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Election board votes to remove sheriff candidate from Republican primary

By George Browning
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Friday morning the Washington County Election Board ruled that Walter J. Zelivetz, IV be removed from the ballot of May's primary election as a Republican candidate.

Zelivetz's removal is based on Indiana Code 3-8-2-7 (a) (4.), which questions his party affiliation.

In her argument, Tara Coats Hunt, who is the Washington County Republican Chairperson, claimed Zelivetz was not affiliated with the Republican party.

Evidence was provided that he had not pulled Republican ballots in the two most recent primary elections, nor had he been certified by the Republican party chair.

Coats Hunt started her argument by clarifying that her challenge was not a legal challenge and was in no way affiliated with her role as Washington County Prosecutor.

"This is not a criminal matter, it's just an administrative role this morning," she said.

Coats Hunt maintained in the forms that candidates file to run for office they must claim affiliation by either voting in the two most recent primaries of the party you wish to affiliate with or you have to have approval by the county chairman.

"Mr. Zelivetz did fill in the circle that the two most recent primaries he had voted in were Republican," Coats Hunt said. "Unfortunately, according to voter history, which as (County Clerk Stephanie) Ms. Rockey stated she gives to each candidate as they are filing, that was not the case for Mr. Zelivetz. He had not pulled Republican primary ballots in the two most recent primaries he had voted in."

Coats Hunt provided evidence of that voting history.

She then quoted and clarified the Indiana Code.

"If you haven't voted in the party you wish to affiliate you have to get the party chair to sign off and that was not done in this case," Coats Hunt said.

Zelivetz filed on Feb. 5 and the

deadline was Feb. 6 at noon and Coats Hunt said he reached out to her after the deadline had passed.

"It's my position as chair that he should be removed this year," she said.

Coats Hunt finished her argument by providing some similar case history to back up her argument.

Zelivetz said he just wanted to run.

"You guys said I had to pick a party," he said. "I was definitely not going to be a Democrat. My whole family gets on me for voting for Donald Trump. I never heard of a challenge in my entire life. I looked it up and the only name that came up was mine. "I didn't hire a campaign manager either, but you got my name in big red letters on facebook didn't you."

That seemed to be a question about his filing that was sent to the media.

"It's my right to run for sheriff if I want to," Zelivetz said. "If you don't want me on the Republican

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Lady Musketeers are headed back to state



by Perry Stainbrook
 Sports Reporter

I don't know if you believe in time travel or not, but if you ask coach Drury of the Eastern Lady Musketeers you might make her start to wonder if she is driving the Delorian from Back to the Future, back to the year 2017.

This is significant because the year 2017 is the last time that a Taylor Drury led team, as a player, made a winning appearance in the 2A State Finals against Oak Hill.

Now, fast forward to 2026 and you have a Taylor Drury led team, as a coach, heading to the 2A State Finals, against who you might ask? None other than Oak Hill. The Lady M's achieved this feat on Saturday February 21 when they traveled roughly two hours and seventeen minutes to Greencastle for the 2a State semi-state round.

The Lady M's first match-up was against the heavily favored North Knox Warriors. The Warriors came in as a ten point favorite, but the Lady M's did not let that deter them from their game plan, which was play hard nose defense and get the ball inside to Sidney Burton. They set the tone with this game plan in the first quarter as they

outscored the Warriors 14-9 with Sid knocking down three early baskets from inside the paint.

The Warriors would not make it easy on the Lady Musketeers as they picked up their offense in the second quarter. The Lady M's never folded as they just edged North Knox 12-11 in the second period to take a 27-20 lead into the locker room. The offenses that went into the locker room at the half forgot to come out in the third quarter as the game turned into a defensive battle.

Sidney Burton knocked down a runner in the lane around the 7:20 mark and then the North Knox defense clamped down and the Eastern offense literally stopped. The Warriors also tightened up the game as they scored the next six points to trim the Eastern lead to just three at 29-26 prompting a Eastern time out. The time out did not seem to benefit the Musketeer offense any as they went over five minutes without a bucket, before Sidney Burton was able to knock down another inside shot for her and the teams fourth point in the quarter. The time out did bolster the defense tho as the Lady M's held the Warriors to just two

points of their own in that final 5:32, as they were clinging to a 31-28 lead going into the fourth quarter. With both teams fighting to keep their seasons alive the offenses kicked up a notch in the fourth quarter.

The Warriors took over the lead at the 6:30 mark going up 33-31, and then stretched that to 35-31 with six minutes exactly left. The Musketeers never faltered tho as they battled back tying it on a bucket by junior Katie Hauner with 4:48 remaining. The game stayed tied until two Addie Smith free throws with 3:51 left gave Eastern a 37-35 lead. That lead would only last eleven seconds as North Knox would bury a three point field goal giving them the lead back at 38-37. Both teams would trade scores and North Knox was in control clinging to a 40-39 lead with just two minutes to play.

Sidney Burton came up with a and one opportunity to give her team a 42-40 lead with just 1:25 left. The Lady M's would stretch this to a four point lead with 44 seconds to go before North Knox would score again to cut it to just

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Lady Musketeers are headed back to state



Bailey Trainor holds the semi-state trophy after the team's victory.

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a two point game. Eastern's go to player for the game Sidney Burton would pick up her fifth foul with 26 seconds left in the game and the Lady M's clinging to a slim lead at 45-44. With 13.6 seconds left in the game and the Eastern fans holding their breath it was junior Bailey Trainor that provided the exhale. Trainor had not scored a point all game, but with 13.6 seconds left she found herself standing at the free throw line looking to extend the lead to at least three. Trainor was cold as ice and calmly buried both free tosses to extend the lead to 47-44. The Lady M's tacked on two more free throws before the final buzzer sounded to advance to the championship round with a 49-44 victory.

When asked about the game, Coach Drury commented, "I wish I could have bought a ticket to watch that basketball game. I just feel like that was a phenomenal game to watch. Not great to coach because, obviously, I am a nervous wreck over there on the sideline. I was a little worried because that team is so disciplined and they check every box and do everything right down to the T. I was nervous because sometimes we struggle to do those things, but

I'll say this about my girls, I can not waver from the fact that they have to be the toughest team in Indiana. Mentally, Physically they just ride through adversity and they keep battling and I just can't express how proud I am of them for pulling that one out."

With the win it gave the Lady M's just six hours to put together a game plan as they would be faced with the task of defeating the Park Heritage Wolves, a team that had the luxury of relaxing at home as they were only thirty minutes away from Greencastle. The Eastern staff did a tremendous job on putting a game plan together and the Lady M's did an even better job of executing it.

While Sidney Burton had been a beast down low all through the playoffs she seemed to have lost some of her legs as shots around the rim and even free throws weren't falling for her to start the championship game.

"I'm usually more consistent, I think I was a little tired, I didn't really have as much legs under me as I should have had," Burton said after the game.

With her struggling, the guards picked up the slack in the first quarter as they went two for three from the three point lead pacing the Lady M's to a 10-6 first quarter lead. Sid was able

to shake off her first quarter struggles in the second quarter. With 4:00 left in the first half and the Musketeers holding a 17-15 lead they ripped off seven points in 39 seconds to force Park Heritage into a time out. Thanks to this seven point burst it enabled them to outscore the Wolves 12-11 in the quarter as they held a 24-19 lead at the break.

The third quarter started out just as close as the second ended with Eastern only increasing the lead to 30-24 with four minutes remaining. The Lady M's closed the quarter on an 8-3 run to put them in the drivers seat with a double digit lead at the start of the fourth at 38-27. Not wanting to see their season end the Wolves picked up the defensive pressure and forced the Lady M's into costly turnovers. The Wolves turned these turnovers into points as they outscored Eastern 7-2 in the first five minutes of the fourth to cut the lead down to just two possessions at 40-34. They would extend that run to 12-4 getting to within three at 42-39 with 1:18 remaining.

The Eastern defense was able to right the ship and the offense was able to knock down enough of their free throws to pick up the 48-41 semi-state championship, this driving that Delorian right back into the State Finals.

When asked about the body of work that went in to this tournament run Coach Drury explained. "Our staff and administration does such a great job prepping and supporting us to where we can just go play. Everything behind the scenes is just always taken care of and I hope this week the girls can stay comfortable and confident with all the things going on, and I want to do my best to make them as confident and comfortable as possible and hopefully go up their and bring home another banner".

The Lady M's would love to see not only the little town of Pekin make the trip to Indy on, but all their Washington County friends pack the stands with purple and gold as well. They will play Saturday February 28th around 12:45 against Oak Hill. If you can not make it to Indy you can stream the game for a fee on IHSAA TV. Just google IHSAA Champions Network.

Good Luck Lady M's.

Musketeers pick up third win of season

By Perry Stainbrook
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The Eastern Musketeers boys basketball team has had a learning and re-building season. With only returning one senior and learning a new system under a new coach it has been a learning year.

On Tuesday February 17 this team grew and toughened up a little when they traveled to Rock Creek for a match-up with the Lions. The Lions were the longer and taller team but that didn't discourage the Musketeers.

Even when the Lions scored the first four points to start the game the Musketeers never wavered and trusted their defense. They wouldn't score their first points until their was just 2:30 left in the first quarter, and that came on a Brody Temple. This fueled a 9-0 run by the Musketeers as they pulled ahead to a 9-4 lead at the end of the first.

The second quarter it was freshman Carter Smith getting hot from behind the arc as he buried

three of them in the quarter to help keep the game close as the score was tied at 22 at the intermission.

The third quarter started with a Brody Temple rebound basket before the Lions went on a run to take a 30-26 lead at the midway point of the third. With the Musketeers trailing by three it was Smith once again burying a triple to tie the game at 32 at the end of the quarter.

The fourth quarter things got physical but the Musketeers handled it well. Behind the trio of Temple, Fowler, and Friedmeyer the Musketeers pushed out to a 42-37 lead at the midway point of the fourth quarter. The Musketeers were able to hold off a late rally by Rock Creek as they held on to pick up their third win of the season, winning 47-45. The Musketeers were led in scoring by senior Brody Temple with 14 points. Carter Smithe tallied 12 points on his four made triples, Trenton Friedmeijer chipped in 11, Jeff Fowler 5, Chase Batt 3, Eli Houglin 2.

Beacon Credit Union donates \$700 to Salem Parks and Recreation



Beacon Credit Union's Salem Member Center recently presented a \$700 donation to the Salem Parks and Recreation Department, reinforcing its commitment to local youth and community well-being.

The donation highlights a shared dedication to creating positive opportunities for young people in Salem. Through sports programs and recreational activities, Salem Parks and Recreation provides a safe, welcoming environment where kids can stay active, build friendships, and grow both on and off the field.

"It feels great to be able to give back to the kids in our community," said Allison Stalker, Salem Member Center Manager. "Organizations like Salem Parks and Recreation make a lasting difference by giving children a

fun and supportive place to play sports and be part of something positive."

Beacon Credit Union selected Salem Parks and Recreation for its role in promoting youth engagement and providing families with trusted programs that strengthen the fabric of the community. By supporting local recreation, Beacon continues to invest in initiatives that encourage healthy lifestyles, teamwork, and community pride.

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4-H program offers free opportunities for county youth over Spring Break

Washington County 4-H invites local youth to spend their spring break learning new skills, getting creative, and preparing for the upcoming fair through Spring Break with 4-H, a series of free workshops held at the Washington County Extension Office. Registration is required and closes March 1, 2026. To register, call 812-883-4601. Space is limited for all sessions. Child must be enrolled in Washington County 4-H to attend.

Safe Sitter Training March 24-26 | 9-11 a.m.

Open to 4-H members in grades 5-12, this three-day course prepares youth to be confident, responsible babysitters. Participants will learn CPR basics, safe sleep practices, choking response, car seat safety, and other emergency skills. Each participant will also create a babysitting backpack filled with helpful tools. Limited to 15 participants.

Barn Quilt Creation Workshop March 24-26 | 2-4 p.m. 4-H members in grades 3-12 will design and paint their own barn quilt to display at the fair.

Youth will explore color theory,

geometry, and the connection between creativity and mental health while completing a one-of-a-kind project. Limited to 15 participants.

Mini 4-H Barn Quilt Workshop March 23 | 5-7 p.m. Designed for Mini 4-H members in grades K-2, this workshop allows younger youth to create their own barn quilt project to exhibit at the fair. Limited to 15 participants.

Quality Livestock Care (QLC) Training March 27 | 9-10 a.m. Youth planning to exhibit swine, beef, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits & poultry at the county or state fair must complete QLC training. This in-person session is free and must be registered for by 4 p.m. on March 26. *Out of County 4-H members may attend for a \$3 fee*

All programs will be held at the Washington County Extension Office and are offered at no cost thanks to local 4-H support. Early registration is encouraged due to limited space.

For more information or to register, contact Purdue Extension Washington County at 812-883-4601.

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Bike Nights announced

The dates for the 2026 Salem Bike Night on the Square season 5 have been announced.

Bike nights will begin in March and run through September.

Dates for Season 5 are: March 28 from 5-7 p.m; April 25, 5-7 p.m; May 30, 7-9 p.m; June 27, 7-9 p.m; July 25, 7-9 p.m; August 29, 7-9 p.m and Sept 26, 5- 7 p.m.

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Man arrested on child molestation charges

Indiana State Police troopers arrested a 43-year-old Washington County man Wednesday on multiple felony and misdemeanor charges related to the alleged sexual abuse of a minor.

Jacob L. Hayes, 43, of Washington County, was taken into custody without incident early Wednesday morning, Feb. 4, 2026, at his residence. Troopers from the ISP Sellersburg Post, assisted by Washington County Sheriff's Department deputies, served an arrest warrant issued by the Washington County Circuit Court.

The investigation began in January 2026 after an Indiana Department of Child Services family case manager reported allegations of inappropriate sexual contact to ISP Detective Travis Baker. Detective Baker, working with DCS personnel, conducted the investigation, which included a forensic interview of the victim at a local child advocacy center. Following the initial investigation, Detective Baker provided all information to the Washington County Prosecutor.

Following review of the

evidence, the Washington County Prosecutor's Office obtained the warrant charging Hayes with:

- One count of child molesting, a Level 1 felony
- One count of child molesting, a Level 4 felony
- Eleven counts of sexual misconduct with a minor, each a Level 4 felony
- Two counts of sexual misconduct with a minor, each a Level 5 felony
- Two counts of dissemination of matter harmful to minors, each a Level 6 felony
- Two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, each a Class A misdemeanor

Hayes was transported to the Washington County Jail, where he is being held without bond pending his initial court appearance.

The investigation remains active. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Travis Baker at the Indiana State Police Sellersburg Post at (800) 872-6743.

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Arrests

The following arrests were recently made by local law enforcement agencies. Those listed, in most cases, are just facing charges at this point and are to be considered innocent of those charges unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Washington County Sheriff's Department

Trena L. Anderson, 47, Owensville, domestic battery, Feb. 12, 2026.

Stephanie D. Powers, 46, possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia, Feb. 16, 2026.

Kenny R. Davey, Jr., 29, Borden, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, operating a vehicle with an alcohol equivalent to at least .15 gram of alcohol, operating while intoxicated, Feb. 17, 2026.

Jeffrey A. Campbell, 63, Pekin, operating a vehicle with an alcohol equivalent to at least .15 gram of alcohol, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, resisting law enforcement, Feb. 18, 2026.

Brian P. Desrosiers, 48, Fredericksburg, fleeing, possession of marijuana hash oil hashish or salvia, Feb. 19, 2026.

Kasey D. McIntyre, 39, Possession of marijuana, hash oil hashish or salvia, possession of paraphernalia, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of methamphetamine, Feb. 20, 2026.

Salem Police Department

Emily M. Hatfield, 21, Salem, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, operating a vehicle with an alcohol equivalent to at least .15 gram of alcohol, Feb. 14, 2026.

Wilmer Alexis, 19, Indianapolis, driving while never receiving a license, Feb. 19, 2018.

Indiana State Police

Ricky E. Lloyd, 46, Salem, possession of methamphetamine - amount <5 grams and enhancing circumstance applies, dealing in methamphetamine - amount at least 5 but <10 grams, possession of marijuana hash

oil hashish or salvia, possession of paraphernalia, obstruction of justice, Feb. 12, 2026.

Sahria L. Chastain, 23, Salem, possession of methamphetamine, Feb. 12, 2026.

William A. Jordan, 36, Scottsburg, theft, Feb. 17, 2026.

Glenn S. Gaddis, 28, Orleans, writ of body attachment, Feb. 19, 2026.

Marriages

Ashley N. Dearborn, 38, Pekin, to Nicholas R. Lanham, 30, Pekin. Alison R. Morgan, 22, Saint Croix, Ind., to Cauy M. Motsinger, 23, Salem.

Dissolutions

In Re the Marriage of Raven N. Spicer and Michael Spicer, Feb. 2, 2026.

In Re the Marriage of Wayland Dietrich and Katherine Clark, Feb. 2, 2026. Katherin

Mortgage

Foreclosure

US Bank National Association vs. Diana L. Cooley, Jimmy E. Cooley, Centra Credit Union, et

al, Feb. 2, 2026.

Lakeview Loan Service, LLC vs. Dakotah James Johnson, United States of America, acting through HUD, Midland Credit Management Inc., et al, Feb. 4, 2026.

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC vs. Juan Abner Baora, Heather D. Sturgis, Juan Abner Basora et al, Feb. 9, 2026.

Superior Court Civil

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Dakotah James Johnson, United States of America, acting through HUD, Misland Credit Management, Inc., et al, Feb. 4, 2026.

PNC Bank, National Association vs. Brian D. Brough, Feb. 4, 2024.

PNC Bank, National Association vs. Levon G. Bomar, Feb. 4, 2026.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Mina Parker, Feb. 5, 2026.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Randy McIntyre, Feb. 5, 2026.

American Express National Bank vs. Esther Bennett, Feb. 5, 2026.

American Express National Bank vs. Esther Bannett, Feb. 5, 2026.

Jefferson Capital System, LLC vs. Rhonda Vernon, Feb. 5, 2026. Jefferson Capital System, LLC

vs. Keith Friessmann, Feb. 6, 2026.

Capital One, N.A. vs. Rebecca Wisehart, Feb. 9, 2026.

Capital One, N.A. vs. Skylar Cooper, Feb. 9, 2026.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Gina Pullen, Feb. 9, 2026.

LVNV Funding, LLC, as successor in interest to credit One Bank Bank, N.A. vs. Savannah NMancinie, Feb. 11, 2026.

Ford Motor Credit Company LLC vs. Maria Gaciano, Feb. 11, 2026.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Heather Dillard, Feb. 11, 2026.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Ronnie Stevens, Feb. 13, 2026.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Jeffrey Baker, Feb. 13, 2026.

Small Claims

Troy Faulkenburg vs. James

Floyd, Jennifer Marco, Feb. 4, 2026.

Noble H. Hensley, Cynthia Hensley, vs. Henry Kent, Jennifer Kent, Feb. 4, 2026.

Baptist Health Care Systems, Inc. d/b/a Baptist Health Floyd vs. Jeffrey S. Austin, Feb. 4, 2026.

Tim Bryant vs. Mary Richardson, Isaac Greene, Feb. 11, 2026.

Tim Bryant vs. Maryland Hopper, Michael Ledford.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance a/s/o Fleck and Mayes vs. Nathanael Asher a.k.a. Nathanael Asher Gish, Feb. 11, 2026.

Ace Hardware of Salem vs. Cole Bishop, Feb. 11, 2026.

Baptist Health Systems, Inc. b/b/a Baptist Health Floyd vs. Robert Woods, Feb. 11.

Circuit Court Civil Court

Capital One, N.A. Successor By Merger to Discover Bank vs. Amber Ingram, Feb. 5, 2026.

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MILDRED AILEEN MCNEW, AGE 82 of Salem, passed away on Friday, February 13, 2026 at St. Vincent Salem Hospital.

Mrs. McNew was born September 15, 1943, in New Albany Indiana, the daughter of George and Mildred Matthews Coomer. She was a member of Bunker Hill Christian Church. Mildred retired from Speedflex in Salem. She loved to travel and being with her family.

Mrs. McNew is survived by her sons: Phillip Howell (Amy) of Clarksville, Anthony McNew of Salem, Ronnie McNew (Denise) of Pekin, Lonnie McNew (Lori) of Pekin and Danny McNew of Paris, Kentucky, daughters: Julie Cheatham (Butch) of Pekin and Terri Denning of Pekin. She is also survived by her brother, Donald Coomer of New Albany and her sisters, Linda LaDuke of New Albany and Margie Slusser of Salem. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. Mildred is also survived by her fur baby, Mollie Mae McNew.

Mrs. McNew is preceded in death by her husband, Wayne McNew, who passed on October 28, 1996. She is also preceded by her parents, and her brother, Charles Coomer.

Services were Friday, February 20, 2026 at Weathers Funeral Home. Burial followed immediately after the services at Bunker Hill Cemetery.

JERRY WAYNE GOODWIN, AGE 82 of Pekin, Indiana passed away Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at Baptist Health Floyd New Albany, Indiana.

Born on March 24, 1943, in Fayetteville, Tennessee. He was the son of the late JB Goodwin and Gewinelle (Camp) Goodwin.

He retired from the First Baptist Church in Pekin, IN as a Minister after 40 years. He received his GED and then joined the U.S. Army for 3 years, prior to dedicating his life to the ministry in 1982.

He married Janet S. (Bryant) Goodwin on September 2, 1962, who passed away on April 19, 2005. On July 1, 2006 he married Marion (Brambles) Goodwin, who survives.

Survivors include Son: Jerry (Anna) Goodwin II of Jeffersonville, Indiana; Daughter: Stephanie Scott of Salem, Indiana; Grandson Logan (Katie Winters) Goodwin, in Delaware; Grandson: Craigen (Kassidy) Goodwin of Wichita Falls, Texas; Granddaughter: Shelby (Tyler) Niehaus of Salem, Indiana; Granddaughter: Kelsey Goodwin of Jeffersonville, Indiana; Grandson: Devin Bagshaw of Mitchell, Indiana; Grandson: Jaxson Scott of Salem, Indiana; Four Stepsons: Omer Bobo Jr., John Eric Bobo, Michael Edward Bobo and Matt Bobo along with many great grandchildren, nieces, nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and Janet S. (Bryant) Goodwin.

Visitation was Friday, Feb. 20,

2026 at Dawalt Funeral Home. Interment is at Mt. Washington Cemetery Pekin, Indiana.

A celebration of life will be held March 21, 2026 at the First Baptist Church in Pekin.

THELMA IRENE GILSTRAP, 96, Salem, Indiana passed away Wednesday, February 18, 2026 in Salem Crossing Salem.

Born February 14, 1930 in Salem, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late John Lee and Ruth (Bush) Lee.

She was a homemaker, had been a life resident of Washington County and was a 1947 graduate of Salem High School. On February 14, 1949 she married Bernard Calvin Gilstrap, who passed away August 2, 1976.

Survivors include: Daughter: Lolita D. (Kerry) Crockett of Salem, Indiana; Son: Gary (Elaine) Gilstrap of Jeffersonville, Indiana and 1 Granddaughter: Tiffany (Ben) Martin of Salem, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by 1 grandson: Trevor Crockett, 2 brothers: Gene and Kenneth Lee, 5 sisters and 1 half brother, Donovan Tatlock.

Funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 22, 2026 at Dawalt Funeral Home with

Bro. Russell Amburn officiating. Interment followed at Crown Hill Cemetery Salem, Indiana. Memorial Contributions to: Leukemia Foundation Blood Cancer United PO Box 22324, New York, NY 10087 www.leukemia.org/

MABLE BEATRICE RONEY-ADAMS AGE 97 of Salem passed away on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at Salem Crossing.

Mrs. Adams was born December 14, 1928, in Washington County, the daughter of George Roney and Sarah Sparks Roney. She was a homemaker.

Mable had four children which she cared for with her husband, Ben Adams. She served in the church fellowship at Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church. She was a member auxiliary of Blue River Fire Department. Her hobbies were quilting, making pies, candy, gardening, flower gardening and talking with friends and family on the phone. She enjoyed going to music events and was a member of the Senior Citizens of Salem. She attended every Thursday evening music. She enjoyed spending time with the grand kids and great grand kids. She was strong support for family and friends. She loved cooking and baking. Mom was

very outgoing and always made time for anyone.

Mable is survived by her two children, Stephen Adams and Dianna Adams Moore, four grandchildren: Chasity, Ashley, Sarah and Zachary and six great grandchildren: Dakota, Aydon, Carter, Avin, Cohen and Britton.

Mrs. Adams is preceded in death by her mother and father, Sarah and George Roney, her husband Ben Adams and two children, Walter Gale Adams and Barbara Carol Peters. She is preceded by her siblings, Richard, Louie, Nellie, Ruby, Roy, Buella, Creta, Doug and Noel.

Services will be held on Friday, February 27, at 1 P.M. at Weathers Funeral Home. Visitation will also be on Friday, from 11 A.M. until the time of the service. Burial will take place at Mt. Carmel Fredericksburg Cemetery, immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Mt. Carmel Fredericksburg Cemetery c/o Tanja Courtney.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Roll out the red carpet for an unforgettable evening of dancing, laughter, and special memories! The Salem Rotary Club invites dads (or father figures) and daughters to enjoy a magical Night in Hollywood filled with music, fun, and quality time together on Saturday, Feb. 28 at Cornerstone Hall.

This beloved annual event is all about connection, giving families a chance to slow down, dress up, and celebrate the important bond between dads and daughters in a joyful, safe, and welcoming environment.

Important Safety Information:

For the safety of all children and families, all adults will be screened using the SOR Watch List. To save time on the night of the event, adults are encouraged to visit the Washington County Family YMCA in advance to complete the screening and be added to the approved entry list. Any individual identified on the SOR Watch List will not be admitted to the event.

Watch for more information in upcoming issues of The Washington County Herald or see a member of The Salem Rotary Club.

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Salem spring baseball, softball T-ball information

The Salem Parks and Recreation Department will be registering children for spring season.

The cost per player is \$50.00. Signs up are available Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM at City Hall and online at www.CityofSalem.in. com Under Parks and Recreation tab.

In person dates will be Feb, 23, Feb. 24 and Feb. 25 from 4 until 6 p.m. at City Hall.

First year players must supply an official copy of a birth certificate.

Those wishing to coach must

fill out an application and be approved by the Park Board before assuming coaching responsibilities.

Background checks are conducted through CPS and the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

Coaching positions are not guaranteed.

If you are interested in coaching or sponsoring a team, please contact Tom Fultz at the Park & Recreation Office for more information Cell- (812)896-3157, Office (812)883-2895, Email- tom.fultz@cityofsalem.in.

Scholarship opportunity

opens doors for adult learners

It's never too late to invest in your future — and the Donors of the Washington County Community Foundation are here to help make that possible.

Through the Education Matters Initiative, the Foundation is now offering scholarships designed specifically for non-traditional students — adults who are ready to return to school, gain new skills, or take the next step toward a better career.

These scholarships can help cover the cost of tuition, course

fees, and books, removing financial barriers and opening new pathways to success.

Who Can Apply?

Applicants must:
· Be 28 years or older
· Have lived legally in Washington County for at least five years

· Provide documentation to verify residency and/or household income

Scholarship Details

· Up to \$3,000 in the first year
· Up to \$5,000 in each following year (based on eligibility and academic progress)

· Funds are paid directly to approved educational or training institutions

· Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA to be considered for continued support

(Please note: scholarships cannot be used to pay existing college debt.)

Important Deadline

Applications must be submitted by April 2 at 3:30 PM — no exceptions.

Apply Today

Visit the Scholarship section of the Washington County Community Foundation website to learn more: <https://www.wccf.biz/index.php/youth-foundation/scholarships>.

BSE 2026-27

Kindergarten registration

It's time for Kindergarten Registration at Bradie Shrum Elementary!

Future BSE kindergartners are invited to come for an open house-style meet and greet on Thursday, March 5 in the elementary safe room.

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Senators beat CAI, fall to Orleans

By Perry Stainbrook
Staff Writer
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If you are a superstitious person then you may consider Friday the 13th an unlucky day. The West Washington Senators shrugged off this old wives tail on that night when they welcomed in a sectional opponent the CAI Warriors.

The game was a defensive lock down in the first three minutes as both offenses struggled to score. The first bucket of the game was at the 5:25 mark of the first quarter when Colton Brown buried a three pointer from the left wing.

The score midway through the first quarter was 5-3 Senators, and the Senators were able to hang onto an 11-7 lead at the end of the first.

The second quarter saw the Warriors pick up the intensity getting to all of the fifty fifty balls and jarring the ball loose from the Senators hands. They still struggled against the Senator defense as they only put up another seven points but were able to hold the Senators to just nine in the quarter as the Senators held a 20-14 halftime advantage. The Senators made adjustments at the break and exploded for 12-5 run prompting a Warriors timeout with 3:17 to go.

The Senators would outscore the Warriors in the third 19-10 as they led 39-24. The fourth quarter it was Neven Marrs and Nash Ables that got the Senator crowd on their feet. With 3:10 to go the Senator defense forced a turnover which Holden Russell picked up at the mid-court line. He quickly found Marrs who was racing down the court and fed him the perfect pass for a slam dunk.

Just a few plays later it was Holden again finding a cutting

Nash Ables who dunked it home for the second Senator dunk in the fourth and the crowd was on its feet.

The Senators were able to have a good Friday the 13th as they picked up the 62-41 victory. The Senators were led in scoring by Colton Brown who poured in 22 points. Neven Marrs chipped in 12, Nash Ables 8, Brady Rosenbum 6, Holden Russell 5, Bryce Heischman 3, and Hayden Morrow and Tucker Bishop each scored 2.

Senators lose at OHS

On Tuesday February 17 the West Washington Senators traveled to Orleans for a road conference match-up. Both teams were coming into the contest with just one loss in the Patoka Lake Conference and were battling to hold onto that second place spot behind the undefeated Paoli Rams.

The game was an old fashioned nail biter as neither team wanted to say uncle. It was the home team that made just enough plays to come out victorious as the Bulldogs hung onto second place in the conference with a 45-44 victory.

Lions snap skid

After dropping three straight the Salem Lions were desperate to stop the skid and get back into the win column.

A Friday the 13 tilt with sectional foe Clarksville was in the cards for the Lions to do just that. The Lions made sure the Generals had an unlucky Friday as they handed the visitors the loss with an eighteen point win at 60-42. The win moved the Lions record to 8-11 on the season with games on February 20, 24, and 27 to try and get them back to .500 on the season.

Samaritan's Purse celebrates 12.2 Million Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts

Samaritan's Purse is celebrating a successful season after collecting 12.2 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts in 2025, sharing the love of Jesus with children in need around the world.

The milestone reflects the generosity of millions of shoebox packers helping to fill shoebox gifts with toys, school supplies and personal care items. Across the U.S., the project collected 10.9 million shoebox gifts in 2025. Combined with those collected from partnering countries, the ministry is now sending over 12.2 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide, including those whose lives were turned upside down by Hurricane Melissa, a category 5 storm that recently struck Jamaica.

"Each shoebox gift is an opportunity to remind boys and girls around the world that God loves them," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "We are so thankful for the generosity of every person who packed a shoebox. These gifts are bringing joy and the hope of the Gospel to children in need."

For many children, a shoebox

gift is the first gift they have ever received. Each one is a tangible expression of God's love, offering hope to children facing war, poverty, disease and disaster. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 244 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

While local drop-off locations are closed until National Collection Week, Nov. 16 - 23, 2026, anyone can participate year-round by packing a shoebox gift online at samaritanpurse.org/

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY
FIRST HARRISON BANK,
PLAINTIFF,
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES,
LEGATEES,
SUCCESSORS, EXECUTORS,
ADMINISTRATORS, PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVES, RECEIVERS,
GRANTEES, AND LESSEES OF
DOROTHY MULLINEAUX A/K/A,
DOROTHY SUE MULLINEAUX,
DECEASED, ASHLEY STUTZMAN,
TIMOTHY L. JONES,
WHITNEY R. JONES,
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.,
FIFTH THIRD BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION
DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. 88C01-2601-MF-000066
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
** NOTICE OF SUIT **

The State of Indiana to the defendants:
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES,
LEGATEES, SUCCESSORS,
EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS,
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES,
RECEIVERS, GRANTEES, AND
LESSEES OF DOROTHY
MULLINEAUX A/K/A, DOROTHY
SUE MULLINEAUX,
DECEASED
and any other person who may be concerned.

1. You are notified that you have been sued in the above-named Court by the plaintiff First Harrison Bank in its In Rem Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage.
2. The nature of the suit against you is the in rem foreclosure of the mortgage lien of the plaintiff First Harrison Bank and any interest you may have by virtue of your being an heir, devisee, legatee, successor, executor, administrator, personal representative, receiver, grantee, or lessee of DOROTHY MULLINEAUX A/K/A, DOROTHY SUE MULLINEAUX, deceased, or your having any other interest whatsoever, in the following described real estate commonly known by its address at 6650 W. Nesmith Road, Fredericksburg, Washington County, Indiana 47120.

A part of the northeast fourth of the northwest quarter of Section 8, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, in Posey Township, Washington County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Northeast fourth of the Northwest quarter of said section, thence West with the North line of said quarter, basis of bearings this description, 313.27 feet to a point in the county road and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel herein described, thence parallel with the East line of said quarter South 2°7'40" East 660.00 feet, thence parallel with the North line of said quarter, West 330.00 feet, thence parallel with the East line of said quarter, North 2°7'40", West 660.00 feet to a point in the North line of said quarter, thence with the North line of said quarter East 330.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 5 acres, more or less. EXCEPTING THEREFROM: A part of the Northeast fourth of the Northwest quarter of Section 8, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, in Posey Township, Washington County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Northeast fourth of the Northwest quarter of said section, thence West with the North line of said quarter, basis of bearings this description, 593.27 feet to a point in the county road and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel herein described, thence parallel with the east line of said quarter South 27°40" East 311.00 feet, thence parallel with the North line of said quarter East 280.00 feet, thence parallel with the East line of said quarter South 27°40" East 349.00 feet, thence parallel with the North line of said quarter West 330.00 feet, thence parallel with the East line of said quarter North 2°40" West 660.00 feet to a point in the North line of said quarter, thence with the North line of said quarter East 50.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 3 acres, more or less, in said exception.

Containing after said exception 2 acres, more or less.
3. The In Rem Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage must be answered in writing by you or your attorney on or before APRIL 3, 2026, which date is within thirty (30) days after the final notice of the action is published. If you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the In Rem Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage.

4. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff First Harrison Bank arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.
DATED: February 2, 2026
VICE COX & TOWNSEND PLLC
/s/ Wm. Robert Meyer
Wm. Robert Meyer
Indiana Attorney No. 30388-10
2303 River Road, Suite 301
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COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF,
FIRST HARRISON BANK
DATED: February 2, 2026
/s/ Stephanie K. Rockey
Clerk of Washington Circuit Court

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Grown-ups visit salemkschools.com and go to salemkg2026 for the online portion of the enrollment.

Prepare the following documents to complete registration during the open house: Health Department issued birth certificate; immunization record; parent/ guardian drivers license/ID card.

Proof of address (utility bill dated within 60 days of enrollment, tax return, mortgage statement, rental or lease agreement).

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
CASE NO. 88D01-2601-MI-106
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Gavin Alexander Gibson, Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

Gavin Alexander Gibson, whose mailing address is: 60 East Vine Street, Campbellsburg, Indiana 47108, and if different, whose residential address is 60 East Vine Street, Campbellsburg, Indiana, in the Washington County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Gavin Alexander Gibson has filed a petition in the Washington County Superior Court requesting that their name be changed to Gavin Alexander Abbott.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: March 16 at 10:00 a.m.
/s/Gavin Alexander Gibson, Petitioner
February 16, 2026
/s/Stephanie K. Rockey
Washington County Clerk

Mini 4-H STEM meetings invite youth to explore and grow

Washington County 4-H is excited to announce a series of Mini 4-H STEM Meetings designed especially for enrolled youth in grades K-2. The hands-on programs will be held at the Washington County Extension Office from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and are free to attend. Families may register for one session or all three by calling 812-883-4601.

Each meeting features fun, age-appropriate activities that introduce young learners to science, creativity, and problem solving:

April 7 — Recycle & Create
Turn trash into treasure with a recycling design challenge! Youth will create projects from found materials such as recycled robots, bird feeders, tissue box planters,

juice-jug rockets, and more.

May 7 — Planting Party Celebrate spring with flowers and creativity. Participants will decorate a pot and plant a flower to take home and watch grow. Mini 4-H programs introduce younger members to the 4-H experience through interactive learning and creative exploration. These STEM meetings encourage curiosity, teamwork, and confidence in a fun, supportive environment.

To register or for more information, contact the Purdue Extension Washington County Office at 812-883-4601. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Child must be enrolled in Washington County 4-H to attend.

LEGAL NOTICE

Salem Public Library, Washington County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2025

Governmental Activities	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal
			Jan. 1, 2025			Dec. 31, 2025
100	Operating		\$891,773.43	\$641,500.62	\$457,765.94	\$1,075,508.11
110	Cash Change and/or Petty Cash		\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
200	Gift		\$96,335.30	\$9,580.02	\$6,292.84	\$99,622.48
201	Rainy Day		\$282,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$61,200.00	\$250,800.00
280	State Technology Grant		\$48.73	\$3,350.17	\$2,700.04	\$698.86
400	Library Improvement Reserve (LIRF)		\$171,204.62	\$20,022.35	\$89,393.13	\$101,833.84
800	Public Library Access Card (PLAC)		\$0.00	\$210.00	\$140.00	\$70.00
805	Payroll Withholdings		\$1,124.26	\$46,121.42	\$46,379.70	\$865.98
	Total All Funds		\$1,442,576.34	\$750,784.58	\$663,871.65	\$1,529,489.27

LEGAL NOTICE

Campbellsburg Civil Town, Washington County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2025

Governmental Activities	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal
			Jan. 1, 2025			Dec. 31, 2025
101	GENERAL FUND		\$141,320.79	\$203,583.63	\$189,571.31	\$155,333.11
176	ARP-Coronavirus LFRGF		\$1.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.10
201	MVH		\$3,561.30	\$11,469.51	\$12,372.34	\$2,658.47
202	LOCAL ROAD & STREET		\$23,460.07	\$6,056.76	\$3,283.32	\$26,233.51
203	MVH RESTRICTED		\$52,181.46	\$11,379.56	\$52,000.00	\$11,561.02
204	PARK & RECREATION		\$30,008.01	\$19,843.70	\$12,591.11	\$37,260.60
206	COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT FUND		\$1,757.78	\$364,149.00	\$349,980.53	\$15,926.25
207	COMMUNITY PLAY PARK		\$3,501.00	\$940.50	\$0.00	\$4,441.50
209	EDIT		\$30,909.03	\$17,541.50	\$14,754.24	\$33,696.29
211	PARK NONREVERTING		\$238.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$238.71
2256	OPIOID FUNDS Unrestricted		\$3,471.01	\$768.19	\$0.00	\$4,239.20
2257	OPIOID FUNDS Restricted		\$3,077.12	\$0.00	\$3,077.12	\$0.00
233	LECEP		\$2,461.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,461.24
2402	Police Equipment Grant Fund		\$3,014.00	\$0.00	\$1,799.31	\$1,214.69
242	RIVERBOAT/CASINO		\$10,926.66	\$3,029.55	\$9,814.00	\$4,142.21
245	RAINY DAY		\$114,628.11	\$35,000.00	\$43,098.55	\$106,529.56
249	LOIT - PUBLIC SAFETY		\$9,398.59	\$16,901.50	\$15,420.67	\$10,879.42
401	CUM CAP IMP - CIG TAX		\$5,578.37	\$786.31	\$192.52	\$6,172.16
806	PAYROLL		\$0.00	\$235,451.48	\$235,451.48	\$0.00
WASTEWATER 606	SEWAGE OPERATING		\$27,251.80	\$145,331.53	\$110,046.49	\$62,536.84
WATER 601	WATER OPERATING		\$11,865.56	\$362,009.51	\$350,550.19	\$23,324.88
604	WATER METER DEPOSIT		\$47,530.69	\$3,210.00	\$3,350.13	\$47,390.56
605	WATER PETTY CASH/CHANGE FUND		\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	Total All Funds		\$526,192.40	\$1,437,452.23	\$1,407,353.31	\$556,291.32

Certification: This is to certify that the data contained in this report is accurate and agrees with the financial records, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Anita Altic, Clerk Treasurer, Town of Campbellsburg



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Houchin secures nearly \$7.5 million for Indiana's 9th District

Recently, the House passed the final Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations package, H.R. 7148 and H.R. 7147, a package that strengthens national security, supports border enforcement, reins in federal spending, and delivers nearly \$7.5 million in Community Project Funding for Indiana's 9th District.

"This appropriations package supports the America First agenda by responsibly funding key federal priorities, strengthening our national defense, enhancing border security, and reducing unnecessary federal spending," said Houchin. "It also ensures Indiana's 9th District receives meaningful investments in infrastructure, public safety, and community development. I will continue working to make sure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely and that our district's needs remain a top priority."

Community Project Funding for Indiana's 9th District:
\$4,000,000 — Charlestown Blight Elimination Project
\$1,200,000 — Indiana University 10th Street Safety Improvements
\$1,000,000 — Monon South Trail (Orleans to Mitchell)
\$975,000 — Georgetown State Road 64 Sidewalk Improvements
\$175,000 — Sam Peden Community Park Improvements

"The City of Charlestown is thrilled to have the support of Congresswoman Houchin with this critical component of our recovery from the blight left behind after the closing of the Indiana Army Ammunition Plant decades ago. With recent private investments in our city's gateway corridor, this community project funding provides a welcome federal acknowledgment of the potential for our city's future and offers us the ability to provide a safe, modern work environment for city staff members who are the heartbeat of our service." — Treva Hodges, Mayor of Charlestown

"We appreciate Congresswoman Houchin's work to secure funding to address pedestrian safety and traffic improvements on the Bloomington campus. These upgrades will help keep our campus welcoming for students, staff, faculty, and visitors." — Pam Whitten, President of Indiana University

"Mitchell's residents are very grateful for this opportunity to finish the construction of

the Monon South Trail in our community. Congresswoman Houchin's support for this funding will allow us to make the next major investment in improving the quality of life for Mitchell and will give a boost to our efforts to support the local, family-owned businesses in our downtown Main Street district next to the Trail." — Don Caudell, Mayor of Mitchell

"The Town of Georgetown extends its sincere appreciation to Congresswoman Erin Houchin and her team for securing funding for the Georgetown State Road 64 Sidewalk Project. This project will provide residents with a safe and accessible route to local businesses, Georgetown Elementary School, and Georgetown Park. The funding supports the continued momentum of the Town's sidewalk expansion efforts, further connecting Downtown Georgetown to the Copperfield Commons area." — Remy Keener, Town Manager of Georgetown

"Sam Peden Community Park has been a vital hub for activity and leisure in our community since the 1960s. This funding will support much-needed repairs and improvements to ensure the park remains a viable, high-quality recreation source for Floyd County and Southern Indiana residents for years to come." — Matt Denison, Superintendent, Floyd County Parks and Recreation

"The Floyd County Commissioners are very grateful to Congresswoman Houchin and her staff for assisting in the procurement of this grant. This is yet another example of how Floyd County agencies are collaborating with government at all levels to resolve some of our community's longstanding infrastructure problems." — Al Knable, President, Floyd County Commissioners

These investments reflect Congresswoman Houchin's ongoing commitment to putting Indiana's 9th District first and delivering tangible improvements in local communities.

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Byrne: Bill to promote successful values passes Senate

A bill authored by State Sen. Gary Byrne (R-Byrneville) that would require public schools to incorporate successful values into their curriculum passed out of the Senate today by a vote of 39-9.

Senate Bill 88 would require schools to teach about the "success sequence" of obtaining a high school diploma, securing full time employment and waiting until marriage to begin having children.

Additionally, it would require Indiana's public universities to accept the Classic Learning Test results in the same way the schools accept ACT and SAT

Cattlemen's Annual Meeting

The Washington County Cattlemen's Association will host their Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at Southern Hills Church, located on State Rd. 135 S. in Salem. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm with a meal. Reservations are required by Thursday, February 26 to Purdue Extension — Washington County at 812-883-4601.

Anyone interested in the beef industry is invited to the annual meeting and to join the organization. Annual membership dues for the Washington County Cattlemen's Association are \$20 per household. Dues may be paid at the annual meeting or by contacting the Extension office. More information about the organization is found at <https://extension.purdue.edu/washington/anr/sub-page-cattlemen.html>.

results for admission purposes. "Studies have shown that if students obtain a high school diploma, get a full time job and wait to have kids until after they are married, they have a 97% chance of avoiding poverty," Byrne said. "This bill would teach our students how important this is so that they can live successful lives."

The bill now moves to the

House of Representatives for further consideration.

Byrne encourages residents of Senate District 47 to contact him with any questions or comments they may have. Byrne can be reached by filling out a "Contact Me" form online at www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/ Byrne or by phone at 800-382-9467.

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Welcome to this week's column of The Good News - A Journey of a Lifetime Volume 3 No. 1. This week we are going to learn that the best way and truly the only way to live our lives is to follow the word of God.

Jesus Says No to Temptation (Matthew 4:1-11)

4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted[a] by the devil.

2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Perhaps one of the best-known passages of the Bible is Matthew 4:1-11, where the Spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. The account has everything: drama, suspense and conflict on a cosmic scale. We read that passage with a palpable sense of the universe hanging in the balance.

Most often I hear Matthew 4 preached as an example of how to overcome temptation in the Christian life. To be sure, it teaches us much about temptation and resistance. Occasionally I hear preachers and Christians turn to this passage and debate whether it was possible for Jesus to sin. What interests me today is how Jesus read the Bible in His struggle with Satan's devices. Note how Jesus read His Bible in a God centered way.

First, Jesus hangs on every word of God. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (verse 4). The words of God's mouth are the bread of Jesus' life. Every word. Not a few words. Not the words particularly easy to accept. Not the words that make Him popular. Our Lord Jesus read the Bible in order to live by every pronouncement His Father made. He understood that the words on His scroll were words that "come from the mouth of God."

Second, Jesus read the word in order to trust God, not test God. "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test'" (verse 7). The Lord found in the Scriptures reason to believe God, to rely on Him. Facing Satan's temptation, he knew there was a significant difference between trusting God and testing God. One humbles itself under the word of God; the other humbles the word under our desires. Jesus never sought to stand above God's word—always below it, in obedience to it, gladly. He trusted the Father as the word of God called Him to do so.

Third, Jesus read the word to clarify that God alone is God, to worship God properly. "Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve"' (verse 10). It's possible to hear God's word while listening to and serving our idols. Isn't that what Satan was doing as he quoted the Scripture and asked Jesus to worship him? But not Jesus. He read the Bible as an act of worship. He found in the Bible reason to worship God alone. No rivals. No counterfeits. No idols. No exceptions. He purposed to serve the Father only. He read the word in order to bow to God. This is why the Devil leaves him in verse 11. There was nothing in Christ that could be satanically used to draw Him away from the true worship of the Father in order to trust anyone or anything else.

Until recently, I don't think I'd ever recognized just how God-focused Jesus was in this passage. The Lord's ears were glued to God's mouth (verse 4). His hopes rested on God's heart (verse 7). His service belonged to God's throne (verse 10). Each time the Lord applied the Scripture He actually applied himself to God.

Watching Jesus use the Scripture in Matthew 4 reminds me of several things I need to observe in my own Bible reading.

1. I need to learn to hang on every word of God. How often we find ourselves debating which parts of scripture apply? Yet it seems Jesus would have us debate not if they apply but how they apply. The if is settled. God speaks; we heed. Indeed, we ought to hang on every word, awaiting the life that comes from it. I too often read the Bible with an "I've read this before" or "I know what this says" attitude. I find it difficult to "hear again for the first time" and I find it all too easy to skim the words on the page in distraction. So I need to pray—more than I do—"Holy Spirit, let this next word be life to me! Let me feed on it like bread! Let me hear it as a word straight from the mouth of God!"

2. I need to recognize how critical to sanctification knowledge of God's word is. Jesus lives by every word of God. His reading translated into His living. That was critical in our Savior's temptation. Thus He was able to use a three-fold strategy for resisting demonic temptation: (1) Hide God's word in your heart so you can live by it; (2) Trust God completely so you don't take matters into your own hands; and, (3) worship the Lord God alone so you can refuse all idolatry.

3. I must give careful attention to proper interpretation. Have you ever noticed that Jesus was the first to quote scripture in this encounter with Satan (verse 4)? Then Satan follows up with a subtle twisting of God's word. Perhaps the Enemy would have been content to leave God's word out of the temptations had not the Lord raised it. But when Jesus quotes the Scripture, the Adversary felt certain he could overthrow our Lord even on biblical grounds! He must certainly feel confident he can do

that with us. When we endeavor to live by the word of God we face the temptation of distorted, self-serving misinterpretation. That temptation was not in Jesus, but it is in us. So I'm reminded of just how vital careful interpretation is.

In a more simplified explanation, in the game of Simon Says, we do what Simon says to do, but in real life we should do what the Bible tells us to do. There was a time in the Bible when God's enemy, the devil, tried to trick Jesus into doing something He knew was wrong, but Jesus didn't fall for it because Jesus knew what the Bible says.

Sometimes the devil wants to trick us, too. Like if someone hurts us...the Bible tells us not to hurt others back, but the devil wants us to think it's okay because they hurt us first. We can tell the devil, "I don't hurt back because I follow the Bible!"

Or if we accidentally break something...the Bible says to tell the truth, but the devil might want us to think it's better to hide it so we don't get into trouble. We can tell the devil, "I tell the truth because I follow the Bible!"

When the devil tried to trick Jesus, He told the devil, the Bible tells me to do something different! I follow the Bible!

Prayer: Dear God, help us do what Jesus did. Help us do what the Bible tells us to do instead of listening to what the devil wants us to do. In Jesus' name, amen.

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Rockey said that will take another process to file for those office due to the hard deadlines that have already passed.

"This is just a ploy to get me off the ballot then?" he asked.

Families invited to attend Lenten breakfast series

The schedule for the Lenten Breakfast series is set. The breakfasts begin at 8 am at the various locations and a free will offering will be collected with proceeds going to Outside the Walls.

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