

TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 37:1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Ramona Moyes, manager of Eliza's Consignment Shop, shared a nice smile recently when one of our roving photographers happened by. Thank you for your smile, Ramona!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 TAP & GO Craft Beer Walk Returns April 9! TAP & GO is a beer-tasting walk that pairs regional craft brews and public art in our community. The 2022 event will be held on April 9 in Lafayette's Wabash Avenue neighborhood. This fundraising event is organized by The Arts Federation in support of its mission to grow the arts in north central Indiana. Ticket Information: \$50 VIP Early Entry Admission (2 - 6 pm) \$40 General Admission (3 - 6 pm) You must be 21 years or older to attend, and tickets must be purchased online in advance at <https://theartsfederation.org/taptix>.

2 Ever since the inception of our Sunday edition, The Paper has gone with a 365-day publishing cycle. Beginning in 2022, The Paper will not publish on holidays. We are doing this for three reasons - our advertisers say the days leading up to the holiday are more important than the holiday itself; readers have busy schedules on holidays and those editions are the least clicked of any we do; and to give our hard-working staff a break. Thank you for your understanding!

3 Are you a Lilysilk consumer? If so, the world's leading silk brand has a message for consumers who want to part with their well-loved Lilysilk textiles in a planet positive way. In partnership with international recycling leader TerraCycle, the Lilysilk Recycling Program offers a free and convenient way to recycle non-donatable Lilysilk products including bedding, apparel and sleepwear. Consumers can send in all non-donatable Lilysilk textiles including bedding, apparel and sleepwear made from silk and cashmere to be recycled for free. Participation is easy: sign up on the TerraCycle program page <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/lilysilk>, wash and package all textiles in an available box, and mail the box in using a prepaid shipping label. Once collected, the LILYSILK textiles are turned into a shredded fiber and used as a filler for cushions, pillows, and linings.

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Free Tax Assistance Program Underway

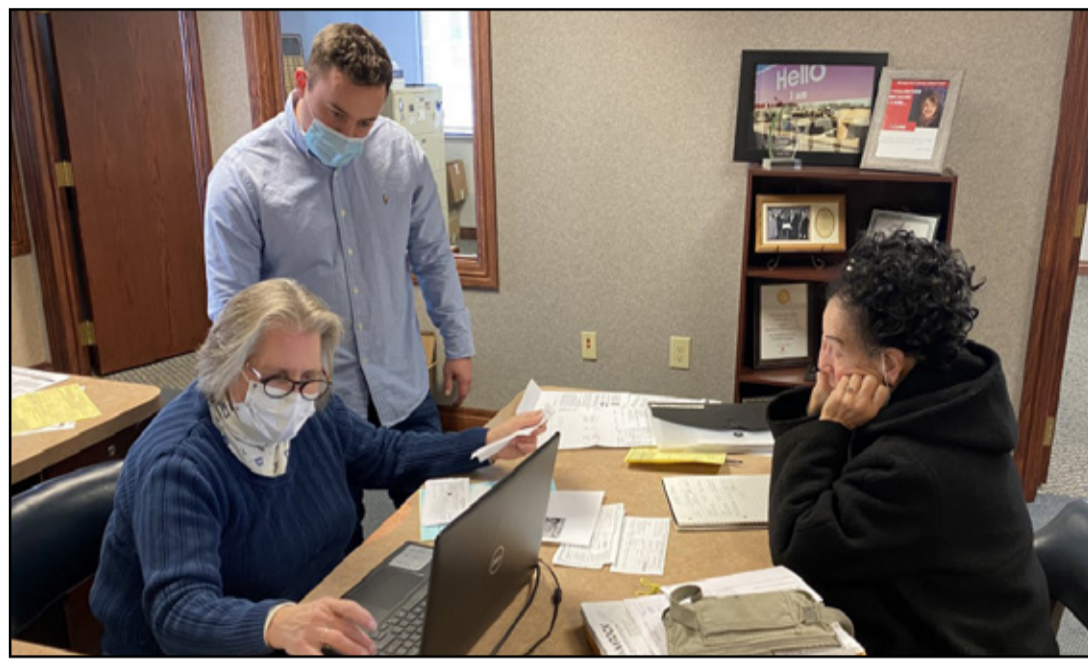


Photo courtesy of United Way
United Way in Montgomery County's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is underway. The VITA program offers free tax preparation and e-filing services to individuals and families with an annual household income at or below \$68,000; persons with disabilities; and those who are older than 60 years of age. In-person appointments are available until Friday, April 8, 2022. Appointments are held at the United Way in Montgomery County Office on the second floor of the First Financial Bank, 221 E. Main St, in Crawfordsville. To schedule, call the local United Way office at 765-362-5484 or the VITA appointment line at 765-421-6163. Shirley Largent is the first VITA client of the 2021 tax season. Debbie Swanson, VITA volunteer, and Riley Woodward, Wabash College Senior, oversee the preparation of her return.

The League Of Black Women

The League of Black Women is not in the Marvel-verse, but you will marvel. These women helped save the world through poetry, advocacy, ministry, activism, and flight. One even escaped the atmosphere.

Bessie Coleman- No league would be complete without a pilot for take-off. Called "The Only Race Aviatrix in the World," Bessie Coleman scrapped her way to every height she achieved. As a teen, she worked with her mother picking cotton and washing laundry to pay her way into what is now Langston University. When her money ran out, she moved to Chicago and worked as a manicurist while her brothers served in WWI. Her brothers teased her when they returned saying that French women were allowed to fly planes. She took the challenge and French classes to get accepted to flight school in



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.lwvmtcoin.org or message to LWV, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

France. When she returned to the US, she hoped to open her own flight school and buy her own plane. To earn the funds, she performed and spoke at churches, schools, and theaters, always refusing to speak in segregated places. Tragically, she died young while testing a young mechanic learning to fly. Having earned her fame and a reputation for standing up for her beliefs, Ida B Wells performed her funeral service.

Dorothy Height- A true League of Women Voters hero, Dorothy Height graduated from New York University- she had been accepted to Barnard, but when they realized she was an African-American she wasn't allowed to attend. - As a social worker, she joined the staff of the Harlem YWCA and helped to integrate the YWCA nationwide. She moved on to the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), working to end lynching and addressing the inequities in the criminal justice system. Under her presidency of the organization, the NCNW worked on voter registration in the South, which had been gutted from intimidation, poll taxes, and bogus literacy tests. Height regularly counseled Eleanor Roosevelt, Dwight

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Notes found scribbled on the back of an EKG printout . . .

In the immortal words of Gomer Pyle, thank you, thank you, thank you! In my wildest dreams I never imagined hearing from so many of you. There have literally been hundreds of messages - and heck, most of them were even friendly!

From e-mails to phone calls to get well cards and even a nice picture of Jesus standing behind the surgeon you guys have touched my ailing heart. I'll never be able to adequately say thanks. You have given this newspaper vagabond many smiles and even a few tears - happy ones!

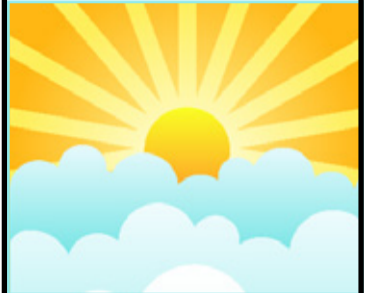
THE BIG question I get most often is how did the surgery go. Well, a funny thing happened on the way to the hospital. First,



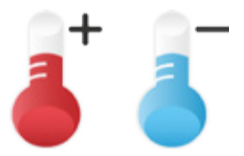
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The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:48 a.m.
SET: 6:16 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 40 °F
Low: 30 °F



Wacky Holiday Today
• Chocolate Day
• Read in the Bathtub Day
• Pizza Pie Day



What Happened On This Day

• 1964 The Beatles embark on their first tour in the United States
• 1969 The Boeing 747 flies for the first time



Births On This Day

• 1942 Carole King American singer-songwriter, pianist
• 1737 Thomas Paine English/American theorist, author

Deaths On This Day

• 1857 Dionysios Solomos Greek poet
• 1881 Fyodor Dostoyevsky Russian author

HONEST HOOSIER

Take life with a grain of salt . . . and a lemon . . . and a shot of tequila!



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Alcohol has almost twice the calories per unit weight than carbohydrates and almost as much as fat. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



OBITUARIES

Chester C Leatherman
Janice H. (Haslam) Cook
Mike Baldwin



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



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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Have you voted yet?

Readers' Choice '22 has kicked off and the most popular and largest contest in Montgomery County is already hot! The Paper's Readers' Choice contest debuted more than 15 years ago and has been copied and imitated, but no one else does it as good as the folks who originated it. Weigh in by simply going to www.thepaper24-7.com and clicking on the top Readers' Choice banner! It's that easy!

TODAY'S QUOTE

My bounty is as boundless as the sea, My love as deep; the more I give to thee, The more I have, for both are infinite.
William Shakespeare

TODAY'S JOKE

What'd Frankenstein say to his girlfriend?
Will you be my Valen-stein?

13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

4/38 MOSTLY SUNNY	30/40 NOT AS COLD	26/32 COLDER	24/43 LATE DAY RAIN CHANCE	21/24 FLURRIES, WIND CHILL IN THE ZERO	7/26 MOSTLY SUNNY	18/35 MOSTLY SUNNY
TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON

OBITUARIES

Chester C Leatherman

July 3, 1943 - Feb. 5, 2022

Chester (Chet) C Leatherman became an angel on Feb. 5, 2022 at 9:33 PM.

He was born on July 3, 1943, to Carl Leatherman and Loraine (Ball) Leatherman in Terre Haute, Ind. His parents preceded him in death.

He loved fishing, mushroom hunting, and hunting with bird dogs and above all, shopping. Yes, a man that loved to shop! He graduated from Turkey Run High School. At Turkey Run he was known for being the top football player for his school. His family and friends have had many laughs about how he pinned an ape while enjoying a street circus. He enjoyed weight-lifting competitions at The Wright Weigh.

He was the Russellville town marshal in his earlier years, he retired from RR Donnelley and Sons as a Press man after 30 years of service. He battled Alzheimer's for several years. He was a loving husband, dad and grandpa. We love you Chet with all our hearts and will miss you always. May we meet again when God calls us home.

He lived most of his adult life in Russellville, Ind. After 12 years of being together, he married his wife Shelly (Clore) Leatherman on Oct. 19, 2001. He has 4 children from a past marriage to Susan Cook; twins, Doug (Laura) Leatherman of Crawfordsville and Deborah (Tom) Carlson of South Carolina; and sons, Greg (Susie) Leatherman of Indianapolis and Brent (Jessica) Leatherman of Avon. He was a great stepdad to Rebecca (Dave) Clouse of Crawfordsville and Janese (Jesse) Stevenson of Waveland. He has several grandchildren and step-grandchildren, including great-grandchildren. He is the oldest of five siblings that include Karla (Ryszard) Panuszka, Connie (Larry) Davies, Shirley (John) Perry and Ed (Stephanie) Leatherman.

Visitation is scheduled from 1-3 p.m. at the Russellville Community Church with services immediately following the visitation. Pastor Josef Lee will be officiating the services and burial.

Mike Baldwin

June 1, 1940 - Feb. 5, 2022

Mike Baldwin of Crawfordsville passed away Saturday night at home. He was 81.

Born June 1, 1940 in Crawfordsville, he was the son of Everett Baldwin and Fannie Baldwin.

Mr. Baldwin worked several places over the years and became a custodian for Crawfordsville Community Schools for many years, retiring from there. He liked going for a drive, doing puzzles, playing Yahtzee and mushroom hunting.

He attended Crawfordsville High School. He married Virginia "Sally" Irvin on July 27, 1967. She passed away June 14, 2012.

Survivors include his son, Ronald Lee Baldwin of Phoenix, Ariz.; son, Gary (Jackie) Baldwin of Crawfordsville; daughter, Diane Baldwin of Winchester, Ind.; son, Stevie (Suzie) Baldwin of Crawfordsville; three grandchildren, A.J. of Bremerton, Wash., Dane and Reilley, both of Crawfordsville; step-grandchildren, Walter and William Campbell both of Crawfordsville; five step-children, Bill Craig, Donnie Craig, Jeff Craig, Lisa Craig Budd and John Craig, along with all of their children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ronnie and Pudge "Lawrence" Baldwin; and four sisters, Hattie Nelson, Nancy Miller, Helen Ford and Freida Woodall; and a son, Mark Allen Baldwin.

Visitation is scheduled from 10 a.m. to Noon Saturday, Feb. 12 with services starting at Noon, at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 W. Wabash Avenue, Crawfordsville. Burial will follow at Waynetown Masonic Cemetery in Waynetown.

Condolences may be made at www.BurkhartFH.com.

Janice H. (Haslam) Cook

Nov. 19, 1928 - Feb. 7, 2022

Janice H. (Haslam) Cook, 93, Crawfordsville, passed away on Monday, Feb. 7, 2022 at Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville.

She was born in Danville, Ill. on Nov. 19, 1928 to the late Frank W. and Eula (Mitchell) Haslam.

She graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1946 and attended Purdue University for one year. She married Charles R. Cook Jr on Jan. 16, 1948. She retired from RR Donnellys where she worked in the accounting department. She belonged to Faith Baptist Church. She enjoyed camping, fish fries, family get togethers, playing bid euchre with family and Bunco Club. She loved gambling trips to Las Vegas, going to the thrift shop, yard sales and working puzzles. She always had an open door for family and friends. She also loved to cook for her family and had the best ham salad, potato salad and vegetable soup.

Survivors include two daughters, Charlotte (Mike) Groves and Charlene (Dan) Burns; a son, Denny (Carol) Cook; grandchildren, Mikie Groves, Missy (Charlie) Groves, Tiffany (Terry) Reeves, Angie (Shane) Smith and Garrett (Rene) Cook; great-grandchildren, Mitchel, Josie, Ashten, Kylee, Cami, Landyn, Cooper, Sloane, Denver and Addisyn; and a brother, Richard (Linda) Haslam.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Eula Haslam; husband, Charles R. Cook Jr; grandson, Heath Burns; sister, Carolyn Hendrix, and brother, Samuel Haslam.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street in Crawfordsville on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022 from 11 a.m. until the time of funeral service at 3 p.m., with Pastor Tony Roe and Mitchel Reeves officiating. The service will be live-streamed and recorded and can be viewed on her obituary page at www.sanders-funeralcare.com. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery North. Face masks are optional. Memorial donations may be given to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian Street, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 or Montgomery County Animal Welfare League, 1104 Big Four Arch Road, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

Share memories and condolences online at www.sanders-funeralcare.com



Ivy Tech Lafayette Offers New Horticulture Class

Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette has introduced a new horticulture class. The course is currently open for registrations. The eight-week course begins March 23.

Survey of Horticulture (AGRI 116) is offered through the Agriculture Program in the School of Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering and Applied Sciences. The course provides an overview of horticulture with an emphasis on basic concepts of identifying ornamental plants, growing them, and using them within a landscape. There are no prerequisites for the class.

"The course is a good introduction to horticultural practices for all plants and especially for ornamentals," said Kraig Bowers, Program Chair of Agriculture at Ivy Tech Lafayette. "Students will learn concepts that can be immediately applied to greenhouse and outdoor plant production."

For more information, contact Bowers at kbowers12@ivytech.edu or (765) 269-5327.

About Ivy Tech
 Ivy Tech Community College is Indiana's largest public postsecondary institution and the nation's largest singly accredited

statewide community college system, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana and also serves thousands of students annually online. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering associate degree and short-term certificate programs, and trainings that align to the needs of the community. The College also offers courses and associate degree programs that seamlessly transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana, as well as out of state, for a more affordable route to

a Bachelor's degree.

Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette serves Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren and White counties from the main campus in Lafayette and sites in Crawfordsville, Monticello and Frankfort. Ivy Tech Lafayette offers associate degrees and certificates in the areas of business, health sciences, computing, technology, nursing, public services, education, applied science, engineering technology, and liberal arts.

For more information, visit IvyTech.edu.

CareSource Hosts Community Vaccination Clinics with the Indiana Immunization Coalition

CareSource, a nationally recognized nonprofit health plan, is partnering with the Indiana Immunization Coalition to host a Community Immunization Clinic. The clinics will take place on Thursday, Feb. 10 and Friday, Feb. 11 at the Chinn Community Center in Indianapolis. Participants in the clinic will be vaccinated with all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended vaccines.

"CareSource knows the importance of meeting people where they are for their health care," said Steve Smitherman, President of CareSource Indiana. "We're proud to work with strong, commu-

nity-based organizations to increase our state's vaccination rates and protect more Hoosiers."

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 About CareSource
 CareSource is a non-profit, multi-state health plan recognized as a national leader in managed care. Founded in 1989,

CareSource administers one of the nation's largest Medicaid managed care plans and offers a lifetime of access to care through health insurance, including Medicaid, Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare Advantage and dual-eligible programs. Headquartered in Dayton, Ohio, CareSource serves over 2 million members in Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. CareSource is also a partner in CareSource PASSE, which serves Arkansans with complex behavioral health and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. CareSource understands the challenges

Want TO GO?

When: Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022
 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 11, 2022
 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: Chinn Community Center, 2115 E Southport Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46227

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Baird Introduces Legislation To Prioritize Veterans' Healthcare

Congressman Jim Baird (IN-04) introduced the VA Same-Day Scheduling Act to ensure Veterans get the timely attention and treatment that they deserve when contacting the VA.

"Veterans and service members make tremendous personal sacrifices to defend our great nation, and our appreciation for their service shouldn't end when they complete active duty," said Congressman Jim Baird. "As a fellow Veteran, I know firsthand how difficult it can be to receive timely medical care and secure medical appointments. Reports that the VA is not prioritizing our Veterans' time as they should is not only unacceptable, but in serious cases, can have a profound impact on our Veterans' health. Our Veterans have sacrificed so much in service to our great nation; it's time that the service they receive at the VA better reflect this country's

gratitude."

"I'm proud to join Representative Jim Baird in introducing this vital piece of legislation to improve veterans' experiences and care with the Department of Veterans Affairs," said Congressman Salud Carbajal. "The bipartisan VA Same-Day Scheduling Act would require that veterans who make a phone call requesting care are able to schedule their appointment during that phone call. I've fought to improve VA telephone services for as long as I've been in Congress, and I will continue to champion this cause because our brave veterans deserve access to quality and timely care."

"No matter the conflict, our veterans never wasted a second jumping into the fight," Congressman Brian Mast said. "This country has a responsibility to treat veterans the same way by wasting no time in providing the care they need."



Jim Baird

"For years VA medical facilities across the country have wasted our veterans precious time. Veterans should be able to receive the care they need when they need it," said Congresswoman Miller-Meeks. "As a 24-year Army veteran and former Director of Public Health, I understand the serious medical issues facing many veterans. Our heroes sacrificed so much in service to our country; they deserve access to the care they need."

Background:
 The VA Same-Day

Scheduling Act improves veterans' experiences with the VA by prioritizing customer service. This commonsense legislation guarantees that any Veteran who makes a phone call requesting care is able to schedule their appointment during that phone call.

The VA Same-Day Scheduling Act is narrow in scope to guarantee priority for an established patient of the VA. This bill is also specific to care administered by the VA to avoid issues carrying out this task related to the community care system. The VA Same-Day Scheduling Act removes any ambiguity in scheduling VA-provided care over the telephone and provides the Department considerable flexibility by making the bill applicable 120 days after enactment, allowing ample time for appropriate adoption of this law.

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Witham Health Services Brings In The National Guard For Assistance

Due to the number of coronavirus cases, Boone County, along with all 92 Indiana counties is in the Indiana State Department of Health's red advisory zone. This has caused Witham Health

Services to set stricter visitor guidelines, reduce the number of elective surgeries and pause all in person community education and support group classes. As a result of reduced staff and an increased number of inpatients, the National Guard has been called for assistance. For the next several weeks, four soldiers from the National Guard are assisting in various areas of the hospital, including assisting in Witham's Extended Care Unit and screening at the ER and North Pavilion entrances.



Photo courtesy of Witham Health Services

Front Row: PFC Benjamin Melvin, SPC Kameron Courtney
Back Row: SPC TJ Shake, SGT Rory Sowers

About Witham
Witham Health Services has served the residents of Boone and surrounding counties for over 107 years.

Witham Health Services is a progressive, modern health care provider. We offer many of the medi-

cal services people need throughout their lifetime, right here, close to home. Whatever your health care needs may be in the future, you won't have to travel far for quality care. We have offices in Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Jamestown, Lebanon,

Thorntown, Whitestown at Anson and Zionsville.

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Witham Health Services is a county owned, nonprofit healthcare organization committed to improving health through excellence and personalized care. We also support the community through sponsorships, donations and partnerships that align with our Mission, Vision and Values

U.S. Soybean Farmers Weigh In On Vilsack's Rural Climate Initiative

Washington, D.C. Feb. 7, 2022. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced a new \$1 billion investment in partnerships that support climate-smart farming, ranching and forestry practices and that expand market opportunities for those climate-smart commodities to increase their competitive edge.

The American Soybean Association was engaged in that program announcement on Monday.

"ASA appreciates USDA's announcement of the new Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities initiative, which we hope will help soy farmers throughout the country and the agricultural value chain to address climate change," said Brad Doyle, ASA President and Arkansas soy grower. "America's soybean farmers wel-

come opportunities to grow sustainable markets for their crops, including as food, feed, biofuels, and other biobased goods, and through export programs like the Soy Sustainability Assurance Protocol. Unlocking a new climate-smart commodity marketplace is a positive next step for our industry, and we are pleased to see what innovations this pilot program delivers."

ASA commented on the early stages of the partnership program in November. As soy growers learn more about these new revenue stream opportunities, ASA reiterates that the industry has established long-term goals for sustainability, and soybean farmers work day to day through good farming practices to do their part and remain committed to the environment.

Meeting Notes

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

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I. CALL TO ORDER
II. PLEDGE OF AL-

LEGIANCE & PRAYER
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
• January 12th, 2022 - Regular meeting
• January 26th, 2022 - Special meeting
IV. PETITIONS
V. OLD BUSINESS
• Long Range Plan revision
VI. OTHER BUSI-

NESS
• Financial reporting
• Drain fund transfer requests
• 2022 OFF List
• Drain listing report
• Assessment rate reductions
VII. NEW BUSINESS
VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
IX. ADJOURNMENT

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3 Essential Valentine Tips To Show Your Pet You Really Care

Sweets for your human sweetie happen to be not so sweet for your pets.

One of the most common pet medical insurance claims around Valentine's Day is chocolate ingestion. In fact, According to Trupanion, a leader in medical insurance for cats and dogs, chocolate made up 70% of toxicity-related claims in the weeks surrounding Valentine's Day over the last five years.

No pet owner wants the

stress of a sick pet on Valentine's Day. So, here are 3 essential tips on how to make this Valentine's a sweet (and safe) day for you and your favorite four-legged friend.

1) Keep the chocolate for yourself

The number one danger for pets on Valentine's Day is chocolate - here's what you need to know from Dr. Sarah Nold, staff veterinarian at Trupanion:
"Chocolate contains a

naturally occurring stimulant called theobromine, which is similar to caffeine. If enough theobromine is ingested it can be toxic to dogs and cats."

Theobromine and caffeine—the two ingredients in chocolate that are toxic to pets— are found in greater concentrations in dark chocolate, but any kind of chocolate can be dangerous to our furry friends. Signs of chocolate poisoning in pets can include vomiting, diarrhea, increased thirst, increased

urination, panting or rapid breathing, muscle tremors, and seizures.

2) Make sure you are the only one admiring your bouquet of flowers

Valentine bouquets are sweet, but lilies and other toxic flowers can cause kidney disease in curious cats who ingest parts of the flower, or even drink the water from the vase.

Lilies are incredibly dangerous to our feline friends.

In fact, lily toxicity is one of Trupanion's most common and one of the most expensive toxicity claims, with an average claim cost of nearly \$800.

3) Share some wine with a loved one (if you imbibe), as long as it's not your pet

Alcohol and pets don't mix. Keep the wine and any other type of alcohol away from your pet. Alcohol affects the liver just as it does humans, but it can do a lot more damage and quickly.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/ REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL/STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS TOWN OF LADOGA, INDIANA

In order to assure compliance with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and related requirements regarding competitive negotiation of planning services, the Town of Ladoga is seeking Statements of Qualifications for the provision of planning technical assistance relating to a Utility Master Plan. Specifically, the Town seeks a qualified and competent consultant to study its Broadband Readiness Capability.

MASTER UTILITY SYSTEM AND FACILITIES PLANS MINIMUM TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN

The plan must include or address all of the following items and relevant content:

- Required Items:**
 - Cover Page
 - Table of Contents
 - Executive Summary (2-4 pages)
 - High-quality maps, photographs, and/or drawings that illustrate the critical elements of the plan
 - Concise narratives with minimal use of professional jargon
 - Citation of all sources used in both the footnote and the reference page
 - Plans must be in color, have page numbers, and be free from unusual formatting.
- Required Contents (Plan must be organized in this order):**
 - A. Executive Summary
 - B. General background
 - C. Broadband Planning Committee
 - D. Existing Conditions. Describe the current state of broadband availability and barriers in the target area.
 - E. Broadband Vision and Key Goals
 - F. Broadband Deployment Options
 - G. Action Items
 - H. Appendices
- Type of Contract**
The Town of Ladoga will execute a cost reimbursement type of contract for these services that is contingent on the final commitment of planning grant funding. All services will be stated on the cost reimbursement basis (hourly rate and maximum hours fixed). **The awarded contract will have a not to exceed clause that will limit the total allowable fees charged in connection with these services through close out.**

- Federal Requirements**
Prospective offerors should note the successful proposer must meet the following terms and conditions:
 - 24 CFR Part 85 .36
 - Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
 - Conflict of Interest (24 CFR Part 570).
 - Access to records.
 - Executive Order 11246 – Equal employment Opportunity
 - Executive Order 12138 – Women Business Enterprise Policy.
 - Architectural Barrier Act of 1968.
 - Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
 - Section 3 clause – Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.
 - Section 504-Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
 - Retention and Custodial Requirements (24 CFR Part 85.42).
 - Executive Order 11063
 - Affirmative Action Program / Plan.
 - Davis Bacon and Related Acts.
- The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs has a 10% MBE/WBE goal for all projects funded with Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Rate of Proposals/Qualifications
The proposal must include sufficient information regarding qualifications and determine that the engineer is qualified and experienced in water/sewer/storm water utility projects. Do not include a proposed fee with the proposal, as this is a qualification based selection process. The proposal should include the following:

- A description of expertise, experience and resources directly relevant and available for the proposed project.
- A list of similar projects previously completed.
- A list of references.
- Resumes of professional staff members that will work on this project.
- Name of person to be in charge of project.
- Description of scope of services as per Description of Services Needed
- A project time line.

The proposal shall also provide the following information: name, title, address and telephone number of individuals with authority to negotiate and bind the proposer contractually, and who may be contracted during the period of proposal evaluation.

Award of Contract
Proposal Evaluation criteria shall include:

- Specialized experience or technical expertise of the organization and its personnel in connection with the scope of services to be provided and complexity of the project. (Rank 1-10, Weight =10 points)
- Past record of performance on contracts, including quality of work, timeliness and cost control. (Rank 1-10, Weight =10 points)
- Capacity of the organization to perform the work within time limitations, taking into consideration the current planned workload of the firm. (Rank 1-10, Weight =10 points)
- Familiarity of the organization with this type of project or problems applicable to the project. Rank 1-10, Weight =10 points

*For a total of 400 points possible

Each selection committee person will have the ability to assign a multiple rating factor of 1 to 10 points for each; with 10 being the most. An example: the most points possible will be 100 points (10 X 10). The maximum points possible for the proposal evaluations are 400. The selection committee will select the top two highest scoring firms to conduct interviews given there are more than two (2) firms that respond with proposals. If only one firm responds, the selection committee will still be required to interview the firm. The firm recommendation will be made to the Ladoga Town Council based upon the scoring criterion below.

An interview evaluation process will follow in a similar manner; with regards to scoring. Each category will be weighed at 10, with each selection committee person giving a multiple rating factor of 1 to 10 points for each category. The accrued points from the initial proposal evaluation will carry over and be combined with the interview evaluation score to derive a grand total score for the firms. The most points possible in the interview section will be 500. The grand total maximum points possible are 900.

Proposal Evaluation 400 Points Possible.
Interview Evaluation 500 points Possible
Grant Total points Possible 900 Points

Interview evaluation criteria are as follows:

- Understanding of Project Requirements: (Owner may evaluate analysis, preparation and level of interest of firm) (Rank 1-10, Weight-10)
- Past record of performance on contracts, including quality of work, timeliness and cost control. (Rank 1-10, Weight-10)
- Capacity of the organization to perform the work within time limitations, taking into consideration the current planned workload of the firm. (Rank 1-10, Weight-10)
- Familiarity of the organization with this type of project or problems applicable to the project. (Rank 1-10, Weight-10)
- Responsiveness to Concerns of the Owner (Owner may evaluate abilities of the firm to form successful working relationships and communications with the owner. (Rank 1-10, Weight-10)

* For a total of 500 points possible.

If you are interested in providing the required services, please note that four (4) copies of the Statement of Qualification/Proposal of each prospective organization must be received by the Town of Ladoga, Clerk Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 187, Ladoga, Indiana 47954 no later than 11:00 a.m. local time on February 18, 2022. Each statement of Qualification/Proposal will be reviewed for completeness and clarity according to the above criteria. Interviews are expected to be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2022.

The Town may or may not negotiate the fee schedule with one or more offers. The Town reserves the right to reject any and / or all proposals. The Town is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The contract is tentatively scheduled to be awarded by the Town on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 3:00p.m. Offerors may desire additional information, a site visit or clarification regarding the Statement of Qualification / Proposal. If so please contact April Bradley between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. local time at 765-942-2531.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HEARING ON RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Montgomery County, Indiana that the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners will consider at Room 103 of the Montgomery County Courthouse, 100 East Main Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana at 8 o'clock a.m. on February 14, 2022, the re-establishment of the Cumulative Bridge Fund under the provisions of Indiana Code §8-16-3 for the following purposes: the construction, repair, maintenance and inspection of bridges in Montgomery County.
If accommodations are required to attend this meeting, please contact Auditor Jennifer Andel at 765-364-6403.
The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property in Montgomery County and will not exceed \$0.075 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The proposed tax will be levied beginning with taxes due and payable in the year 2023. Taxpayers appearing at this public hearing will have the right to be heard on this issue. The proposal to re-establish the Cumulative Bridge Fund is subject to approval by the Department of Local Government Finance.
Within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance re-establishing the Cumulative Bridge Fund by the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, Montgomery County will publish a Notice of Adoption. Upon publication of the Notice of Adoption, ten (10) or more taxpayers in the taxing district (Montgomery County) may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than 12 noon thirty (30) days after the publication of the Notice of Adoption setting forth their objections to the proposed fund.
Dated this 24th day of January, 2022.
Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, Indiana
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HEARING ON RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Montgomery County, Indiana that the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners will consider at Room 103 of the Montgomery County Courthouse, 100 East Main Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana at 8 o'clock a.m. on February 14, 2022, the re-establishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund under the provisions of Indiana Code §36-9-14.5 for the following purposes: construction, remodeling and repair of the courthouse, construction, repair, remodeling, enlargement of and equipment for a county jail or juvenile detention facility, the purchase, lease or payment of all or part of the motor vehicles for the community corrections program, purchase, construction and maintenance of public buildings and equipment therefor, acquisition of land and improvements that are necessary for construction of public buildings, for the demolition of any improvements on land to be acquired to level grade and prepare land for construction of a public building, provide funds for a cumulative drainage fund, acquire land or rights-of-way to be used for public ways or sidewalks, construction and maintenance of public ways or sidewalks, acquire land or rights-of-way for the construction of sanitary sewers or storm sewers, or both, to construct or maintain sanitary sewers or storm sewers or both, to purchase, lease or pay for all or part of a utility, to acquire, by purchase or lease, land, buildings or rights-of-way for the use of any utility that is acquired or owned by the County, to purchase or acquire land, with or without buildings, for park or recreational purposes, to purchase, lease or pay all or part of the purchase price of motor vehicles for the use or any combination of the police, community corrections program or fire department, to retire in whole or part or in part any general obligation bonds of the County, to purchase or lease equipment and other non-consumable personal property needed for any public transportation use, to purchase or lease equipment to be used to illuminate a public way or sidewalk, to purchase, lease, upgrade, maintain or repair computer hardware, computer software, wiring and computer networks, communication access systems used to connect with computer networks or electronic gateways, to pay for the services of full-time or part-time computer maintenance employees, to conduct nonrecurring in-service technology training of employees, and to purchase body armor for active members of the County police department.
If accommodations are required to attend this meeting, please contact Auditor Jennifer Andel at 765-364-6403.
The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property in Montgomery County and will not exceed \$0.0333 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The proposed tax will be levied beginning with taxes for 2022 which are due and payable in the year 2023. Taxpayers appearing at this public hearing will have the right to be heard on this issue. The proposal to re-establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund is subject to approval by the Department of Local Government Finance.
Within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance re-establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund by the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, Montgomery County will publish a Notice of Adoption. Upon publication of the Notice of Adoption, fifty (50) or more taxpayers in the taxing district (Montgomery County) may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than 12 noon thirty (30) days after the publication of the Notice of Adoption setting forth their objections to the proposed fund.
Dated this 24th day of January, 2022.
Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, Indiana
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Notice to Bidders
City of Crawfordsville Street Department— 2022 Community Crossings Paving Program
Notice is hereby given that the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana ("Owner") will receive sealed bids for the Community Crossings Paving Program, located in the City of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana.
Sealed bids are invited and may be forwarded by mail or other courier services addressed to the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana, C/O the Office of the City Clerk-Treasurer, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, until 10 A.M. (local time) on February 23, 2022. Bids received after such hour will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at the Crawfordsville Board of Public Works and Safety's meeting, February 23, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, City Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Bids will then be taken under advisement for review by the owner and architect/engineer.
The contract will consist of HMA Mill & Overlay, scarification and ADA Ramps of various streets throughout Crawfordsville, Indiana.
Requests for specifications and other project information can be made at (765) 364-5166.
Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project and the name and address of Bidder.
Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond made payable to the Owner, in a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, which check or bond will be held by the Owner as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded the contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification. A one hundred percent (100%) performance and payment bond will also be required of the successful bidder.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or to make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least sixty (60) days.
Bids shall be properly and completely executed on bid forms included in the Contract Documents. Bids shall include all information requested by Indiana Form 96 (Revised 2013) included in the Contract Documents.
Bidder shall pay prevailing wages as set forth by the State of Indiana on this project.
Scott Hesler, Street Commissioner
Crawfordsville, Indiana
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54C01-2101-MF-000034 wherein Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. was Plaintiff, and Jennifer Avalee Dozier; Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 9th day of March, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 am or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 600 Memorial Drive Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana.
Lot Numbered 44, as the same is known and designated on the recorded plat of John Hulet's Addition to the Town of Darlington, in Montgomery County, Indiana.
More commonly known as: 211 West Adams Street, Darlington, IN 47940-7117
State Parcel No.: 54-08-08-114-052.000-015
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Ryan Needham,
Sheriff of Montgomery County
Plaintiff Attorney
ATTORNEY NO. 15-21-01762
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Sugar Creek Township, Montgomery County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2021

Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2021	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2021	
Governmental	1234	Payroll Withholdings	\$0.00	\$335.52	\$0.00	\$335.52
	3	Rainy Day	\$4,104.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,104.09
	4	Township	\$54,267.00	\$23,077.40	\$16,074.10	\$61,270.30
	5	Township Assistance	\$7,340.42	\$0.00	\$1,238.33	\$6,102.09
	8604	SP FIRE TER GEN	\$0.00	\$146.95	\$0.00	\$146.95
	8692	SP FIRE TER EQU	\$0.00	\$78.05	\$0.00	\$78.05
GRAND TOTAL		\$65,711.51	\$23,637.92	\$17,312.43	\$72,037.00	

A complete abstract that contains the statement of receipts, showing their source; and a statement of expenditures, showing the combined gross payment, according to classification of expense to each person is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.

CERTIFICATION
State of Indiana
SS:
Montgomery County
I, Peggy Whitacre, Trustee of SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP, Montgomery County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me, and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.
Peggy Whitacre, Sugar Creek Township Trustee
Telephone: 765-376-7939
Date this report was to be published: February 9, 2022
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting this 31st day of January, 2022
Deborah L. Lough, SUGAR CREEK Township Board Chairman
This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 31st day of January, 2022.
Sugar Creek Township Board
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and a so sincere (NOT!) thank you to former President Obama and his wonderful healthcare plan, the surgery had to be authorized by the insurance company. In fairness, I get it. This ain't gonna be a cheap process. But it also wasn't like I was going in for a nose job. You might think bypass surgery gets some priority.

In all fairness, I should also point out that my wife and I asked for a short delay because we were in the middle of moving – but that didn't have anything to do with the insurance snafus we went through for two weeks.

After that got worked out, I got COVID. No, I am not making this up. Heck, I still don't have all my sense of smell back.

So finally, everything was set to go for Monday, Jan. 31. However, a nurse called me the night before and said that the surgeon had an emergency heart transplant come up, so my surgery was postponed.

I certainly understand the magnitude of what that meant to two different families. One got the worst news they could get while the other family, who I assume had been waiting for a miracle of their own, got great news.

My operation pales in comparison and I absolutely get that.

But let me back up 48 hours.

I went to the hospital for some pre-op testing and blood work Friday. In addition, the hospital gave me a bunch of instruc-

tions on what I could and could not do for the two days leading up to the big event. That included giving me a powerful soap (that had a sting to it) and specific instructions on scrub-rub-a-dubbing everywhere from the neck down. Heck, they even handed me a couple of brushes so that I could get under finger and toe nails – and in and around my nether regions! (Did I mention it stung?)

After getting it all done and dried off, I stood beet red and feeling a little liked a potato that had been cleaned with a wire brush before going in the oven. There was only one thing left to do. I had to apply a glob of goeey ointment on a swab stick and coat the inside of

both nostrils. To be fair, it wasn't hard – just weird and a little gross. But after 38 years of marriage, I have learned to follow instructions. So I dutifully completed that last task.

And then the nurse called . . .

Like I said, gotta smile about this.

The following week the hospital called to set things up again and, you know the rest, we got hit with snow and ice and everything shut down.

I could not make this up if I wanted to!

So now, everything is back on. They tell me we're set for Feb. 24. Well, that's the schedule. I just heard that the insurance has to give its blessing again . . .

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I HAVE purposely not mentioned names of anyone who've sent in well wishes. Most wouldn't care, but I did get one note that specifically asked me to keep their name private. It came from a politician who I have taken to task both privately and in this space more than once. However, they did not ask that I keep the message from you, so I want to share the following:

"You are wrong more often than you are right, but I hope that you come through this surgery with flying colors and you return to work soon. You write that we need more civil debate and on that note you and I agree. There is much value in your questions and I will

miss them while you are gone. Of course, as soon as you come back and commence your writings again, I will be happy to tell you how wrong you are once more."

Thanks! (I think.)

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NOT SURE WHAT this means, but I have not been watching the national news on Fox, CNN and the other usual suspects. And wouldn't you know it but my blood pressure has gone down. Coincidence? I think not.

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

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Eisenhower, and Lyndon Johnson. She also helped organize the March on Washington, and with Anna Arnold Hedgemen, persuaded the men to allow at least one female speaker.

Jane Bolin- Bolin notched at least three "firsts" in her achievements, including the first Black (and American Indian) woman to earn a law degree from Yale (1931), the first NYC assistant corporate council (1934), and the first Black female judge in the US (1939). But she didn't "fuss" about the firsts; she focused on the work. Bolin worked with Eleanor Roosevelt to reduce juvenile crime. She ensured that private child care agencies receiving public funding could not

discriminate based on race or ethnicity and ended the assignment of probation officers based on race or religion.

Ella Baker- "There would not be a SNCC without Ella Baker," reads the leading line from SNCC, the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee. Baker organized the first conference at Shaw University in Raleigh, NC. She appealed to Dr. King for the seed money to hold the conference. Though Dr. King hoped it would become a wing of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, she encouraged the students to envision their own organization. She believed in organizing people to lead themselves. SNCC adopted non-violent direct

action, and believed, like Baker, that voting is a key to freedom. She remained active in the Civil Rights Movement until she died in 1986.

Pauli Murray- Orphaned after her mother's cerebral hemorrhage and her father- a graduate of Howard University, teacher, principal in the Baltimore school system, was beaten to death by White guard in the state hospital, Anne Pauline Murray moved to North Carolina to live with her grandparents. She graduated high school at fifteen. After refusing to attend segregated colleges, she moved to New York City to attend Hunter College. While there, she befriended Langston Hughes and met W.E.B. Dubois. She wrote poetry and changed

her name to Pauli. Trying to support herself through the Depression, she applied to a graduate program at UNC-Chapel Hill, but they denied her entry due to race. While fundraising for the Workers Defense League she wrote FDR about caring more about fascism than racism. Her letter caused Eleanor Roosevelt to write back, befriending her. She ended up attending

Howard University, organized sit-ins in Washington DC, and having been denied admittance to Harvard, went to UC-Berkley School of Law. She wrote often about "Jane Crow" discrimination, catching the eye of the Methodist Church, which was seeking to help its parishes disregard local segrega-

tion laws. Murray went on to practice law, found and then leave the National Organization of Women. After years of teaching, she finally became the first African American woman to be ordained an Episcopal priest.

Of the thousands of DC and Marvel characters in the vault, a few like Groot, emerge to become beloved heroes. Millions of amazing women are not covered in these lines or textbooks. What marvels await if you crack the vault, expand your universe, and learn and share the stories of heroes that speak to you. For starters, follow a Black History Everyday post, read books by authors different from your usual, and seek the friendship of people different from you.

Honorable mentions: Octavia Butler who has been awarded Hugo and Nebula awards for science fiction. Her book Parable of the Sower is a prophetic voice to the present moment. Mae Jemison, Sister Rosetta Tharp, Mary McLeod Bethune, Claudette Colvin, Audre Lorde, Shirley Chisolm, Marsha P Johnson, and if you are a proper Hoosier, Madame C J Walker.

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