

TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 12:14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

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People who call our community their own.



Josh Gray offered one of our roving photographers a nice smile before heading off to work. Thank you for your smile, Josh!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The Portland, OR baseball team known as the Portland Pickles found itself in a fix when they returned home after an international tour, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. The giant pickle costume worn by team's mascot was missing. The good news was that the airline found the bag containing the uniform and delivered it to the team's offices after hours; the bad news is that Dillon the Pickle, as the mascot is known, was stolen by a "porch pirate." A surveillance camera caught the theft on tape, the video was posted online and the team's general manager, Ross Campbell, issued a plea: "If you hear something about a seven foot tall pickle or see one just know that we don't know where he is, again this is a very real situation that we don't want to be in, so say something, help us out, tell your friends and hopefully we can bring Dillon back home."

2 Applications are open for the Arts Project Support grant program, which is administered by The Arts Federation through the IAC's Regional Arts Partnership Program. These grants provide funding to nonprofit organizations for arts programming. Applications must be submitted through the IAC's online grant system no later than March 9, 2022.

3 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://thearts-federation.org/taptix>. Last year's event was a sold-out success. With this year's additions, we're ready for a bigger and better event!

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WEEK in REVIEW

We've made it through another week of winter and are one week closer to spring. But who's counting, right? Here's a look at what's happened in the last week.

Because of recent changes to existing law, Hoosiers with disabilities are now able to save even more under the state's INvestABLE Indiana program. Beginning January 1, 2022, the annual contribution limit for ABLE accounts increased from \$15,000 to \$16,000. This increase of over 6% will allow savers to deposit even more into their accounts and experience lower fees. The contribution limit is tied to the annual gift tax exclusion limit, which saw an increase this year.

Safety tactics, substance abuse, leadership and cybersecurity will be among the hot topics



at the state's largest safety and health event. The 2022 Indiana Safety and Health Conference & Expo, which takes place February 28 - March 2, will feature more than 70 educational sessions to keep Hoosier workers safe on the job. The three-day event is presented by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Central Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals, in partnership with INSafe Indiana and the Coalition for Construction Safety. Gibson is the lead conference sponsor.

The NFIB Small Business Optimism Index decreased slightly

in January to 97.1, down 1.8 points from December. Inflation remains a problem for small businesses as 22% of owners reported that inflation was their single most important business problem, unchanged from December when it reached the highest level since 1981. The net percent of owners raising average selling prices increased four points to a net 61% (seasonally adjusted), the highest reading since the fourth quarter of 1974.

Local residents can take

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A Round Up Of Objections To HB 1134



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

Disclosure: I try to keep my persona out of most League columns, but as an educator for the past eighteen years, I cannot.

Like most educators, I have stories of students chronically absent students who present with

clear signs of neglect and abuse-wearing the same dirty clothes, turtling into shells, telling a teacher "I'm not sure I can go on," having a parent interfere and speak in place of their high schoolers. The parents refuse services; the student complies. A team of guidance counselors, administrators, and teachers convenes and is flummoxed about how to proceed. When the administrator to whom I report brought up HB 1134 last week, each story, each student flashed before me.

"Will we be in trouble if we press the student or ask too many questions? What if the

student is being abused or neglected? Are we not going to be mandated reporters anymore?" Indiana trains education professionals on signs of suicide, neglect, sexual and physical abuse, and bullying. It mandates that we report if there is credible evidence that a student is in danger.

Nearly every educator has stories of students who needed interventions for social, emotional, and mental health and of students whose racial, sexual, gender, or socio-economic identity interfered with

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Award Winners On Display At CDPL

Hello friends! As the Oscars approach, here at CDPL we thought "Why not also honor the best of the best books from 2021 according to readers and critics?" So during the month of February, when you stop by, come to the second floor and find your next great read! Here are some high-lights of what you will find.

If you are a non-fiction fan, Broken (in the best possible way) by Jenny Lawson (070.92 Law) was the Goodreads Choice 2021 winner in the category of



Ivette de Assis-Wilson
Fresh off the Shelf

Humor. This is a special award as it's given by readers just like you and me. Lawson is not a stranger to fame, her previous books *Furiously Happy* (921 Lawson, J.) and *Let's Pretend This Never Happened* (818.6 Law) were also #1 New York Times bestsellers. In *Broken*, Lawson's storytelling takes readers along her heartbreaking and hilarious journey on mental and physical health.

Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner (921 Zauner, M.) was also a 2021 Goodreads award winner (Memoir and Autobiography). Zauner, a Korean American author and musician, discusses love and the loss of her mother as well as art and

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Hammer takes Whoopi's side?

"Timmons, are you familiar with The View?"

Seven words, albeit spoken in a voice loud as thunder, and I wondered if my heart was going to attack John Hammer and me both. My first thought was I wondered if that electric fly zapper thingamabob could double as a defibrillator?

For those new to these scribblings, John Hammer is a



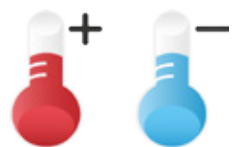
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Two Cents

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The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:39 a.m.
SET: 6:25 p.m.



High/Low
Temperatures
High: 55 °F
Low: 41 °F



Wacky Holiday Today
• Do a Grouch a Favor Day
• National Almond Day
• National Innovation Day



What Happened
On This Day

- 1959 Fidel Castro becomes Cuba's Prime Minister
- 2005 The Kyoto Protocol goes into effect



Births On This Day

- 1979 Valentino Rossi Italian motorcycle racer
- 1898 Katharine Cornell American actress, producer

Deaths On This Day

- 1932 Edgar Speyer American/English financier, philanthropist
- 2013 Tony Sheridan English singer-songwriter, guitarist

HONEST HOOSIER

What if there was no such thing as a hypothetical question?



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

When foods carry healthy labels like "low sugar," we often eat more of them and end up eating more calories.

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

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

"What good is the warmth of summer without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?"
John Steinbeck

TODAY'S JOKE

Why are weddings so emotional? Who knows, but even the cake is in tiers!

OBITUARIES

Timothy Lee Melvin Sr

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



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OBITUARIES

Timothy Lee Melvin Sr July 25, 1970 - Feb. 13, 2022

Timothy Lee Melvin Sr., 51, Alamo, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022 at Franciscan Health in Crawfordsville.

He was born in Fort Benning, Ga. on July 25, 1970 to Thomas Lee Melvin and Carolyn Sue Axsom.

He attended Crawfordsville High School and married the love of his life, Kim Shumate, on March 21, 1997. He was a carpenter, mechanic and general laborer. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working on cars, loved mushroom hunting and family get togethers. He would help anyone and never knew a stranger.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Kim; four children, Timothy Lee (Abby) Melvin Jr, Natasha J. (Anthony Wells) Melvin, Samantha Tyann (Brian Kolep) Melvin, Brett Dale Melvin and Zach Owens; five grandchildren, Trinity, Conner, Ella, Nolan and Karolyne; one brother, Michael (Tammy) Melvin; three sisters, Cyndy (J.R) Wilson of Crawfordsville, Michelle (Dave) Laflen and Nikki Melvin; his father, Thomas Lee Melvin; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Carolyn Sue Axsom; and a brother, T.G. Melvin.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St, in Crawfordsville on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022 from 11 a.m. till the time of the funeral service at 2 p.m., with Pastor Steven Lee officiating. The service will be live-streamed and recorded which can be viewed on his obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com Burial will follow at Oakland Cemetery in Elmdale. Memorial donations may be given to the funeral home to assist with funeral expenses. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home or you may donate online by clicking on the Donation Tab on his obituary. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.



INDOT West Central Hosting Job Fairs

The Indiana Department of Transportation is now hiring for multiple full-time positions, primarily for Construction project inspectors, a Testing Lab Supervisor and Technician along with others at our upcoming job fairs next week.

INDOT provides a dynamic workplace that serves Indiana citizens, improves our state's quality of life, and enhances its economic opportunity. INDOT offers a competitive total compensation package, as well as outstanding work/life balance. Whether you are an established professional in the transportation field or just starting your career, INDOT has exciting and challenging opportunities for you.

Positions are available throughout West Central Indiana including: Cloverdale, Frankfort, West Lafayette, Terre Haute and Crawfords-

ville. Interested parties are encouraged to apply online prior to attending at www.jobs.indot.in.gov and to bring their resumes to the job fair and prepare to be interviewed.

All of the job fairs will be held on Thursday, February 17 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the locations below:

- Cloverdale Subdistrict, 10 High Street, Cloverdale
 - Frankfort Subdistrict, 1675 W. S.R. 28, Frankfort
 - West Lafayette Subdistrict, 2319 U.S. 231, West Lafayette
 - Terre Haute Subdistrict, 5693 East Sony Dr, Terre Haute
 - Crawfordsville Subdistrict, 41 West 300 North, Crawfordsville
- Questions regarding the Career Fairs listed above should be directed to the Crawfordsville District Human Resources office

at 765-361-5210 or 765-361-5204.

Stay Informed

Motorists in West Central Indiana can monitor road closures, road conditions, and traffic alerts any time via:

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porting 4,500 rail miles and 117 airports across the state. Indiana once again ranked #1 in the U.S. for infrastructure in CNBC's 2019 "America's Top States for Business" ranking. Learn more about INDOT at in.gov/indot.

About the Indiana Hands-Free Law

On July 1, 2020, Governor Eric J. Holcomb signed the Indiana Hands-Free Law to reduce distracted driving across the state. Since then, drivers have been prohibited from holding a mobile device while their vehicles are in motion. With help from the Indiana State Police and other law enforcement agencies, over 5,400 citations and more than 10,500 warnings have been issued. For more information on Indiana's Hands-Free Law, visit www.HandsFreeIndiana.com.

NFIB State Director: Our Small Business Have Suffered Enough From Pandemic

NFIB, the National Federation of Independent Business here in Indiana, is urging lawmakers to pass sensible legislation that would reduce the tax burden on Hoosier small businesses who are already suffering from the continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. NFIB, which represents nearly 11,000 small business owners across the state, supports HB 1002, which is being heard by the Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee tomorrow. The legislation would help entrepreneurs across the state by reducing the cost of purchasing and operating production equipment and machinery in Indiana. The bill would also reduce the individual income tax rate from 3.23% to 3%. This would benefit all taxpayers, especially small businesses that operate as pass-through entities and pay taxes at the individual

rate. State Director Natalie Robinson is testifying in support of this bill at 9 am on Tuesday February 15th in room 431.

Here's why this bill matters to small business owners across Indiana:

In Anderson, John Raine of Raine Tactical Gear encourages legislators to let entrepreneurs make their own decisions on how to spend their own hard-earned money. Raine Tactical has been in business since 1986. John's small business was the first to produce gear with nylon and has been used in every military operation since Grenada. Their motto is to build a well-engineered product like a tank.

"What Indiana small business owners need right now is to have the flexibility to spend their income where it makes the most sense. Legislators need to understand

that their local mom and pop entrepreneurs are the backbone of their community. They should trust that we will spend our money wisely, and what we need right now is to be able to invest back in our workforce. Instead of paying the government more in taxes on equipment, we could take that money to increase our wages or hire a new employee," said John Raine. "Over time, these tax cuts will pay for themselves."

Military members returning from the front lines regularly tell John that his gear is reused and not thrown out, giving our U.S. service members the best bang for their buck.

According to a recent NFIB survey, a historic number of small businesses are struggling to increase their workforce. Half of all small business owners have reported

raising compensation, up two points from December and a 48-year record high. Open positions are at record levels. About half of small businesses say they have already raised wages to hire workers and other 27% plan to in the next 3 months.

"This legislation would provide small business owners across the state with much-needed tax relief. They're facing historic workforce shortages and the highest inflation levels in 40 years. Tax savings would free up funds to help main street better compete with big business in this tight labor market and adjust to the increased cost to do business," said Natalie Robinson, NFIB State Director in Indiana. "Indiana's business personal property tax is a levy on small business, and many have been bearing the bunt of this for years."

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 Who makes the best pizza?
 Who is the best mover?
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Girl Scouts Encouraging Volunteers, Staff To Show Love For Local School Districts

Girl Scouts of Central Indiana has launched a new initiative encouraging their large network of volunteers, board members, and staff to show their love for schools and become substitute teachers. All those interested in substituting for their local school districts will be reimbursed the cost of the Indiana Department of Education substitute teacher permit fee and if requested, any necessary background check fees.

“We love our educational partners, and we know the ongoing impact of COVID-19 continues to create stressors not

only on teachers, but on the entire education system,” said Danielle Shockey, CEO of Girl Scouts of Central Indiana. “Here at Girl Scouts, we want to lift up and share the power of our extensive network, which includes more than 10,000 volunteers and 100 staff members, whose care for youth development is evidenced by their Girl Scout volunteerism, service, and employment.”

Once they receive their substitute teacher permit, Girl Scouts are encouraging their volunteers to substitute full time

or for just a few days a month. Also, Girl Scouts of Central Indiana will release staff members from job duties for up to two days a month to be a substitute in their own school community. Girl Scouts has been working with the Indiana Department of Education to answer questions and prepare their volunteers, board members, and staff as they get ready to show their love for teachers in this very hands-on way.

“Keeping students safely learning in the classroom is a priority, as we know that in-person instruction provides the

ideal learning environment for most students. In order to do this, there are often times when schools need additional support in the form of substitute teachers,” said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. “This new initiative launched by Girl Scouts of Central Indiana is not only innovative but has the potential to improve learning outcomes for the students it will impact. I commend them for identifying a need in our state and for being an active partner in finding solutions.”

Each school district in

Indiana owns their own process for hiring substitutes, so interested volunteers, board members, and staff are encouraged to first follow directions from their local school districts then proceed through the process of securing the Indiana Department of Education substitute permit. To become a Girl Scout volunteer, visit www.girlscoutsindiana.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Thanks for reading The Paper!

PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECONSTRUCTION:
Reconstruction of Claude Moody #583 Per IC 36-9-27-52, on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 the Montgomery County Drainage Board determined that the costs, damages and expenses of the proposed reconstruction are less than the benefits accruing to the owners of lands benefited by the reconstruction. The Board adopted the reconstruction report of the county surveyor and the schedule of damages and assessments including annual assessments for periodic maintenance into its findings.
An order declaring the proposed reconstruction is established. The findings and order of the board have been filed and are available for inspection in the office of the surveyor.
Unless judicial review of the findings and order of the board is requested under IC 36-9-27-106 within twenty (20) days after publication of this notice, the findings and order are conclusive.
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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.
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NOTICE OF EXECUTION OF LEASE BETWEEN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Pursuant to action previously taken by the Montgomery County Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”), a lease between the Commission and the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority was executed and entered into on February 9, 2022 (“Lease”) and the Montgomery County Council is expected to approve the Lease by resolution on or about March 8, 2022. The Lease covers the acquisition of Nucor Road from the intersection at State Road 32, south to the intersection at Ladoga Road. The Commission will use the acquisition proceeds to fund the redemption of certain outstanding Redevelopment District Bond Anticipation Notes of 2021 and the construction of certain road, drainage and sanitary sewer improvements, in, serving or benefiting the Nucor Road Economic Development Area, located in Montgomery County, Indiana. A copy of the Lease is on file in the office of the Department of Redevelopment, 100 Main Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, and is available for inspection during normal business hours.
Dated February 15, 2022.
MONTGOMERY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
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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 28, 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 14th day of February, 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 28 February, 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 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 14th day of January, 2022.
Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, Indiana
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INCLUDE YOUR INFORMATION The Paper of Montgomery County is asking churches to send us church news by noon on Thursday. Information can be e-mailed to: churchnews@thepaper24-7.com

The following is a listing of church services and various programs that organizations around Montgomery County have sent The Paper. If you would like to have your church information included in this free listing, simply e-mail it to churchnews@thepaper24-7.com by Monday for the Wednesday Print Edition.

There may be closures due to health concerns with the COVID-19 pandemic.

FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH

If you're looking for something special to do this Christmas, Freedom Baptist Church near Waveland has you covered! On Sunday morning Dec 12 at 9:30, we will be featuring acclaimed jazz pianist Luke Gillespie in a free concert of Christmas music. Gillespie is Professor of Jazz Studies at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and has performed with David Baker, Buselli-Wallarab Jazz Orchestra, Sylvia McNair, Ann-Margret, Arturo Sandoval, and many others. Stick around for coffee and donuts following the program. Freedom Baptist Church is on SR 234 west, just minutes west of the intersection at SR 234 and SR 47. You won't want to miss this!

NEW MARKET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Church News for Saturday, January 22, 2021 from New Market Christian Church

The Sanctuary as well as the Drive-in Parking Lot are open for Worship held at 10:00 am. Tony Thomas will speak on "Learn Humbly". His text is from Philippians 4:8.

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins at 9:00 am. COFFEE & DONUT FELLOWSHIP is at 8:30 am the first Sunday of each month. The next fellowship is February 6.

The worship service and Sunday school are open to everyone. Masks are encouraged.

NEW MARKET FIRST BAPTIST

First Baptist of New Market will have their regular services this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Holy Grounds and Sunday School classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Hampton Hall, Praise team, Pauly and Nancy will lead the service in song with Pastor Todd Randles bringing the message. America for Christ offering will be taken up during the month of March with \$1,000 being the goal. Come and join us in fellowship. We are located at 206 S, First St, in New Market.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sundays: Worship (Casual Traditional/Family Friendly/Childcare) - 10:15 am, Adult Faith Learning/Sunday School - 9:15 am, Good News Cafe - 9:15 am, Wednesdays: WOW! - Mid-week Youth Program (Grades 1-12) - 4:30 - 7 pm, Faith Learning and Dinner, Rev. Darla Goodrich, We are located at: 211 S. Walnut St. Crawfordsville IN 47933 Telephone: 765-362-4812

YOUNG'S CHAPEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

If contemporary worship is not your preference, then you Might want to visit us. A small country Bible based church made up of very friendly, compassionate, loving people. A church where everyone knows everyone's name. You will be warmly welcomed here. Why not try us out? 4527 North 200 East, Crawfordsville Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 am.

WOODLAND HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Woodland Heights Christian Church
468 N Woodland Heights Drive Crawfordsville IN 47933-9689

Telephone Number: 765-362-5284

Fax Number: 765-362-6641

Lead Minister: Tim Lueking

Associate Minister: Steve Wilke

Worship Minister: Wayne Wilkinson

Youth Minister: Bryson Feese

Worship Service Times for Sunday:

Traditional service at 8:15a.m. & Contemporary service at 10:30a.m. All Sunday School classes at 9:30a.m., Children's classes for birth to 5th grade at 10:30a.m. All services will be streamed live on our live.whcc.us platform, Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter.

Redefine Your Priorities – Timothy 2:1-7

NEW MARKET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Reverend William "Bill" Pike Office: 765- 866-0703 email: bill.pike@n-umc.org. Please come join our small town church for a friendly church service using hymnals and the rituals of church that you grew up with.

101 East Main Street, P.O. Box 326, New Market, IN 47965.

Office Phone: 765-866-0703 www.newmarketumc.org

Facebook.com New Market United Methodist Church Indiana

Open Hearts–Open Minds–Open Doors Sunday School 9:30 and

Worship Service 10:45

YOUR MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

Apostolic:

Garfield Apostolic Christian Church
Rt. #5, Box 11A, Old Darlington Road
794-4958 or 362-3234
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Vernon Dowell

Gateway Apostolic (UPCI)

2208 Traction Rd
364-0574 or 362-1586
Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Moriah Apostolic Church

602 S. Mill St.
376-0906
10 a.m. Sunday, 6 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor Clarence Lee

New Life Apostolic Tabernacle

1434 Darlington Avenue
364-1628
Worship: Sunday 10 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Sunday: The Voice of Healing & Restoration on 103.9 at 9 a.m.
Tuesday prayer: 7 p.m.
Thursday Mid-week: 7 p.m.
Pastor Terry P. Gobin

One Way Pentecostal Apostolic Church

364-1421
Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School: 11 a.m.

Apostolic Pentecostal:

Cornerstone Church
1314 Danville Ave.
361-5932
Worship: 10 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study: Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Grace and Mercy Ministries

257 W. Oak Hill Rd.
765-361-1641
Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School: 11 a.m.
Co-Pastors Nathan and Peg Miller

Assembly of God:

Crosspoint Fellowship
1350 Ladoga Road
362-0602
Sunday Services: 10 a.m.
Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.

First Assembly of God Church

2070 Lebanon Rd.
362-8147 or 362-0051
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

Baptist:

Browns Valley Missionary Baptist Church
P.O. Box 507, Crawfordsville
435-3030
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church

128 E. CR 400 S
364-9428
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Calvary Crusaders Wednesdays: 6:45 p.m.
Pro-Teen Wednesdays: 7 p.m.
Pastor Randal Glenn

East Side Baptist Church

2000 Traction Rd.
362-1785
Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Prime Time
Teens, Pioneer Clubs; 6:45 p.m. :Adult Bible Study
Rev. Steve Whicker

Faith Baptist Church

5113 S. CR 200 W
866-1273
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
Pastor Tony Roy

First Baptist Church

1905 Lebanon Rd.
362-6504
Worship: 8:15 a.m.; 10:25 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
High School Youth Sunday: 5 p.m.

Freedom Baptist Church

6223 W. SR 234
(765) 435-2177

Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School is 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Pastor Tim Gillespie

Fremont St. Baptist Church

1908 E. Fremont St.
362-2998
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Pastor Dan Aldrich

Friendship Baptist Church

U.S. 136 and Indiana 55
362-2483
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Friendship Kids for Christ: 6 p.m.
Pastor Chris Hortin

Ladoga Baptist Church

751 Cherry St., Ladoga
942-2460
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Ron Gardner, Pastor

Mount Olivet Missionary Baptist

7585 East, SR 236, Roachdale
676-5891 or (317) 997-3785
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evening: 7 p.m.
Bro. Wally Beam

New Market Baptist Church

200 S. First St.
866-0083
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10 a.m.
Children's church and child care provided

Second Baptist Church

119 1/2 S. Washington St,
off of PNC Bank.
363-0875
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.

StoneWater Church

120 Plum St., Linden
339-7300
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.
Pastors: Mike Seaman and Steve Covington

Waynetown Baptist Church

Corner of Plum and Walnut Streets
234-2398
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Children's Church: 11:10 a.m.
Pastor Ron Raffignone

Christian:

Alamo Christian Church
866-7021
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Browns Valley Christian Church

9011 State Road 47 South
435-2590
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10 a.m.

Byron Christian Church

7512 East 950 North, Waveland
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10 a.m.

Waynetown Christian Union Church

SR 136, then south on CR 650.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
New phone #: 765-918-0438
New Pastor: Paul Morrison

Congregational Christian Church of Darlington

101 Academy St, P.O. Box 7
794-4716
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer: 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., Wed Bible Study 7 p.m.
Kingdom Seekers Youth Group (alternate Sundays)
Pastor Seth Stultz

Darlington Christian Church

Main and Washington streets
794-4558
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

211 S. Walnut St.
362-4812
SUNDAY: 9:22 a.m. Contemporary
Café worship
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Traditional Worship
WEDNESDAY: 5-7 a.m. Logos Youth
Dinner & Program
Pastor: Rev. Darla Goodrich

Ladoga Christian Church

124 W. Elm St.
942-2019
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m.

Love Outreach Christian Church

611 Garden St.
362-6240
Worship: 10 a.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.
Pastors Rob and Donna Joy Hughes

New Hope Chapel of Wingate

275-2304
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study: 6:30 p.m., Wed.
Youth Group: 5:30 p.m., Wed.
Homework Class: 4:30 p.m. Wed & Thurs.
Champs Youth Program: 5:30 p.m. Wed.
Adult Bible Class: 6:30 p.m. Wed.
Pastor Duane Mycroft

New Hope Christian Church

2746 US 231 South
362-0098
newhopefortoday.org
Worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

New Market Christian Church

300 S. Third St.
866-0421
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10 a.m.
Wednesday evening: Bible Study 6:15,
Youth 6:15, Choir 7:15
Pastor Gary Snowden

New Richmond Christian Church

339-4234
202 E. Washington St.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor John Kenneson

New Ross Christian Church

212 N. Main St.
723-1747
Worship: 10 a.m.
Youth Group: 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday
Minister Ivan Brown

Parkersburg Christian Church

86 E. 1150 S., Ladoga
866-1747
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Rich Fuller

Providence Christian Church

10735 E 200 S
723-1215
Worship: 10 a.m.

Waveland Christian Church

212 W. Main St.
435-2300
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Waynetown Christian Church

103 W. Walnut St.
234-2554
Worship: 10 a.m.
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

Whitesville Christian Church

3603 South Ladoga Road
Crawfordsville, IN 47933
(765) 362-3896
New Worship Service Time
9:00am 1st Service
10:30am 2nd Service
Pastor Andy Schindler
whitesvillechristianchurch.com

Woodland Heights Christian Church

468 N. Woodland Heights Dr.
362-5284
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 8:15 a.m. (traditional);
10:30 a.m. (contemporary)
Student Ministry: 5 p.m., Sunday
Pastor Tony Thomas

Young's Chapel Christian Church

Rt. 6, Crawfordsville
794-4544

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Gary Edwards

Church of Christ:

Church of Christ
419 Englewood Drive
362-7128
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Southside Church of Christ

153 E 300 South, east of US 231
765-720-2816
Sunday Bible Classes: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 5 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes: 7 p.m.
Preacher: Brad Phillips
Website: southsidechurchofchrist-diana.com

Church of God:

First Church of God
711 Curtis St.
362-3482
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Pastor Chuck Callahan

Grace Avenue Church of God

901 S. Grace Ave.
362-5687
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Pastor Duane McClure

Community:

Congregational Christian Church
402 S. Madison St., Darlington
794-4716
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Crawfordsville Community Church

Fairgrounds on Parke Ave.
Crawfordsville
794-4924
Worship: 10 a.m.
Men's prayer group, Mondays 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Ron Threlkeld

Gravelly Run Friends Church

CR 150 N, 500 E
Worship: 10 a.m.

Harvest Fellowship Church

CR 500 S
866-7739
Pastor J.D. Bowman
Worship 10 a.m.

Liberty Chapel Church

500 N CR 400 W
275-2412
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10 a.m.

Linden Community Church

321 E. South St., Linden (Hahn's)
Sunday: 9:15

Yountsville Community Church

4382 W SR 32
362-7387
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Alan Goff

Episcopal:

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal
213 North St., Crawfordsville
364-1496

St. John's Episcopal Church

212 S. Green Street
765-362-2331
Sunday Eucharist: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Christian Formation: 9:15 a.m.
Midweek Eucharist Wednesday: 12:15 p.m.

Full Gospel:

Church Alive!
1203 E. Main St.
362-4312
Worship: 10 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Enoch Ministries

922 E. South Boulevard
Worship: Sunday, 10 a.m.
Pastor: Jeff Richards

New Bethel Fellowship

406 Mill St., Crawfordsville
362-8840
Pastors Greg and Sherri Maish
Associate Pastors Dave and Brenda Deckard

Worship 10 a.m.

Victory Family Church
1133 S. Indiana 47
765-362-2477
Worship: 10 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Duane Bryant

Lutheran:

Christ Lutheran ELCA
300 W. South Blvd. - 362-6434
Holy Communion Services: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Pastor: Kelly Nelson
www.christchurchindiana.net

Holy Cross (Missouri Synod)

1414 E. Wabash Ave.
362-5599
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10:15 a.m.
Adult Bible Study: 7 p.m., Wed.
Minister: Rev. Jeffery Stone
http://www.holycross-crawfordsville.org

Phanuel Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Rd., Wallace
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Worship: 9:30 a.m.

United Methodist:

Christ's United Methodist
909 E. Main St.
362-2383
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.

Darlington United Methodist Church

Harrison St.
794-4824
Worship: 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Dirk Caldwell

First United Methodist Church

212 E. Wabash Ave.
362-4817
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Traditional Worship: 9 a.m.
The Gathering: 11:10 a.m.
Rev. Brian Campbell

Linden United Methodist Church

609 South Main St. P.O. Box 38
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
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Indianapolis Man Raises Funds To Address Lung Cancer Disparities

The systemic issues that have created lung cancer disparities for minorities makes Adam Ritter want to do more to help underserved populations. That's why he will take over 2,000 steps with his family and colleagues for the American Lung Association in Indiana's Fight For Air Climb, presented by Anthem, at Lucas Oil Stadium on Mother's Day, May 8th.

"Sadly, many systemic issues have contributed to health disparities, including for those facing lung cancer," said Ritter. "In fact, people of color who are diagnosed with lung cancer face worse outcomes compared to white Americans as they are less likely to be diagnosed early, less likely to receive surgical

treatment, and more likely to receive no treatment."

Ritter leads Team Lilly, which is one of the top fundraising teams. Team Lilly's fundraising goal is to raise over \$5,000. He is participating in his first Climb this year and is dedicating his climb to his late grandparents who both died from lung cancer.

"When I was a child and young adult, I lost both of my maternal grandparents to lung cancer," said Ritter. "Given my personal history with lung cancer, I am very passionate about finding solutions to end and cure this devastating disease."

In high school, Ritter's grandfather was diagnosed with lung cancer just before Christmas. He underwent aggressive chemotherapy



treatments which had many side effects that made his remaining months a struggle. The Ritter family were able to cherish one last Christmas together before the cancer quickly took the life of Ritter's grandfather. Just a few years later, Ritter's grandmother was diagnosed with lung cancer and passed away shortly after.

"Any amount of money

to support this cause can make an impact, so we are just focusing on people like my grandparents and how we can help them live longer, healthier lives," said Ritter.

Ritter is currently marketing director of oncology at Eli Lilly and Company, and Local Leadership Board member at the Lung Association.

Funds raised at the

Indianapolis Climb will support the Lung Association's efforts to end lung cancer and lung disease as well as contribute to the organization's COVID-19 Action Initiative, a \$25 million investment to address COVID-19.

For more information about the Climb, and to register, visit FightForAir-Climb.org/Indianapolis.

Participants' safety is always the Lung Association's number one priority so the organization is continually monitoring local COVID-19 conditions that might affect the event. Please check the Climb website for the most up-to-date information.

About the American Lung Association

The American Lung As-

sociation is the leading organization working to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through education, advocacy and research. The work of the American Lung Association is focused on four strategic imperatives: to defeat lung cancer; to champion clean air for all; to improve the quality of life for those with lung disease and their families; and to create a tobacco-free future. For more information about the American Lung Association, a holder of the coveted 4-star rating from Charity Navigator and a Gold-Level GuideStar Member, or to support the work it does, call 1-800-LUNGUSA (1-800-586-4872) or visit: Lung.org.

Senator Braun, Senator Burr Lead Senate Colleagues In Preserving Independent Contractor Classification

Senator Mike Braun and Senator Richard Burr, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, are leading an amicus brief to the National Labor Relations Board regarding The Atlanta Opera, Inc. 371 NLRB No. 45 (2021), which may upend the established precedent for classifying workers as independent contractors under the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA). They are joined by Senators John Barrasso, Cynthia Lummis, James Lankford, Ted Cruz, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Jerry Moran, Rand Paul, Bill Hagerty, Roger Marshall, and Tim Scott.

This action by the National Labor Relations Board is a thinly-veiled

attempt to institute worker classification changes contained within the Protecting the Right to Organize ("PRO") Act that Congress could not enact. In August, Senator Braun anticipated that supporters of the PRO Act would "enact the remaining portions of the PRO Act by regulatory fiat through the NLRB," which is now under Democrat control.

The Senators write: "The Amici are the 12 undersigned United States Senators that are concerned with the potential attempt by the National Labor Relation Board ("NLRB" or the "Board") to revise the definition of independent contractor under the National Labor Relations Act ("NLRA" or "Act"). Such a revision would constitute

significant overreach and circumvention of Congress. Further, the questions posed by the Board are of great importance to our constituents, as the Board's determination will have both immediate and long-term effects on millions of workers currently classified as independent contractors."

In the House of Representatives, Republican Study Committee Chairman Banks (IN-03), Rep. Rick Allen (GA-12), and Ranking Member Virginia Foxx (NC-5) are also leading an amicus brief on this case. They are joined by Madison Cawthorn (NC-11), Jeff Duncan (SC-03), Scott Perry (PA-10), Glenn Grothman (WI-06), Tim Walberg (MI-07), Elise Stefanik (NY-21),

Marinette Miller-Meeks, M.D. (IA-02), Chris Jacobs (NY-27), Michelle Steel (CA-48), Bob Good (VA-05), Scott Fitzgerald (WI-05), Byron Donalds (FL-19), Glenn 'GT' Thompson (PA-15), John Rose (TN-06), Jay Obernolte (CA-08), Ralph Norman (SC-05), Debbie Lesko (AZ-08), Dan Bishop (NC-09), Tom McClintock (CA-04), Russ Fulcher (ID-01), Burgess Owens (UT-04), Ted Budd (NC-13), Diana Harshbarger (TN-01), and Buddy Carter (GA-01).

Read the full amicus brief <https://www.braun.senate.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/Senate%20NLRB%20Amicus%20Brief%20on%20Worker%20Classification%20Standard%202.10.22.pdf>

Indiana Lawmakers To Host Annual Blood Drive

Members of the Indiana General Assembly are rolling up their sleeves to help address the blood supply crisis by hosting their 13th annual Statehouse Day Blood Drive on Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the South Atrium at the Indiana Statehouse. Dangerously low blood supply levels are posing a concerning risk to patient care and forcing doctors to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products become available.

"We are experiencing less than a day of supply of blood on the shelves, and donations are needed to help prevent further delays in vital medical

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When: Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Where: South Atrium at the Indiana Statehouse; 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis
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treatments," said Julie Brady, Regional Donor Services Executive for the American Red Cross - Indiana Region. "We thank our state legislators for hosting this annual event to ensure we continue to combat threats to the blood supply."

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US Dept. Of Labor Seeks Public Comment On Changes To Program For Employment Of Seniors

In response to the March 25, 2020, reauthorization of the Older Americans Act through the Supporting Older Americans Act of 2020, the U.S. Department of Labor today published two notices to revise its Senior Community Service Employment Program regulations to conform to the changes.

The department published a direct final rule and a proposed rule to incorporate new statutory text, define formerly incarcerated individuals and clarify the five-year period used to determine eligibility for a formerly incarcerated individual. To align with the Supporting Older Americans Act of 2020, the department's Employment and

Training Administration recommends the following changes:

- Provide an operational definition of "formerly incarcerated individuals," which includes those who were incarcerated at any point within the last five years, or those who were under supervision following a release from jail or prison during the previous

five years.

- Update regulatory definitions of "most-in-need" and "individuals with barriers to employment" to include "formerly incarcerated individuals."
- Add this category of individuals to the list of categories grantees may choose from to make eligible for an increased period of participation.

- Add a requirement that grantees identify and report on the relative distribution of formerly incarcerated individuals in the State Plan.

The proposed rule will be published concurrently with the direct final rule. The direct final rule will go into effect unless the department receives significant adverse com-

ment within 30 days of publication. If a significant adverse comment is submitted, the department will withdraw the direct final rule and treat such comment as a response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Each Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is available for public inspection in the Federal Register.



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music, and her experiments with Korean cuisine as she honors the memory of her mother.

Les Payne and Tamara Payne's book *The Dead Are Arising: The Life of Malcolm X* (921 X. M) won the Pulitzer Prize for Biography or Autobiography as well as the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work in 2021. Not to forget, this book also won the National Book Award for Nonfiction in 2020 amongst many other honors. The biography, based

on hundreds of hours of interviews started in the 1990s, rewrites much of the known narrative on the life of Malcolm X. Interviews include all living siblings, classmates, friends, cellmates, and many others who had actually known this central figure to the African American freedom struggle.

For fiction lovers, *The Last Thing He Told Me: A Novel by Laura Dave* (FIC Dav) won the Goodreads Award for Best Mystery & Thriller.

The story follows the disappearance of Owen Michaels who leaves a two-word note to his wife before vanishing: "Protect her." Hannah understands that the note refers to her 16-year-old stepdaughter Bailey. In trying to solve the mystery of Michael's disappearance, Hannah and Bailey stumble into his mysterious past, and their unknown future as a family.

Next is a title that explores that weird gray area between friendship and true love. *People We*

Meet on Vacation by Emily Henry (FIC Hen) was the winner of Goodreads Choice Awards for Best Romance. It follows the lives of best friends Poppy and Alex who, despite their differences and intricacies, every year take a one-week vacation together: "a glorious, uncomplicated, summer holiday." But something happened during their last vacation and the relationship becomes complicated. Will they ever travel together again?

Finally, *No One Is*

Talking About This by Patricia Lockwood (FIC Gya) is a title that will have you pondering about life and human connections. The novel was a finalist for the 2021 Booker Prize and was one of the New York Times' 10 best books of 2021. The story revolves around a woman who is famous for her viral social media presence. As she travels around the world speaking to her fans, she feels overwhelmed by the internet – or "the portal" – as she calls it. As

real-life collides with the portal, the woman starts to confront the complexities of a universe full of contradictions.

These insightful reads and many more can be found at CDPL on display on the second floor at the Reference & Local History Department. Come visit us and leave with a new story to enlighten and entertain you. Hope to see you soon!

Ivette de Assis-Wilson is the Head of Reference and Local History at CDPL

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mountain of a man. February, with all its red, is a good month for him because that's exactly the color of his neck and the red (white and blue) all-American blood coursing through his veins. He loves this country and has a hard time with those who don't. Every so often he comes by to share what's on his mind – and somehow, despite his size, manages to sneak in unnoticed and scares the living bejeezus out of me. "Yeah, John. I know the show. It's a panel of women who"

"They're idiots," Hammer interrupted.

"Well, idiots is a pretty

strong term, John. I think"

"That's not the point though, Timmons. Did you hear that one of them got suspended because she made an idiotic comment about the Holocaust?"

"I did, John," I answered. "That was Whooopi Goldberg. In fact, I think she just came back and"

"She never should have been suspended, Timmons."

Whoa. I didn't see that one coming. I'm sure Goldberg and Hammer are about as far apart politically as anyone could be. Hammer defending her? What's the world

coming to?

"Does anyone understand free speech," he asked. "Is everything in this country about canceling other people these days?"

Not sure what I was more surprised about – Hammer standing up for a woman he can't tolerate politically or the fact that he knows what cancel culture is.

"Look, what she said was racist and pig-headed," he continued. "She's as two-faced as anyone can be . . . but so what? That's the problem in this country. Not only can no one disagree anymore, but some folks just go

out of their way to make sure you believe what they believe. And heaven help you if you don't.

That Goldberg woman is like that, so if it wasn't so damn scary it'd be kind of funny it got turned around on her. But it's not. It's just scary and wrong."

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"I mean free speech, Timmons. Aren't you listening? The founders of this country thought that freedom of speech was so important they made it part of the very first amendment they wrote. And do you know what free speech is, Timmons?"

I wasn't sure if that was rhetorical, so I decided the wise move was listening.

"It's easy to let people say whatever they want when you agree with them. But free speech means letting the folks you disagree with have their say. We've somehow forgot that these days. There's so much hate and rage out there. Too many folks are choosing sides. Their side is right and everyone else is wrong. And they run their mouths and close their ears – and that's a recipe for disaster."

The man called the Hammer paused. "Tim-

mons, we're turning into lefts and rights and there's not much middle ground any more. We need to talk, but more than that, we need to listen with an open mind and an open heart. The answers aren't that hard. But ain't nobody going to find them if they never listen."

With that he turned and left. I hope he knew he got me to listen.

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 timmons@thepaper24-7.com.

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their learning. For this reason, teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators have expressed extreme alarm at the HB 1134 "Education Matters" bill. The bill passed out of the state House, going to the Senate, in spite of being similar to SB 167, a bill that died after its author Sen. Scott Baldwin said that even with Nazi-ism and fascism, "We need to be purveyors of reason. We just provide the facts. The kids formulate their own viewpoints."

Most educators aim for more than just having students regurgitate facts. Learning begins with literacy, then curiosity and questions. Students need to how to learn, how to ask "relevant and appropriate and substantial questions," as media critic and educator Neil Postman writes. They need to learn critical thinking, which is discerning which questions to ask, which data and evidence are relevant to finding an answer, and how to synthesize those while building healthy relationships and soft skills like trust, honesty,

dependability, determination, respect, dignity, and resilience.

Here's the bugaboo with HB 1134. While teachers prepare students to thrive as adults in a country with all classes, all genders, races, religions, and abilities, bills like this make the very mandate of schools suspect. Don't teach learning. Teach only what the consensus of parents find least objectionable. HB 1134 hyper-regulates all materials and presentations used in public and charter schools, mandating that committees of parents and educators review and publish online precise bibliographies, presentations, texts, video, et cetera. While some people are riled up, perhaps too few know that the state standards which teachers abide by are published for the public. These standards were carefully put together by Indiana parents, teachers, and professional educators. They review these (and recommended reading lists, job standards, and social-emotional training) regularly. Furthermore, teachers value

positive relationships with parents, communities and students. Such relationships ensure the success of learning. Nearly every teacher works to accommodate students, parents, and their community as well as meet the standards, even when there is tension in outlying situations.

At present, Americans are deeply divided about what is fact and truth, so how will these committees compromise or come to consensus? What will their guiding principles be? The bill's authors leave that undefined.

The politicians demand only that the work be done if the bill passes. And, no, they have not set aside funding to pay the teachers and parents. More bricks, less straw in the same amount of time, akin to what the Egyptians demanded of the Israelites. Teaching, re-teaching, creating curiosity, and motivating students will be confined to what is posted or can be posted within days. Principals will have five days to respond to any complaints. Superintendents have ten. School boards will get

only thirty. Corporations face lawsuits. Teachers may lose their licenses.

Other objections around the state raise questions about school discipline. The bill states that "any individual should [not] feel discomfort, guilt, anger, anguish, responsibility or any other form of psychological distress on account of the individual's sex, race, ethnicity, et cetera." One lawmaker asked what would happen if a student used a racial slur. On one occasion in my own seventh-grade classroom, a student used a slur for Chinese people, which he didn't know was offensive. He'd overheard it. Teachers often make this "teachable moment." Usually one on one, they explain how this creates discomfort, anger, anguish, even psychological distress" for others. What ought a teacher do when a parent's rejoinder is, "You created discomfort, distress, and anguish in my child?" What takes precedence?

Another concern regards how to apply the "opt-out" clause. Schools must provide alternate materials for students

if the parents object.

Every day, teachers have students attempt to opt-out of writing, algebra, homework, and state testing. They tell teachers "I don't write." "I'm not good at math." "I am too anxious to test." Far too often, parents side with their students, saying they've never used algebra, their kids just don't write, they don't need to learn the theory of evolution. What happens when they opt out of science, history, and literature because they refuse to believe in it? What happens if it means students would miss out on the critical standards? Learning creates some healthy disequilibrium. It stretches and challenges. The changes can feel uncomfortable, but since none of us knows where our students will go in the future, we prepare a strong, broad foundation.

It's hard not to ask what the future of this bill will be if passed. We have a more diverse country than ever, and that trend isn't reversing. What are the implications for legally interpreting "discomfort, anger, and

anguish" when banned narratives and omitted historical events are the ones relevant to the next generation? What happens when a lawyer finds an interpretation that turns the language of the bill inside out? Can a family pursue complaints and lawsuits when schools exclude accurate history, relevant narratives, and needful science and that creates its own version of anguish, anger, and psychological distress? Have the politicians run this legislation through a stress test or asked if this bill does more than assuage the tyranny of the urgent? This column asks a lot of questions that politicians who may vote for it need to answer before voting "yay."

*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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advantage of free dental services and free massage sessions on the Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette campus during the Spring semester. The services help students in the Dental Assisting and Therapeutic Massage programs learn real world skills they can use in their careers following graduation.

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs today announced 20 rural Indiana communities will be awarded over \$12.2 million in federal grant funding to create and expand community facilities and improve water infrastructure. "The grants provided to these communities will support necessary projects that may not have been possible without the help of this funding," Crouch said. "By improving water infrastructure and

public facilities, communities are improving public health and safety for their residents."

The Biden-Harris administration announced state-by-state funding that will soon be available to build out a national electric vehicle charging network, thanks to President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This announcement marks an important step towards making electric vehicle charging accessible to all Americans and creating thousands of jobs for electrical workers.

During the height of the pandemic, records were broken as millions of Americans filed claims for unemployment benefits. As demand soared, the U.S. Department of Labor provided instructions to states to administer payments under several programs authorized

by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. As guidance evolved, states paid benefits – in some cases – to individuals who were not entitled to receive them, although the individuals were not at fault. The department issued an Unemployment Insurance Program Letter to states to address overpayments under the CARES Act's Unemployment Compensation Programs when the claimant is not at fault. The updated Unemployment Insurance Program Letter augments guidance the department issued on May 5, 2021.

The U.S. Department of Labor today announced publication of a Request for Information seeking public comment on what actions, if any, the department should take under federal law to protect retirement savings and pensions from risks

associated with changes in climate. The RFI follows President Biden's Executive Order on Climate-Related Financial Risk which directs the department to identify actions it can take under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986, and other relevant laws, to safeguard the life savings and pensions of U.S. workers and families from the threats of climate-related financial risk. Together, ERISA and FERSA provide oversight to more than \$13 trillion in assets.

Attorney General Todd Rokita asked a federal district court to stop President Joe Biden from running roughshod over Hoosiers' rights via unlawful executive actions. This time, the case in point is a Biden order that – in defiance of congress-

sional authority — raises the minimum wage to \$15 for federal contractors.

The Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter is announcing plans to host the 2022 Indianapolis Walk to End Alzheimer's® on Oct. 1 at IUPUI's Michael A. Carroll Stadium in downtown Indianapolis. The event will once again be held in partnership with Indy Eleven, Indiana's professional soccer team. "Last year's partnership with Indy Eleven was a great success," said Natalie Sutton, executive director, Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter. "The venue provided an excellent experience for our participants, and we met our goal of raising \$800,000 – making us the #14 Walk to End Alzheimer's event out of more than 600 nationwide. We are so excited to see what this year brings."

American Senior Communities is pleased to announce a new partnership with MyndVR, the leading provider of virtual reality solutions for older adults in the United States, ASC is bringing MyndVR's virtual reality (VR) program to our residents. MyndVR's immersive VR platform allows seniors to engage in an array of fields including learning, travel, art, music and nature. MyndVR debuted the innovative technology recently at Allisonville Meadows Assisted Living in Fishers, Indiana. ASC plans to expand this service to additional Senior Living locations. This immersive technology allowing residents to experience a variety of scenarios, including visiting foreign cities, interacting with animals, joining a Broadway musical on stage, and even sky diving.