

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Meet Ms. Raccoon



Ms. Raccoon is an adorable 1 year old female tabby domestic shorthair cat available for adoption at AWL. Ms. Raccoon is playful, friendly, and loves attention! Ms. Raccoon is friendly with her kitty friends in the community cat room, but is ready to find a furrrever home with a nice cozy cat bed. AWL is open Monday-Friday 12:15p-5p & Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come say hi!



Happenings

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.

Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024

CRAWFORDSVILLE SCHOOLS
Crawfordsville School Board at Hose Elementary, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE
VAS: The Doubleclicks at Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

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By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!



2-2-24

Groundhog Day!

Groundhog Day is this week, so it seems the perfect time to take a deeper dive into some of the numbers behind what has to be one of the goofiest holidays in the U.S.

6 The magic number of weeks of more winter or an early spring, depending on whether the groundhog sees its shadow. The legend is that if it sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. If it does not, we will have an early spring.

Spring



1887

The first time Groundhog Day was celebrated in Punxsutawney, Penn. Unfortunately, a newspaper editor is supposedly to blame. Clymer Freas appointed Phil to be the county's official weather predictor. Actually, another source says it dates all the way back to the 16th century – and since we don't want newspapers taking the blame, we'll go with that one.



Regardless of what the groundhog says, the calendar says there are 46 days between Groundhog Day and the first official day of spring, March 19.

46

22-39

The average low and the average high temperature for Indiana at the beginning of February.

32-51

The average low and the average high temperature for Indiana at the end of February.

Oh, Those Hoosier Superstitions



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

I called my accountant last week to schedule a day to have my taxes done. When his secretary asked if Feb. 13 would be OK, I declined. "Can't do it then . . . it might be bad luck!" Later that afternoon, as I walked to

the post office, I purposely did not step on any cracks in the sidewalk. "Step on a crack . . . break your mother's back." Since it was raining, I had taken my umbrella, and I closed it before going inside "It's bad luck to open an umbrella indoors!" On the post office floor was a penny. "See a penny, pick it up, all day long you'll have good luck." This got me to thinking about all of the other

superstitions that are embedded in my 75-year old brain from family members, classmates, and friends here in good ol' Indiana. How about you? Here are a few . . .

- You are sure to have bad luck if a black cat crosses in front you, or you walk under a ladder, or you

➔ See BUTCH Page A1

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Keep meat tenderizer in your first aid kit – apply it to stings to destroy the venom.

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



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"I never want to be anything more than I am; what I don't have I don't need."
Louis Armstrong

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What was the picture in jail griping about?
It said it was framed!

➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

A bill authored by State Sen. Brian Buchanan (R-Lebanon) that would provide a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for many public retirees and a 13th check for those who do not receive COLA unanimously passed the Senate Committee on Pensions and Labor recently. Senate Bill 275 is the result of the Interim Study Committee on Pension Management Oversight's (PMOC) review of COLA increases for retirees who participate in the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS) in 2023. SB 275 now moves to the Senate Committee on Appropriations for further consideration. Buchanan represents a portion of Montgomery County, along with Clinton, Boone and Hendricks.

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➔ THREE THINGS

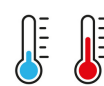
You Should Know

- The Libertarian Party of Indiana announced it stands in opposition to legislation limiting rights or freedoms of any citizens, when their actions do not harm others, and HB 1291 facilitates potential discrimination on a state level based on the lifestyle or identity of individuals. Indiana House Bill 1291 replaces "gender" with "biological sex" throughout the Indiana Code, thus putting transgender Hoosiers at risk. The Libertarian Party of Indiana therefore strongly encourages Indiana legislators to vote "no" on this heinous piece of legislation. "The Legislature is inserting the state into individual choices, putting a blanket, firm legal statute in place that overrides the rights of Hoosiers to peaceably live their lives on their own terms," Libertarian Party of Indiana state chair Evan McMahon said. "This would, as a matter of law, put fully transitioned people in immediate danger."
- On Wednesday, the National Federation of Independent Business will be hosting Small Business Day in Indianapolis. Small business owners in attendance will hear from Senate President Pro Tempore Rodric Bray, Senate Majority Leader Chris Garten, and State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla. As the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, NFIB's Small Business Day provides small business owners from across Indiana the opportunity to learn more about what's happening in the Indiana General Assembly and to speak with lawmakers about the issues affecting their businesses.
- To help Indiana schools celebrate Earth Day 2024, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management is offering free hands-on classroom presentations to elementary students across the state. Every year, IDEM staff visit schools to talk about their careers and share STEM-based lessons on air, land, water, and recycling. Classroom Earth Day presentations are available for elementary schools and vary in length from 30 to 50 minutes. The interactive presentations offer activities such as reduce, reuse, recycle your trash, how long does your trash last, or a demonstration on how water flows through a watershed.

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset

RISE: 7:59 am
SET: 6:03 pm



High/Low Temperatures

HIGH: 43°F
LOW: 32°F



Today is...

- National Carnation Day
- National Puzzle Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1967 The Mantra-Rock Dance takes place in San Francisco. The event is considered to have been the major spiritual event of the San Francisco hippy era.
- 1845 Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven" is published. The narrative poem first appeared in the New York Evening Mirror.



Births On This Day

- 1954 Oprah Winfrey - American talk show host, actress, producer, founded the OWN Network, Harpo Productions
- 1843 William McKinley - American politician, 25th President of the United States

Deaths On This Day

- 1963 Robert Frost - American poet, playwright
- 1820 George III of the United Kingdom

Meet the Napsters



DICK WOLFSIE Funny Bone

entire baseball game. Unlike me, my son has never fallen asleep at his own surprise birthday party or while tutoring a student after class. They are novice nappers. But I was thrilled that there was hope. Here it was Saturday afternoon, a gorgeous, crisp winter afternoon enticing every family in the neighborhood to go outside and enjoy the weather. But all the Wolfsies were napping.

Of course, there are some drawbacks to amateur napping. When my wife awakens, she apologizes for her lapse and then spends the next three hours worrying she is coming down with something. I'm no medical expert, but I don't think you need to give yourself a Covid test if you doze off for 20 minutes in the middle of the afternoon. When I doze off for an hour or so, I awaken with a renewed sense of purpose. Men and women place different values on a good daytime snooze. Women don't like naps because they are afraid they will miss something, like a sale or a sunset or the plot of a movie. But that's exactly the reason I do nap. To miss things.

I do worry about my son, though. As a toddler he showed great potential, often rivaling me. He'd fall asleep after a good meal and often snuck in a nap before going to bed. I had great expectations for him, but my hopes dimmed as he grew up. He once sat through an entire Harry Potter movie without snoring. And more recently, he watched three and a half hours of Oppenheimer without digging his nails into his thigh.

You may think we wasted the afternoon. That we squandered valuable time — and frittered it away by dozing off at three in the afternoon. You are entitled to your opinion. But I'm not going to lose any sleep over it.

Last Saturday something happened that made me very proud of my family and I want to share it with you.

It was about three in the afternoon and my adult son had just stopped by after a boxing workout. My wife had returned from a long morning of shopping and running errands. I had just played two hours of pickleball.

What was I proud of? Everyone took a nap. Right smack in the middle of the day. People in the neighborhood were not only taking down their holiday lights but tossing around a football with the kids, gassing up the snow blowers, or taking a brisk walk in the nearby woods. But the Wolfsies were all asleep, Brett sacked out on the couch, Mary Ellen in our king-sized bed and I was tucked into my La-Z-Boy chair. Do I know how to pick a family, or what?

I just wish I could have been awake to fully enjoy it. If I had not been napping myself, I would have run around the neighborhood bragging, "My whole family is taking a nap! My whole family is taking a nap!" But bellowing "Two out of three people in my family are taking a nap!" would have taken a bit of the shine off my bravado.

Of course, my son and wife are not experienced nappers. They have not spent the years I have perfecting the art of the timely snooze. Unlike me, my wife has never slept through Paris on a bus or dozed through an

↓ BUTCH

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- break a mirror (which will cause seven years of bad luck!)
- If you spill salt, that's a bad sign or omen; however, if you toss some of the spilled salt over your left shoulder, you can prevent bad luck.
- Never start an important project on a Friday or you will experience trouble.
- If you pick up a pin that is pointing toward you, you will have good luck; however, if the pin is pointing away from you, don't pick it up.
- If you give a knife to someone as a gift, you must also give them a penny.
- Always get out of bed with right foot first for good luck because if you put your left foot down first, you will have a terrible day. Also, be sure to put your shoes on right foot first.
- If you go fishing and use worms for bait, the fish will bite more if you spit on the worm.
- If your ears burn, then someone is talking about you. If your right ear tingles, you will hear good news.
- Never step on a new grave, or you will be very sorry!
- You will have bad luck if you kill a ladybug.
- Girls should never whistle. A whistling girl and a crowing hen always come to some bad end.
- If you haven't studied for a test, just place the book under your pillow at bedtime. The information in the book will drift into your brain by morning.

My wife told me the these two:

- If a married woman removes her wedding ring, then the ring must be placed back on her finger by her husband.
- To determine the sex of a unborn child, place a needle

into the eraser end of a pencil, attach the needle to a thread, and then hold the pencil over the abdomen of the expectant mother. If it swings vertically, it's a boy...side to side, a girl.

There were quite a few ideas that I learned specifically from my relatives. For instance, if anyone had a wart, all they had to do was visit my Aunt Ruthie, who could "charm" them off. My Grandma Dale always wore copper bracelets to prevent rheumatism and alleviate arthritis. She also insisted sassafras tea thinned the blood. To stop a nosebleed, just stick a dime between your upper lip and teeth. Grandpa Dale said to find where to dig a well, you needed to hire a "dowser," who holds a forked stick and walks around until the stick points downward. If you place a horse hair in a watering tank, it will turn into a snake. He also said for good luck, you should always carry either a rabbit's foot or a buckeye in your pocket. And of course, these sayings . . . "Starve a cold, feed a fever" . . . "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." . . . "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." . . . "Carrots are good for your eyesight and fish is brain food." . . . "If you touch a toad, you will get warts." . . . "Coffee will stunt your growth." As a child, I also recall hunting for four-leaf clovers, saving "lucky horseshoes," and constantly crossing my fingers for good luck.

You know, I like to think that I am fairly intelligent. Why do I still believe in many of these superstitious ideas? I think it's because I have heard these over and over hundreds of times. Most of the time I do these things without even thinking about them. But I am determined to end these silly superstitions once and for all. I promise. Cross my heart and hope to die . . . I know I can do this . . . knock on wood.

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do you recognize this person?

HINT:
 This photo is from 1957 when he was a second-grade student at Ladoga. He is now retired from the Crawfordsville Police Department.

Answer on Page A3



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Still Singing



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

My dad turned 90 this weekend, and we were all set to drive up north to celebrate his birthday.

He's a hard one to buy a present for. My dad does not need more things. He likes using the things he has until they are completely worn out. He already has a line of slippers on his top shelf, queued up for when the pair he's wearing is threadbare. He wore his last pair of hiking boots until his socks showed through. Besides, he said "No presents!" in a very persistent way.

So my sister and I decided to give him music. Barbershop music was her idea.

My sister and I went over to my parents' next-door neighbors to talk to Rod about barbershop quartets. "You won't find any," Rod told us. "Barbershop is dead."

Rod is a guy who would know. He's been involved in community groups of all kinds, and he keeps track of these things. We were trying to come up with some other kind of music when our party plans hit another snag.

My brother-in-law, Pepe, recently received a call to work as a pastor. Pepe entered the seminary at 60 years old, deciding—no matter how late it might be—this was the thing he was meant to do. The ordination was a celebration of his new life, and no one wanted to miss it. But it fell on the morning after my dad's birthday. Since both were once-in-a-lifetime events, we had to move the birthday party to my condo in the city so everyone could make it to the ordination the next morning.

"Maybe barbershop is not quite as dead in the city," I suggested to my sister, and I got online to see.

The first group I called would have loved to sing, but their bass was in for a cardiac procedure and was not supposed to exert himself for 24 hours. "It's nothing serious!" said the tenor who took my call. (But you'd expect a tenor to say that.)



"Right outside the elevator doors, they started singing the Frank Sinatra tune, 'Don't Blame Me.' The setting might not have been the most romantic, but the acoustics were perfect. Those barbershop singers brought tears to my eyes."

The second group answered my call from Florida, where two of the members were, while the remaining members were in the Midwest. "Too bad!" the leader said, "but I've got another name for you!"

The third group said they would love to come and sing. And I was over the moon.

When they arrived, I understood why barbershop music was on the decline. One member was four years older than my dad. But they drove through a snowstorm to make it to the party and, when they came in, my dad was very surprised.

They sang for about half an hour and, at the end, they invited my dad to come up and sing bass in "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." And he did. I watched my dad singing and was so happy we were able to do this—to celebrate with our dad on the day of his birthday, to hear barbershop music while there were folks still singing.

I escorted the quartet down to the elevator afterward and thanked them again for coming out on such a snowy night.

"I think we should do one more," the bass suggested.

And, right outside the elevator doors, they started singing the Frank Sinatra tune "Don't Blame Me." The setting might not have been the most romantic, but the acoustics were perfect. Those barbershop singers brought tears to my eyes.

I thought of how wonderful it was to spend this time with people we care about and to remember how fortunate we all are—at least for this day—to still be singing.

Till next time, Carrie

Expanding Loan Options for Hoosiers



SPENCER DEERY
Guest Columnist

A bill I authored that would give low-income Hoosiers more alternatives to expensive payday loans unanimously passed the Senate Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions Wednesday, Jan. 17. Senate Bill 200 would introduce more competition into the emergency loan market by requiring some government employers to provide access to nonprofit community loans or loans with similar terms as an employee benefit.

Payday loans can offer Hoosiers in financial distress a lifeline, but interest rates are high, and the loan doesn't help the borrower build credit. My bill would make a better option available to more Hoosiers at no cost to taxpayers.

Under current state law, Community Loan Centers (CLC), which are licensed and regulated, offer emergency loans at a lower interest rate compared to traditional payday loans. They also work to help borrowers get on a more stable financial footing through financial training and credit building.

SB 200 would gradually require more public employers to allow their employees to use payroll deductions to pay off a nonprofit loan like a CLC loan, or a loan from a bank or credit union that is offered under the same favorable terms. The biggest obstacle to a robust alternative market to payday loans is getting employers to understand what a nonprofit loan is and to understand how simple it is to offer this as a benefit. By gradually requiring more government employers to participate, this will also lead more private employers to partner with nonprofit lenders as well. The bill now moves to the full Senate for further consideration.

I gave a speech on the Senate floor this week in favor of Senate Bill 17, a bill I've been working on for the last several months. It would add Indiana to the list of states that require age verification to access pornographic material online, just as you do in brick-and-mortar settings. In the speech, I told my colleagues that the attacks on young

people as they attempt to form healthy relationships are unprecedented, and I do not believe our policies and our priorities have caught up to this reality. Passing SB 17 is a major step forward. Protecting children online isn't a partisan issue, and it shouldn't be dismissed as just a culture issue. Rather, it is a question of whether we are going to take a 21st century approach to 21st century problems. The bill passed 44-1 and moves to the House.

I recently spoke with Indiana Public Broadcasting's Jon Schwantes at the Statehouse. Jon and I discussed my legislative priorities and personal goals for the 2024 session. Thank you, Jon and everyone else who helped out with this interview!

A student's ability to read is fundamental to their success in school. Unfortunately, nearly 1 in 5 Hoosier third graders lack basic reading skills. Senate Republicans are prioritizing Senate Bill 1 this legislative session to help improve Hoosier students' reading skills.

This bill would:

- Provide "gold standard" Science of Reading instruction to children in kindergarten through eighth grade;
- Commit to early detection and remediation for students not reading at grade level; and
- As a last resort, retain certain third graders who are not reading well enough to move on to fourth grade after a full year of remediation.

Our students first learn to read, then read to learn, which is why it is critical for them to have foundational literacy skills. This comprehensive plan would provide our children with a more involved and improved reading education, ultimately helping them improve their chances of success during school and beyond.

Baird Demands Action on Border Security

Congressman Jim Baird (IN-04) recently voted against H.R. 2872, the Further Additional Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, also known as a Continuing Resolution (CR), due to the President Biden's failure to secure the border.

"We cannot continue business as usual in Washington while cartels and criminals have control of our southern border," said Rep. Baird. "I visited the border earlier this month and saw first-hand how dire the situation has become. Every day, dozens of Americans die of drug overdoses, and many fall victim to human trafficking because of this serious lapse in our national security. President Biden's open-border policies have turned every state into a border state. We must see transformative change on the border issue and a real commitment to border security if we are to move forward as a country." On January 2nd, Congressman Baird visited the southern border with a delegation led by Speaker Mike Johnson. The Further Additional Continuing Appropriations and

Other Extensions Act passed by a vote of 314 to 108.

Border Security by the Numbers:

- According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), there have been 8 million illegal crossings nationwide and 6.7 million encounters at the southern border over the past three years.
- Encounters at the southern border in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 increased by more than 40% since FY2021 and more than 100% compared to FY2023.
- In FY2023, 169 individuals whose names appear on the terrorist watchlist were stopped trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border.
- In FY2023, CBP arrested 35,433 migrants with criminal convictions or outstanding warrants.
- In FY2023, CBP seized 27,293 pounds of fentanyl at the southern border – enough to kill more than 6 billion people.
- Fentanyl is the leading cause of death for Americans 18-49.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer:
Larry McMullen

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2024 Nissan Sentra SR Channels Classic Sport Sedans for Modern Commutes



1955 Alfa Romeo Giulietta



1972 Datsun 510



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CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

You may think of sport sedans as high-revving, turbo-charged monsters that can tear up Germany's famed Nürburgring, but I do not. My favorite classic sport sedans are cars that are lightweight, engaging to drive, and can still carry kids and friends to and fro. Affordability is key. The Alfa Romeo Giulietta, BMW 2002, and Datsun 510 come to mind. I'd argue the 2024 Nissan Sentra SR joins their paddock.

Classic Club Racer

Mentioning the 510 that debuted in 1968 in the same paragraph as its iconic European rivals is no joke as it was largely developed under Yataka Katayama, known as "Mr. K" and the father of the Z sports car, to target cars like the Alfa and BMW. He imbued it with a 96-horsepower 1.6-liter four-cylinder

engine and independent rear suspension. It remains a favorite for club racing in modified form, but you won't have to modify the Sentra SR for a speedy vibe.

It's a fetching little car with a dark chrome grille, low hoodline, rear spoiler, and deftly sculpted bodysides over 18" wheels. Check the LED headlamps and moonroof too. I especially like it in bright Monarch Orange metallic with Super Back floating roof. From a few yards away, the Sentra looks much like its larger and more sophisticated Altima and Maxima siblings. Pretty much everything inside is padded or orange-stitched, giving the cabin a sporty upscale flair. It could have come from an Audi with an intuitive touchscreen proud of the dash and dual-zone automatic climate controls below. Leatherette heated seats, heated flat-bottom steering wheel,

and Bose audio add comforts. Connect devices via Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Comprehensive safety tech includes adaptive cruise with lane tracing, automatic emergency braking, blind spot warning, lane keep assist, and rear cross path detection with auto stop.

Modern Efficient Performance

Compared to some of the classics, the Sentra SR is a thoroughbred. Under its chiseled hood is a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine delivering 149 horsepower and 146 lb.-ft. of torque. All of that is sent to the front wheels through a continuously variable automatic transmission. That's not terribly impressive by modern standards, but would have rocked the old Datsun 510 silly. Better, it delivers a frugal 30/38-MPG city/highway. No doubt, the Sentra SR would be a lot more

fun with a proper six-speed manual transmission or even a paddle shifter. There's nothing fun about a CVT! I'd also love a turbo. The SR doesn't need one for daily driving, but the chassis with its tight four-wheel independent suspension and quick steering is certainly up to more power. Even so, the ride is comfortable, soaks up rough pavement like a much larger car, and is every bit the equal of classic sport sedans. Wind and road noise are prevalent at speed, but that's typical of affordable compacts. While I drive a lot of expensive cars, the Sentra SR proves you don't have to spend a lot to buy a car that's incredibly affordable and a joy to drive – whether tackling a weekend two-lane or picking up kids at Girl Scouts. Nissan Sentras start at just \$20,790, coming to \$28,220 for a car that would have embarrassed a fair number of iconic sedans. Competitors

include the Honda Civic Sport, Toyota Corolla XSE, Subaru Impreza Sport, and VW Jetta GLI. Storm Forward!

Send comments to Casey at AutoCasey@aol.com; follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.

2024 Nissan Sentra SR
Five-passenger, fwd Sedan
Powertrain: 2.0-liter I4, CVT
Output: 149hp/146 lb.-ft. torque
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 18"/18" alloy
Brakes f/r: disc/disc
Fuel economy: 30/38 mpg city/hwy
Assembly: Aguascalientes, Mexico
Base/as-tested price: \$20,790/28,220

Likes

- Upscale style
- Frugal MPGs
- Agile handling

Dislikes

- Boring CVT
- No turbo
- Road noise

Southmont High School Honor Roll 2023-2024

Grade 9 High Honor Roll:

Lino Aguiar, Indeya Albertson, Andrew Blaydes, Savannah Bradley, Lily Bushong, Makenzie Clate, Brayden Cochran, Tyler Cregger, Samantha Crosby, Landon Dagley, McCallister Dalton, Kayden Davis, Lillian Davis, Emmalie Dexter, Jacea Edwards, Alicia France, Paxton Gentry, Jaiden Golladay, Layla Gomez, Landon Grimes, Eden Hernandez, Kimber Hill, Zoey Hohenstein, Briana Howard, Addison Kendrick, Claire Kessler, Kalee Knox, Kaydence Lewin, Emerie Lieske, Emily Link, Dean McGaughey, Samaya Morton, Hayden Overfelt, Luke Parker, Olivia Phelps, Trent Reeves, Natalie Rhoads, Addilynn Riggen, Madelyn Roberts, Michael Schindler, Amarah Shannon, Layla Shaw, Daniel Simpson, Hunter Slavens, Rhianah Smith, Lauren Snider, Jessica Starnes, Isla Stetler, Shelby Stockton, William Stumph, Layla Testerman, Marlana Trautwein, Alexis Weiler, Molly Willims, Makinzie Wood, Lennon Woods.

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Witham: No one Dies Alone

Witham Health Services is looking for caring individuals of the community to serve as compassionate companions on the No One Dies Alone team. No One Dies Alone (NODA) is a national volunteer-centered program started in 2001 by Peace Health in Eugene, Oregon. It has since been adopted and adapted for use at hospitals around the nation, including Witham Health Services. The Witham NODA team provides caring support and companionship for end-of-life patients who do not have family or loved ones to be with them during their final hours of life.

Who Can Volunteer?
To be considered for the Witham NODA team, applicants will complete a volunteer application packet, submit to a criminal background check, a health screen, an interview with the Volunteer Director and complete all required volunteer trainings. Because of the sensitivity of the NODA program, volunteers must be at least 18 years old to be eligible.

Training Requirements
No clinical skills are required to volunteer for this program; however, volunteers will receive NODA-specific training. Once approved as a volunteer team member, new volunteers will also attend a hospital-specific training and a new volunteer

orientation session. These trainings are required to ensure appropriate education for our volunteers and to ensure the safety of both volunteers and patients, in addition to helping make the compassionate companion experience a positive one for everyone involved. Volunteers are also required to follow all Witham policies and procedures while acting as a representative of Witham Health Services. Registration Fee The program fee is \$10.00 per person (debit, credit card or local check accepted). Non-refundable.

Training Date & Location
The NODA training will be held on Monday, 2/26/2024 from 6p-8:30p in the Community Room of the North Pavilion, Entrance B at Witham Health Services, 2605 North Lebanon Street, Lebanon, IN 46052. The deadline to register is Friday, 2/16/2024, and the training will be limited to the first 20 participants. All training materials will be provided and light refreshments will be offered. Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion after successfully finishing the training program. For more information or to register, please contact Amy Mitchell, Director of Volunteers at (765) 485-8175 or by email at amithchell@witham.org.

Brie Smith Celebrates 5 years With HHSB

Brieana Smith, Real Estate Underwriting Assistant, is celebrating five years at HHSB. Smith joined the team in January 2019 as an Account Specialist at the Crawfordsville East branch before being promoted to Mortgage Portfolio Manager. Soon after, she was promoted to her current position of Real Estate Underwriting Assistant. As a Real Estate Underwriting Assistant, Brie is responsible for reviewing and processing documents for accuracy and regulatory compliance. She is also responsible for monitoring HELOC applications from receipt to closing. "Brie's drive, accountability, and willingness to learn have been instrumental in her success over the last 5 years," stated Jennifer Meadows, Real Estate Underwriter. "I am certain her adaptability, persistence, and perseverance will continue to make a positive impact in the mortgage and underwriting departments. We are excited to see what great things she will accomplish in the future."

Smith has an Associate Degree in Business Management & Accounting while contributing nine years of banking experience to the team. She has two daughters, Nora and Delanie, and is a resident of Waynetown. Outside of work, She enjoys spending time with family and friends and camping



and boating at Raccoon Lake. "Hoosier Heartland is a great place to work. The past 5 years have flown by," Smith said. "I am thankful for all that HHSB has offered me and the growth that has come from that, both professionally and personally."

Paws of the Week



Laverne

Laverne is a stunning gorgeous 1 year old female Russian blue domestic shorthair cat available for adoption at AWL (since 10/19/23). Laverne is playful, friendly, and loves attention! Laverne has a superstar personality and has even won the prestigious award of ULTIMATE BEAUTY! Laverne is friendly/playful with her kitty friends in the family room, but is SUPER ready for her furrever home with a kitty tree and endless love!



Mr. Pickles

Mr. Pickles is our oldest animal at the shelter! Mr. Pickles is a 10 year old senior male tabby domestic shorthair cat that arrived as an injured stray to AWL on 11/22/23. Mr. Pickles loves wet food, is people friendly, and enjoys the finer things in life like his head scratched. Mr. Pickles would love to retire to his furrever home. Mr. Pickles is available to foster and/or adopt. Senior cats are the BEST! Senior cats are low maintenance, make less mess, and provide WAY more snuggles. Come say hi and ask the staff about meeting Mr. Pickles!! AWL is open Monday through Friday from 12:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday's from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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