 10 greats. Wonderful family! He worked at the drainage tile factory in Waynetown for many years. He

married one of my long-lost cousins, Joanna Westfall and was described as having black hair, light complexion with brown eyes and being 5'11" but only weighing 145 pounds (WWII draft card). Byron's father died of a heart attack way back in 1935. He and Maude had no children but were married 30 years. William Lewellen and his two wives, our twin Josie and Maude are buried together in Waynetown Masonic Cemetery. Manning Davis was one fine man, born March 5, 1822 in Butler County, Ohio, passing Jan 3, 1900, coming to MoCo in 1832 as an early settler. He and Angeline birthed 11 children, but sadly lost more than they kept. Hmmm wonder if there were more twins? Had mine lived, my mom would have had four children under the age of three, two sets of twins and her great grandmother had 7 under age 4 with three sets and a loner. Quite active in the Indian Creek Church, for a couple of years prior to Manning's passing, he let God know that he

was ready ANY time because his work was done here. Speaking of which, Manning loved farming and his neighbors, dropping his own work to go help anyone needing him. He was so kind to his neighbors and loyal to his friends. He rests in the Indian Creek Hill cemetery. His son, Henry felt the same love for his land, friends, church and home as I imagine Josie did as well. Carl Smith Davis lived to be 91 and was a carpenter for the Midland for three decades. He attended Waynetown schools and married into one of Alamo's best known families, on May 8, 1929 to Daisy Fruits. Their daughter, Joyce (married Dallas Jones) so loved history and had quite an impressive local Indian museum in Waynetown for several years. Fun place to go. This family has deep local roots and part of it started with this twin brother and sister, Josie and Henry Howard Davis. Bless you all!

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## Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do you recognize this person?

**HINT:**  
He retired from the Crawfordsville Fire Department . . . and now has his own business on Indianapolis Road.

Answer on Page A4

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“As people age, they may experience stressors such as serious illness, losing close friends and family members, managing life on a fixed income, and coping with concerns about their own mortality. While seniors may show resilience to these dimensions of vitality, when they’re compounded, these losses and stressors can result in a myriad of behavioral health issues, including depression, anxiety, stress, and insomnia,” says Dr. Lindsay Evans-Mitchell, board certified adult psychiatrist and behavioral health medical director for Cigna Healthcare’s Medicare Advantage business. Dementia, which includes memory loss and language difficulties, is another issue often more pronounced with age, and in earlier stages, it can often mimic some symptoms of depression. Fortunately, Dr. Evans-Mitchell says making healthy choices can improve your quality of life, including your overall mental well-being, and potentially reduce your risk of both depression and dementia: Practice good nutrition: There is evidence that plant-based diets are associated with better health, including better emotional health. That’s another reason to add more green, leafy vegetables to your diet. Exercise: Regular exercise can positively affect cognitive ability. If you have a Medicare Advantage (MA) plan offering access to a fitness program at no extra cost, then make sure to take advantage of it. You can learn about Cigna Healthcare’s MA plans at [cignamedicareinformation.com](http://cignamedicareinformation.com). Hydrate: Drink plenty of water. Dehydration can negatively affect cognitive performance. Even mild dehydration can drain energy and cause fatigue. Enjoy some sunshine: Sunlight provides needed vitamin D. Getting sunshine may increase your serotonin and help you stave off depression caused by Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD. Also, according to the Alzheimer’s Association, exposure to vitamin D can lower

dementia risk by as much as 40%. Of course, make sure to take proper precautions, such as wearing a hat, using sunscreen, and wearing eye protection that shields against UV light. Get plenty of rest: Older adults need seven to nine hours of sleep each night, according to the National Institutes of Health. People who get six hours of sleep or less a night are at greater risk of developing dementia later, the organization says. Additionally, poor sleep could be a sign of depression and should be discussed with your doctor. Stay away from harmful substances: Dealing with behavioral health issues in unhealthy ways, such as abusing prescription or illicit drugs or alcohol, will only worsen the situation. According to the National Institutes for Health, research shows heavy alcohol use can increase the risk of both dementia and depression. Pick up a hobby: Hobbies like gardening, cooking and solving puzzles can help improve your memory and your physical and mental health. Be social: Isolation can lead to depression, which only worsened for many during the COVID-19 pandemic. Reach out to friends and family in person, via video chat, or over the telephone. Find help if you need it: Keep your regular medical appointments, and don’t hesitate to seek additional help from your network, if you need it. This may take the form of a financial advisor, a clergy member, or a mental health professional. Medicare generally covers the cost of behavioral health services, including depression and addiction treatment, as well as talk therapy. Virtual services are often available to those living in rural areas. And if you’re experiencing a crisis that includes suicidal thoughts, call 988 immediately. “For some older adults, seeking help can be difficult,” says Dr. Evans-Mitchell. “But getting help is a sign of strength, not weakness. There’s no benefit to suffering in silence when help to improve your life is within reach.”

**↓ RUSTY** From Page A1

payment for 2024. If that is the case, the best way to get this detail is in your personal “my Social Security” online account, which provides all the information mentioned. You can access your online account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount), and if you don’t already have that online account set up, you’ll need to first establish your online access credentials (instructions for how to do that will be at that website). I’m not sure which video you watched, but “all retired workers” do not get \$1,848 (or \$1,938). Everyone’s Social Security benefit is different, based on their lifetime earnings record and the age at which they claimed benefits. The numbers you heard in the video were likely average Social Security payments, not the actual amount you should personally be receiving. Here’s how it works:

- Your personal benefit is based on your Primary Insurance Amount (PIA) which is the amount you get if you claim for your benefits to start at your full retirement age (FRA), which is somewhere between

66 and 67 depending on the year you were born. Claim before your FRA your benefit is permanently reduced; claim after your FRA it is higher. Your personal maximum benefit is achieved if you claim at age 70.

- The Medicare Part B premium (for outpatient healthcare services) is automatically deducted from your Social Security payment. Although the standard 2023 Part B premium was \$164.90, the standard 2024 Part B premium is \$174.70. You may also have other things (e.g., income tax) withheld from your monthly Social Security payment.
- The annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2024 is 3.2%. That means your gross Social Security benefit goes up by that percentage starting in 2024. But there was also a \$9.80 increase in your Medicare Part B premium starting in 2024, which means that you won’t see all of the COLA increase in your Social Security payment. Since your Medicare premium is deducted from your Social Security, that Medicare increase will also be taken from your SS payment, so

you won’t see the full 3.2% COLA increase in your 2024 Social Security payment.

To see all of this detail for you personally, I suggest you access your online “my Social Security” account as described above. As an alternative, you can also call Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 and request a Benefit Verification Letter which will include all the information you seek about your Social Security payment.

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# Looking Back at Purdue's Track Record Against Top 10 Opponents

In the 56-year history of Mackey Arena, last Thursday night's 83-78 victory



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

by top-ranked Purdue against No. 9 Illinois was only the 10th time the Big Ten's loudest arena has hosted a matchup between two Top 10 teams. Although the Boilermakers are 4-0 against Top 10 opponents this season, Illinois was the first to be played in West Lafayette. Victories against No. 7 Tennessee and No. 4 Marquette came at the Maui Invitational. Purdue regained the No. 1 ranking in December with a victory over then-top-ranked Arizona at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. Here's a look back at the previous nine Top 10 matchups at Mackey Arena.

**Jan. 13, 1980: No. 5 Syracuse 66, No. 1 Purdue 61** – So desperate was Purdue for any national TV attention, it agreed to a game with the Orangemen 24 hours following a Big Ten home game against Michigan. The Boilermakers defeated the Wolverines 68-61 and fans awaited the attention that always followed the NBC team of Dick Enberg, Billy Packer and Al McGuire. Long before ESPN's GameDay made celebrities of its personnel, Enberg-Packer-McGuire were must-see TV every week for college basketball fans.

NBC promoted the matchup of Purdue All-American Joe Barry Carroll against Syracuse's 6-11 Roosevelt Bouie. "Bouie has a reputation as a great defensive center, and Joe Barry is the defending Big Ten scoring leader," Purdue coach Lee Rose said. "It should be a monumental matchup." Carroll won the head-to-head matchup, putting up 28 points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots. But the other half of the "Louie and Bouie Show," forward Louie Orr, had 13 points and 10 rebounds to help Syracuse overcome a 39-30 halftime deficit.

**Jan. 19, 1987: No. 1 Iowa 70, No. 5 Purdue 67** – Once again, the Boilermakers agreed to play on back-to-back days to get on national TV. Only this time, the national TV game (ABC) was the first matchup, an 88-73 victory against reigning national champion Louisville. "We wanted to play on national TV, and we got our wish," Purdue guard Troy Lewis said after the Louisville game. "But we also had to sacrifice something, playing two nights in a row against very good teams." The Hawkeyes withstood a pair of Lewis 3-point shots in the final six seconds, part of a miserable 4 of 17 shooting for Purdue behind the arc. The Boilermakers misfired all night, shooting 39 percent overall.

**Jan. 22, 1987: No. 5 Purdue 87, No. 10**

**Illinois 86 (OT)** – Just three days later, fans witnessed one of the strangest endings to a Boilermaker game. Purdue forward Doug Lee sent the game into overtime with his buzzer-beating 3-pointer. With the game tied at 86, Illinois' Doug Altenberger was called for traveling near the Purdue basket with three seconds left. Kip Jones, a 48 percent free throw shooter, was fouled with no time on the clock. The first free throw hung on the rim before falling off but the second try was good. The Purdue bench mobbed Jones on the court, thinking the game was over. However, the buzzer had not gone off so the officials called a technical foul on Purdue. Altenberger, a 78 percent free throw shooter, missed the chance to force a second overtime. The Fighting Illini's Stephen Bardo was short on a desperation shot as the buzzer sounded. "People, if they want their money back on this one, they're sick," Purdue coach Gene Keady said afterward. "We played our hearts out."

**Feb. 26, 1987: No. 6 Purdue 75, No. 3 Indiana 64** – The Boilermakers broke out their gold uniforms for the second time that season (The win over Louisville was the first) and with support from several members of the 1984 Big Ten championship team took a giant step toward Keady's second conference crown.

Jim Rowinski, Steve Reid, Curt Clawson, Mark Atkinson, Ricky Hall and Greg Eifert saw a Purdue team earn its sixth consecutive victory. More inspiration came from Indiana center Dean Garrett, who told the media early in the week that the Hoosiers wanted to win more than the Boilermakers. Garrett fouled out with 5:19 to play, having contributed just two points and four rebounds. Troy Lewis' 18 points led four Purdue players in double figures.

**March 5, 1988: No. 2 Purdue 80, No. 10 Michigan 67** – The Boilermakers clinched their first outright Big Ten championship since 1969 with Melvin McCants scoring a career-high 24 points to go with 10 rebounds.

**March 4, 1990: No. 9 Purdue 79, No. 8 Michigan 77** – Jimmy Oliver said he had never made a game-winning shot until his off-balance jumper with three seconds left delivered the Boilermakers past the Wolverines. It was a memorable send-off for Purdue seniors Stephen Scheffler, Ryan Berning and Tony Jones. Scheffler had 26 points, Berning put up career highs of 19 points and 10 rebounds while Jones compiled 13 points, nine assists and six rebounds.

**Jan. 7, 1993: No. 3 Michigan 80, No. 9 Purdue 70** – The healthy members of

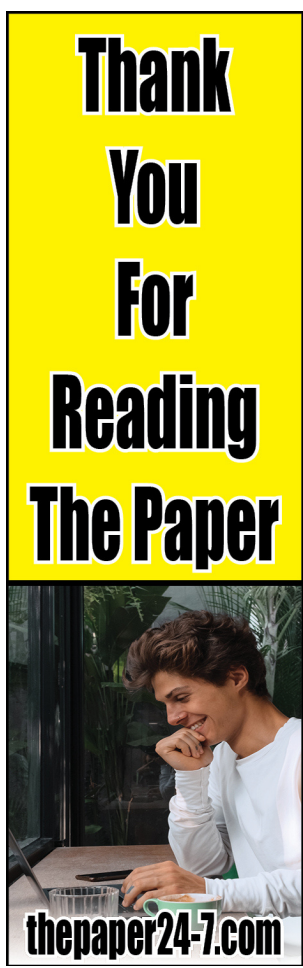
the Wolverines' "Fab Five" were too much for the Boilermakers. Chris Webber's 22 points and 14 rebounds helped Michigan take control in the first half. Current Michigan coach Juwan Howard added 18 points, while Jalen Rose and Jimmy King each scored 12. A separated shoulder kept Ray Jackson on the bench. Glenn Robinson's 30 points paced the Boilermakers. Purdue athletic officials gave out 320 media passes to writers, broadcasters and photographers. Notable publications covering the game included Sports Illustrated, the Minneapolis Star-Tribune, Louisville Courier-Journal and both the Chicago Tribune and Sun-Times.

**Dec. 2, 2008: No. 4 Duke 76, No. 9 Purdue 60** – The Blue Devils' defense shut down E'Twaun Moore, Robbie Hummel and Keaton Grant on the way to building a 36-28 halftime lead. Moore didn't score until 10:45 remained in the game and finished with 10 points. Hummel led Purdue with 15 but Grant was held to six points on 1 of 9 shooting. Duke outrebounded Purdue 49-29.

**Jan. 1, 2010: No. 4 Purdue 77, No. 6 West Virginia 62** – The Boilermakers looked like a Final Four contender, making their first seven shots of the second half to expand a five-point lead to 16.

JaJuan Johnson had 25 points and 10 rebounds for Purdue, which improved to 13-0. Robbie Hummel scored 18 on 7 of 8 shooting, and E'Twaun Moore put up 15.

*– 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.*



## ↓ ROMANCE From Page A1

"Romance scammers often manipulate emotions to gain trust," says Mark Kwapiszeski, head of enterprise fraud for PNC. "Those who fall victim end up putting feelings above logic. This can create embarrassment and, as a result, these crimes are less likely to be reported." Scammers will create convincing profiles on dating and social media apps, reaching out to their target feigning familiarity or attraction. Things move quickly, but there is always a reason they can't meet on video or in person. They may claim to have a reason that requires them to be overseas or out of reach. They tell their target everything they want to hear, and the hook is set. Suddenly, a crisis arises that they insist they need help financial help with to mitigate. Or maybe they need finances to set up a new life together. They ask for the money, but would prefer it be sent in a form like cryptocurrency or gift card where there is little chance of the victim ever recovering it.

Such scams are highly effective. In 2022 alone, romance scams resulted in \$1.3 billion lost, more than double the money lost in the previous year, according to the FTC. To add insult to injury, scammers may convince their target to send them revealing photos they will later use to extort them. They may even play the long game and build trust over time, then convince their target to invest with them, without the victim ever getting any return. "A romance scammer can invest a long time in cultivating trust, which makes these scams particularly nefarious," Kwapiszeski says. To protect against potential romance scams, follow these tips:

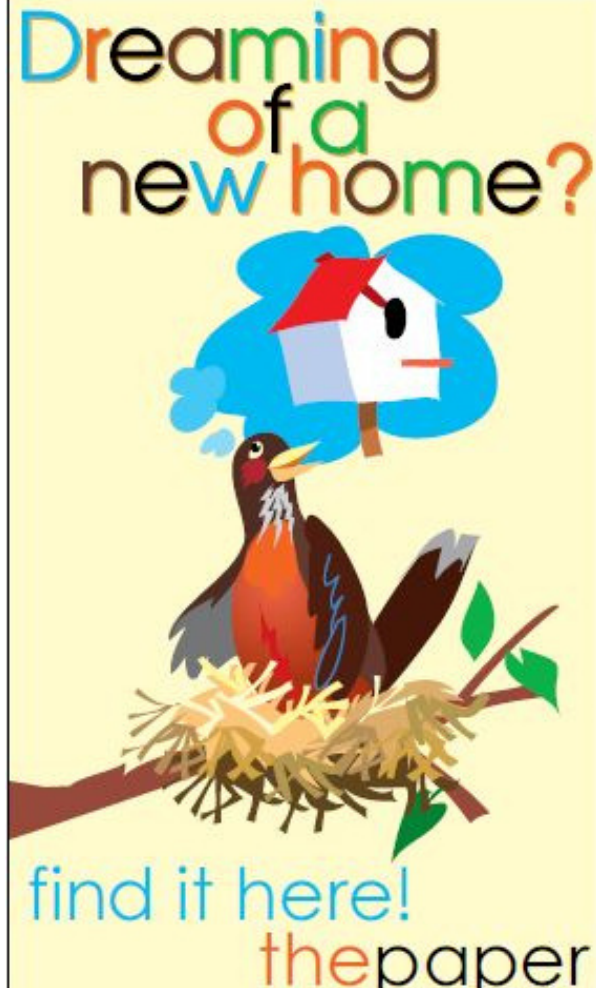
- Before sending money or sharing financial information, consult a friend or family member. Simply talking to someone not involved in the situation is often enough to identify red flags.
- Trust your gut. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is.

- Beware of "love bombing," when a person lavishes you with excessive flattery, affection and praise early in the relationship to manipulate your emotions.
- Be wary of strangers reaching out on social media.
- If you like someone, ask for a quick video chat. If they refuse or make up outlandish excuses, that's a red flag.
- Stay alert to photos or biographical details that don't match up with what someone's told you.
- Use image and name-reverse searches to validate the identity of people you meet online.
- Never send intimate photos to strangers or invest without doing your due diligence.
- Confide in family and friends if you grow suspicious.

the shock abates and the money is gone, the shame sets in and some have even resorted to self-harm instead of admitting to being defrauded in this way. If a loved one falls victim to a romance scam, it's important to respond with empathy.

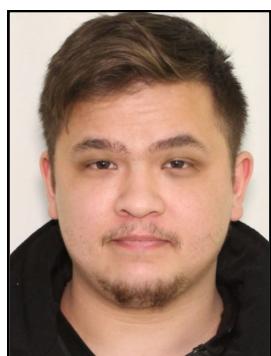
If you believe you or someone you love has been a victim of fraud, PNC Bank's web resources, as part of its Security and Privacy Center (pnc.com), can help. After taking immediate measures to protect yourself, block the scammer on all accounts, change your passwords, and report the incident to the FTC and FBI.

The best line of defense against romance scams is awareness. Understanding common tactics can help you stay protected.



## FBI Asks For Help With Finding Victims

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Anchorage recently arrested Michael Koetter on charges of Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material and Coercion. Koetter is originally from Indiana and investigators believe he may have additional victims in and surrounding Marion County. According to court documents, Michael Koetter, 28, possessed child pornography depicting minors as young as toddlers. He also allegedly attempted to induce, entice, or coerce a minor to engage in sexually explicit behavior by seeking out girls under 12 years old that "have rates," which is a term often used in the commercial sex



industry referring to the price to perform sex acts or purchase sexually explicit images. Koetter is charged with possession of child pornography depicting minors who have not attained 12 years of age, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §2252A(a)(5)(b) and (b) (2), and attempted coercion and enticement of a minor, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §2422(b). If convicted, the



defendant faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years in prison. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors. Potential victims or anyone with information are urged to contact FBI Anchorage at 907-276-4441 or online at tips.fbi.gov.

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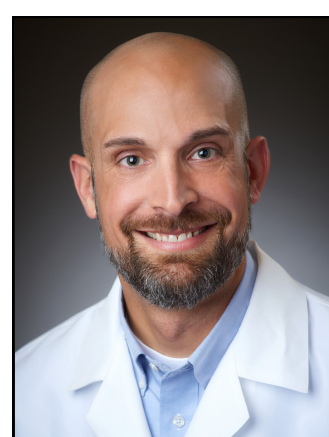
The end of 2023 brought the retirement of two of Witham Health Services' long standing Board of Trustees, Jack Jones and Nancy Morton. Jack served Witham for 28 years as a Witham Board of Trustee and Nancy served for 13 years as a Witham Board of Trustee. During their time, they also each served as the Witham Health Services BOT representative on the Witham Foundation Board of Directors. Over their tenure they were involved in much change and growth at Witham Health Services. Witham expanded from one location in Lebanon to opening locations in Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Jamestown, Thorntown, Whitestown at Anson and Zionsville. With this new growth Witham was able to introduce new service lines and bring state-of-the-art technology and exceptional health resources. Witham now has close to 1,000 experienced and compassionate staff and over 100 medical providers. Our newest service lines include Cardiology, Endocrinology,

Hematology/Oncology, Nephrology, Neurology, Orthopaedics, Pain Management, Rheumatology, Sleep Medicine, Sports Medicine, Wound Care, along with Maternity Center Services and expanded services in all Primary Care offices. A look at Witham's growth: 1998 - Jamestown office opened 1999 - Witham opened Cardiac Laboratory at original hospital, Medical Office building built, Broke ground for Thorntown facility 2002 - New hospital opened 2003 - State-of-the-Art Maternity Center opened 2006 - New Cardiac Catheterization lab 2007 - Kidney Dialysis Center opened 2009 - Whitestown at Anson, New Freestanding ER along with Primary Care, Convenient Care, Specialty Services, Radiology and Lab Services 2009 - Lebanon - Main Hospital, North Pavilion A Addition - New Service Lines Extended Care Unit, Sports Medicine Program, Wound Care, Medical Spa,

Pavilion Boutique/Cancer services, Pavilion Perk Coffee Shop, Expanded Primary Care Offices, Wound Care (Bariatric Chamber) 2009 - Witham kicked off its Wellness Program 2010 - Partnered with local YMCA to create Witham Family YMCA 2013 - Crawfordsville Specialty Center opened 2013 - Lab and Radiology Expansion 2016 - Expanded Cancer Institute, new "TrueBeam" Advanced Radiotherapy System 2017 - Witham Heart Partners - Cardiology Services 2019 - Frankfort Specialty Center opened 2020 - Lebanon - Main Hospital, North Pavilion B Addition - New & Expanded Services including Simulation Education Center, New Cardiology Suite We wish both Jack and Nancy the very best and thank them for all their valuable leadership and outstanding contributions that have been vital to Witham's growth and success in our community. Witham welcomes

new Board Trustee Dr. Michael Hornbecker for the 2024 year. Dr. Michael Hornbecker is an Internal Medicine doctor at Witham Health Services and a longtime resident of Boone County. He has over 12 years of experience as a doctor at Witham. He served on the Witham Foundation Board for 8 years and has been on the Board of Directors for the Boone County Cancer Society for 11 years. Dr. Hornbecker enjoys practicing high level primary care medicine in a smaller community setting. The fact that he is also a resident of Boone County makes his practice mean even more to him. He often sees three generations of a family and says it is a great privilege to take good care of those in our community. He is looking forward to addressing the ever-evolving challenges and opportunities ahead in his new role as a Witham Board of Trustee. "Witham looks forward to 2024 with an amazing group of dedicated team members who demonstrate they care deeply about what matters most to

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# Light in Winter on Display at Library

The Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery at the Crawfordsville District Public Library would like to invite the public to view "Light in Winter: The Exhibition," a collaboration of creative storytelling by Elsie Koning and Lydia Stewart. We encourage you to view the artworks and writing of these talented artists. This exhibit is currently open and will be on display through Feb. 9. The public is welcome to visit the gallery during CDPL's regular hours of operation. A limited amount of work will be for sale through our Circulation department. Artists Elsie Koning and Lydia Stewart bring life to the everyday interactions of the people, animals, and plants living and working at Sylvanmore, a diversified livestock and Christmas tree

operation in Parke County. This exhibit highlights the fantastic stories born from the daily operations of farming and the interpersonal connections that develop during these agricultural processes. Each week during the winters of 2021-22 and 2022-23, subscribers to "Light in Winter" received a story inspired by adventures on the farm. With your visit to "Light in Winter: The Exhibition," you are not only on your way to finding joy and light, but you are supporting Sylvanmore's work in providing food, fiber, and a place to reconnect with nature and the wild pieces of yourself. This exhibit pushes the boundaries of the gallery space by merging original stories, drawings, photographs, and objects with

mindfulness. As you walk from story to story, it is easy to connect the cycles of agriculture and growth of personal relationships. Each item is strategically placed and the message of joy and light is clear. Elsie Koning is a writer, photographer and farmer. She holds a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Communication from Purdue University and a Master's in Agricultural and Extension Education from Penn State University. She is known for her pastoral landscape photographs, and she writes for the farm newsletter "Sylvan Sundays" which can be found at [sylvansundays.beehiiv.com](http://sylvansundays.beehiiv.com). Lydia Stewart is a playwright, director and visual artist who is inspired by nature. She holds a bachelor's degree in Creative



**Elsie Koning**

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**Lydia Stewart**

[lydia.stewart](http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us/). For more information about CDPL's hours of operation, please visit our website at <http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us/>. If you are an artist or a member of an artists' group and are interested in displaying your work at the Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery in 2024-25, please contact Toni, the

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### Deery Announces 2024 Legislative Priorities



### SPENCER DEERY Guest Columnist

State Sen. Spencer Deery (R-West Lafayette) announced his legislative priorities for the 2024 legislative session Tuesday, Jan. 16. "I have been hard at work over the last several months preparing bills that would strengthen our state and Hoosier families," Deery said. "My priorities extend to a range of topics, including protecting water resources in Wabash River communities, promoting access to child care for working parents and protecting children from an ever-changing online environment." Deery will be focusing on the following bills.

Major ground water withdrawal facilities (First Author): Senate Bill 249 would put Wabash River communities in a much better position by:

- Requiring large water transfers to be studied and independently peer reviewed;
- Capping how much water can be transferred based on the evidence;
- Requiring large water projects to obtain a permit from an objective decision-maker that will approve or reject the permit based on whether the proposal "will fulfill the health, economic, environmental, and other needs of present and future generations;" and
- Extending the protections currently given to small water users to local agricultural irrigators and local businesses if they are near a large water well.

Child Care (Coauthor): Deery was a member of an interim study committee that considered ways to improve access to child care. The result was Senate Bill 2, which would help make child care more accessible and affordable for Hoosier families by allowing more people to become child care workers and cutting red tape that drives up the costs of operating a child care facility.

Age verification for material harmful to minors (Second Author): There is an abundant amount of social science research that shows easy access to hardcore pornography is incredibly harmful to minors. Senate Bill 17 would require adult-oriented websites to verify the age of their consumers before permitting access to pornography just as we would expect a store clerk to behave in a brick-and-mortar business.

Minor use of mobile device and social media: The U.S. Surgeon General has warned that "there is growing evidence that social media use is associated with harm to young people's mental health." Senate Bill 201 would give parents and guardians more control over their minor's account settings to reduce harm. It also would require cell phone manufacturers who sell devices with built in content filters to deliver them with the filter turned on until the user has confirmed he or she is an adult.

State educational institution matters: Efforts to help more Hoosiers earn something beyond a high school diploma are hindered by the growing perception that universities are not places that welcome diverse viewpoints. Senate Bill 202 would compel colleges and universities to reform in ways that would make them more welcoming to scholarly ideas from a variety of perspectives. The result would encourage more Hoosiers to pursue a college degree and improve the quality of education they receive once there.

Nonprofit loan center loans for state employees: Payday loans offer Hoosiers in financial emergencies – such as a car that breaks down – needed financial relief. However, the rates are high and the loans do not allow the borrower to build credit. Under existing law, another alternative is a loan through a Community Loan Center (CLC), which is a licensed and regulated, charitable non-profit organization that offers lower rates, financial counseling, and credit building to help Hoosiers in financial distress. Senate Bill 200 would boost the familiarity and availability of payday loan

alternatives. Specifically, at no cost to taxpayers, it would increase employer participation by gradually requiring some government employers to offer access to CLC-style loans as an employee benefit.

Use of fabricated media in elections: Artificial intelligence (AI) is already being used in campaign advertisements to deceive voters. As campaigns get heated and technologies improve, more campaigns will push the envelope in ways that could deter good people from running or cause honest, ethical candidates to lose or be falsely maligned. Senate Bill 7 would create the expectation that if campaigns and their allies want to influence an election by using AI to create fake photos, audio recordings or videos that are so realistic that a reasonable person is unlikely to know they fake, then the creators of the content should label the media accordingly, so voters know what's real and what's fake.

"My goal is to get as many of these bills enacted into law this year as possible and any that do not, to leave them with momentum for next year," Deery said. "But I also will shape other bills through debate and amendments. I am here to get things done and ready to build on the successes of last year." Anyone wanting to reach out to Deery can do so by email at [Senator.Deery@iga.in.gov](mailto:Senator.Deery@iga.in.gov) or by phone at 317-232-9517.

The Indiana General Assembly reconvened for session on Jan. 8 and must conclude legislative business on or before March 14. Session and committee meetings are livestreamed at [iga.in.gov](http://iga.in.gov).

More information on bills, session schedules, daily calendars and more can be found on this site.

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

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To reserve a spot for the February 8th class, stop by Athens Arts Thursdays and.

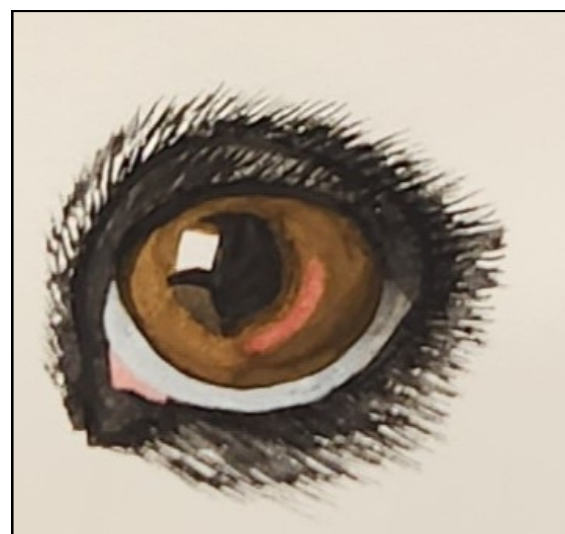
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