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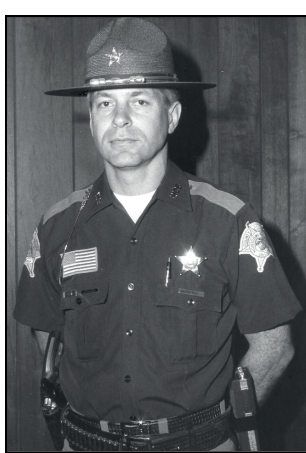
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Butch Remembers the Rookie Cop . . .



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

Here's another incident I'll never forget . . . As I came on duty one summer evening, the dispatcher advised me to check the location and status of an Indiana State trooper. The trooper, who was assigned to Tippecanoe County, had followed a suspected drunk driver into our county. When the trooper turned on his red lights, the driver had refused to pull over. There had been no further communication from the trooper for 10 minutes, until he activated the emergency call for assistance on his portable radio. I drove my patrol car down the road where the trooper had last reported to be, and



soon spotted his patrol car, with its red lights flashing, parked near a driveway at a farmhouse. As I pulled up to the lane, I saw the trooper standing in the yard, his duty weapon drawn and pointed at a nearby garage. He was literally trembling from head to toe. Not knowing the situation, I drew my revolver from my holster and knelt down behind my car. But then as I

edged forward, I could see a man, who appeared to be in his 20s, standing in the garage, grasping a rifle which was pointed a few feet ahead. The trooper never said a word. His nerves had evidently got the better of him. However I noticed his uniform was soiled with dirt and grass stains, indicating to me that there had been a scuffle, with the man evidently having escaped the fight . . . and then grabbing the rifle from the garage. The trooper had the hammer drawn back on his semiautomatic pistol and was pointing it at the man. He was shaking so badly that I suspected he might pull the trigger and shoot the fellow at any time . . . whether he intended to or not. Now what?

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Once upon a time in this country . . .

Once upon a time in this country, men were men. Women were women. And that wasn't the beginning of an argument.



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

Once upon a time in this country, we welcomed the tired, the poor, the huddled masses yearning to breathe free. They went through a process that included a physical check of their well-being and an interview to

make sure that immigrant was a good candidate to become an American citizen. And none of that was considered a bad thing. It was actually something we celebrated. Once upon a time in this country, the idea that grade school children would be introduced to sex practices, let alone practices that most of us would find . . . out of the ordinary . . . would have been cause for concern. Once upon a time in this

country, killing unborn babies was not considered a right to be celebrated but a serious issue to be deeply contemplated. Once upon a time in this country, a marriage followed a biblical standard of a union between a man and a woman. Once upon a time in this country, sex outside that marriage was considered a sin.

Once upon a time in this country, . . .

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For Women's History Month midwifery then and now



The League of Women Voters, open to men as well as women, is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the Montgomery County LWV, visit: www.lwvmontain.org or message to LWV, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

Happy Women's History Month! We turn to one of the oldest professions for women, relevant in a county where

maternal healthcare options have been decreasing. "Midwifery is an ancient practice, passed down through the hands of women through generations," write researchers Barbara Ehrenreich and Deirdre English, in *Nurses, Midwives and Witches*. "Midwives are the guardians of a natural process, honoring the sacred bond between mother and child . . . There is no greater privilege than bearing witness to the miracle of life." Women attended women's bodies for the greater part of human history. Like the 18th century midwife from Maine, Martha Ballard, they learned to treat other ailments and earned the trust of their communities. In Ballard's journal, we can see how residents of Hallowell, Maine called on Ballard both for births and illness. She wrote on Sept. 23, 1786: "I was called early this morning to see Lidia Savage who was very ill. Gave her some urine and honey and some licourice and put a plaster to her stomach. Went up afternoon. Find her relieved." Ballard's medicinal wisdom may strike us as suspect homeopathy, but the U.S. had almost no medical colleges or trained doctors. Often these treatments had been tested, tried and transmitted between healers and midwives, Ehrenreich and English write. Meanwhile, the emergent medical field in Europe included physicians who treated only the wealthy, frequently refused to touch patients, lacked the tested field expertise and wisdom of lay healers and saw surgery as barbarism. Professionalizing medicine in Europe meant receiving the approval of church leadership, which tended to mix up affliction and healing with sin and grace. Lay healers and midwives had a body of tested treatments and practices

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Take a walk after eating, particularly if the meal contained a lot of fat.

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

"All the world's a stage – and most of us are desperately unrehearsed."
Irish proverb

TODAY'S JOKE

How can you tell the weather is getting better? There's a spring in everyone's step!

THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Montgomery County drivers heading south on U.S. 231, be aware that the Indiana Department of Transportation has temporary restrictions on 231 north of Cloverdale. Beginning in early March, crews will be adding a temporary crossover to allow for a lane shift between I-70 and County Road 700 S on U.S. 231. Work is expected to last a couple of weeks, weather permitting.

THREE THINGS

You Should Know

- Now that this session of the Indiana Legislature is over with a huge Medicaid funding shortfall, Lt. Gov. and gubernatorial candidate Suzanne Crouch had this to say on legislative efforts addressing the impact of FSSA's \$1 billion Medicaid shortfall. "I want to thank the legislators and everyone else who have worked so hard with me the last few weeks trying to help the families who will be impacted by the \$1 billion Medicaid shortfall announced by FSSA in December. The results of their efforts tonight will help a little bit, but I am disappointed we fell short of what needs to be done. I will continue to fight for our most vulnerable Hoosiers and their families."
- Speaking of politics, Republican Indiana Congressman Jim Baird (IN-4), voted against extending the government spending bill. "We cannot continue kicking the can down the road in Washington with temporary funding schemes that don't deliver on the promises Republicans made to the American people. This latest spending deal continues to fund Joe Biden's broken policies and fails to take any meaningful action to secure the border."
- The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission issued a video report recently showing a rather large bear crawling out of a cabin's rather small vent hole. The critter had apparently spent the winter indoors. The Commission did not identify the location of the home; instead it warned residents living in wildlife locations to beware of bears.



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Wabash Gets Highly Successful Coach as Defensive Coordinator

Little Giant Alum Will Take Over After Morel's Final Season



Wabash College alumnus and standout high school football coach Jake Gilbert, a 1998 Wabash graduate, will join the Little Giant football coaching staff as defensive coordinator for the 2024 season. Thereafter, Gilbert will take over for Don Morel as the head coach in 2025, ensuring a smooth transition for the next chapter of this storied football program, director of athletics Matt Tanney announced this week. Gilbert has been a high school head coach at two schools, North Montgomery and Westfield. He posted a record of 103-55 in 13 seasons at Westfield since 2011, including a 43-10 mark (.811) over the last four seasons. Along the way, Gilbert's Shamrocks claimed three Hoosier Crossroads Conference (HCC) titles, made eight state playoff appearances, and won the 2016 Class 5A state championship. Thirty-six of his players earned all-state honors and 43 were named academic all-state. In six seasons at North Montgomery beginning in 2001, four of his players earned all-state accolades, while 10 garnered academic all-state honors. "My purpose is to love, lead, and have a positive impact on others," said Gilbert. "This opportunity allows me to give back to the place that taught me how to live that way. I've been hungry for a new challenge, and I'm honored that Coach Morel, Matt Tanney, and President Scott Feller consider me worthy to work alongside them. We have a shared vision of fulfilling the special mission of the College." On the field, Gilbert's success has led to a trophy case full of

honors. His accolades include being named HCC Coach of the Year three times (2013, 2020, and 2021), the Indiana Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year twice (2013 and 2016), and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Indiana Coach of the Year in 2017. Gilbert was selected to coach in the Indiana All-Star game in 2014 and 2024. He has served as president, vice president, and director of the Indiana Football Coaches Association. He was twice the Midwest winner and national finalist for the American Football Coaches Association Power of Influence Award (2020 and 2021), which honors coaches for the positive impact they have on their team, as well as the legacy they leave with the school and surrounding community. Gilbert is actively involved in the lives of his students and in the Westfield community. He created a freshman mentoring program for the Life Ready Initiative at WHS. He served on the City Council and was a board member of the Heart and Soul Free Clinic from 2020-23. Gilbert was president of the Wellbeing Coalition of Westfield, an organization that exists to address community well-being issues through a collaborative approach. He was named the Westfield Community Volunteer of the Year in 2023. From 2006-10, Gilbert served as an assistant coach at Wabash, handling offensive line duties in 2006-07 and serving as the defensive coordinator from 2008-10. In that span, the Little Giants posted a 46-10 (.821) record with three NCAA Division III Playoff appearances.

He got his start in coaching at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis under legendary coach Dick Dullaghan, where he served as an assistant coach for two seasons during which time the Giants won 26 games and captured the Class 5A state championship (1999). Gilbert graduated from Wabash in 1998 with a degree in history and earned a master's degree in education from Purdue University in 1998. He and his wife, Christina, have three sons, Jackson, Logan, and Tyson. "Jake is an outstanding coach and I have complete confidence that he will be an excellent defensive coordinator next season," said Morel. "He had a fantastic head coaching career at Westfield with a state championship to his credit and he knows every high school coach in the state. We're going to continue to do things the right way by recruiting the absolute best scholar-athletes." Entering his eighth season as the Wabash head coach, Morel has amassed a 53-18 record to go with two North Coast Athletic Conference championships and two NCAA Division III Playoff appearances. He is a two-time NCAC Coach of the Year (2018 and 2019). Prior to being named the head coach in 2016, he served as the program's offensive coordinator from 2012-15. In his tenure at Wabash, Morel has coached 110 all-conference performers, 28 all-region selections, seven academic All-Americans, six All-Americans, and four conference players of the year. Known for prolific offenses, Morel's teams averaged more than 35 points per game in seven different seasons



and more than 400 yards of total offense per game in nine seasons. His 2022 squad ranked second nationally with an average of 535.5 yards of total offense per game and led all of NCAA Division III with an average of 363.5 passing yards per game. He is one of only two coaches in NCAC history to coach a three-time winner of the Mike Gregory Award, given to the league's offensive player of the year. Morel is the fifth winningest coach in school history, while his winning percentage ranks fourth. "With Coach Morel and Coach Gilbert, Wabash is fortunate to have leadership of the football program with an unwavering commitment to its present and long-term success," said Tanney. "It's an exciting day to welcome Coach Gilbert back to campus. His on-field success, combined with his passion for preparing men for life after football, is a superb match for our athletics program. In a program with consistently high aspirations, Coach Morel sustained a winning tradition for eight years and contributed much to the life of the College. I look forward to partnering with both Don and Jake to support our scholar-athletes' pursuit of academic and athletic excellence."

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do you recognize this person?

Hint: This 1958 CHS graduate is the unofficial mayor of Whitlock Avenue and she loves all little critters!

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Deery Looks Back on 2024 Legislative Session



SPENCER DEERY
Guest Columnist

Deery looks back. The story of any legislative session includes successes, disappointments and everything in between. I will remember the 2023-24 legislative session for a little of all three. I was proud to co-author and pass Senate Enrolled Act 2, which, if signed into law by the governor, will make child care more accessible and affordable for Hoosier families. I also was proud to co-author and pass Senate Enrolled Act 17, which will require websites that publish pornographic content to use reasonable age verification methods in order to protect children online. I also was proud to sponsor and pass House Enrolled Act 1133 to create the expectation that if political campaigns try to influence an election using realistic fake images, audio or video created by artificial intelligence (AI), creators must label the content so voters know what's real and what's fabricated. I also was proud to author and pass Senate Enrolled Act

With the 2024 Legislative session concluded, Republican State Sen. Spencer

202, to support academic freedom and intellectual diversity on our college campuses. The biggest disappointment of the session was that my legislation to establish guardrails to protect Indiana communities from the potential harms of large water transfers did not move forward this year. However, even that was a partial success in that we won commitments from state officials that they would take no action to advance a pipeline for the LEAP District in Lebanon until after the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) completes its study, the findings are independently reviewed, and the legislature has a chance to weigh in. While the fight to protect our local water resources will need to wait until the next session, the work to pass legislation will begin immediately. When it comes to protecting Hoosiers' water rights or pushing the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to be more transparent and accountability, I will never give up. 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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I holstered my revolver and yelled to the man to put the rifle down. However, he refused and yelled out that if he was arrested, he would kill himself. He placed the muzzle end to his forehead and placed his thumb on the trigger. He wasn't bluffing. The trooper was a rookie who had only been on the force for a couple of months. I told him to get back in his car, leave the area, and radio his dispatcher that he was OK . . . and tell them NOT to send any more officers to the scene. The man watched the trooper leave, but still kept the rifle to his forehead.

I said a silent prayer, lit up a cigarette, and walked to the garage. The man looked me straight in the eyes, "I am NOT going to jail!" to which I replied, "Don't pull that trigger . . . get in my car . . . I am not going to arrest you . . . I'll figure something out."

He then sat in the front seat of my patrol car, with the rifle between his legs, aimed at his head, his thumb still on the trigger. For some reason I knew deep down that he would not harm me. I radioed my dispatcher that everything was under control so they would not send another officer. I had recalled an incident in Crawfordsville in which a teenager had threatened suicide, and had placed the muzzle end of a shotgun in his mouth. The responding officer called for backup. When they arrived, the boy pulled the trigger. During my time as a police officer, I had been in two other situations like this . . . sitting next to a person who had a gun to his head, with his finger on the trigger. Each time the Lord protected me, with the person eventually handing over the gun. I talked to that man for the better part of an hour . . . chain smoking the entire time. Fortunately he listened and responded, which is always a good sign in those precarious situations. He related his many personal problems, which

included the recent death of his mother, and admitted that he had an alcohol problem since high school. So what happened? The young man agreed to voluntarily commit himself to an alcohol treatment facility that evening. He handed over the rifle, and I emptied the cartridges from the gun and locked it in the trunk of my car. After contacting the county judge and advising him of the situation, I transported him to a treatment center, where he received care and counseling for several weeks. He worked out his problems, got married, and never touched alcohol again.

And what about the state trooper? I never heard from him or saw him after this incident. Yes, he had successfully gone through the training at the police academy, but there are some situations which police officers face that are not part of the training. I heard from others that he resigned a few weeks later and obtained a "regular" job . . . a wise decision. Some people are just not cut out for police work. I'm sure you know a few like that. They are big talkers when two or three other officers are backing them up. One on one against a dangerous offender or faced with an emergency situation . . . they can't handle it.

I quit smoking after I retired from the Sheriff's department. It's a nasty habit. But when I see someone light up nowadays, I often think about the many tense police situations in which I was involved. I hate to say this, but I was glad I had a pack of Marlboros during each of those encounters. One of Marlboro's slogans was "Taste the adventure." Today I say, "Thanks, but I'll pass." I don't need any more "adventures" like those.

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 35 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

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country, people were patriotic and the love of country was something to be celebrated and even revered. Once upon a time in this country, parents and schools worked together for the betterment of the children. Once upon a time in this country, teachers could discipline students and the outcome was a good thing. Once upon a time in this country, people would rather work than accept handouts. Once upon a time in this country, charity began at home, but was understood that it would not last forever. Once upon a time in this country, nothing was free and anything worth having was worth working for. Once upon a time in this country, civility and good manners weren't just expectations but demands. Once upon a time in this country, children were not allowed to run wild in stores. Once upon a time in this country, politicians did not get rich because of their political careers. Once upon a time in this country, mass shootings were a rare event. Once upon a time in this country, we could have disagreements but remain friends. Once upon a time in this country, the terms conservatives, liberals, Democrats and Republicans did not incite anger.

country, the phrase it's none of your business meant that not everyone had to be concerned with every little thing they saw or heard. Once upon a time in this country, there were some people actually camera shy. Once upon a time in this country, honesty and integrity were far more valued – and common – than they are today. Once upon a time in this country, the F word stood for things like faith, family and freedom. Friends, "once upon a time" wasn't all that long ago. Most of us remember it. We also remember that stories beginning with "once upon a time" ended with "happily ever after." I'm like a lot of you . . . not sure how to get there. After watching the State of the Union and listening to the Republican response, all I know for sure is government doesn't have the answer. Then again, it's not supposed to. Pretty sure that once upon a time, those answers all started with us.

Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at timmons@thepaper24-7.com.

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Food Finders Sets Date for Blue Jean Ball

Food Finders Food Bank announced recently that it will host the 11th annual Blue Jean Ball on Saturday, May 4, 2024. In partnership with the Purdue University College of Agriculture, the Blue Jean Ball, presented by Cargill, the Coffin Family Foundation, Indiana Packers Corp, Pay Less Super Markets, and Ziegler Subaru, is the organization's primary annual fundraising event. The event increases community awareness and raises vital funds to support the food bank's mission.



Photo courtesy Food Finders

Lafayette mayor Tony Roswarski and Neuhoff's Mike Shamus provide entertainment during the 2023 Blue Jean Ball.

"This event is always a great time," says Kier Crites Muller, President/CEO at Food Finders Food Bank. "When we started the Blue Jean Ball in 2013, we intended to create a fun, casual, and meaningful evening that would help us accomplish a very serious task -- spreading the word about how many of our neighbors are facing hunger every day." Food Finders distributes over 12 million pounds of food annually to nearly 65,000 Hoosiers through the combined

efforts of 100 partner agencies, meal programs, and the food bank's direct-service programs: BackPack, Fresh Market, Mobile Pantry, Senior Home Delivery, Education and Resource Coordination. The Blue Jean Ball's annual net impact has grown well over 400% since the initial event in 2013, with Food Finders raising over \$924,000 through this event. Proceeds are used to expand Food Finders' existing direct-service programs to meet an increase in need across its 16-county service

area. All ticket and auction proceeds will directly benefit the food bank thanks to the generosity of Cargill, the Coffin Family Foundation, Indiana Packers Corp, Pay Less Super Markets, Ziegler Subaru, and several other community sponsors. The 2023 Blue Jean Ball set a record by netting over \$174,000 to support the Food Finders' mission. With delicious farm-to-table catering by Juniper Spoon, the event has become well-known as a light-

hearted and fun evening that serves a serious need in our community. Once again, K105 WKOA's Shamus will host the event, and a live, local auctioneer will host the silent and live auctions. The Blue Jean Ball will occur on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at Beck Agricultural Center, 4550 US 52 West in West Lafayette. Individual and full-table tickets are on sale now. For more information please visit www.foodfinders.org or call, (765) 471-0062.

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and were absolutely necessary in the absence of doctors for most households. Ballard herself birthed nine children and attended nearly a thousand births. Some accounts say only five infants died under her care. Her rate of success of infant mortality was so low that modern medicine in the U.S. would not achieve anything comparable until the 1940s.

But as modern medicine took root, Ehrenreich and English's research shows that many midwives and lay healers faced accusations of "witchcraft" if they practiced too far out of the borders of religious approval or ran afoul of professionalized medicine. In the newly formed United States, midwives faced a double bind. They couldn't attend the few medical schools and quickly faced legal prosecution for practicing care without an education.

Modern midwifery in Indiana has faced all manner of double binds. Until 2013, only certified nurse midwives could practice legally, and they had to deliver in hospitals or licensed birth centers. Women seeking home births had to turn to midwives working outside of the borders of the law.

Internationally, midwives have exceptional birth rates. While there are decades of studies, a 2020 comprehensive looked at 16 studies in the Lancet looked at outcomes: "Among low-risk women, those intending to birth at home experienced fewer birth interventions and untoward maternal outcomes," like c-sections, operative vaginal births, infections, oxytocin augmentation, episiotomy, or significant tearing. Midwives practice what is called "physiologic" birth assistance, teaching women during prenatal visits how to interpret their bodies' signals - testing blood pressure, blood sugar, hormone levels and interpreting weight gain, measurements and fetal signals like heart rate - to understand their pregnancies. Both certified nurse midwives and direct entry midwives screen out high-risk pregnancies. "Midwifery is a partnership between a midwife and family," said Samantha Brinkerhoff, a direct-

entry midwife in Vigo County. Obviously that partnership focuses on the pregnant woman, but involves the whole family, she said. Midwives lend their expertise, but put the woman and her family in charge. "Women are encouraged to be active participants in making choices about their care. We let them know they are free to choose other options, which is very different from the hierarchical medical model where women are being told what to do."

In the practice with which Brinkerhoff works, they spend more time with families, not just educating them, but getting to know the women and families - their preferences, fears, concerns - so they can address those ahead of time. They build trust during prenatal care, which comes in handy during the birth. If a midwife says during labor that there is a problem, and they need to transfer to a hospital, women and families trust the call. Under Indiana licensure law, midwives must ensure women have written an emergency plan for such situations. In physiologic birthing, midwives "are like lifeguards on the sidelines. Home birth provides women the privacy of their home, the freedom to move around, eat and drink, while being supported through the natural process of progressive labor, so it leads to better outcomes."

Medically managed births tend to be more micro-managed, keeping women in a room or bed, limiting food and drink, using Pitocin, which snowballs into further interventions. Brinkerhoff began practicing as a midwife after Indiana passed a law in 2013, legalizing home births and direct entry midwives - a midwife credentialed without first becoming a nurse. Though certified nurse midwives still practice in birthing centers and hospitals, it's usually in urban areas because larger hospitals offer labor and delivery. They practice there, though they are not always well-integrated into the system. In recent years, a number of certified nurse-midwife services have been eliminated in Lafayette and Indianapolis. Unlike other nations, midwifery in the U.S. lacks the clout and integration in the medical system as a whole. As Ehrenreich and English found in their research, the

professionalization of medicine and exclusion of women from medical schools created an impression that midwifery is "substandard care." Brinkerhoff noted this as well. "Some families want 'the expert' surgeon or the best, the most highly qualified, and that midwives are not as qualified or competent to provide care in emergencies," said Brinkerhoff. "We midwives are comfortable in acknowledging that we are not surgeons, and we will screen during pregnancy and monitor during labor and delivery."

The signal has been that every birth needs an expert at any second. In reality, most births proceed normally and midwives competently manage any warning signs early enough to transfer women to a hospital in time, says Brinkerhoff.

In the U.S., home- and midwife-assisted births are gaining popularity. The problem is accessibility. Ideally, an increase in midwife-assisted births would help with the maternal and infant healthcare deserts in rural counties like ours. Of course, rural hospitals and counties would need supportive physicians trained for emergencies who are willing to relinquish low-risk pregnancy care. Midwives, like medical professionals, are facing steep increases in liability insurance. Because they spend more time with their patients and must be on call for each birth, midwives don't increase volume of patients to offset rising insurance costs. Women's insurance doesn't cover midwives either, making it an option only for those who can pay out of pocket.

"In the past midwives served women who couldn't afford doctors," said Brinkerhoff, but the practice has always been to put women's needs first. It's a holistic approach to birthing, one that doesn't see it as a medical problem, but the natural process.

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Local Author Signing Books at Linden Library

Author Grace Tilney will be at the Linden Carnegie Library on Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to sign her debut novel, Cupcake Curveball.

Grace has always loved to read and recently decided to fulfill a lifelong dream and write a book! She has lived in Indiana for nearly 20 years and has lived in Linden for five years. She and her family love visiting the Linden Carnegie Public Library to enjoy the many programs offered. When not writing, Grace loves to attend sporting events, read, drink Diet Coke and spend time with her family and furbabies.

Cupcake Curveball, is a romance about a baseball player and a baker. The story of their special connection is book one of a duet, so

readers should be aware that it does end on a cliffhanger. There are some behind-the-scenes actions (accidental premarital pregnancy from a one-night stand) that may be inappropriate for young readers. Grace would recommend those over the age of 14 read this book but it's at a parent's discretion.

Cupcake Curveball is available on Amazon for \$12 but at the signing, it will only be \$10. Payment can be made by cash, Venmo, or PayPal. Anyone who purchases a book will be given special book swag!

To purchase in advance: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSDZh5Nnpfn2gBC3jNcGL6Le-qYit98b51O91H6XgnhHE8nA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Indiana's Severe Weather Requires Plan of Action

In the months of February, March, April and May, Hoosiers know to expect all kinds of weather. From snow and ice to thunderstorms and tornadoes, Indiana experiences a wide range of weather. That is why Indiana Gov. Eric J. Holcomb proclaimed March 10-16 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security collaborates with the National Weather Service during Severe Weather Preparedness Week to educate Hoosiers about the possibility of severe weather and remind them that they are their own first line of defense when protecting their families and communities.

We experience severe weather frequently, but we cannot overlook how

we prepare for these storms. Check in with your family members, make sure they know what to do and when to do it if a storm approaches," said IDHS Emergency Management and Preparedness Director Mary Moran. IDHS encourages all families, schools and workplaces to make tornado safety plans. Hopefully, Hoosiers practiced these plans during the statewide tornado drill Tuesday. The drill was broadcasted as an Emergency Alert System on television and radio. Throughout this week, IDHS will share severe weather safety tips on Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter) and Instagram. Follow IDHS and use the hashtags #SevereWx and #SWPW.

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Answer: Judy Baker

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Mike Warren Tosses Hat in GOP Primary

Mike Warren, born and raised in Montgomery County, has announced his candidacy for an at-large seat on the county council as a Republican. Warren is a Senior Associate Director of Alumni & Affinity Group Engagement at Wabash College. He and his family (wife Kim, children Kaleb and Kai) live in Darlington. I am family oriented with a deep appreciation and care for the people in our community," Warren said in a statement. "By taking an active role on the council, I will have the opportunity to represent our citizens and collaborate with the council, the

commissioners, and the City of Crawfordsville to continue responsible growth through effective, fiscally responsible investment by managing our resources efficiently to nurture a thriving community for all to live, work, and play. It will require thoughtful work and leadership to make the difficult decisions facing the council, and I am ready for the challenge." He is a member of the Darlington United Methodist Church, Rocky Ridge Golf Club, Darlington American Legion Post 302 and a graduate of Montgomery County Leadership Academy.

Baird Announces 2024 Congressional Art Competition

Congressman Jim Baird (IN-04) shared that the 2024 Congressional Art Competition for students grades 7 through 12 is open. The competition is for all qualifying students in Indiana's 4th Congressional District who are looking to display their artistic passions. "I'm pleased to announce that my office is currently accepting submissions for the 2024 Congressional Art Competition," Baird said. "This is an amazing opportunity for aspiring young artists to showcase their talents and display their original work in our nation's capital. I hope every student in the fourth district with an artistic background

will send in a submission, whether they're preparing for art school or just beginning to develop their skills." The winner of the 2024 competition will have their artwork on display in the U.S. Capitol for an entire year and earn a free trip to Washington, D.C. to see their work on display. The winning artwork is also featured on the U.S. House of Representatives Congressional Art Competition Page. How to Participate: Students, teachers, and parents are encouraged to submit one piece of original art to the district office in Danville, along with their student release form. All entries MUST include the Student Information and Release Form for the competition. The submission deadline is Monday, May 6th, 2024, at 4 PM EST. Please visit our website for more information and to download the student release form.

Submissions can be mailed or dropped off at the office. As the winner will be displayed in Washington, D.C. for a full year, students should submit a piece that will not be needed for other purposes. Office of Congressman Jim Baird 355 S. Washington St Danville, Indiana 46122 Eligibility Requirements: All students in Indiana's 4th Congressional District grades 7 through 12, are eligible to submit their work. Artwork must be two-dimensional. Each framed artwork can be no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 4 inches deep. Even when framed, it must still measure no larger than the above maximum dimensions. No framed piece should weigh more than 15 pounds. Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork include:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (it is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed).
- Collages: must be two dimensional.
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints.
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art.
- Photographs.

Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement) that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting, drawing, etc.).



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