

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

**➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Christy Dermot was all smiles at the Farmers' Market in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville recently. Michael Dermot struck a more serious pose for one of our roving photographers.

**➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Looking for a part-time job that does not involve the words: Would You Like Fries With That? The Paper of Montgomery County offers jobs that include pagination and page design, basic clerical and even some photography and writing. We're looking for bright and eager people to join our winning team! This could be the perfect job for part-time students all the way up to Baby Boomers looking for something to do. Let us know you are interested by sending an e-mail with your resume and a note telling us what you love about newspapers to jobs@thepaper24-7.com.

**2** It was an "embarrassing" moment for golf pro Mark Hubbard on the 11th hole of the PGA Tour's Rocket Mortgage Classic at the Detroit Golf Club, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Hubbard teed off, let go of his club and covered his eyes sure that he had dubbed it, as they say. But, instead, the ball sailed through the air, landed on the green, bounced a few times and then rolled right into the cup, giving him his ninth hole in one.

**3** On Saturday, from 1 - 3 p.m., the Indiana State Library will present "The Mystery of the Darlington Bible," a free program that will focus on a 14th century medieval Bible held in the State Library's collections. The lecture will investigate the origin of the book - including production techniques - as well as the manuscript's movement from medieval Spain to Indiana. In particular, the manuscript's rich decorative program and beautiful illuminations will be examined in the larger context of medieval Bibles. Those with an interest in book history, Bible history and the Middle Ages will be most welcome. The Bible will also be on display during and after the program. Presenters include David T. Gura, curator of ancient and medieval manuscripts at the Hesburgh Library at the University of Notre Dame and concurrent associate professor at the university's Medieval Institute; Seth Irwin, conservator at the Indiana State Library; and Marcia Caudell, supervisor of the Reference and Government Services division at the Indiana State Library. Registration is not necessary to attend. The Indiana State Library is located at 315 W. Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis. The presentation will take place in the library's History Reference Room.

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### Amtrak Ribbon Cutting



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(From left) Crawfordsville Main Street Program Manager Sue Lucas, Amtrak Government Affairs Manager Ismael Cuevas, Wabash College Assistant Professor of Education Helen Hudson, who was responsible for much of the maintenance at the Amtrak station, Mayor Todd Barton and Crawfordsville City Councilman Jeff Lucas cut the ribbon at the newly renovated Amtrak station just off of downtown Crawfordsville on N. Green Street. The project cost an estimated \$2.6 million dollars and includes an extended 300-foot platform, new passenger shelter, energy efficient LED lighting and enhanced, ADA-compliant parking.

### Himes Saga - #1 - Dan And His Son John



**KAREN ZACH**  
Around The County

Next saga: the Daniel Himes family! Although this family was not original land owners, they were still Montgomery Countians early on with most remaining here, others spreading elsewhere. Daniel Himes

was born in Roanoke County, Virginia (near Bonsack's Station) 24 May 1795 possibly the son of Abraham and Elizabeth Himes. Dan married there 30 Oct 1817 to Mary Sarah (Polly) Wrightsman (born in Botetourt 15 July 1796), daughter of John W. and Mary Christina Coulter Wrightsman. Neither sets of parents came our way!  
Bonsack Station was on a trading path and went back to 1740, the path going from Lynchburg VA to Big Lick, VA. A very large number of German Baptists went there after the Revolutionary War. Oddly, it was not named Bonsack until 1852 after that family donated land for a depot (Virginia and Tennessee

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### New County Offices Now Open to Public

By Joe LaRue  
joe@thetimes24-7.com

On Tuesday evening, the Montgomery County Commissioners, members of the Montgomery County Council and county employees joined members of the public to celebrate the ribbon cutting at the new Montgomery County Government Center on US 231. The ceremony coincided with an open house for the public to see art donated to the Government Center by local families and artists.  
Montgomery County Administrator Tom Klein spoke about the value of the new offices, saying, "From the commission-

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### Montgomery County United Way Golf Outing

It won't be long before the summer draws to a close and some of the great fall events get rolling.  
One such event is the annual golf scramble for the Montgomery County United Way. From back in the days when it was a United Fund to its new identity with the United Way, the golf outing has brought businesses and individuals alike out to the golf course.  
This year will be no excep-

tion. The event is scheduled for Sept. 9 at Rocky Ridge Golf Club. It kicks off with breakfast at 8 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9. As play wraps up, the campaign kick-off luncheon will take place at noon.  
There is plenty of room still for golfers to sign up, as well as sponsors. York Automotive is the title sponsor. However, there is still room for two Kick-off sponsors, six hospitality sponsors, contest sponsor and hole

sponsors. Contact United Way's Montgomery County Director Gina Haile 362-5484 or chair Michele Hunley at 505-8132.  
Golfers get green fees and cart, a continental breakfast, lunch, and opportunities to compete in several contests. Individual golfers are \$100 and of course there are opportunities to purchase mulligans. Registration can be done on line at www.uwmontgomery.org or by contacting Haile.

### The Daily Almanac



**Sunrise/Sunset:**  
RISE: 6:55 a.m.  
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**High/Low Temperatures:**  
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**Today is...:**  
• Ingersoll Day  
• Annual Medical Checkup Day



**What Happened On This Day:**  
• 1999 Last total Solar Eclipse of the Millennium  
• 1992 Mall of America opens its doors to shoppers



**Births On This Day:**  
• 1950 Steve Wozniak American computer scientist, programmer, co-founded Apple Inc.  
• 1953 Hulk Hogan American wrestler, actor

**Deaths On This Day:**  
• 1919 Andrew Carnegie Scottish/American businessman, founded the Carnegie Steel Company  
• 1956 Jackson Pollock American painter

**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

Want to catch a falling star and put it in your pocket? OK, maybe not. But the Old Faithful of meteor showers hits its peak tonight and tomorrow. The moon might be a bit bright though.



**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Make a grocery list and only buy what's on it.  
Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



**➔ OBITUARIES**

**Donald Eugene Tuel**

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**➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE For Your Information**

Athen Arts first feature artist show has been rescheduled for August 12 at 6 - 8 p.m. This will be the first show in the new location at 216 E Main Street in Crawfordsville. There you'll see "Splashing Colors" by member artist Carol Biard.

**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Life is like a sewer . . . what you get out of it depends on what you put into it."  
Tom Lehrer

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

The computer beat me at chess the other day. I turned around and beat it in kickboxing. The way I see it, we're even.

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## OBITUARIES

### Donald (Don, Donnie) Eugene Tuel

Feb. 8, 1959 - Aug. 6, 2022

Donald (Don, Donnie) Eugene Tuel, 63 of Crawfordsville Ind., passed away in his sleep Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022.

He was born Feb. 8, 1959 in Sullivan Indiana to Barbara Husky and Kermit Tuel.

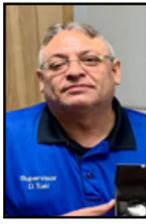
He graduated from Jo Burns High School in Cedar Hill, Tenn. He became an Indiana State Certified Paramedic in 1988 in Columbus. He was a Paramedic Instructor in Sullivan and the Crawfordsville area. He was employed by Star Ambulance Service for 22 years. He was known to many in the Crawfordsville and surrounding area EMS, fire, and police community and will be missed by many in his family of first responders. He was known for his quick wit and sense of humor.

Survivors include his children Amanda (Jamie) Brown and Aaron (Loriann) Tuel; five grandchildren, Tristan Brown, Aidan Melton, Bentley Tuel, Kolton Tuel and Aubriella Tuel; his father, Kermit Tuel; brothers, Ronald Tuel(Pam) and Rodney Tuel (Kelly) of Oblong; and sisters Tanya Tuel and Tammie McKinney (Ron) of Flora, Ill. He was a beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his pup, Tayla.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Barbara Tuel.

Services are scheduled at New Hope Christian Church, 2746 US-231 on Thursday Aug. 11, 2022 in Crawfordsville, Ind. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. with a service to follow.

Memorial donations can be made to the American Lung Association or the American Heart Association. Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.huntandson.com](http://www.huntandson.com)



## Watching Baby Boomer Television

I don't sleep as much as I used to. Why?

I watch television well past ten p.m. And after my mid-evening nap (about one hour), I can cruise show choices into the wee hours.

I told my younger neighbor that when I had a child, I couldn't watch late TV because - at midnight - the stations "signed off." He looked at me like I'd jumped out of a history book.

"What do you mean signed off?" he asked.

I explained that "An announcer's voice would come on. He would say, 'We now conclude today's broadcasting.' "After that, we'd



**RIX QUINN**  
Guest Column

see film of a flag waving while the national anthem played. Then the screen displayed a test pattern."

My neighbor stared at me vacantly. In a kindly-older-person way, I told him that a

test pattern was a series of lines and concentric circles that helped viewers adjust the horizontal, vertical, and fine-tuning knobs on the front of a television set.

"You had knobs on a TV?" he asked. I explained that in the late 20th century, a viewer adjusted knobs to enhance the picture. There was the on-off switch, plus additional knobs that controlled brightness and color intensity. Station choices were from channels two through 13.

"Wow," he said, "you didn't have many selections. And what if you wanted to stream a movie, or record some-

thing to watch later, or show a DVD?"

I explained that those options weren't available. Back in the really old days BBC (Before Basic Cable), viewers received real-time broadcasts from giant towers that sent signals to an antenna on top of their roofs.

"But some people didn't have antenna, so they relied on rabbit ears on top of the television."

My neighbor had one more question. "How do you convince a rabbit to sit on a TV?"

*Got a story idea for Rix? E-mail him at [rix@rixquinn.com](mailto:rix@rixquinn.com)*

## Witham Health Services Provides Scholarships

The Witham Health Services Volunteer Organization is pleased to provide three \$1,000.00 scholarships to Boone County High School Seniors pursuing continuing education in a health related program. The Volunteer Organization awards the medical scholarships annually to provide support and encouragement to the recipients as they begin their college education.

This year's scholarship recipients are: Ryan Shepherd, Allison Sims and Ella Taylor. Ryan is studying exercise science at Indiana Wesleyan University of Indianapolis, Allison is studying child life studies at Ball State University and Ella is studying biology - pre medical track at Indiana University, Bloomington.



Photo courtesy of Witham Health Services

**Pictured from left to right: Cindy Luper, Witham Volunteer Organization Scholarship Committee, MaryPat Shepherd, Witham Volunteer Organization President, Ryan Shepherd, Allison Sims, Ella Taylor, Amy Mitchell, Director of Volunteers, Pastoral Care and Retail Sales, and Denise Long, Witham Volunteer Organization Vice President.**

Witham Health Services' Volunteer Organization is proud to support the students of Boone County with these scholarships. Scholarship applications and additional information about

applying are available at the school guidance counselor's office.

**About Witham**  
Witham Health Services is proud to be part of the growth and vitality throughout Boone Coun-

ty and the surrounding communities. Our mission is to improve your health through excellence and personalized care. Every day, our experienced and compassionate staff, combined with our state-of-the-art technology, bring exceptional health resources to patients and their families - all close to home.

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At Witham Health Services, we feel called to care for our neighbors; supporting them to live healthy, active lives and helping them heal in times of injury and illness. To learn more about our mission, our values and vision, visit [www.witham.org](http://www.witham.org)

## Meeting Notes

### Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting

The City of Crawfordsville Indiana

Aug. 10, 2022 at 10 a.m.

City Building 300 E Pike Street, Crawfordsville

I. Approval of the minutes from Aug. 3, 2022.

II. Approval of the claims for the week of Aug. 8, 2022

III. Old Business

A. Discussion of the bid received for the 2022 Community Crossings Paving Program

B. Discussion of the bid received for the Fire Apparatus - Triple Combination Pumper

IV. New Business

A. Elaine Chase, Athens Art Gallery, requesting to close the parking lot behind the Canine Plaza on Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

B. A request from Macy Simmons to close Pike Street at Pike Place on Sept. 3 from 2 - 9 p.m.

C. Paul Barajas requesting to close Green Street from Pike to Main from 2 - 11 on Aug. 20 for Groovin on Green

D. Homestead Tree Experts requesting a lane closure on Wabash (110 E. Wabash) beginning Monday to place a crane

E. Marc Bonwell requesting to block the parking spaces on Main Street in front of the Court House to place a lift

F. Discussion of an agreement with Price Excavating for the culvert replacement project

G. Approval of a resolution to Transfer from Fund to Fund

H. Barry Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer, with multiple work order requests

· 304 Wayne Ave, owned by Roberta Brock  
 · Empty lot north of 604 Illinois St, owned by John Hocking & Janet Mason  
 · 1215 Danville Ave, owned by David & Anna Miller

V. Miscellaneous

VI. Department Heads  
 VII. Adjournment

## U.S. Attorney's Office Recovers Over \$5.5 Million In Civil False Claims Settlement With American Senior Communities

American Senior Communities, L.L.C. (ASC), a provider of skilled nursing and long-term care services throughout Indiana, has agreed to pay \$5,591,044.66 to resolve allegations that it violated the False Claims Act by submitting false claims to the Medicare program.

In 2017, a former employee of a hospice services company doing business with ASC filed a sealed civil complaint or "whistleblower" lawsuit under the False Claims Act in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. The complaint alleged that ASC had engaged in conduct to defraud the Medicare program. Specifically, the complaint alleged that ASC was charging Medicare directly for various

therapy services provided to beneficiaries who had been placed on hospice, when those services should have already been covered by the beneficiaries' Medicare hospice coverage.

The False Claims Act provides that when a whistleblower files a lawsuit alleging fraud that results in a recovery of funds by the Government they are entitled to between 15 and 25% of the recovery. This whistleblower provision of the law encourages people to come forward when they believe fraud is being committed. Under the False Claims Act, the Government may collect up to three times the loss it incurred, plus a fine of between approximately \$5,500 to \$22,000 for each false bill submitted.

Based on the investigation, the estimated loss to the Medicare program was \$2,795,522.33 and ASC has agreed to pay \$5,591,044.66 to the

United States.

The resolutions obtained in this matter were the result of a coordinated effort between the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana, the Department of Health and Human Services - Office of the Inspector General, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"Whistleblowers are critical to protecting public funds from fraud, waste, and abuse," said U.S. Attorney Zachary A. Myers. "Health care providers who submit false claims or otherwise violate state and federal regulations when billing the United States Government will face consequences."

Today's settlement demonstrates that federal law enforcement agencies will vigorously investigate reports of false claims and seek to recover funds on behalf of the public."

"Health care providers that submit inappropriate

claims to Medicare to boost their own profits compromise the integrity of this important federal health care program," said Special Agent in Charge Mario M. Pinto of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General. "We will continue to work tirelessly, alongside our law enforcement partners, to ensure the appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and hold those who violate the law accountable."

U.S. Attorney Myers thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Shelese Woods and Justin Olson who handled the case for the United States.

The claims resolved by this settlement are allegations only and there has been no determination of liability. In agreeing to the settlement terms, ASC denied all liability under the False Claims Act. In investigating the case, HHS-OIG did not uncover any evidence of injury or harm to patients because of the alleged conduct.

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# Indiana Governor Calls Special Election To Replace U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski

By Casey Smith  
Indiana's governor on Tuesday formally called a special election to fill the congressional seat made vacant after U.S. Representative Jackie Walorski, R-2nd, was killed last week in a car crash.

The special election to complete Walorski's unexpired term will be held concurrently with the general election on Nov. 8, according to Gov. Eric Holcomb's executive order. Her position for the current term must be filled under U.S. and Indiana law because the vacancy occurred more than 74 days before the general election.

Republican leaders in the 2nd Congressional District, which includes South Bend and Elkhart, will additionally have to select a nominee to replace Walorski on the general election ballot. She was seeking another term in the heavily Republican district, beginning January 2023.

The congresswoman earned the Republican nomination in May and was slated to defend her congressional seat against Democratic challenger Paul Steury in November.

Who gets to vote for Walorski's interim replacement and for her successor will vary, however. That's because



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**A black ribbon adorns the nameplate of the late Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN) at her office in the Cannon House Office Building on August 4, 2022 in Washington, DC. Walorski, 58, and two staff members were killed in a car crash in Elkhart County, Indiana.**

some Hoosiers saw their 2022 congressional districts change during Republican-led redistricting.

Some voters in the 2nd Congressional District — as it's currently drawn — will only be eligible to vote in the special election. Other voters drawn into the district under the new maps can only vote in the November election.

**Two state GOP caucuses to select nominees**

Both the Republican and Democratic parties will first caucus to decide who to nominate for the special election.

Indiana Republicans will also caucus to select the candidate to fill Walorski's spot on the ballot in the general election on Nov. 8.

Indiana GOP Chairman Kyle Hupfer on Tuesday officially called two caucuses of eligible precinct committee members to separately fill ballot vacancies for the both the special and general elections. They're scheduled to meet Aug. 20 in Mishawaka.

"We are still in shock by the tragic passing of Rep. Jackie Walorski and not eager to talk about the next steps," Hupfer said in a statement. "Unfortunately, Indiana Code requires us to move much faster than any of us would like."

While the Indiana Republican Party would generally have 30 days to fill a ballot vacancy, Indiana Code requires a certificate of nomination be submitted to the Indiana



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ana Election Division no later than noon, 74-days before the date of the election, meaning noon, Aug. 26.

Democrats nominated Steury for November's general election at the May 2022 primary. The Libertarian Party's candidate for the general election was also appointed following the Libertarian Party state convention.

This means the Democratic and Libertarian parties do not need to take any further action to nominate candidates for the "new" congressional district in the general election. The deadlines for an Independent or other minor party candidate to file for November's general election have already passed.

It's likely that the same candidate will win both elections. But in the event that two different candidates win the special and midterm elections, the winner of the special election would serve until the end of Walorski's unexpired term, on Jan 3, 2023. Then, the winner of the

midterm election would take office that same day, at the start of the next term.

**Who gets to vote**

The congresswoman's northern Indiana district remained solidly Republican after redistricting.

Voters in Elkhart, Fulton, Marshall, Miami, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Starke and Wabash counties will have both the special election and general election for the 2nd Congressional District on their ballot.

These voters will have two decisions to make: who should serve out the remainder of Walorski's term, and who should serve the following term.

But some voters in Cass County, LaPorte and Kosciusko counties will not have both the special election and general election questions for the 2nd Congressional District on the November ballot. Prior to redistricting, portions of those counties were contained within other congressional districts, making voters there ineligible to participate in the special election.

Only the candidates for the new term of office will appear on the November ballot for voters in other areas of the three counties that are now located in the 2nd Congressional District.

Walorski, a South Bend native, was 58 when she died. She served in the U.S. House of Representatives starting in 2013, and before that spent five years in the Indiana House. She would have been seeking a sixth term this fall.

A special election was previously held in 2010 for Indiana's 3rd Congressional District, which includes Fort Wayne, to fill former Republican Rep. Mark Souder's vacant seat. Souder withdrew his reelection bid shortly following the May 2010 primary after admitting to an affair with a female staffer. A special election was called by then-Gov. Mitch Daniels to be held the same time as the November midterm election, which he said was more less costly for counties and more convenient for voters.

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## Fourth Of July Spreads Didn't Shrink, But Consumers Are Hitting Their Limits With Higher Food Prices

For most Americans, higher prices at the grocery store did not impact their Fourth of July cookout, but more consumers are looking for sales and switching to generics, according to the Consumer Food Insights Report.

The survey-based report out of Purdue University's Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability assesses food security and spending, consumer satisfaction and values, support of agricultural and food policies and trust in information sources.

Compared to five months ago, more Americans are making changes in response to higher food prices. The largest share of consumers, 28%, now reports seeking out more sales and discounts, and more people are switching to generic, using coupons, cutting out nonessentials and shopping at cheaper stores.

"Shopping discounts and generics is a clear sign of budget consciousness among consumers," said Jayson Lusk, the head and Distinguished Professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue who leads the center. "After increasing for several months in the first half of the year, food expenditures are now remaining relatively

consistent. This indicates consumers have become more concerned with finding ways to keep their grocery bills from rising any higher."

Purdue experts conducted and evaluated the survey, which included 1,200 consumers across the U.S.

Additional key results include:

- 16% of all households are food insecure.
- Weekly food spending rose by 3% from June to \$191 per week.
- More consumers are looking for sales, switching to generics, compared to five months ago.
- Food insecurity in 2022 is highest among those without any college education.
- A Sustainable Food Purchasing (SFP) Index of 69/100.

In addition to the monthly survey, the team analyzed how responses differed across education levels. The team studied survey data from January to July, and the results showed differences in several areas, including food insecurity, importance of nutrition to purchases, satisfaction with one's diet and behaviors related to sustainability.

The importance of nutrition in food purchasing increases as consumers complete more years of college. The

most educated consumers also report being most satisfied with their diets, the results showed. In addition, gardening, vegetarianism and recycling are most popular among those with a graduate degree.

"As education has a correlation with average income, this finding underscores the vulnerability of people who are financially struggling," Lusk said. "Even small amounts of inflation can significantly impact this group's food security. Fortunately, the U.S. has programs in place like SNAP and WIC that can ramp up in times of need and be quickly expanded, but policymakers should also be thinking about long-term solutions."

The survey results also showed differences in food beliefs across education levels. Graduate degree holders are the only group where the majority agrees that genetically modified food is safe to eat or, in other words, just as safe as conventional breeding practices, said Sam Polzin, a food and agriculture survey scientist for the center and co-author of the report.

"This is the only group with a majority in agreement with what the science shows," Polzin said. "We see similar results when it comes to

food and climate change. To me, these differences in beliefs based on educational attainment mean that as science communicators, we need to do a better job reaching consumers without a four-year college degree. Although it is hard to draw a straight line between belief and behavior, one will be less inclined to change their behaviors if they don't believe their food choice has an impact. This is supported by results showing the sustainable food purchasing indicators also increase with education level."

The Sustainable Food Purchasing Index offers insight into how sustainability and health relate to consumer behaviors. It is a self-reported assessment of how consumer shopping habits correspond with healthy diets from sustainable food systems.

Lusk further discusses the report in his blog.

The Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability is part of Purdue's Next Moves in agriculture and food systems and uses innovative data analysis shared through user-friendly platforms to improve the food system. In addition to the Consumer Food Insights Report, the center offers a portfolio of online dashboards.

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## KAREN

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Bonsack until 1852 after that family donated land for a depot (Virginia and Tennessee Railroad) and before that time was "Stoner's Store," (Wikipedia) and since Stoners from Botetourt County came to the area where the Himes came in MoCo, seems logical that Stoner's Store was actually where Daniel was born.

Parents of nine children (John, David, Susanna, Daniel, William, Jacob, Mary Ann, Abraham and Sarah Elizabeth), the first five were born in Botetourt County while the others were born in Ross County, Ohio where Dan, Mary and family moved in 1826.

An interesting tidbit in regards to the family's move to Ohio was that they had two dogs with them but while crossing the Ohio River, one of the pooches decided he wasn't going, jumped off the ferry, turned around and swam back to Virginia. Love it!

At Ross County, they built a nice log cabin and remained for 19 years while Daniel and some of the older sons farmed near Hillsboro. Some of the sons also worked for an iron forge, and others at a distillery. (Family Histories of Montgomery County, Indiana).

Ready to roam again, aiming for an even better life, Daniel Sr. and son Dan walked to the Ladoga area in the Fall of 1845 where many families from Botetourt County had settled, including some of their own family members, William Gish and his wife, Julia, whom the Himes' came to visit and who helped them get settled but the Gish family shortly moved on to Jefferson County, Kansas.

The Himes remained here and leased some property from Samuel Britts, cleared the land and built a cabin where they stayed many years. Britts even furnished the two Dams a team and Beniah Hostetter accompanied the men back to Ohio to get the family. Although in Clark Township (about a mile north of Ladoga) area where they did business, and the children completed their growing-up years and had children of their own, the early property was actually in Scott Township. Dan (thanks to K&M on FindAGrave) and Polly are buried at Harshbarger Cemetery (24 May 1795-17 Feb 1879) and May (15 July 1796 - 19 Oct 1866).

I nixed four other Sagas as I didn't like the way they were developing, and almost nixed the Himes' as well, but I think I may have figured out just what happened to their oldest son, John. He is listed in the 1850 MoCo census as age 35, making him born in 1815 or so. The Family Histories (p 196) states he was born in 1818 (family bible gives Sept 17th) died in 1894, having gone back to Ohio to spend the rest of his life. There was no proof to him



returning to Ohio, just a statement, and to the contrary, I have found some good proof (hoping this'll prompt a good Himes researcher - have a couple in mind) - to do some more research on this.

So, here we go. Eliza Jane McVey (born 22 Feb 1818 in Ohio died 21 May 1904 in Danville, Hendricks County, Indiana) daughter of Solomon and Rachel Coutts married John on 5 December 1839 in Highland County, Ohio. At the time of Eliza's death she was married to Elias Grimes, passing in Hendricks County; however, she was buried in the Ladoga Cemetery where I think her husband (1818-1854) is buried. She is buried as Eliza Jane Himes (census and tombstone shows a 3-year diff). The two are together in the Clark Township 1850 census, with their children: John; Olivia W. and recently born Rachel. Before his death they would have another daughter, Martha. If John went back to Ohio, why would Eliza Jane be here and his children stay here, marry and pass away? So, I truly believe the John Himes who passed away in 1854 was Daniel and Mary Wrightsman's son, husband of Eliza Jane McVey and father of John William; Olivia W; Rachel A and Martha Jane. Had another thought that he may have been Daniel's by a first wife but is in their bible as theirs. I also found many John Himes in various Ohio counties but none fit. It just all makes sense that he would NOT have gone back to Ohio without his wife and children and they must have had a good marriage since she was not buried with either of her other two husbands but as Eliza Jane Himes near John with similar stones.

John William son of John and Eliza Jane was born in Fincastle, Ohio 22 Feb 1843 and passed away at 2020 N Talbot in Indianapolis 23 May 1930. He is buried in the Old Thorntown Cemetery with his wife,

Hephzibah (Grove). They were married for many years and parented George, Lida, Martha, Charlie, John M. (after his father?). John did the mail route in Sugar Creek Township, Boone County for quite some time as I wondered why they'd be there. Question solved!

Olivia Himes shows up in two census records and then seems to disappear. On the 1900 census her mother notes that some of her children had already passed away so guessing one was Olivia.

Rachel married William E. Pearson 16 March 1870 and they were parents of at least two sons, Clarence and Charles. Rachel as many of this family, disappeared after the 1880 census thus according to mom's 1900 census, another one gone. Her husband remarried Lula Brewer and died 20 June 1912. Buried Ladoga Cemetery.

The last child I found of John Himes and Eliza Jane McVey was Mattie (Martha Jane) who married William J. "Worth" Pennington. She was born in Clark Township 5 July 1851 and died 4 July 1908 in Jackson Twp, Putnam County, one day shy of her birthday. They were parents of four children: Minnie Della; Hattie Belle; Harry Alvin and Edgar Cornelius.

So, several grandchildren for John Himes, the man who disappeared. The man I feel is buried with his beloved wife in Ladoga, but not 100% sure of his fate. Thus, you have read about Daniel the fellow who begins this Saga and my seasoned theory of his oldest, John -- now, be prepared to read about the rest of Daniel and Polly Wrightsman Himes' family!

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## OFFICES

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Local artists Carol Baird (seated, left) and Kathy Houghton (seated, rear) provide live demonstrations for attendees just outside the new Commissioner's Meeting Room at the County Government Center; Ellie Jeffries performed her demonstration in the Rotunda, right next to Nuthatch.

er's standpoint, the goal has been to grow jobs and housing in the county. In order to attract people and jobs, we need good quality of life in the county... As part of that, we need to have good community assets, so I think the government center is another piece of that puzzle to be that community where people want to move."

"Now, when come to this county, if they come out to this center, I think it's a nice facility and they can also see what else is going around here...I think that adds to the sense of pride, and then people start talking about the county and it builds on it itself," he finished.

The new County Government Center is housed in the former Williamsburg Nursing Home. The building was initially purchased and renovated by Envoy, Inc.; after finishing work on the project, the building was sold to Montgomery County.

The cost of the project was \$5,544,000 and was financed by a bond from the Montgomery County Building Corporation. The project initially began in August of 2020; county employees began moving in on March 14 of this year.

The new Government Center now hosts all county offices; this includes assessor, auditor, building/zoning, commissioners, engineering, health, mapping, maintenance, recorder, surveyor, treasurer and veteran services.

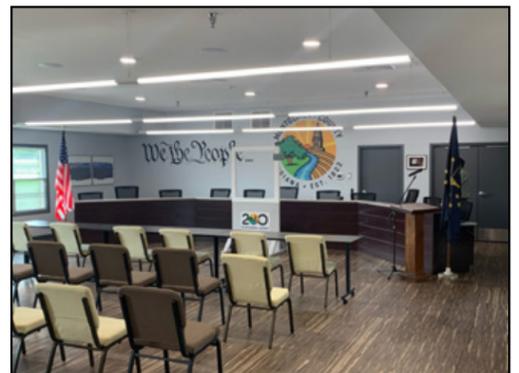
The facility hosts offices for each county department, as well as four new public meeting spaces for the public to use.

The facility also boasts more than 100 pieces of art, more than 90% of which was produced and furnished by local artists. The remaining art was



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The new plaque just inside the door at the Montgomery County Government Center. It includes the names of all those involved in the development of the new offices, and at the bottom reads, "This plaque is made of poplar wood from a fallen tree at the Lew Wallace Study & Museum. It was donated by the Lew Wallace Study & Museum." County Administrator Tom Klein referred to the plaque as a "uniquely-Montgomery-County tribute" to the work that went into the project.



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The new meeting room for the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, complete with local art and an inscription "We Be People" on the wall.

purchased at an Athens Art Gallery art show, continuing the trend of local sourcing.

Local artists Carol Baird, Ellie Jeffries and Kathy Houghton provided live art demonstrations for attendees.

Board of Commissioners President John Frey opened the ceremony by thanking staff members and contributors. He was followed by County Council President Tom

Mellish and Aaron Morgan, Montgomery County Building Corporation President. Both also took time to thank staff and contributors, while also praising the efficiency of the project.

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