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TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

Meet Jerry



Jerry is a 2 year old male American Pit Bull Terrier that has been at The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) since 2/27/2024 (brought in as a stray). Jerry loves going out for walks, playing fetch, and being showered with love/attention. Jerry is looking for his best friend! Could that be you? AWL can also ALWAYS use helping hands! Want to help scoop litter boxes, do laundry, clean kennels, kitty snuggles, walk dogs, doggy snuggles, cat/dog enrichment?! Come say hi! - Volunteer - Donate - Adopt - Foster!

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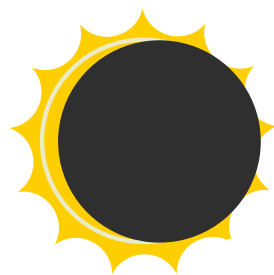
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By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous 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!

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Evansville	3:03
Vincennes	4:05
Jasper	3:11
Terre Haute	2:57
French Lick	3:07
Bloomington	4:02
Brown County	3:58
Greenwood	4:00
Indianapolis	3:49
Noblesville	3:28
Carmel	3:29
Fishers	3:38
Sheridan	2:50
McCordsville	3:49
Muncie	3:47
Marion	2:11
New Castle:	4:00
Hagerstown	3:59
Portland:	3:43



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Today's Eclipse

8-21-17

Date of last eclipse visible in Indiana

8-23-44

Date of next eclipse

1:50

Depending on where you are, approximate time of the beginning

4:25

Depending on where you are, approximate time of ending



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The number of states in the path of totality. They are: Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

32 million vs. 12 million

The number of people living in this year's path of totality vs. 2017's path.



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Eating whole grains instead of refined white starches results in less belly 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

"Don't worry about people stealing your ideas. If your ideas are any good, you'll have to ram them down people's throats." Howard Aiken

THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 Tickets are available at <https://am.ticketmaster.com/iuindy/24-gubernatorial-debate> for the final debate among all six candidates for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. The debate will take place before a live audience from 7-8:30 p.m. April 23 at Hine Hall Auditorium on the IUPUI campus. The doors open at 6 p.m., and all audience members must be in their seats by 6:45 p.m. Weapons, signs and other campaign paraphernalia are not permitted. Voters may submit their own questions for the candidates at [www.indianadebatecommission.com](http://www.indianadebatecommission.com). The debate will be carried live at [www.indianadebatecommission.com](http://www.indianadebatecommission.com). U.S. Sen. Mike Braun; Brad Chambers, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch; Eric Doden, former Attorney General Curtis Hill and Jamie Reitenour are competing for the opportunity to run in the November election.
- 2 Congresswoman Victoria Spartz, Republican Congresswoman from Indiana's 5th District, has been endorsed by the National Rifle Association. "As a lifetime NRA member, I am proud to have the NRA endorsement once again," Spartz said. "As someone who grew up under a tyrannical government, I understand that our Second Amendment is second for a reason - to protect all other rights against all enemies foreign and domestic. I will always stand strong for Second Amendment rights for all law-abiding Americans." The NRA is America's oldest defender of gun rights.
- 3 Our friends at Mixbook say that Hoosiers are set to hit 'Peak Optimism' On April 10. They say that peak optimism in America occurs on April 4 nationally, and that Indiana will come along six days later. Mixbook, a top-rated photobook company, set out to identify this peak of positivity in 2024 through a survey of 3,000 people, revealing that the surge in optimism varies across the U.S. Mostly, it has to do with the weather. Hey, we have to agree. Nice temps and blue skies are a great reason to smile.

TODAY'S JOKE

Some folks have the very first dollar they ever made. The rest belong to Uncle Sam.

THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Hoosier Authors Book Club will discuss *Shakespeare Saved My Life* by Laura Bates in the Lew Wallace Carriage House on April 18 at 7 p.m. There are a limited number of books and one audio version now available for check out at the Carriage House at the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum. Other books that will be read by the Hoosier Authors Book Club this year include: *Hoosier Public Enemy: A Life of John Dillinger* by John A. Beinke on June 20, *You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson on July 18, *An Abundance of Katherines* by John Green on September 19, and *The Magic Garden* by Gene Stratton-Porter on October 24. All discussions are free and open to the public. For more information about the Hoosier Authors Book Club visit <https://www.ben-hur.com/programs/hoosier-authors-book-club/>.



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Jim and Kathryn . . . Together Again



Jim and Kathryn Branstetter's graduation photos in 1945.



The Darlington community lost a great lady a few days ago. Kathryn "Katie" Branstetter, age 96, passed away peacefully at her home after a short illness. It's a sad time for her family and friends, but we have consolation in knowing that she is now once again united with her loving husband Jim, who was also her very best friend.

James "Jimmy" Branstetter and Kathryn Butler were classmates, graduating from Darlington High School in 1945. Married in 1947, they became the parents of three girls, Kathy, Diana and Paula. They had known each other since they were toddlers, and were married 72 years before Jim's passing in 2020. Experts have tried to analyze the keys to living a happy life. Most agree that people must learn to simplify their lives and priorities and find a satisfying work-life balance. Jim and Kathryn were a prime example. Jim grew up on a farm, and after proudly serving his country in WWII, he decided that farming was the life for him. He had no desire to go "big-time" and farm hundreds of acres. He was satisfied with working on his small farm south of Darlington. Jim also drove a school bus for many years, and the kids loved him. Kathryn was a housewife and helped Jimmy on the farm, and after the girls were grown, she worked as a bookkeeper at school and for the school corporation.

But Jim and Kathryn did not let work consume their lives. They had many hobbies. Both loved playing cards with other couples. In fact, that is how I first met them, as my folks often visited Jim and Kathryn, and Don and Emma Lou Weliever, for a game of cards. Jim enjoyed fishing, playing Ping-Pong and golfing. I played several rounds of golf with Jim when the Darlington guys played

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## ➔ OBITUARIES

### Debra Jo Lee

March 9, 1960 - April 1, 2024

Debra Jo "Debbie" (Harvey) Lee, age 64, of Crawfordsville, passed away on Monday, April 1, 2024, at Franciscan Health Crawfordsville. She was born on March 9, 1960, in



Crawfordsville to Donald Harvey, Sr. and Peggy Arlene Taylor; Debra was raised by her late stepfather, Larry Dean Taylor.

Debra graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1978. She married the love of her life, Stuart Graham Lee on August 9, 1994, and together they shared 30 happy years.

Debra enjoyed working at Goodies in Crawfordsville where she started as set up crew and worked her way up to assistant manager. Additionally, Debra spent 10 years working at RR Donnelley and Sons. Most recently, Debra was working at the Family Crisis Center, which she thoroughly enjoyed and was recently promoted before her passing. Her favorite job of all was raising her grandchildren.

Debra loved babies, where there was a baby, she could be found, whether it be a baby, kitten, or puppy. She had a deep love for animals and always teased Stuart about moving to a farm and never getting rid of any animals they came across. Debra's favorite season was spring because of the newness it brings. She enjoyed visiting with family and friends and watching NASCAR.

Debra will be deeply missed by her husband, Stuart; children, April (John) Hodges, Dennis Phelps, Jacob (Ariel) Lee; her mother, Peggy Arlene Taylor; a brother, David (Patti) Harvey; grandchildren, Tyler Hodges, Brandon Hodges, Caidyn Phelps, Kori Phelps, Brighton Lee, Eli Lee, and Jaxon Lee; great-granddaughter, Raven Hodges; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her siblings Donald Harvey Jr, Dina Barrett, and Casey Taylor.

A visitation will be held for Debra at Sanders Funeral Care, Waynetown, 202 Bratton Road, Waynetown, Indiana 47990, on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Additional visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, from 12:00 pm until the time of funeral service at 1:00 pm. Burial will follow at Wolf Creek Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Debra's memory to the Family Crisis Center, PO Box 254, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 or the Animal Welfare League, 1104 Big 4 Arch Road, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

Debra's family invites guests attending on Tuesday or Wednesday to bring a picture of memories shared with her to be put on display. Please visit [www.SandersFuneralCare.com](http://www.SandersFuneralCare.com) to share a favorite memory.

**Thank you for reading The Paper**



### Larry Dean Taylor

March 10, 1942 - March 26, 2024

Larry D. "Rev" Taylor, age 82 of Alamo, passed away at Ben Hur Health and Rehabilitation on March 26, 2024. He was born at Culver Union Hospital to Denvil and Helen Alberta (Lewis)



Taylor on March 10, 1942.

Larry grew up in Crawfordsville and graduated from White's Institute in Wabash, Indiana. He proudly served his country in the United States Marines. Larry retired from Raybestos, where he worked in maintenance. He enjoyed camping, fishing, bowling, and coaching area softball teams. Larry was an avid Euchre player.

Larry's mother passed away in December of 1955, when he was only 13 years old. His father later married Thelma Butler in January of 1965.

Larry will be deeply missed by his brother, Rex (Lana) Taylor; sister, Kathy (Jeff) Carlton; stepbrother, Byron Butler; granddaughters, Chelsea (Dustin) Morman, Ashley Bazanni; great-grandson, Ezra Morman; stepchildren, Debbie (Stuart) Lee, David (Patti) Harvey, and Les (Melody) Farley; many step grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Thelma; wife, Martha; children, Cassandra Taylor and September Krout; and stepchildren, Donald Harvey and Dina Barrett. Cremation was chosen with a graveside service at a later date with Military Honors. Sanders Funeral Care Waynetown was entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at [www.SandersFuneralCare.com](http://www.SandersFuneralCare.com).

## THE PAPER

## Don't Let Your Right to Vote Be Eclipsed

By Helen Hudson  
 League of Women Voters

If you are a citizen of the United States and 18 years of age or older and not currently registered to vote, please do so now. It's remarkably easy to do. All 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the general election in November are also eligible to register now. Today, April 8, is the last day to register for the Primary Election coming up in May. You can go to the Montgomery County courthouse to register or you can register on line using a straightforward, safe process.

The safe, easy way to register online is to go to VOTE411!. Click on the "Register to Vote" tab and the form appears. As the site itself notes, "To register takes an average of two

minutes."

VOTE411 is a trusted, non-partisan site in the public interest. In 2022, VOTE411 won the prestigious Webby award. Webby Awards are awards for excellence on the Internet presented annually by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences, a judging body composed of over three thousand industry experts and technology innovators.

Beginning on Tuesday, the first day of Early Voting in Montgomery County, VOTE411 will go live with non-partisan information about all candidates who have submitted data. Voters use this information to learn about candidates and their positions before voting.

The VOTE411 site also

has voter guides, a first-time voter checklist, and other helpful information to prepare to vote. The site also can help you sign up to be a poll worker here in our county.

Here in Montgomery County, early voting goes through May 3. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. On Saturdays, April 27 and May 4, you may vote at the courthouse from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. On May 6, courthouse voting is from 9 a.m. to noon.

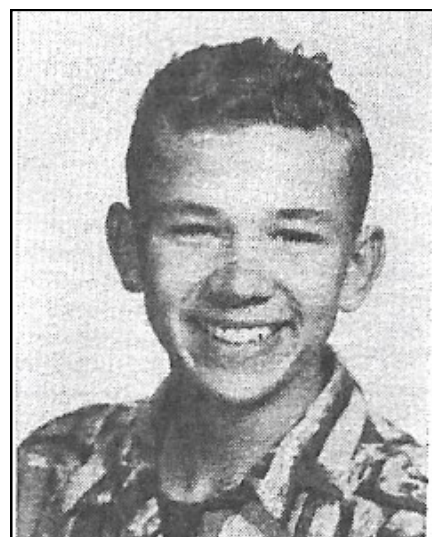
There is also Early Voting opportunity at Rock Point Church (429 W. 150 S. Rd) on Saturdays, April 27 and May 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You may also vote at Rock Point on Wednesday-Friday, May 1-3 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

On Election Day,

Tuesday, May 7, voting takes place at: the Montgomery County 4-H Building, North Montgomery High School, Whitesville Church and Rock Point Church. All polls are open on Election Day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Voters can vote at any center at any time polls are open.

Please vote! Our state and our county have notoriously low turnouts for primary elections. Let's change that in 2024. Free and fair voting is the cornerstone of democratic societies. If you would like to be a Poll Watcher, please contact the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County for more information about this role. Leave a message on the LWVMC Facebook page.

## Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

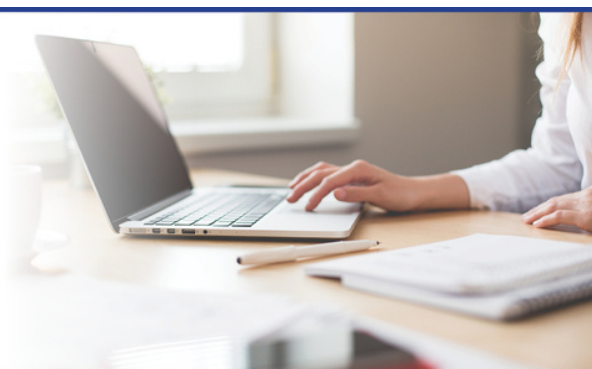


Do You Recognize This 1953 Ladoga Freshman?

HINT:

**He was an excellent basketball player and also played ball at Wabash . . . then became a teacher and a coach.**

Answer on Page A3





## Discouraging Day Turns Useful



**CARRIE CLASSON**  
The Postscript

I had a discouraging day yesterday.

I don't expect anyone to keep track—heck, I can't keep track half the time. But I got another rejection of my book from another editor with another publishing house.

I've read the stories of how long it has taken well-known authors to sell their first novel. A publisher has to put a lot of money into a new book, and the odds are slim that a writer's first book will ever earn that money back. Publishers know this and so they are understandably cautious.

You would think I would be used to rejection by now. Before I was even able to have my book read by publishers, I had to find an agent, and they are swamped with letters from writers who want the same thing I do—to see their book out in the world.

Now that I have my wonderful agent, Annie, she is putting a lot of time into editing and working to sell my book, and she makes no money at all until the book sells. It is a long process. Everything takes months and months, and in the meantime, I keep writing, because that is the only part of the process I have any control over at all.

So, when I got an "update" from Annie yesterday, I knew from the subject line of the email it would not be good news. The note read:

"Hi Annie,

Thank you for the opportunity to read Carrie's work. She is a talented writer, and I love the premise for this, but I didn't connect with the characters quite as strongly as I'd hoped. It is with regret that I am a pass, but I hope you land the perfect home for this (or perhaps already have!)."

I added this rejection to

a file I keep with the previous rejection letters. Sometimes I read the comments later and, generally, I don't get too discouraged. But yesterday I did.

I was grumpy, and I felt more than a little sorry for myself. So I took a day off. Instead of writing, I went for a long walk.

And, as I was walking, I suddenly thought of my best friend who died seven years ago. She was only 50 years old when she died, and I never met a person who was more alive. I thought of how she would chew me out for wasting even part of one day feeling sorry for myself.

"Take a teaspoon of cement, Princess, and harden up!" she would have said.

She was very good about saying things like that, whenever I complained that what I was doing was too difficult. I missed her no-nonsense advice, her never-ending encouragement.

"I sure could use you now," I thought. And at that moment, I realized I had lost sight of a really important thing. Of course, I write because it makes me happy. But the reason writing makes me happy is because I think the stuff I write might be useful.

Maybe my writing will make somebody smile. Maybe someone will feel less alone. Maybe it will be used to line the bottom of a birdcage. But whatever happens, I'm hoping it will be useful in some small way.

It's not really about me. Or, as my beloved friend would say when I got too full of myself, "Buy some lumber, build a bridge, and get over yourself!"

She was good at that, as I mentioned. She was good at reminding me of what matters and, seven years later, she is still so very useful.

Till next time,  
Carrie

## A Very Puzzling Column



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

About 16 years ago, my third edition of Indiana Curiosities was published. stories about all the unusual people, places and things in the Hoosier state. I traveled several thousand miles around Indiana to compile the book. Leafing through it the other day, I decided it might be fun to check back after all these years and revisit some of the people who earned a chapter in my quirky travel guide.

When I first met David Cozad, his life was in pieces. About 25,000 pieces, 24, 978 to be exact. The Plainfield resident was one of the premier jigsaw mavens in the Midwest. He had recently finished the puzzle referenced above, chock full of animals, hot air balloons, the planets of the solar system, and the tiniest of sea creatures.

Cozad put the puzzle together on his garage floor, a painstaking achievement, hard on the eyes and the knees. Cozad admits that he was limited to about two hours at a time. "Then you hit the wall...you get so absorbed, but you have to take a break."

Most of Cozad's completed puzzles are displayed in his house or garage, several have gone to his grandkids. But his latest achievement, a panorama of Disney characters, was even bigger than the one featured in my book. It was 40,000 pieces. At about 26 feet long and 6 feet tall, it weighed more than a hundred pounds in the box.

Cozad spent three years on his condo's garage floor interlocking pieces. He sees the effort almost spiritually. "First, I find the correct church for all the pieces, then the correct pew. That's how he explains separating the edges and the colors. He isolates the puzzles by sections, which are then glued together so they can be mounted on a giant board.

One piece of jigsaw history: In 2008, the Ravensburg Puzzle

Company in Ravensburger, Germany, hosted a public puzzle event in the city square. Citizens collaborated to assemble an astounding 1,141,800 pieces, a world record for the largest puzzle ever completed!

Great puzzles have unifying ideas to keep the hobbyist interested, but Cozad admits that it isn't until the puzzle is completed that he can stand back and appreciate all the artistic nuances of the scene. One of his favorites was a black-and-white Civil War scene with Abraham Lincoln featured in the painting. A real toughie because he only had two pews of colors.

"Putting in that last piece is a great accomplishment," says Cozad. But his greatest fear is that as he nears the end of his task, a piece will be missing. "That's why I used to keep my eye on the dog."

David is a big advocate of encouraging kids to take up jigsaw puzzling. "It develops their capacity to concentrate," says Cozad. "An ability that many lack in today's world of video games." Cozad had temporarily retired from this passion of the last 30 years. This was okay with his friends who wanted him to play more golf and cards. "Over the years, they weren't exactly beating down my garage door to help."

UPDATE: Recently, the bug bit him again. He was getting edgy, to use some jigsaw lingo. He bought a large puzzle in a bag, just the pieces, but he has no idea what the final scene will be. "I've never attempted anything like this before," he tells me.

But it seems only fitting he should do that.

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

## ↓ BUTCH

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on the weekends at Fairway golf course near Lebanon. Jim was not the greatest golfer, but he had lots of fun. He might miss an easy putt on one hole, and then hit a spectacular shot on the next hole . . . and just laugh about it! Winning was not his priority. He just enjoyed being with all his buddies.

Kathryn enjoyed playing croquet and was quite good at it. She bowled, played the piano, worked crossword puzzles . . . and she also took up golf in her later years. Both Kathryn and Jim were lifelong members of the Darlington Methodist church. Kathryn served as the Sunday school superintendent and sang in the choir for many years. They were both dedicated Christians and lived their lives to serve the Lord and help others. Both of them were also very proud of their kids, five grandkids, nine great-grandkids and two great-great-grandkids!

I guess the thing I remember most about Jim and Kathryn is that they enjoyed being with people . . . and they truly cared about people. They were not "fakes" who put on a good show to be popular. Kathryn was a Girl Scout leader, a Rainbow advisor, a member of the Home Economics club and Ladies Aid. Jim was a volunteer on the REMC board for many years. He also enjoyed taking a few minutes off from farming now and then to spend time at the "loafing" places in town . . . the filling station, barbershop, elevator,

etc. to enjoy the company of other farmers and catch up on the latest news. One time I wrote an article for the library newsletter about several of the Darlington men who served in WW II, and what they went through during the war. The next day Jim came to the library to talk about those men he had known who had since passed away. As we talked, he had tears in his eyes. "Butch, I just didn't know what my friends went through . . . they just never talked about it."

Yes, Jim was a very caring and tender-hearted man. Kathryn was the same way. Jim and Kathryn both also made several donations to the library, church and other organizations through the years. Not only did they care about people, they also cared about the town they loved.

In the crazy world of today, we need more people like Jim and Katie Branstetter. They will certainly be missed by everyone who knew them. They did what they loved to do. They had a positive attitude. They did not worry about life's little problems. They were both active, friendly and gracious. And I can honestly say they were two of the nicest people I have ever known . . .

*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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### Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer:  
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## Steve Loy Supports Warren for County Council

Dear Editor,

I was glad to see Mike Warren file for the 'at large' seat for Montgomery County Council. Without hesitation, I endorse Mike to the County Council. I have had the privilege of knowing the Warren family for nearly 50 years. I associated with Mike on a professional basis 20 years ago through a business banking relationship. Mike is an astute individual and does his homework. He is well established in

our community and appreciates the progress being made by the leadership of our county and our city. He understands the importance of collaboration and he wants to be a part of a team that is planning for the future of our kids.

Mike's interests by serving on the County Council includes:

- to continue responsible growth through effective and fiscally responsible

investments, and

- to manage our resources efficiently to nurture a thriving community for all to live, work and play

Please join me and vote for Mike Warren to the Montgomery County Council. Steve Loy Montgomery County Council, District 3 Crawfordsville

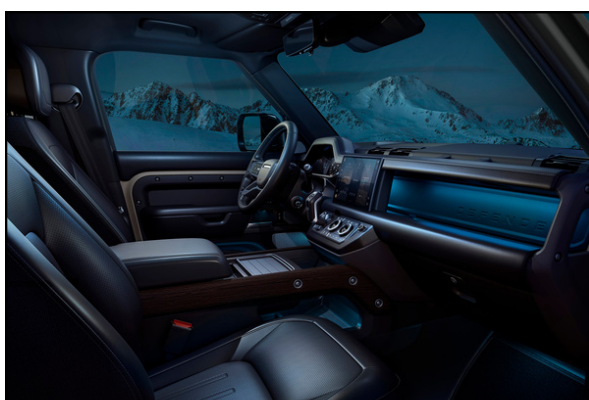
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# 2024 Land Rover Discovery 110S Proves Capability is its Own Luxury



**CASEY WILLIAMS**  
Auto Reviews

In the beginning, way back in 1948, post-war Land Rover had one model cribbed from the American Jeep. Its aluminum-intensive body covered a chassis engineered for war, farms, and crawling across deserts. Seventy-six years on, we have the more luxurious Discovery series and the stupid-exclusive Range Rover, but if you still want an all-capable SUV that borrows from its upscale siblings, you'll consider the 2024 Land Rover Defender 110S.

### County Retro Vibe

In County trim, there's a definite retro vibe with white alloy wheels, side stripes, and Tasman Blue roof over Santorini Black paint. You can also see the classics in round LED headlamps, silver bumper inserts, and raised roof with side windows. There's a lot of plastic in the facias, but like the originals, also a lot of aluminum in the bodywork. I especially like the hood

patches that look like step plates, taillamps with surfaces flush mounted and the streamlined forms. There's an obvious connection to history, but with a decidedly forward direction.

Land Rover purists may scoff at the comfy interior, but there's a lot of tradition in there too. While many surfaces are soft and stitched, exposed bolts, rubber floor mats and synthetic materials beg to be washed down after adventures. Yet, grained leather heated seats, heated steering wheel, panoramic glass roof, and deep Meridian audio bring luxuries – as do tri-zone automatic climate control, rain-sensing wipers, and illuminated treadplates.

If there's a downside, it's the touchscreen infotainment system. The glossy dash screen delivers access to audio, phone, and navigation functions, but tapping into it without becoming friendly with the owner's manual will have you cursing in both Yiddish and Pig Latin. Land Rover can

do better, but at least devices connect easily through Apple CarPlay and Android Auto to avoid that drama.

The safety suite is considerably easier to understand as adaptive cruise, automatic emergency braking, blind spot warning, lane keep assist, and rear cross path alert protect the flanks and human cargo.

### Smooth Wafting Performance

Driving approaches divine. Smooth seamless power flows from the 3.0-liter turbocharged inline-six and mild hybrid system that acts as an electric supercharger. It's swift in its actions, accelerating from 0-60 mph in just 5.8 seconds, and formidable as that power routes to the four-wheel-drive system and electronically active differential through an eight-speed automatic transmission. I suppose it's efficient for a nippy off-road tank that can tow 8,200 lbs., but fuel economy rated 17/20-MPG city/highway is

far from frugal.

If the Defender simply used that power like a mountain goat or splash mud like a piggy, it would be impressive, but its air suspension adds both capability and comfort that translate to actual paved streets and highways. It can be raised for serious off-roading, and lowered for easier entry, but it also allows the big wagon to waft down the highway and soak up potholes like a Range Rover. Beyond that, the Terrain Response System configures the powertrain for all types of conditions. With turbo-electric power and magic carpet ride, capability equals luxury.

The Land Rover Defender may indulge fuel, befuddle infotainment, and cost a pretty penny, but I'd get over all of that if it appeared as a gift in my driveway. As expected, it has very luxurious prices that start at \$60,600 for a Defender 110 and rise to \$82,053 as-equipped. Competitors include the Jeep Grand Cherokee, GMC Yukon,

Ford Bronco and Lexus GX.

*Storm Forward!*

Send comments to Casey at [AutoCasey@aol.com](mailto:AutoCasey@aol.com); follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.

### 2024 Land Rover Defender 110S

Five-passenger, AWD SUV  
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 Wheels f/r: 20"/20" alloy  
 Brakes f/r: disc/disc  
 Towing: 8,200 lbs.  
 0-60 mph: 5.8s  
 Fuel economy: 17/20 mpg city/hwy  
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## Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma



Someone recently asked me what lymphoma is. My knowledge of the subject was a bit dusty before I started doing some research for this column. Medical knowledge of non-Hodgkin lymphoma has rapidly evolved over the last decade or so. It is a very interesting disease and a type of cancer that is illustrative of recent advances in cancer management.

“Lymphoma” is a broad term that includes a large number of “lymphoid neoplasms.” A neoplasm is an abnormal growth of cells that can be benign (not usually dangerous to one’s health) or malignant (cancerous). Lymphoid neoplasms are composed of cells originating in the lymph system. This system is responsible for filtering tissue fluid and killing foreign invaders in our bodies, particularly infectious organisms.

The lymph system contains two types of specialized cells that can kill or remove these foreign agents, either directly (T cells), or indirectly (B cells). B cells produce antibodies that bind to foreign substances to assist in their removal from the body. When B and T cells multiply out of control, it results in different types of lymphomas.

The various types of lymphomas are named using a complex classification system based on cell morphology (what they look like) and lineage (their genetic makeup). Lymphomas are broadly classified into Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphomas (NHL). Non-Hodgkin lymphoma is further divided into B-cell and T-cell types. B-cell lymphomas account for about 80% of NHL.

Medical oncology used to make a clear distinction between solid tumors (lymphomas) and tumors comprised of cells circulating in the blood stream (lymphoid leukemias). It’s becoming more clear that these neoplasms can have both solid and circulating components now that we have more sophisticated testing methods, particularly genetic testing. This makes it even more complicated to describe the multitude of lymphoma types.

Non-Hodgkin lymphomas account for about four percent of all cancers and we estimate there were about 80,500 cases in 2023. These lymphomas are about one and a half times more likely in men than women. NHL caused about 21,000 deaths

last year. It is more common in Caucasians, and is usually diagnosed after age 50. The five-year survival of patients with NHL is about 73 percent.

Interestingly, specific types of NHL are more common in certain geographic areas around the world. A person’s lifetime risk of developing NHL currently is a little over two percent. However, the risk has been increasing about three percent a year over the last 40 years. This rise is likely due to improvements in diagnostic testing and new classification systems that include people who were previously felt to have benign disease. Our aging population, use of immunosuppressive drugs, transplant medicine, and HIV infections have also been hypothesized to cause the larger number of cases.

Physical rearrangement of various parts of our chromosomes that contain our DNA causes most types of NHL. Farming, pesticide application, flour milling, meat processing, painting, and those who work with rubber, plastics and other synthetics carry an increased risk of developing NHL. Exposure to herbicides, solvents, petroleum products and organic chemicals like benzene & carbon tetrachloride (dry cleaning fluid) also increase one’s risk. Symptoms of NHL can be highly variable. Fevers, drenching night sweats, and weight loss are the most concerning, and carry a poorer prognosis. These are called “B symptoms.”

Swollen lymph nodes (including the liver and spleen) are another ominous sign. Some people present with shortness of breath, chest pain, cough, and abdominal or bone pain.

Diagnosing NHL usually involves blood tests, various radiologic imaging procedures (X-rays, CT scans, MRI, PET scans), and biopsies of suspicious lesions. It may also include examination of the bone marrow. Classification involves a lot of testing to identify the genetic signature of the tumor to nail down the specific type of NHL. This makes NHL one of the leading examples of how genetic testing is being used in modern day cancer treatment. Determining the genetic makeup of cancer cells to determine what chemotherapy or biologic treatments will offer the best chance at remission or cure is the future of cancer care.

*Dr. John Roberts is a retired member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine.*

## YSB Fundraiser Tickets On Sale Now

Tickets for the 10th Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau’s Dancing with the Stars fundraiser are now on sale at [www.mcysb.org](http://www.mcysb.org) or by searching Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau. Please call 362-0694, x 104 if you need help with purchasing your tickets. Tickets are \$55 and include a catered dinner, coffee bar, fabulous entertainment and an opportunity to shop a silent auction. There will also be a cash bar at the event. The event will be held on Saturday, May 18 at Knowling Fieldhouse on the campus of Wabash College and will start at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Dancing with the Montgomery County stars is the largest fundraiser for the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau. The YSB serves the community through the following programs: The Juvenile Mentoring Program, the Court Appointed Special Advocate program, Youth as Resources, Teen Court, Inspire, REINdear, The Montgomery County Alternative School, the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Montgomery County, Drug Free Montgomery County Coalition and the Nourish program.

This year’s dancing pairs are: (star listed first) Darren Forman and Katie Wallace; Skylar Stevenson and Stefanie Deaton; Mark Elizondo and Ashley Clute; Laurie Vellner and Kaylynn Keedy Ranspach; Mike Melvin and Ashley Kight; Chef Jeff McCandless and Georgia Taylor; Darla Goodrich and Steve Frees; Mark Ward-Bopp and Jessyca South, and Jill Pettit and Matt Allen.

### Chamber Sets HR for Small Business Seminar

Do you own or run a small business? Then you know resources are limited. That’s why The Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is offering an opportunity for chamber members to join for Donuts & Discovery at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 26, on the third floor of Fusion 54 in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville.

Erika Wonders Melvin, owner of Wonderfully Simple HR Consulting, will be presenting on the topics related to hiring and retaining employees, the importance of I-9 verification, writing job descriptions and employee manuals including policies and procedures. The target

audience is organizations that have 100 or less employees.

Sponsors for this year’s event include: Franciscan Health Crawfordsville, Title Sponsor; York Automotive Group, Stage Sponsor; Hoosier Heartland State Bank, Dance Floor Sponsor; Joshi Pediatrics, Tickets Sponsor; Tri-County Bank, Buffet Sponsor; Arni’s, Photo Booth Sponsor; Mishler Dental, Trophy Sponsor; Pace Dairy, Top Hat Sponsor; Nucor, Silent Auction; B&L Engineering, The Vault; and Deer Projects, The Judge’s Stand. Premier Sponsors are B&L Engineering, Jim Deer, Edge IT, Forman Blasters Pyrotechnics, HHSB, HSD Homes, Skylar Stevenson, and Smith Family Warehouse. Broadway Sponsors include Wabash College, Ron Brown, Puritan, B&L Engineering, Jimmy Caldwell, Stevenson Hardware, Crossroads Furniture, Everwise, Crawfordsville Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, Sharon Keedy, John Swick, FC Tucker West Central, Central Indiana Rubber, Pettit and Sons, Oremus Accounting, Jessica’s On Main, Ripco Systems, Michele Hunley & Associates, LLC with American Family Insurance, Froedge’s Towing, Midwest Bale Ties, DES Engineering, Banjo, Nucor, Lakeside Book Company, Paul Kruse, Inside Out Improvements/Knuth Heating and Cooling, Burkhart Funeral Home/Megan Shaw, High Ground Construction, and Penguin Random House.

To learn more about the YSB, visit their webpage at [www.mcysb.org](http://www.mcysb.org). Please also find us on Facebook. You are also welcome to contact Jane Christophersen at 362-0694 ext. 104 with any questions.

This event is for members of the Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. If you are interested in learning information about becoming a member of the chamber to take advantage of related topics, promoting your organization, and making connections, please contact Executive Director, Stacy Sommer at [ssommer@crawfordsvillechamber.com](mailto:ssommer@crawfordsvillechamber.com).

Chamber members can register online to attend Donuts & Discovery at [CrawfordsvilleChamber.com](http://CrawfordsvilleChamber.com).

## Book Club Has First Meeting April 18

The Hoosier Authors Book Club enters its ninth year with five planned book discussions. The first will take place in the Lew Wallace Carriage House at 200 Wallace Ave. on April 18 at 7 p.m. The General Lew Wallace Study & Museum’s book club will discuss *Shakespeare Saved My Life* by Laura Bates. There are a limited number of books and one audio version now available for check out at the Carriage House at the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum.

In this captivating memoir, Shakespeare professor and prison volunteer Laura Bates takes us on an extraordinary journey through the darkest corners of incarceration, where she shares the incredible story of a prisoner’s redemption through the timeless words of William Shakespeare.

*Shakespeare Saved My Life* is a riveting

testament to the transformative power of literature, showcasing how the universal themes of love, betrayal, forgiveness, and redemption resonate even in the harshest of circumstances. Bates’s poignant narrative highlights the resilience of the human spirit and the potential for personal growth, no matter the circumstances.

Other books that will be read by the Hoosier Authors Book Club this year include: *Hoosier Public Enemy: A Life of John Dillinger* by John A. Beinke on June 20, *You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson on July 18, *An Abundance of Katherines* by John Green on September 19, and *The Magic Garden* by Gene Stratton-Porter on October 24.

All discussions are free and open to the public. For more information about the Hoosier Authors Book Club visit

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## Keeping our State Secure



**SPENCER DEERY**  
Guest Columnist

America faces a growing threat from adversarial nations that are attempting to buy up American farmland and land near our critical infrastructure.

- The Charles & Theresa Shelby farm in Tippecanoe County received a Centennial and Sesquicentennial Award
- The Coleman farm in Parke County received the Bicentennial Award
- The Stan Thayer farm in Tippecanoe County received a Centennial and Sesquicentennial Award

The Hoosier Homestead Award Program honors families who have made significant contributions to Indiana agriculture. Instituted in 1976, the program has recognized more than 6,000 family farms that have impacted Indiana's economic, cultural and social advancement.

Agriculture is one of Indiana's top industries, contributing an estimated \$35.1 billion to the state's economy. This is due in large part to family farms like these that have operated for generations across the Hoosier state. Congratulations to these farms who have earned this meaningful achievement.

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**FILE THE FAFSA** Before April 15

Indiana high school seniors or college students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before April 15 to be considered for all federal and state financial aid opportunities.

*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.*

This is why I supported a new law that better protects our communities by preventing individuals and businesses from adversarial nations like China, Russia and North Korea from obtaining farmland and any land within a 10-mile radius of a military base in Indiana.

Last year, lawmakers also passed a law that prohibits the Indiana Public Retirement System from investing in companies controlled by the People's Republic of China or the Chinese Communist Party. In doing so, the state better protected our economic foundation and Hoosiers' hard-earned money.

When we safeguard our land, military and investments from adversarial nations, we keep our communities, economy and food supply chain secure. That's why I was pleased to support this crucial legislation and help address a security issue that not only impacts Hoosiers but all Americans.

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**LOCAL FARMS** Named Hoosier Homesteads

The following farms in Senate District 23 received Hoosier Homestead awards, which recognize farms owned and maintained by the same family for 100 years or more.

- The Charles Dill farm in Tippecanoe County received a Centennial Award

## YSB Shares Vital Information on NARCAN

Have you heard of NARCAN/Naloxone? NARCAN is a brand name of naloxone as there are other formulations of naloxone. Naloxone is a medication, referred to as an opioid antagonist, that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. An opioid antagonist will attach to the opioid receptors and will rapidly begin to reverse and block future effects of opioids for a period of time once administered. One of the effects of an opioid overdose is that the individual may stop breathing. Administering Naloxone can restore the breathing of the individual that is experiencing an opioid overdose. Naloxone can be administered in four different ways to an individual experiencing an overdose such as intranasal spray (nose spray), intramuscularly (injected into the muscle), subcutaneous (under the skin) and intravenous (into the veins). The most common administration of naloxone treatment is intranasal spray. Naloxone is not harmful to any individuals in any way.

Narcan/Naloxone is readily available in Montgomery County for free. Naloxone nasal spray is available in Montgomery County via Naloxone boxes or NaloxBoxes. In Montgomery County, these boxes are located at the Mobile Integrated Health Building, Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, Health Department, Recovery Rec Center, VFW Post 1431, and Montgomery County Probation. At these locations, there is access to free naloxone along with fentanyl test strips. The items in these boxes are free of charge and are available to all members of the community 24/7.

What do you do if you encounter someone that

is overdosing and you have naloxone available to use? Prior to beginning the steps for administration, call 911 and place it on speaker to begin the steps. Explain to the 911 operator that you are administering naloxone.

Step 1: Peel open the naloxone package to prepare for administration.  
Step 2: Place the tip of the nozzle into either side of the nose.  
Step 3: Press the red plunger while the nozzle remains in their nose.

While waiting for emergency services to arrive, a second dose of naloxone can be administered after 2-3 minutes of the first dose if there is no response from the individual that is potentially overdosing.

Training for naloxone administration is available to members of the community to be able to properly administer naloxone. There will be free trainings held in the community, which will be advertised on social media, the newspaper, and website of [drugfreemoco.org](http://drugfreemoco.org).

Professionals who are certified in naloxone administration conduct these trainings. For further questions about trainings, reach out to Diamond Justus, director of Drug Free Montgomery County Coalition, at [diamond@mcysb.org](mailto:diamond@mcysb.org).

As always, many resources can be found on the Drug Free Montgomery County's website at [drugfreemoco.org](http://drugfreemoco.org). Drug Free Montgomery County is a program of the Youth Service Bureau. The YSB is a United Way in Montgomery County partner agency and is also supported by the Montgomery County Community Foundation.

## New Market Elementary Honor Roll

New Market Elementary 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

**Preschool**  
Character Counts Fairness: Allison Boyd, Jaxon Rush  
Caring: Joseph McCullough, Jett Williams

**Kindergarten**  
Character Counts Fairness: Teeghan Marine, Olivia Stonebraker, Tomi Meseraul  
Caring: Haley Cheesman, Hinley Mills, Barrett Hagenow

**1st Grade**  
Character Counts Fairness: Jaxon Cummins, Everett Kaur, Gemma King, Maddux Perez  
Caring: McCartney Pullen, Bella Lowe, Jordan Olinger, Teddy Hartman

**2nd Grade**  
Character Counts Fairness: Brecken Thomas, Michael Mobley, Kaydan Sims  
Caring: Cora Clos, Jesse Kouns, Zane Ritter  
High Honor Roll - Colten Billman, Enzo Carr, Aunysa Pyle, Isaac Steiner, Brecken Thomas, James Wurtsbaugh, Ava Barclay, Elizabeth Emberton, Noah Fruits, Hudson Hockersmith, Benson Jones, Jason McNair, Michael Mobley, Caroline Nichols, and Kerstin Wilson, Cole Boyd, Eli Hester, Harrison Melton, Paige Simpson  
Regular Honor Roll - Ainsley Anglin, Gracie Barnhart, Michael Bell-Grayson, Logan Carr, Cora Clos, Hadley Cornelius, Braden Ford, Emma-Lee Wadley, Hadley Woods, Alex Badertscher, Frances Cotten, Kason Hall, Maverick Roach, Cayson Thomas, Jaxon Whitlow, Delaney Carr, Olivia Clark, CJ Johnson, Serafina Nowak, Kaydan Sims, LauraBelle Surber, Riley Ward, Jason Yeary

**3rd Grade**  
Character Counts Fairness: Jackson Gray, Audrey Porter, Kaison Steiner  
Caring: Maxine Hartman, Katana Willhite, Peyton Doss  
High Honor Roll: Oliver Cook, Hudson McCandless, Ace Charles, Sawyer Cohee, Sutton Cohee, Beckett Jones, Adelaide Lyndsay, Landen Marine, Eva Rice, Tyberius Anglin, Vera Carrell, Peyton Doss, Tristan Stafford, Kaison Steiner, Nora Stetler, Zane Turner  
A/B Honor Roll: Roran Alesi, Alden Bray, Elle Collins, Cale Cunningham, Lucille

Fishero, Jackson Gray, Maxine Hartman, Liam Howard, Creed Newkirk, Levi Rhodes, Charlotte Stull, Henley Surface, Isabel Trammell-Smith, Gabriel Turner, Derrick Ward, Paislie Barnes, Isla Beach, Reyna Hernandez, Stella Hughes, Henry Jones, Calvin McCandless, Audrey Porter, Jackson Surber, Macy White, Levi Badillo, Syllis Barnett, Elijah Brown, Audri Cohee, Lux Highland, Mallory Morphew-High, Amariah Pyle, Gage Van Dorn, Oliver Vice

**4th Grade**  
Character Counts Fairness: Dorothy Cotton, Adelle Shannon, Coree Perez  
Caring: Paaije Guyton, Rowyn Cravens, Coree Perez  
High Honor Roll: David Mobley, Libby Stull, Quinn Badertscher, Baine Franklin, Evy Stephens  
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Caring: Kaitlyn Burkhart, Logan Rosenbaum, Charlie Moore, Rachel Reimondo  
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## HHSB Welcomes Alyssa Mayes

Hoosier Heartland State Bank is pleased to announce the newest addition to its team, Alyssa Mayes, who joins the Roachdale branch as an Account Specialist. As an Account Specialist, Alyssa will be responsible for managing and improving current relationships with customers and providing personalized solutions about their respective accounts at HHSB. She will ensure high standards of service delivery and address the unique needs of HHSB's clients. Her dedication to fostering positive relationships with clients aligns seamlessly with HHSB's mission to be a trusted financial partner in the community.

"We are thrilled to welcome Alyssa to the HHSB family," said Faye Cooksey, Assistant Branch Manager at Roachdale. "Her passion for serving her hometown makes her an excellent fit for our team. Her expertise and



**Alyssa Mayes**

skills will enhance our ability to provide exceptional banking experiences to our customers in Putnam County."

Alyssa graduated from North Putnam High School and spent a year at Indiana State University. She has 12 years of customer service experience and recently moved back to her hometown of Roachdale. Alyssa is married to her husband of two years and enjoys crafting while spending time with her family and puppy. She looks forward to getting more involved in the community now that she is back home.

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