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Low: 15, 1923

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Holcomb says he'll move into governor's residence in May

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb says he'll be moving soon into the official governor's residence on Indianapolis' near north side.

Holcomb already has a home in the city. But he said Friday that he, wife Janet, and their miniature schnauzer Henry plan to move into the state's designated home for the governor sometime in May.

The place where Indiana's governors choose to live has been a political issue in the past. Former Gov. Mike Pence, now vice president, lived in the official residence. But his predecessor, former Gov. Mitch Daniels, chose to live in suburban Carmel.

Holcomb says he has faced questions from people across the state about whether he would move into the governor's residence.

He says some renovations are being made to the brick, Tudor-style home.

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ISTEP replacement moves forward

House bill 'simplifies,' but challenges still ahead

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A House bill is closer to replacing ISTEP with ILEARN, but local educators are hesitant to say the new standardized test will automatically be better.

"Until we see exactly what the replacement test will be, there's no way to tell if it's different than before," said Lezlie Winter, assistant superintendent at Mississinewa Community Schools.

HB 1003, the legislation to replace the ISTEP, passed the Senate Education and Career Development Committee this week by a 7-4 vote. If signed into law, the new test could be implemented as early as 2018.

Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, said that he believes this bill is a step in the right direc-

tion for replacing Indiana's standardized test.

"There are still some challenges, but I think it is a positive step forward. It simplifies a lot of things," he said.

Zay said the top priorities in discussion with this bill were getting educators timely test results, reducing test time and having educators intimately involved in replacing the ISTEP.

According to the bill, the ILEARN, Indiana's Learning Evaluation Assessment Network, would

consist of a statewide assessment, an optional benchmark assessment, the implementation of policies on how to use data and information and other programs required by the Indiana State Board of Education.

Students in grades three through eight would still take the state standardized test under ILEARN. However, the bill would cut out the fifth and seventh grade social studies test that would reduce overall test taking by about 1 1/2 hours per student.

ILEARN would also bring back end of course assessments for high school students in English and language arts, Algebra I and science beginning in the 2017-18 school year.

Winter said that the previous ECAs were fair assessments of the students. As long as the new ECAs are similar to those of previous years, she said that she would be able to support this measure.

The fiscal note on HB 1003

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VA cemetery gets jumpstart on spring preparations



Photo by Andrea Yeater / ayeater@chronicle-tribune.com

PREPARATIONS: Workers for the Marion National Cemetery protect the ground Friday before bringing equipment out onto the soft ground for an interment later in the day.

Warm weather allowed workers to begin grounds maintenance earlier this year

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Due to warm temperatures early in the year, workers for the Marion VA National Cemetery have been able to get a head start on spring maintenance work.

"Things are going to work well for us this year," said Mark Polen, assistant director of the cemetery.

Polen is new to the team this year and has about 10 years of total experience working for national cemeteries. Before coming to Marion, he was the assistant director at Fort McPherson National Cemetery in Nebraska.

As assistant director, Polen is in charge of all administrative duties as well as keeping the grounds, public affairs

and personnel.

However, he said that his team is the reason all the hard work gets done.

"I'm just the guy that drives the boat," he said. "I couldn't get a lot of things accomplished without them pulling their weight. Things are running like a finely tuned machine."

And for as many burials

and interments as the cemetery sees each year, a "finely tuned machine" is a must.

Dave Drake, the foreman for the cemetery, has worked at the Marion National Cemetery for the last seven years, and in that time has seen the number of burials and interments increase every few

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Local lawyer pleads guilty to drug charges

Beau White avoids jail time with agreement

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A local attorney charged with possession of cocaine has reached a plea agreement that allows him to avoid jail time.

Beau White, 45, of Marion, intends to plead guilty to possession of cocaine and operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance in the body, according to court documents filed Thursday.

Instead of any jail time, White will have to serve 548 days on supervised probation where he can't consume alcohol, use any type of methadone or narcotics, enter any bars or liquor stores, will have to undergo a drug and alcohol assessment and pay any court costs and fees as determined by the judge.

White may also ask the judge to lower the charges to a class A misdemeanor if he meets the terms of his plea agreement.

The agreement comes just days before the case was set to go trial. A formal hearing for the plea agreement has not yet been scheduled.

White was originally

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Deaners featured in documentary

Film to make Indiana premiere next Friday

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A documentary about the lives and personalities behind the fans of Grant County native James Dean is set to be shown in Indiana for the first time next weekend.

"Deaners," directed and produced by David Garry, a Los Angeles-based actor, will be featured at the Riverbend Film Festival in Goshen Friday, April 7. The film, shot in Fairmount in 2015 during the 60th anniversary of Dean's death and the 40th anniversary of the annual James Dean Festival, chronicles the influence of the actor through the eyes and actions of his most die-hard fans.

Garry, who really delved into Dean

just more than three years ago, said that once he learned thousands of people from all across the world converged on Fairmount each year, he knew a movie needed to be made.

"That blew my mind," Garry said of first learning about Deaners.

So Garry got a camera crew and set out for Fairmount to make the movie. Since he was busy filming, Garry said he didn't have time to truly enjoy the Dean attractions, such as the gravesite and the Winslow Farm.

But Garry returned to Fairmount last year around the time the documentary had its world premiere in Louisville and got to enjoy the small town and its charm.

"It was pretty wild," Garry said of his second visit to Fairmount. "I realized that he (James Dean) was just an ordinary guy from a small town."

David Loehr, owner of the James

Dean Gallery, has seen the documentary and likes it. He said a screening of the film will happen this summer at the Gallery's annual James Dean Fans Weekend.

"It's really good," Loehr said. "The film is really done, from the music to the sound. He did a really good job."

Garry said he hopes the sense of community is what people take away from the documentary.

"Deaners are a different, rebellious bunch, but it's a way of bringing a community together," he said. "It just goes to show that if you can find things in common, we can come together. It's really cool to see."

For more information of The Riverbend Festival, visit www.riverbendfilmfest.com

For more information on "Deaners," visit www.deanersthemovie.com.

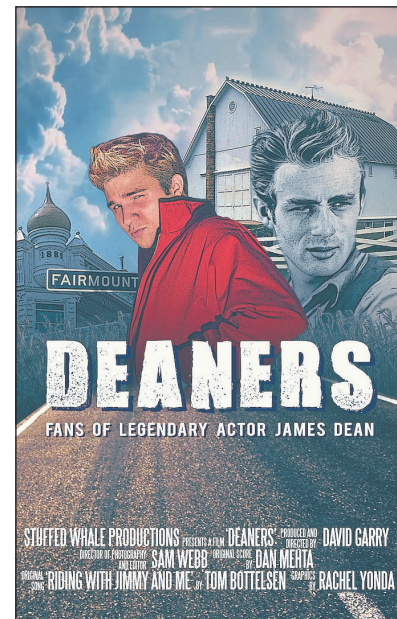


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DOCUMENTARY: "Deaners" is set to be shown to an audience for the first time in Indiana next Friday in Goshen.

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