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➤ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

➤ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Bion Ruggle proudly displayed the sesquicentennial T-shirt denoting New Market's 150 years just after the service at New Market United Methodist Church.

➤ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Changing a tire on your car in one-minute-17-seconds is a challenging feat in itself but Gianluca Folco did it while his pal, Manuel Zoldan, was driving their car, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Sounds like it would be impossible. Not for these daredevils. Zoldan simply drove up a ramp and flipped their BMW onto two wheels while Folco, hanging out of the car, changed a tire. The Guinness Book of World Records recognized their achievement, noting that it took the previous record holders a relatively slow minute and a half to change their tire.

2 You can help introduce youth who attend the Indiana State Fair to the joy of fishing by volunteering at the Indiana DNR's Fishin' Pond, which is located beside the Natural Resources Building on the fairgrounds in Indianapolis. The Fishin' Pond is open July 29, which is the fair's opening day, as well as all Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays that follow through Aug. 21. Two separate volunteer shifts are available on each of those days, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. ET. You can register for one or more shifts

3 It's severe weather season, and according to a new report, Americans are not prepared. A recent survey found that 82% of Americans don't own a weather radio, and many turn to Google when they want to find out about weather events in their region. In Indiana the most commonly searched severe weather question is: "what is a winter weather advisory?" Questions about tornadoes were most common nationwide and 1 in 4 Americans don't know the difference between a tornado watch and a warning. The other most common severe weather questions nationwide include "when is hurricane season?" and "what causes earthquakes?"

CEL&P Announces Allison Huenemann As The New General Manager

The Utility Service Board of Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power (CEL&P) announced the selection of Allison Huenemann as CEL&P's new General Manager. Huenemann will assume the role starting on January 9, 2023 following the retirement of General Manager Phillip Goode.

Huenemann is a Certified Public Accountant and previously served as a Manager at Baker Tilly where she provided outsourced financial services to CEL&P for 6 years. Currently, Huenemann is CEL&P's Controller overseeing the Utility's financials. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Finance from Franklin College.

"I am looking forward to continuing my work with the team at CEL&P to uphold our standards for providing reliable electric service to our customers," commented Huenemann. "I am confident that my background in municipal accounting coupled with the wealth of industry knowledge from our staff will keep the Utility moving in the right direction."

"I am pleased with the Board's decision to appoint Allison as my replacement," com-



Allison Huenemann

mented Goode. "She is smart, professional, credentialed, and highly motivated. Allison has worked for CEL&P for 7 years and has done an incredible job. I will work closely with Allison over the next 6 months to allow for a smooth transition to her leadership, for both CEL&P employees and rate payers. This is a great day for the future of the Utility. I have total confidence in her abilities."

"It gives me much pleasure to announce the promotion of Allison Huenemann to General Manager of Crawfordsville

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Promoting Conservation Practices

Every person in the world needs and wants clean water. Most of us think of this as a universal human right: without water every living creature dies. Here in Indiana, safe urban and rural drinking water have been the norm—with some notable exceptions. Yet especially after WWII, when using chemicals in manufacturing, in industry, on lawns,



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and for row crop farming have become common practices, protecting our water resources has become key. As a culture we've had to be nimble to address this. Given the challenges—and we consumers cause much of the problem—, we've been remarkably successful at keeping water safe. In fact, according to local

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They Are The Definition Of Cute



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

We often go over the things in this space that seem wrong with the world, well, at least in one man's opinion. This week, please allow me to share a little bit about what's right.

Not too long ago, I had the distinct pleasure of watching two of our grandpups play in their first T-ball game.

Let me 'fess up to start with. I'm about as biased as biased can be on this. Not only do I love my grandpups, but there is no sport in the world quite like



Photo courtesy of Tim Timmons

Sully – arm raised – and Sebastian weren't celebrating the game, but rather a snack.

baseball. Poems have been written about the greenest of green grasses that make up the field, about the brilliant blue skies

overhead, the satisfying pop of ball into leather glove and the

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The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:37 a.m.
SET: 9:02 p.m.



High/Low
Temperatures
High: 84 °F
Low: 72 °F



Wacky Holiday Today
• Bagpipe Appreciation Day
• National Chicken Finger Day



What Happened On This Day
• 1890 Vincent Van Gogh shoots himself
• 1940 Bugs Bunny's official debut
• 2012 Queen Elizabeth II officially opens the 2012 Summer Olympics in London



Births On This Day
• 1969 Triple H American wrestler, actor
• 1975 Alex Rodriguez American baseball player

Deaths On This Day
• 1946 Gertrude Stein American poet, art collector
• 2003 Bob Hope English/American actor, singer, producer

➤ HONEST HOOSIER

On this date in 1896, celebrated CHS alum Maurine Dallas Watkins was born. This noted woman went on to become a top-notch journalist and even wrote the play Chicago – which you might recall as a movie with Catherine Zeta Jones, Renee Zellweger and Richard Gere



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➤ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Want To Go?

The Darlington Town Festival is July 29 5-10 p.m. and July 30 7 a.m. – 10 p.m. at Darlington Park 208 E. Adams St. There will be vendor sales, food, things to do for the kids, good music, fireworks and more! Things to remember: bring your lawn chairs and blankets to get your spot for the band and fireworks. Golf cart must be parked in the parking lot and no pets allowed on the park grounds.

➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope."
Maya Angelou

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

Hey Thaddeus, where did the sheep go on summer vacation?
Gee Grandpa, I don't know, where?
The Baa-hamas!

➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

When you buy a plastic water bottle, make sure it's labeled "BPA-free." 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.



The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank Sue Melvin for subscribing!



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Big Music Opportunities In July For CHS Graduate

Full time singer songwriter, and former resident, Abbie Thomas, now of Goshen, Ind. is near the tail end of a resume building July. Thomas is a graduate of Crawfordsville High School, and was a scheduled performer at the Strawberry Festival, but her performance was canceled due to inclement weather.

Thomas went full time with her music career in June of 2021, with the release of her selffunded (and all original) debut album, "Who I Am". This project also included the release of 3 music videos. Those releases plus her new self-produced EP, "Dirty Little Things", in combination with some behind-the-scenes hustle, is starting to pay off.

On average, she normally plays live music 2-3 times per week, but her July tour schedule includes 17 live dates. These performances are a mix of her regular winery and restaurant gigs, with a handful of big opportunities.

July 21 was a chance to



Abbie Thomas

highlight her songwriting ability at Three Oaks, Michigan's Acorn Theater. Thomas earned a spot as one of six finalists in the tenth annual Singer Songwriter Competition, with her song "Lucky Penny". In a combination of judge and audience vote, she placed second to California's Dr. Kray Van Kirk. On the same evening, her Hollywood Music in Media (HMMA) nominated

music video, "Fireflies", was featured in Chicago's Blue Whiskey Independent Film Festival.

The final stretch of her July tour may be her biggest chances to move her career to the next level. Today, she'll be opening for The Voice 2021 winners, 'Girl Named Tom', in Anderson, Indiana at the Paramount Theater. (She is also scheduled for a second opening act date for 'Girl Named Tom' at

Wabash, Indiana's Honeywell Center on August 20.) She then hits the road with her full band (made up of musicians from Northern Indiana) to Miami, Oklahoma for the Route 66 Heritage Festival. She'll be opening for Laine Hardy, winner of American Idol in 2019. The Route 66 Fest in 2021 had 35,000 in attendance for the Saturday night concerts.

Thomas and her band hit the stage Saturday, July 30 at 7:00pm. "The last year has been filled with nothing but songwriting, rehearsals, gigging, studio sessions, video shoots, and many long nights. My husband and I keep saying that we just need one right person to hear me play, and these performances are exactly what we're looking for to get heard. Fingers crossed", commented Thomas.

You can listen to Thomas' original music on iTunes, Spotify and YouTube. Her full tour schedule is located on her website, www.abbiethomasmusic.com.

Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Board Of Commissioners Meeting

Monday, July 25, 2022 8 a.m.
 Consent Agenda Approved

Approval of Claims: July 11, 2022 to July 25, 2022
 Accounts Payable: \$2,367,882.07
 Payroll 7/15 Claims: \$400,608.46
 Approve Minutes: July 11, 2022
 Affirming Broom Rental Contract - Highway Department \$4,200 per/month

The Highway Department's broom, purchased in 1990, has malfunctioned. The broom is vital for chip & sealing, paving, and other needs. The rental contract is \$4200 per month from Southeastern Equipment. The plan is to rent it for 5 months.

USI Constitution Row Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation Authorization to Proceed - \$7,000 Fee

USI will develop contract documents necessary to bid for the rehabilitation of portions of the concrete on Constitution Row.

USI 2022-2 CCMG Application & Contract Documentation Preparation Authorization to

Proceed - \$14,000
 USI will assist in submitting the application for a State grant to pave 6 road segments.

New Business
 Open Bids for Deck Replacement Project for Bridges 29, 205, 207
 Opened bids from Milestone and H.I.S. Milestone's bid was \$1,051,165 and H.I.S.'s bid was \$880,800. The bids will be reviewed by the engineering consultant.

Approve INDOT Agreement for Mace Drainage Project

Approved agreement with INDOT for the Mace Drainage Project. INDOT's portion is \$692,800 and will be paid to the County after the County has paid the contractor. *All upon Council approval of an additional appropriations request to be presented on 8-9-22*

The County's portion of the project is funded by a State SWIF Grant of \$466,000 and an ARP Grant of \$343,200.

Ordinances
 Introduction Ordinance 2022-24 Amendment to Speed Ordinance Introduced.

The Highway Department is recommending that Old Waynetown Rd should have a speed limit of 30 miles per hour.

Ivy Tech To Offer Courses In Early Childhood Education

Montgomery County residents interested in a career in early childhood education can begin earning a certificate or associate of applied science degree from Ivy Tech Community College Crawfordsville. Beginning this fall, two classes will be offered as the first step in becoming an early childhood educator.

The college will offer ECED 100 Introduction to Early Childhood Education, and IVYT 111 Student Success which is a college success course. Students will take IVY 111 for eight weeks, followed by ECED 100 for the next eight weeks. Classes will meet once a week every Tuesday evening. The Fall semester begins August 22.

Ivy Tech offers a pathway that allows students to earn certificates along the way to earning a full degree. In the early childhood education program, the first step is a Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate that requires six classes and 18 credits. The next step is a Technical Certificate (CDA plus four classes/12 credits). Students can continue towards an associate of applied



science degree in Early Childhood Education (Technical Certificate plus 10 classes/30 credits).

To apply to Ivy Tech, go to ivytech.edu/apply. An advisor is available at the Ivy Tech Crawfordsville campus on Wednesdays by appointment. Call (765) 269-5682 or email aclark505@ivytech.edu to make an appointment.

Ivy Tech's early childhood education program focuses on childhood development and growth as well as adult-child relationships. It emphasizes appropriate environments and care for children as well as the physical, emotional, social, and cognitive areas of early childhood development. Childhood education courses are instructed in a variety of settings such as traditional classrooms, online classes, on-campus labs, and field experiences.

This program has been created in conjunction

with the Montgomery County Community Foundation to increase the number of trained childcare providers in the community and support the current providers who want to increase their education. The TEACH scholarship is also available to help fund tuition and textbook costs.

The ECED program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). NAEYC standards focus on providing high-quality educational and developmental experiences for children, birth through 8 years old.

About Ivy Tech Community College
 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 degrees, short-term certificate programs, industry certifications, and training that aligns to the needs of the community. The College provides seamless 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 advanced manufacturing, business, health sciences, information technology, nursing, social services, education, public affairs, engineering technology, supply chain, and liberal arts.

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Duke Energy Foundation Awards More Than \$175,000 In Microgrants

The Duke Energy Foundation is awarding more than \$175,000 in microgrants to support 47 local emergency management agencies across the company's Indiana service territory. The funding is designed to help public safety agencies increase their resiliency to severe weather events and other emergencies through advanced preparation, planning, equipment and training. Each organization will receive up to \$10,000 in funding.

"At Duke Energy, we put safety first in everything we do - and we're committed to helping our local emergency management agencies prepare to respond in any type of emergency situation," said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana. "We know that successful emergency preparedness and recovery begins and ends at the local level. We appreciate our collaborative relationships with these key organizations in the communities we serve, particularly when storms bring power lines down or an emergency occurs."

The grants will help fund search and rescue K-9s, the installation of tornado sirens, search and rescue programs for "at-risk" individuals, volunteer training, and various emergen-



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cy preparedness and response programs.

During major emergencies and natural disasters, local emergency management agencies play a critical role in providing information, resources and support that Duke Energy relies on to speed power restoration for its customers.

"Hamilton County has a long history of working in partnership with Duke Energy before, during and after major storm events," said Shane Booker, executive director of Hamilton County Emergency Management. "This grant from the Duke Energy Foundation will help support our team as we continue to evolve and adapt our level of emergency preparedness to better

serve our community and our employees."

Grants were awarded to emergency management agencies in the following counties:

- Montgomery County - \$5,000
- Monroe County - \$5,000
- Orange County - \$5,000
- Lawrence County - \$5,000
- Brown County - \$5,000
- Putnam County - \$5,000
- Vigo County - \$5,000
- Vermillion County - \$5,000
- Owen County - \$5,000
- Clark County - \$2,500
- Crawford County - \$2,500
- Floyd County - \$2,500
- Jefferson County - \$2,500
- Harrison County - \$2,500
- Switzerland County - \$2,500

- Washington County - \$2,500
- Scott County - \$2,500
- Knox County - \$3,000
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- Martin County - \$2,000
- Greene County - \$2,000
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- Posey County - \$2,000
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- Tippecanoe County - \$5,000
- Clinton County - \$5,000
- Carroll County - \$5,000
- Huntington County - \$5,000
- Cass County - \$2,500
- Howard County - \$5,000
- Wabash County - \$5,000
- Fulton County - \$2,500
- Hamilton County - \$10,000

- Madison County - \$3,000
- Henry County - \$5,000
- Wayne County - \$2,000
- Shelby County - \$5,000
- Hendricks County - \$5,000
- Johnson County - \$6,341
- City of Plainfield - \$3,000
- Bartholomew County - \$3,200

- Decatur County - \$2,800
- Jackson County - \$2,800
- Rush County - \$2,800
- Union County - \$2,800
- Jennings County - \$2,800

Duke Energy Indiana, a subsidiary of Duke Energy, provides about 6,300 megawatts of owned electric capacity to approximately 870,000 customers in a 23,000-square-mile service area, making it Indiana's largest electric supplier.

The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic support to meet the needs of communities where Duke Energy customers live and work. The Foundation contributes more than \$2 million annually in charitable gifts to Indiana and is funded by Duke Energy shareholder dollars. More information about the Foundation and its Powerful Communities program can be found at duke-energy.com/foundation

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water authorities, we currently have cleaner and healthier water here than at anytime in the last 100-150 years. We can affirm this by recalling the progress made in identifying the pollutants in Sugar Creek and then working to clean them up during the last 50 years. When we see a sign today that says “No Swimming” where there has been swimming in the past, we might come to the wrong conclusion. Such a sign likely speaks more to contemporary vigilance rather than current practices. Right now we are testing [water] more than anytime in history. Keeping all our waters clean is an ongoing challenge and requires ongoing work, of course. Most readers are familiar with the volunteer work of Friends of Sugar Creek. Professional government programs provide the strong backbone to keep our soil and water safe. It is their mission.

Fortunately for rural America, far-sighted people saw that soil and water would need widespread protection back in the 1930s. What looked like

good farming and water use practices out West led to the Dust Bowl. In 1935, after “dirt clouds” actually reached Washington, DC, Congress acted. President Roosevelt signed the Soil Conservation Act into law in 1935. (It was updated in 1977 and 2011.) The law was designed “to provide for the protection of land resources against soil erosion and for other purposes.” Water management and conservation are central to these efforts. To create a conduit for federal soil and water conservation funds, Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) were formed across the nation.

Because of this nearly 90-year old legislation, we have tools for addressing problems here in Montgomery County in 2022. We are fortunate to have an active SWCD. Maybe you saw Megan demonstrating “soil pizza” at a recent festival or perhaps you saw Kristen showcase our county’s ag leadership at the SWCD annual meeting. Maybe you noticed there will be an urban garden tour in a few days. Perhaps you paddled down Sugar Creek on the

Farmer Friendly Float Trip. Have you been on a Weed Wrangle yet? These are all SWCD projects in action.

If you farm in Montgomery County, you likely know Marc Roberts. Marc is the Secretary for the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (IASWCD) and he farms near Mace. As he sees it, his main job is to stay in touch with farmers employing conservation practices in Montgomery County and parts of the other three counties he serves. The scope of SWCD work is wide and deep. To understand a piece of it, let’s hone in on Clean Water Indiana (CWI), a state program whose mission is enshrined in its name.

Our county’s SWCD has been a powerful CWI advocate and activist. The funds in Clean Water Indiana are supplied by a small fraction of Indiana cigarette tax money and a line item in the state budget. Each county is given a stipend of \$10,000 and granting opportunities provide additional resources. In recent years, MoCo has been a successful competitor in

three grant cycles. SWCD program coordinator Megan Sweeney arrived in the county last fall and has wasted no time in building invaluable bridges to help people who live in town, especially, understand their role in conserving soil and water. Under her leadership, Montgomery County Community Growers has formed. The Community Growers sponsor the westside Garden Tour on July 30.

CWI also works closely with other state and federal conservation programs including one that promotes taking land out of production for long periods; other partner programs promote land and river health and provide resources and education to engage citizens in promoting urban soil health. Do you know what a soil slump test is or just how important deep rooting systems are in cover crops and why? It might be time to learn.

As he looks back over his 15 years of professional soil and conservation work, Marc Roberts notes that real changes have come, some of them pre-dating his time

as supervisor. Many more farmers today, for instance, try cover crops than they did a decade ago. Cover cropping reduces soil loss. No-till, which also reduces soil loss, has been increasing over the last 30 years. When soil loss is reduced, the land has a much better chance to retain water through the seasons.

According to Roberts, ongoing scientific work at improving fertilizers and herbicides as well as the technology employed to use them “at the right rate at the right time and in the right place” has led farmers to be more savvy soil and water conservation practitioners. For instance, Round-Up Ready bean seed, developed in the mid-90s, has dramatically reduced farmers’ need to till.

Looking at the water part of the picture, Roberts is quick to say, “Our #1 priority here in Montgomery County is Sugar Creek. It cuts our county in two and is highly visible to all. It’s a destination for boating, fishing, tourism, crinoid seekers, and more. Virtually all other ditches and creeks in the county drain

into Sugar Creek and then into the Wabash.”

Because of this, we must manage livestock carefully and safely; ag runoff must be reduced; and, urban residents need to monitor their use of water and chemicals. Soil health should be everyone’s priority. Whether it’s by employing no-till, or planting cover crops, or a backyard vegetable or pollinator garden, it all matters. As Kristen Latzke, our SWCD conservation director, notes, “Sometimes there is a little disconnect between those who live in town and those who live in the country but everyone impacts conservation. You can play a positive or negative role [in conserving our soil and water] no matter where you live.”

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.lwvmtncoin.org; or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.

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Electric Light & Power,” commented Don Swearingen, President of the Utility Service Board.

“The Utility Service Board faced a difficult task in finding a replacement for Phil. With over 40 years of service to the Utility and community, he has done it all and successfully conquered every challenge he met. We found the solution in promoting Allison, an individual who is a vital part of the team and who

can see important decisions through. She is looking forward to the many challenges CEL&P faces, from the expansion of our transmission capabilities, to better serving our customers, and to moving the Utility to more renewable energy in the years ahead. There are exciting times ahead for the electric utility industry & the USB is excited to have Allison in place to lead us.”

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crisp crack of the wooden bat when it connects perfectly with a pitch.

This game had none of that. Well, OK, the grass was green and the sky blue. But that was about it.

Didn’t matter. I’m pretty sure if you looked up the definition of cute in your Funk & Wagnall, these kids would be there. For example, when the game ended the coaches tried to line up these 4- and 5-year-olds so they could shake hands or high five the other team. Yeah, right. These little guys

and gals had no clue. Half of them put their left hand up in the air, palm outward and then walked by as the other team passed on their right.

If you’re a baseball purist, you might not recognize the field. There are dots chalked into the infield and outfield. The dots represent zones, and when the team takes the field, each kid stands on a dot . . . sometimes even after the ball is hit. At other times, they might run to that same dot instead of first base after they hit the ball.

Innings did not consist

of outs – thank goodness or otherwise we might still be there. Rather, every kid got to bat, and run the bases . . . sort of. When the ball was whacked off the tee, it was anyone’s guess if six kids were going to dive for it, completely ignore it or, in a couple of instances, the batter fielded the ball and gave back to the coach.

For a little while, there wasn’t inflation or gas prices or Democrats or Republicans. Just a bunch of little boys and girls of all sizes, shapes and colors, getting along, playing

a game that dates back to the 1800s. They weren’t staring at a screen – grass or butterflies maybe, but not screens. They were laughing, yawning, interested, distracted and all the things pre-schoolers do over the course of an hour. For a little while, just a little while, all was right with the world.

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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Hearing Loss Makes Your BRAIN WORK HARDER

If you're struggling to hear, you don't just miss a few sounds here or there. New research shows that adults with hearing loss experience a 40% faster decline in cognitive abilities. This suggests that the entire brain may be struggling to fill in the gaps caused by untreated hearing loss.

Beltone Hearing Care Practitioners point to new research. "Several studies have done imaging to look at the brains of people with varying degrees of hearing loss," Beltone says.

With normal hearing, the section of the brain that's responsible for hearing lights up during imaging. But the scans reveal a different picture for a person with untreated hearing loss. Researchers found that the hearing center of the brain shrinks in age-related hearing loss. Therefore, other areas of the brain necessary for memory and thinking must take over to help compensate. That's why people with hearing loss are more fatigued at the end of the day. Your brain is having to work harder if you have untreated hearing loss.

"We want to keep you as healthy as we possibly can. And with hearing aids, you're not only taking care of your hearing and your relationships, but we have the potential, because of the auditory stimulation, to provide benefit for your brain health."

The symptoms may be obvious when you're struggling to hear your grandchild or trying hard to follow a conversation in a crowded place, but many people do not realize that even when you're home alone or in a quiet environment, your brain is still having to work harder than it should to compensate for your hearing loss.

Thankfully, research is showing that when hearing loss is detected early and treated with hearing aids, the brain can reorganize itself back to its usual operation. This research may help explain the link between hearing loss, cognitive decline and memory loss.



Beltone Hearing Care Practitioner

Beltone Hearing Care Practitioners say "We want to keep you as healthy as we possibly can. With hearing aids, you're not only taking care of your hearing and your relationships, but we have the potential, because of the auditory stimulation, to provide benefit for your brain health. Hearing loss is not just about your ears. A lot of people tell us that they 'get by just fine', but we remind them that they need to think beyond communication and instead think in terms of overall health."



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BUILD A RELATIONSHIP with a Hearing Care Specialist you can trust



If you've had a hearing exam before, you can expect a very different experience when you walk into Beltone. The Specialists readily admit that their goal is to help treat hearing loss, not to sell you a hearing aid.

"Often people walk in and their guard is up," say Beltone. "We get it. They say, 'I don't want to be sold to'. I say, 'Great! You're in a great spot!' We're health professionals, working in your best interest."

While many folks shop for the lowest price for hearing aids, it is highly recommended to shop for the best healthcare professional that you feel comfortable with to ensure your satisfaction and success.

"Think of your hearing in terms of the whole package. If you needed knee surgery, would you shop for the cheapest implant or the most qualified and experienced surgeon to provide the best product, outcome and follow-up care?"

You will be satisfied not when you pay the lowest price but when you get the best overall value for your investment, which is why at Beltone we are professional hearing care specialists that offer the most advanced hearing technology and service.

We pull from over 80 years of hearing healthcare experience and expertise to truly customize options to each individual budget and lifestyle.

Instead of focusing solely on price, We suggest you meet with a hearing care specialist who can not only determine if you have hearing loss and suggest a course of treatment, but work with you every step of the way to improve your quality of life.

"We come at hearing in terms of overall health. We want to build a relationship with you throughout your life. We understand the emotional and financial investment involved, which is why our goal is to keep you hearing your best for as long as we possibly can," Beltone says.

Beltone will provide an honest and clear path for your hearing loss. At Beltone we stand behind everything we do. If you're unhappy with the devices, we don't want you to leave them in the drawer. We set people up for success so they have a positive experience. We know it's an investment, and that's why we're going to take care of you.

TIME TO TAKE YOUR HEARING HEALTH SERIOUSLY

Hearing may be the most underappreciated of the five senses. If you can't see well, of course, you'll visit a licensed eye doctor to get glasses or contacts to correct your vision. But, in this day and age, people are still hesitant to see a hearing care specialist, professionals that are highly trained to treat hearing loss.

"The reasons are endless," says Beltone. "Many of us don't think we're old enough to need hearing aids, or we worry they'll make us look older. Some of us don't think our hearing loss is bad enough to need help, or we're worried about the cost."

The fact is that even a mild hearing loss may be affecting your brain function, your sense of

balance and your relationships with family and friends.

"Hearing loss is hard on relationships."

You may think the simple solution is to just turn the TV louder or ask your kids or grandkids to speak up, but even a mild hearing loss can affect you in countless ways. If your hearing is at all impaired, your brain has to work harder, trying to make out words and sounds. A hearing loss can make it harder to interact in social situations, to spend time with family, or to be productive at work. Research has linked untreated hearing loss with cognitive decline, dementia and an increased risk of falls.

THE SOLUTION: Resolve to schedule a free hearing exam. It's quick, easy, and will provide you with the information you need to move forward in life.



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