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TODAY'S VERSE

1 Corinthians 13:13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (ESV)

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Calab Chastain and Ava Schultz were kind enough to offer nice smiles for one of The Paper's roving photographers. Many thanks!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 LaPorte County is the latest Indiana county to be designated as an official Broadband Ready Community. The Broadband Ready Communities Program was created as a tool to encourage broadband development throughout Indiana. The certification was approved by the Indiana Broadband Office following the La Porte County Commissioners adoption of a Broadband Ready Community ordinance. Via 2020 legislation, the Broadband Ready Community Program was transitioned from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). IBO began the day-to-day management of the Broadband Ready Community Program on July 1, 2020. For more information, visit in.gov/indianabroadband.

2 Developer Nile Niemi had high hopes for the 105,000 square foot mega mansion he built in the ritzy Bel Air neighborhood of Los Angeles, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. He was hoping to find a buyer willing to pay half a billion dollars for it. The price has been reduced to \$295 million and that still makes it the most expensive residential property in the U.S. But Niemi needs a buyer soon or the property will end up on the auction block. He needs \$180 million to cover the debt he amassed building the place.

3 The Indiana Commission for Higher Education's search committee is accepting submissions for the position of Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education until Saturday. Submissions must include the completed "Call for Candidates for the Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education" form and all requested materials. Submissions will be accepted via email at candidates@che.in.gov and regular or express mail. Submissions may be directed to: Commissioner Search Committee, Indiana Commission for Higher Education, 101 West Ohio Street, Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204

2022 Arrives in City/County

What does a new year hold in store for Crawfordsville and Montgomery County? Find out what your government officials think on Jan. 27 when Mayor Todd Barton and County Manager Tom Klein present the annual state of the city and county addresses. The event is sponsored

by the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County.

Beginning at 7 p.m. in Fusion 54, Barton and Klein will share their thoughts and visions for the coming year. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and spectators will not be allowed a question and answer session following the presen-

tations. Barton and Klein will be available to talk with those present.

The event will be broadcast live on WCDQ 106.3

According to S. David Long, event coordinator for the LWVMC, safety, masks are encouraged.

Local program donates breast milk



Photo courtesy of The City of Crawfordsville

The Crawfordsville Community Paramedicine Program's Rachel Kenner delivered over 2,100 ounces of breast milk to The Milk Bank in Indianapolis. The Milk Bank receives human milk from carefully screened donors, and pasteurizes, freezes and distributes it throughout the United States. As a non-profit, community-supported entity, The Milk Bank is the first and only donor human milk bank in Indiana. If you are interested in becoming a donor please contact Kenner at (765) 918-1660 for more information.

Timmons missing in action

Tim Timmons is missing in action this week, but he must be hiding somewhere warm and out of this chilly weather because we can't find him or his



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

column anywhere. Hopefully, we'll find him wandering around and will have his column back and ready for next week.

Two Wabash College students awarded Gilman Scholarships

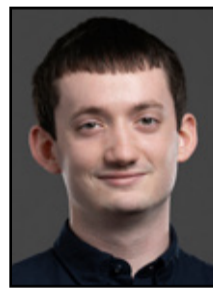
Two Wabash College students have earned Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships to study abroad.

Samuel Proctor '23 and Ryan Sowers '23 earned scholarships to study in Athens, Greece, and Osaka, Japan, respectively, for their international experiences. Twenty-two Wabash students now have earned Gilman Scholarships since 2016.

"I am very pleased for Ryan and Sam," said Susan Albrecht, Wabash College Fellowship



Samuel Proctor



Ryan Sowers

Advisor. "They are very deserving recipients of the Gilman Scholarship. The pandemic has made it a difficult time

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Why should you join the League of Women Voters



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

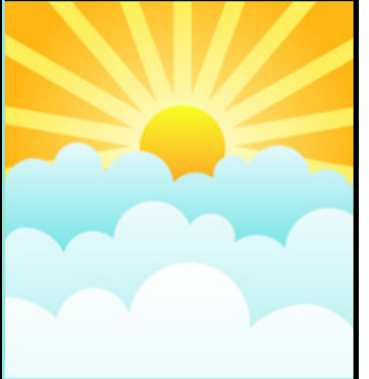
Now is always a good time to join the League of Women Voters. If you are like me, you've waited, maybe because of young kids, a career, school, a bevy of commitments to your church or other community organization. I want to say that after

two years of involvement, it's worth the small amount of time to participate.

The League introduced itself to me with one of the many

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The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 8:09 a.m.
SET: 5:44 p.m.



High/Low
Temperatures
High: 46 °F
Low: 28 °F



Wacky Holiday Today
• International Kiss a Ginger Day
• National Hot Tea Day
• Curried Chicken Day



What Happened
On This Day

- 1991 The U.S. Congress votes for war in Iraq
- 1969 Led Zeppelin releases their debut album
- 2010 An earthquake kills 316,000 in Haiti



Births On This Day

- 1876 Jack London American author
- 1968 Heather Mills English model, activist

Deaths On This Day

- 1976 Agatha Christie English author
- 2003 Maurice Gibb English singer-songwriter

HONEST HOOSIER

OK, I get it. It's January and it's Indiana. But holy crap my digits are cold!



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

It's important for women to know if there is breast cancer on their father's side of the family as well as their mother's.

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.



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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Publishing schedule

Just a reminder that there won't be Sunday-Monday editions because of the Martin Luther King Holiday. We will resume our normal schedule on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"I believed - and believe - that capitalism works best for a freedom-loving society, that it brings more prosperity to more people than any other social-economic system, but that somehow we have to take care of people."

Katharine Graham, former publisher, Washington Post

TODAY'S JOKE

"The beginning is the most important part of the work."
Plato

OBITUARIES

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The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank Howard Pollchik of Crawfordsville for subscribing!



13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

28/46 MILD, STRAY SHOWER LATE	28/38 PM SNOW SHOWERS	25/36 MAINLY CLOUDY	20/28 SNOW GRANCE EARLY	16/31 PARTLY CLOUDY	24/35 MAINLY CLOUDY	26/40 NOT AS COLD
WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE

OBITUARIES

Jennifer Victoria (Cook) Kellie

Oct. 24, 1967 - Jan. 9, 2022

Jennifer Victoria (Cook) Kellie, 54, Waveland, passed away peacefully with her husband by her side on the morning of Jan. 9, 2022.

She was born in Crawfordsville on Oct. 24, 1967 to Darrell and Janice (Sutton) Cook.

Mrs. Kellie attended South Montgomery High School. Over the years she worked at the Fuzzy Bear Daycare in Ladoga, and as a cashier for several different places. She married Jesse Kellie Jr. on Feb. 12, 1983 at the Ladoga Baptist Church. He survives. Her most cherished role was being a wife, mother, and grandma. Mrs. Kellie was a member of the Ladoga Baptist Church where she attended with her family. She enjoyed 70's music and tv shows, and spending time with her family, especially her mother.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse; children, Jaron (Emily) Kellie, Johannah Marie Kellie (Damien George); 11 grandchildren; parents, Darrell and Janice Cook; siblings, Kirt (Yolanda) Cook, Darin Cook, Kimberly Yancey, Heather (Randy) Holderfield and Jeremy Cook; mother in law, Edna Kellie; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Jessica Lewis; and two sons-in-law.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022 at the Ladoga Baptist Church, 751 N. Cherry Street, Ladoga, IN 47954, with Pastor Ron Gardner officiating. Burial will follow in Ladoga Cemetery. Friends are welcome to visit with the family from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the church on Friday. You are invited to visit www.serviesmorgan.com where you may leave an online condolence for the family. Servies & Morgan Funeral Home has been entrusted with the funeral arrangements.

Sharon Annette Pigg

Nov. 15, 1963 - Jan. 8, 2022

Sharon Annette Pigg, 58, formerly of Fountain County, passed away unexpectedly 11:46 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 in IU Health University Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born in Danville, Ill. on Nov. 15, 1963 to Donna Kay Young Pigg Orange who survives in Lafayette and the late William A. Pigg.

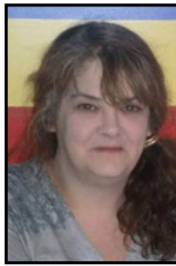
Ms. Pigg was a 1982 graduate of Fountain Central High School. She was employed by Aster Place in Lafayette. She worked as an Assistant Activities Director, cook and also drove the senior bus, taking residents to appointments and activities. Her personality made her a great fit for her positions.

Survivors include her mother, Donna; a brother, Curtis L. (Kelley) Pigg of rural Veedersburg; nieces and nephews, Billy (fiancé Kenzie Emerick) Pigg of Newtown, Samantha (Mitchell) Jennings of Newtown, Jason (Shy Rahm) Pigg of Newtown, Brandon and Bryson Pigg of Veedersburg; great-niece, Aliza Jennings; great-nephew, Jedediah Jennings; special friends, Michael Anderson and Tiana May; several uncles, aunts, cousins and many friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by her father, William in 2001.

Visitation hours are 1 - 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022 at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate. Funeral services will immediate follow the visitation at 3 p.m., with Pastor David Sims officiating. Burial will follow in Newtown Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Kidney Foundation. Ms. Pigg was the recipient of a donor kidney 10 years ago. Visit us at www.familyandfriendsfh.com to sign the guest book or share a condolence.



Gerald "Gary" Lester West

Nov. 18, 1956 - Jan. 11, 2022

Gerald "Gary" Lester West, 65, of Crawfordsville, passed away at home on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022.

He was born in Crawfordsville on Nov. 18, 1956 to James Thomas West and Sally Jean (Fine) Willis.

Mr. West attended Crawfordsville High School and throughout the years worked at RR Donnelleys, Mid-States, Nor-Cote and more recently was the warehouse shipping supervisor at shippingsupply.com in Avon. On Dec. 2, 1972 he married the love of his life, Phyllis Demoret. He enjoyed playing golf, pool, throwing darts, canoeing, listening to Bob & Tom, was a Colts and Pacers fan and enjoyed watching Indy Racing.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Demoret; his father, James (Linda) West; his step-father, Terry Willis; his mother-in-law, Hazel Staggs; two children, Jennifer (Patrick) Busenbark and Clinton (Alana) West; a brother, Charles (Kathy) West; two sisters, Lori (Neal) Miles and Elizabeth (James) Halfhill; seven grandchildren, Destiny (Jacob), Kierra, Nickolas, Brennden, Emmett, Reese and Raelyn; two great grandchildren, Paislee and Oliver, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sally Jean Willis; a sister, Kim Renee West; his brother-in-law, Mike Demoret; his father-in-law, Floyd Demoret; his paternal grandparents, Gerald and Dorothy West; and his maternal grandparents, Lester & Frances Fine.

Visitation will be at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St. in Crawfordsville on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022 from 12 p.m. till the time of the funeral service at 3:30 p.m., with Pastor Todd Randles officiating. Entombment will follow at Oak Hill Mausoleum. The service will be live-streamed and recorded which can be viewed on his obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com



Curtis Edward Allen

Nov. 14, 1961 - Jan. 6, 2022

Curtis Edward Allen, 60, passed away of natural causes on Jan. 6, 2022 at his home in North Port, Fla.

Curt was born on Nov. 14, 1961, in Crawfordsville, Ind. to Cliston (Eddie) and Marilyn Seybold Allen.

Mr. Allen was a 1980 graduate of Southmont High School and a 1984 Magna Cum Laude graduate of MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill. where he played basketball. He was the Academic Athlete of the Year in 1983 and 1984. He married Debbie Jones Allen of New Market, IN on May 24, 1986.

Before starting his career as a basketball coach, Mr. Allen worked at the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center, the Indianapolis Colts and the Pan American Games.

After his family, basketball was Mr. Allen's passion. He was a Graduate Assistant Basketball Coach at Western Illinois University. An Assistant Basketball Coach under Head Coach Mac Petty at Wabash College. Head Basketball Coach at North Montgomery High School, where in 1999, they won their first Sectional Title since 1984. After moving to Florida, he taught at North Port High School, where he was Head Basketball Coach 2007-2013, with over 100 career wins. He was inducted to the North Port Athletic Hall of Fame in 2021. Along with his family, Mr. Allen leaves behind many beloved players, students and friends.

As everyone who loves Mr. Allen knows, one of his claims to fame was playing his part in the movie "Hoosiers" on the opposing Dugger Bulldogs team. The Kenny Chesney song "Coach" is the perfect embodiment of who Mr. Allen was and how he will always be remembered.

Survivors include his wife; parents, Cliston (Eddie) and Marilyn Seybold Allen; brother and sisters, Brad (Linda) Allen, Cindy (John) Roberts, Pam (Terry) Stephens, Sally (Brian) Delks and Kelly (Mike) Cain, all of Crawfordsville; father-in-law, Royce (Marsha) Jones; mother-in-law, Sue Jones; sister-in-law, Nancy Leonard (Mike Zeller); and nephews and nieces, Chadd (Misty) Cassida, Candice Cassida Cox, Heidi (Marc) Bonwell, Brandon (Stephanie) Allen, Megan (Jeremy) Shaw, Haley Roberts Beach, Casey (Rebekah) Delks, Tyler (Haley) Delks, Micah (Larissa) Delks, Whitney (Clayton) Muller, Chloe (Trevor) Storms, Abraham Cain, Corbin (Morgan) Leonard and Ethan (Macie) Leonard.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Burkhardt Funeral Home, Crawfordsville. Services will begin at 1 p.m., after which he will be laid to rest at Oak Hill Cemetery South.

Online condolences may be made at www.Burkhardt-FH.com.



Ella Rauch completes local library program

Ella Rauch, age 3, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" for the third time. She is the daughter of Torey and Bethany Rauch and together they have read 3,000 books. Ella's favorite book is I Want to Be a Doctor by Laura Driscoll. Mom said, "We are very grateful for all of the wonderful people and programs at our Crawfordsville Public Library. The incentives and encour-



Ella Rauch

agement the Children's Department provides have helped Ella foster a love of reading at an early age."

Ethan Lyon of Crawfordsville makes Fall 2021 Dean's List

Ethan Lyon, a Bradley student majoring in Management Information Systems Business Analytics from Crawfordsville, IN, has been named to

Bradley's Fall 2021 Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

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MARY PAT

Meeting Notes

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation

Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 13,
2022 at 6 p.m.
Crawfordsville Middle
School, 705 Wallace
Avenue
Crawfordsville, Indi-
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- AGENDA
I. Roll Call
II. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Corpora-
tion - Pillar of Fairness
III. Pledge of Alle-
giance
IV. Spotlight on Excel-
lence
V. Reorganization of
Board
a. Election of Presi-
dent
b. Election of Vice
President
c. Election of Secre-
tary
d. Election of Assistant
Secretary
e. Appointment of
Legislative Liaison to the

- Indiana School Boards
Association
VI. Approve Previous
Meeting Minutes, Pay-
rolls, Claims Vouchers,
and Surplus Items
VII. Building Principal
Report - Jay Strickland,
Principal - Crawfords-
ville High School
VIII. Old Business
IX. New Business
a. Consider 8th Grade
Springfield Trip - Brent
Bokhart
b. Consider Resolu-
tion for Authorization
To Sign Agreements
for Alternative Services
And Private Residential
School Placements
c. Consider CHS
HVAC Controls Bid
X. Personnel
a. Consider Retirement
of Cathy Moffett - Treas-
urer
b. Consider Resigna-
tion of Carla Woodcox -
Teacher Asst. Life Skills
at CHS
c. Consider Resig-
nation of Stephanie
Timmons - K1 Looping
Teacher at Hose
d. Consider Resigna-

- tion of Michelle Glaze -
Teacher's Aide at CMS
XI. Change of Position
XII. Assistant Superin-
tendent Report
XIII. Superintendent
Report
XIV. Other
XV. Board Member
Comments
XVI. Patron Com-
ments
XVII. Adjournment
Patron's Comments
are limited to 3 minutes
per spokesperson for a
total of 30 minutes.
The meeting site is
fully accessible. Any
person requiring further
accommodation should
contact the Superinten-
dent at the School Cor-
poration's central office.
- Crawfordsville Com-
munity School Corpora-
tion
Board of Finance -
Annual Meeting
Thursday, January 13,
2022 5:45 p.m.
Crawfordsville Middle
School
705 Wallace Avenue
AGENDA
I. New Business

1. Elect Board of
Finance President and
Secretary

2. Board of Finance
Investment Report
3. Report on Financial

Condition of the School
Corporation
II. Adjournment

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TWO From Page A1

to plan for study abroad, and it's tempting to give up on the process, including applying for a major fellowship. It's terrific that so many Wabash men have remained resilient and flexible regarding their study abroad experiences and worked hard to apply for a fellowship."

A psychology major with minors in classics and philosophy, Proctor serves as a peer career advisor at the Schroeder Center for Career Development, is a member of the rugby team, and played a year of football for the Little Giants in 2019.

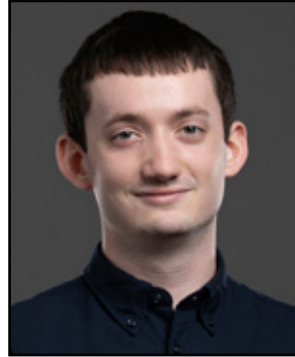
It will be the first trip abroad for Proctor.

"I decided to apply after hearing about the scholarship through Wabash faculty members. It feels amazing to be selected," said Proctor, a native of Lebanon, Indiana. "Because of COVID there are still a lot of challenges ahead. This experience is going to open my mind with opportunities to learn. I hope to better understand the world beyond the country I live in."

Sowers, a humanities major with a minor in economics, has served as a consultant in the Wabash Writing Center and has worked on the staff of The Bachelor, the school newspaper, and has worked as a Japanese



Samuel Proctor



Ryan Sowers

tutor.

"Having received a Gilman means that I'll be able to study abroad in Japan, taking intensive language courses, for a longer period of time as long as the border opens back up," said Sowers, a

native of Ladoga, Indiana. "What I'm looking forward to the most with this opportunity is boosting my language skills to a level that I can leverage in a professional context."

Previously, Sowers won a Freeman-ASIA Scholarship to study at Nanzan University in Japan last year.

Run by the Institute of International Education, the purpose of the Gilman International Scholarship program is to encourage participation in study abroad programs for under-represented students, particularly those who are studying in under-represented areas of the world and/or under-represented languages.

The IIE seeks to support a cohort of American students studying abroad which reflects the true diversity of the nation. Scholarship recipients have the opportunity to gain a better understand-

ing of other cultures, countries, languages, and economies, making them better prepared to assume leadership roles within government and the private sector. Over the last nine years, Wabash men have earned 72 international fellowships. The list includes a Rhodes Scholar, 26 Fulbright recipients, 22 Gilman Scholarship recipients, 11 USTA fellowship recipients, seven North American Language and Culture Assistantships in Spain, three TAPIF English Teaching Assistantships (France), one Freeman-ASIA Scholarship, and one JET recipient.

LWV From Page A1

quiet but critical services they provide to our community. They sponsored a candidate forum. I attended hoping to speak to Rep. Tim Brown. Little did I know how much the League of Women Voter offered, both to our town, but to those struggling to have faith in the system.

"Bipartisan action is essential to public trust," Yuval Levin of the American Enterprise Institute, asserted in the New York Times this month. David Brooks called for our political parties focus on

"the unsexy work at the local level." The League does all of this. They are non-partisan, committed to public trust in our democracy, and work at the local level.

"I wanted to be in the room where it happens and the League is where it happens," said member Sheridan Hadley. All members are asked to be part of the Observer Corp. They choose a committee or council of interest and attend meetings, reporting on it to fellow members at our annual meeting.

If that's all the time you have, it's enough.

Members with more free time serve on one of the many committees of our local League chapter: Voter Services, Economic Health, Land Use, Local Government, Education, Climate, and Healthcare. They sit in on council meetings and connect with experts in our community. Members see how our mayor engages consultants and works across party lines. They attest to what functions or not. Hadley is one of many on the Eco-

nomics Health Committee. Members learning about our local policies on housing, evictions, childcare, corporate incentives, and small business creation.

Since its inception, the League of Women Voters has been non-partisan. It operates true to the mandate that no chapter supports any candidate or party. Its goal is to increase participation in democracy, which board member Joyce Burnett cited when asked why she participates.

"I am a member because democracy only works if citizens are involved," Burnett said. Though it has Women in its title, membership is for anyone who wants our democracy to work regardless of race, sex, gender, ability, culture, religion, and at present, our local chapter is excited to reach out with Spanish-language publications to reach more of our community.

"I love that the league promotes civic engagement, which is key to resolving almost every issue we face from the environment to public health to disinformation. Also, climate activism is my main form of political engagement (besides voting, of course), and I appreciate the League's stances on carbon pricing

and climate change. It has been a great vehicle to connect with people in the community on this issue," said John Smilie, a Climate Committee member.

League committees take on studies of local issues, consult with experts and officials, and use consensus or concurrence-agreement and consistency-to arrive on positions. Only then does the League take action, calling on elected officials for policy changes.

If you ever wonder what local candidates stand for, the League provides directories of who serves in what government role, how to contact them, and when meetings are held. The Government Directory includes local, state, and federal officials information as well as all information on our local boards. We also publish FOCUS on Montgomery County, which contains history, government and public resource information.

If you feel uninformed or worried about democracy, start local. Find out more at the League of Women Voters website <https://www.lwvmontcoin.org/>. Attend or tune into a

"Learn with League" event on our Facebook page. Or join.

Dawn Bonebreak joined "because it is bi-partisan and it keeps me informed of things that are happening locally, that I might not know about otherwise."

She was also interested in how the League helps register voters. If you are looking to connect with leaders of all kinds in the county, city, state and nation, the League, Gail Peabworth, who joined in 1963, testifies to the value of League friendships.

"Over the decades, I have learned so much about how local, state, and national governments work. I have served several terms on the LWV of Indiana State Board--both when I was young and then after I retired. Friendships with Leaguers from throughout Indiana and also the USA (with whom I worked on some national committees) have been a tremendous asset."

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the League, visit the website www.lwvmontcoin.org/; or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.

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