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Revelation 19:9 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

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Precious is a 5 year old chunky monkey. This whopper is low energy and loves to lounge around. For the rest of August, the Animal Welfare League is sponsoring a "Clear the Shelter Event" in which all adoptions are half-price. If you are so inclined, please check out chunky friends like Precious and others, or make a small donation. You'll be glad you did.

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

Patoka Lake's 31st annual star party has been rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27, from 8:30 to 10 p.m. at its beach. Telescopes will be set up for night sky viewing, and members of the Evansville and Louisville astronomical societies will help participants identify celestial objects, including planets, stars, constellations. nebulas, and distant galaxies. The entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle for Indiana residents and \$9 for outof-state vehicles is required for the Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area, located north of Wickliffe on State Road 164. For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events at Patoka Lake, call the Nature Center at (812) 685-2447.

Looking for something you can do at any Indiana state park? Try earning your Hoosier Quest Pin, Discover Patch, or Challenge Patch. Every Indiana State Park has their own Hoosier Quest pin. Collect all of them by completing five simple activities at each park. Attend a program, complete one hour of volunteer time, report back to the naturalist about your volunteer activity, hike for 30 minutes, and complete a site-specific activity assigned to you by the naturalist. Find more details and download the brochures at on.IN. gov/hoosierquest.

The TASTE of Tippecanoe is now booking entertainment for next year's festival that will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023 in Downtown Lafayette! This year's planning committee is focusing on creating a lineup of diverse musical acts from the regional arts scene. Individuals and groups who wish to perform live at the TASTE are encouraged to apply. Preference may be given to performers of original content who are from North Central Indiana. Please note that cover bands will not be accepted. Submissions will be reviewed by the TASTE planning committee on a rolling basis. Submissions will close on Oct. 31, 2022. Notification to applicants will occur in early Jan. 2023.



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The TASTE Is Here!

The Taste of Montgomery County will be held at the General Lew Wallace Study and Museum on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 12 - 10 p.m.

Visitors can purchase advance Taste tickets at the Carriage House Interpretive Center of the General Lew Wallace Study and Museum; the Montgomery County Visitors and Convention Bureau at Fusion 54; Milligan's Flowers & Gifts at 115 East Main; Crawfordsville Parks & Recreation Community Center at 922 E. South Boulevard. Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

Advance tickets are cheap-

er—adult tickets at the gate on the day of the Taste will be \$7 and student tickets will be \$3. Advance ticket holders will also be able to get into the gate faster on the day of the Taste, as they won't have to wait in

line to purchase tickets. This could be a real advantage when crowds gather for the live musical acts scheduled to play at this year's Taste! From 1 - 3 p.m., The Elizabeth Lee Duo takes the stage. Eliana Weston will perform country hits from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. The Warrior Kings headline from 8

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Teachers Friend Volunteers Needed

According to the Indiana Department of Education, many Indiana elementary students need help. On Aug. 10, the IDOE reported that the recent IRead results showed that nearly 1 in 5 students "have not mastered foundational reading skills by the end of third grade." Here in Montgomery County, children are blessed with excellent schools, yet there are still students who need extra help to improve or receive enrichment.

Are you a person who just shakes his or her head when hearing this type of statistic, or are you more willing to lend a hand to help make a change?

Until it had to be paused due to Covid protocol in the schools, the Teachers Friend program, was administered by Volunteers for Mental Health in Montgomery County as a method to match volunteers to teachers who need an extra hand. Teachers register their needs with Volunteers for Mental Health, and community volunteers are matched to that teacher.

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• 1850 Louis Philippe I

French king

Butch Asks What Are Your Favorite School Memories?



BUTCH DALE

Columnist

Well, the kids are off to school for another year...in the middle of August, which seems crazy to me! I have noticed that more parents are homeschooling their kids, which is their choice. But I am glad I attended school with all of my friends. I learned many life-long lessons just by being with others each school day. When I started first grade at the age of five in the fall of 1954, I was a little terrified that first day, but soon adjusted to the new routine of schoolwork, following the teacher's rules, and getting along with my classmates. I rode Joe McClaskey's school bus that year, and sat with Bill Crowe, a senior, who made me

All of us have special memories of our school days...mostly good and maybe one or two not so good. In first grade, I

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Celebrating Montgomery County 4-H Youth

The 2021-2022 Montgomery County 4-H program year is slowly coming to an end. While

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been a great

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starts October



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program. This year we increased our enrollment to 618 youth in grades

K-12 and 31 ten-year members.

4-H youth took part in various experiences that provided the opportunity to gain and enhance important life skills, such as 4-H Round Up, Academy @ Purdue, 4-H Camp, and more! Our youth also saw success at the Indiana State Fair.

4-H members also took on new leadership opportunities that will not only help grow the next generation of leaders, but will empower them to be a positive role model for younger youth. Our Teen Leadership team expanded to six members and they taught leadership development activities during

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HONEST HOOSIER

Week two of Friday night lights. Let's go teams!



feel at ease.

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Getting up at the same time every day is very important to getting good

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TODAY'S JOKE

The new boss walked in to the crowded office and wanted to show everyone that things were going to be different. He saw a young man leaning against the wall so he rushed over and asked how much the kid made. "About \$700 a week," the kid says. The boss shoves \$1,400 in the kids face and tells him to get his lazy butt out and never come back. He then turns around to everyone else and said he hoped that young man will learn a lesson and asked what the kid did. "Far as I know," one wiseacre piped up, "he's just the pizza delivery guy."

🗢 TODAY'S QUOTE

"Seek respect, not attention. It lasts longer." Ziad Abdelnour



PAGE A2 FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022

Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHCDA Announce \$10.2 Million Investment In Affordable Housing

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) and its Board of Directors yesterda announced an investment in affordable housing through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME).

"This investment for affordable housing is a huge piece of our state's infrastructure growth," Crouch said. "We are excited to continue making Indiana a place for people to live, work and play. Affordable housing is critical to our state's success, and we are pleased to make this investment."

These awards will create and preserve affordable housing across our state for seniors, families and Indiana's workforce. In order to continue building Indiana's strong infrastructure, affordable housing should remain at the forefront of those discussions.

"IHCDA values our network of housing partners and developers who share our commitment to preserving and creating affordable housing for Hoosiers," said Jacob Sipe, Executive Director of IHCDA. "We will remain committed to appropriately allocating funds to provide housing opportunities that will not only strengthen communities but will provide Hoosiers a more sustainable quality of life.'

The 2021 HOME Round was a competi-



Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch

tive rental-only round. IHCDA received 12 applications which were all reviewed by our Real Estate Allocation staff. The applications are reviewed and checked for completeness and to determine whether all threshold requirements

were met. IHCDA allowed non-profit organizations who are interested in developing affordable housing to apply for Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) certification prior to submitting a HOME application. Eleven non-profits applied to be certified as CHDOs during the 2021 HOME Round. IHCDA will be allocating several non-profits for CHDO operating awards totaling \$300,000.

Each applicant was given the opportunity to respond to any staff questions regarding their application. Upon completion of this review, nine applicants were certified as CHDOs. Of the nine applicants that were certified as CH-

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DOs, seven subsequently applied for 2021 HOME funding.

The funding awards for the 2021 Program Year

Rental Round are below:
• Pleasant Run Apartments located in Marion will receive \$1,486,632 to create 10 units of affordable family housing. They will receive \$50,000 of CHDO funding.

• Autumn Ridge Duplexes in Corydon will receive \$888,000 to create 8 units of affordable family housing. They will receive \$50,000 for CHDO funding.

• Riverbend Rehab in Covington will receive \$200,000 to preserve 7 units of affordable family housing. They will receive \$50,000 for CHDO funding.

• Plum Prairie in Noblesville will receive \$980,000 to preserve 4 units of affordable family housing. They will receive \$50,000 for CHDO funding

• Union St. Apartments in Valparaiso will receive \$1,500,000 to preserve 10 units of affordable family housing. They will receive \$50,000 for CHDO funding.

• 409 Madison in Goshen will receive \$533,000 to preserve 4 units of affordable family

housing
• 511 Division in
Elkhart will receive
\$1,295,000 to create 8
units of affordable family
housing

• Beechwood in Clarksville will receive \$1,726,000 to create 6 units of affordable senior housing. They will receive \$50,000 for CHDO funding.

• Hukill Flats in Seymour will receive \$1,721,000 to create and reuse space for affordable senior housing.

• Highland View in Scottsburg will receive \$1,726,000 to create 6 units of affordable senior housing.

HOME funding can also be used for capacity building activities for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). CHDOs are IHCDA-certified not-for-profit housing organizations that meet certain HOME regulations and are eligible to receive HOME funds to use as an operating supplement when carrying out a HOME-funded development. Developments funded with HOME funds are subject to requirements on rent limits, income eligibility of tenants, housing development costs and longterm affordability.

Severance Payback!

As I write this, I am home alone without a caring soul in the house. My wife said she wanted to go to Michigan to visit friends. I was opposed to this and was very firm. "Don't you have friends here? Gas is expensive. So are hotels." She left yesterday.

Whenever she goes out of town, I need instructions on how to use the microwave and dishwasher. We also have an air fryer now, which I can turn on, but I can't figure out how to turn it off. So, I just pull the plug. Time passes slowly when my wife is away, not just because I miss her, but because it's been 4:27 in the great room for the past 22 hours. I don't know how to wind the grandfather clock.

Watching TV without
Mary Ellen is a real problem for me, too. First of
all, I am hard of hearing. Second, even with
captions, I lose the thread
of the story because my
mind wanders, and third,
I am very impatient. I ask
questions about the plot
before anyone is supposed to know.

"Why did that woman jump off the bridge?" I'll ask.

"I don't know, Dick. Nobody knows. We've been watching the show for 45 seconds."

Before Mary Ellen's current trip, we started the first episode of a series called Severance, but she decided after the first 10 minutes that she had seen enough and she left the room. It was way too weird for her. She reminded me that she was going on vacation and this would give me something to occupy my time in



DICK WOLFSIE Funny Bone

her absence. And that's where the trouble began.

The show was confusing to me from the start. It's about a company apparently involved in some illegal activity. They implant a programmable chip in employees' heads so when they leave the office, they don't recall what questionable stuff they did that day. I suffered from a similar lack of memory for 30 years at WISH-TV, but I've been told over the years by people who watched my segments that I looked like I was having fun. I was so happy to know I enjoyed my work.

The first night she was away, I called Mary Ellen to ask her a question about the plot. "Can you turn on Severance and help me figure this out?"

"Dick, remember, you asked me stay at a cheap place to save money. I know this is hard to believe, but they don't have Apple TV+ at Motel 6."

I asked Mary Ellen if I could hold the phone up to the TV so she could listen. "I'm going to rewind it and play the part I don't understand. Then you can help me decipher what it means."

"Geesh, Dick, watching Severance was already weird enough. Okay, I assume from the promos that the woman is drilling into the dead guy's head, trying to extract the chip to see what memories he had of the company."

Turns out Mary Ellen was right, which annoyed me because she had never even watched a full episode. I was on show number six.

The next day in church I approached our friends the Penrys, who initially had recommended the show. "Dan, can you help me understand one of the story lines in Severance?"

"Oh," said Alyce, his wife, "I didn't know Mary Ellen was out of town."

Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

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Kenny Talks The Great Life Of Len Dawson

"This is Dawson from Kansas City," the recognizable baritone voice began his phone message on a fall morning in 1999.

I was writing a weekly series of feature stories on former Purdue football stars for the Lafayette Journal & Courier's Football Saturday publication back then. It was Notre Dame week and who better to talk to than Len Dawson, "the Golden Boy" who threw four touchdown passes in a 27-14 victory against the top-ranked Fighting Irish in 1954.

Dawson, who had been in failing health for years, died Wednesday at age 87 in his adopted home town of Kansas City, Mo. He had been in hospice care since Aug. 12.

Notre Dame was a fitting opponent for Dawson's breakthrough game as a sophomore. Growing up in Alliance, Ohio, in the 1940s and 50s, Dawson followed Frank Leahy's Notre Dame teams that won four national championships between 1943 and 1949.

"Notre Dame was the team I'd heard of all my life," Dawson said later that day in 1999. "They used to have Movietone News, and when I was in high school they showed Purdue upsetting Notre Dame in 1950. The guy that scored two touchdowns for Purdue went to my high school. Mike Maccioli. It was the first time I'd ever heard of Purdue."

When it came time for Dawson to choose a school, he bypassed Ohio



KENNY THOMPSON **Columnist**

State and a young coach named Woody Hayes to head to West Lafavette. The Boilermakers threw the ball. Hayes believed to his dying day that three things happen when a forward pass is thrown and two of them (interception or incompletion) were bad.

Upon his arrival at Purdue, Dawson met a man who would be a part of his professional football life for the next 20-plus years. Hank Stram was an assistant coach under Stu Holcomb.

"Purdue really helped me my whole career," Dawson said. "(Stram) used a lot of that offense (with the Chiefs) that we used at Purdue. That offense relied on

precision passing and swift execution. Dawson would get his wish to throw the football early and often. One week before facing Notre

Dame, Dawson threw four touchdown passes in his collegiate debut against Missouri, a 31-0 victory.

The pundits thought there was no way he would come close to that kind of performance against Notre Dame, playing its first season under Terry Brennan.

"I guess I was too young, or too dumb, to



Len Dawson

know that it was a big, big game. A national game. A game that everybody in the country would be talking about afterward," Dawson said. "I didn't understand, being from Ohio the great rivalry between Purdue and Notre Dame.'

Even after the upset, Dawson still had not grasped the impact of beating Notre Dame.

"I remember afterwards there was a parade in West Lafayette," Dawson said. "I didn't realize what a big deal it was. People came and got me and said I had to go to the parade and pep rally. 'Parade and pep rally? What for?' We beat Notre Dame!"

Two years later, Dawson won a quarterback duel with Heisman Trophy winner Paul Hornung 28-14. Dawson threw two touchdown passes.

"Whenever you have Lenny Dawson you have tremendous pressure on the other team's defense," said first-year coach Jack Mollenkopf, who would

go on to post a 10-4 record against the Fighting Irish. "We took full advantage of this today.

Dawson's journey to the Pro Football Hall of Fame was a bumpy one. Drafted fifth overall by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1957, Dawson was never given an opportunity. These were not the Mean Joe Greene Steelers, but a bumbling franchise that cut another future Hall of Famer, Johnny Unitas, in 1955.

Dawson was traded to the Cleveland Browns in 1959. Coach Paul Brown was a legend but made a rare misstep in believing journeyman Milt Plum was a better quarterback. By the time Dawson asked for his release in 1962, he had completed just 21 passes for 204 yards and two touchdowns in five NFL seasons.

Waiting to sign Dawson was Stram and the American Football League's Dallas Texans. All Dawson did in 1962 was lead

the AFL in touchdown passes and was chosen league MVP by The Sporting News. Dallas won the AFL championship in double overtime against the Houston **Oilers**

At his Pro Football Hall of Fame induction in 1987, Dawson expressed his gratitude to Stram.

Reuniting with Stram was "my saving grace. Because to tell you the truth, I was awful after five years of not playing," Dawson said. "The skills that I once had were gone."

As it turned out, Dawson was just warming up.

The Texans moved to Kansas City and became the Chiefs in 1963. Dawson earned the nickname "Lenny The Cool" over the next 13 years, leading the AFL in passing three more times (1964, 1966, 1968).

Beaten soundly by the Green Bay Packers in the first Super Bowl, the Chiefs and Dawson earned redemption three years later. Dawson earned MVP honors after leading Kansas City to a 23-7 upset of the Minnesota Vikings.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame, in its remembrance of Dawson on Wednesday, retold a story from the celebration in the Chiefs locker room.

In the victorious locker room, a Chiefs equipment manager told Dawson, "The phone. It's the president.

"The president of what?" Dawson replied. At that time, there was no tradition of the President of the United States to call

the winning locker room, so Dawson's answer was appropriate.

Dawson was chosen the 1973 NFL Man of the Year. He retired from pro football on May 1, 1976. Dawson also has been enshrined in the Chiefs Hall of Fame (1979), the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame (1994), the Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame (1996) and the Indiana Football Hall of Fame (2018).

Dawson's health was declining by 2018, and he was unable to attend the ceremony in West Lafay-

Many readers may remember Dawson as the long-time host of "Inside the NFL" on HBO from 1977 to 2001. While still playing for the Chiefs, Dawson became a sports anchor at KMBC-TV in 1966. After a stint with NBC Sports, Dawson was part of the Chiefs Radio Network for 35 years.

"My family and I are heartbroken. Len Dawson is synonymous with the Kansas City Chiefs. Len embraced and came to embody Kansas City and the people that call it home. You would be hardpressed to find a player who had a bigger impact in shaping the organization as we know it today than Len Dawson did," Chiefs Chairman and CEO Clark Hunt said in a statement.

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

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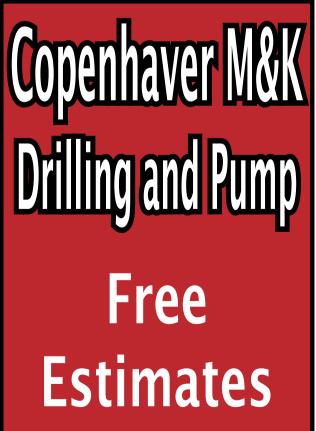
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Biden To Wipe Out \$10,000 In Student Loan Debt For Many Borrowers

By Ariana Figueroa

President Joe Biden announced Wednesday that he will cancel up to \$20,000 in federal student loan debt for Pell Grant borrowers and up to \$10,000 for all other borrowers with an income of less than \$125,000 for an individual and \$250,000 for a household.

Biden also announced his administration is extending a pause on student loan repayments until Dec. 31. The decision comes one week before the expiration of a pause of student loan repayments put in place at the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Here's the deal, the cost of education beyond high school has gone up exponentially," Biden said at the White House.

Biden stressed that the people who would benefit the most are low-income and middle class families and individuals.

"No high income household, will benefit from this action, period," Biden said.

Biden said many Americans with student loan debt have put off starting families because of the cost and have been unable to qualify for mortgages to buy a home because of the student loan debt they carry.

"All this means is an entire generation is now saddled with unsustainable debt," Biden said.

Despite numerous reports in recent weeks that Biden would take action on student loans, the White House had remained silent, but on Wednesday the president tweeted out his decision, prior to his remarks.

"In keeping with my campaign promise, my Administration is announcing a plan to give working and middle class families breathing room



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outs to avoid a cliff."

He also promised

he would "immediate-

ly cancel a minimum

of \$10,000 of student

debt per person," but

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years into his adminis-

continual pressure from

Some congressional

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of that debt is held by the

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More than 43 million

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of \$10,000 would mostly

benefit borrowers in the

four lowest quintiles of

Earlier this month,

more than 100 Senate and

House Democrats urged

the Biden administration

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as they prepare to resume federal student loan payments in January 2023," Biden wrote on Twitter.

Following the announcement, the Department of Education said it will release an application in the weeks ahead that will allow millions of borrowers to claim this new relief.

"[S]tudent loan debt has hindered their ability to achieve their dreams — including buying a home, starting a business, or providing for their family," U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said in a statement. "Getting an education should set us free; not strap us down!"

The cancellation of student debt will only apply to current borrowers, not future ones, and income levels for the 2020 and 2021 tax years will be considered, a senior administration official said during a Wednesday call with reporters.

The Department of Education estimates that about 8 million borrowers will automatically receive relief because the agency already has those borrowers' income information on file. That means those borrowers do not have to submit applications.

Borrowers who received Pell Grants, who will benefit from the most relief, are among the students who had the lowest household incomes while in college. They will also be subject to the \$125,000 and \$250,000 income caps.

New rule on loans The Biden administration is also directing the Department of Education to propose a rule to help current and future borrowers with their loan repayments.

The rule would eliminate monthly interest payments on loans, "so that unlike other existing income-driven repayment plans, no borrower's loan balance will grow as long as they make their monthly payments — even when that monthly payment is \$0 because their income is low," according to the department website.

The proposed rule would also forgive loan balances "after 10 years of payments, instead of 20 years, for borrowers with loan balances of \$12,000 or less." It would also require "borrowers to pay no more than 5% of their discretionary income monthly on undergraduate loans."

"Middle class borrowers struggle with high monthly payments and ballooning balances that make it harder for them to build wealth," a senior administration official said.

While many Democrats and progressive advocates were pleased with the announcement, it falls short of the student debt relief campaign platform that Biden ran on.

In a Medium post during the 2020 presidential election, Biden said under his administration he would "forgive all undergraduate tuition-related federal student debt from two- and four-year public colleges and universities for debt-holders earning up to \$125,000, with appropriate phase-

their letter to the president.

Democrats praise Biden Democrats did welcome the President's announcement.

"By delivering historic targeted student debt relief to millions of borrowers, more working families will be able to meet their kitchen table needs as they continue to recover from the challenges of the pandemic," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement. "Importantly, this action will help those most in need, easing a financial burden disproportionately harming women and people of color."

She has previously said that the president does not have the authority to cancel student loans and that the process needs to be done through Congress. She did not mention her previous comments in the statement.

Biden also had said earlier, while in the White House, that he would only cancel up to \$10,000 in student loan debt, and only if Congress passes legislation to do so. Administration officials did not address the shift in policy.

While the Democrat-controlled House likely could pass legislation canceling some portion of student loan debt, the evenly divided Senate would need all 50 Democrats on board along with an additional 10 Republicans to get a bill to the president's desk.

House Education and Labor Committee Chairman Bobby Scott, a Virginia Democrat, said that while the student loan cancellation will provide relief for borrowers, it doesn't solve the "underlying problems that caused the student debt crisis in the first place," such as high tuition costs.

"Without reversing the chronic underinvestment in higher education that has driven up tuition costs, and without fixing our student loan system that has made student loans more expensive to take out and harder to pay off, students will continue to take on more debt and borrowers will continue to face rising debt levels," Scott said.

Republicans critical GOP lawmakers sharply criticized the cancellation move.

"At a time of skyrock-

eting inflation, declining wages, and a national recession, Washington has again turned its back on hardworking Americans in Iowa and across this country," Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, a Republican, said in a statement. "President Biden isn't canceling student debt, he's shifting the costs to the taxpayer and to those who worked to pay off their loans in full."

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, said in a statement the move was a "slap in the face to every family who sacrificed to save for college, every graduate who paid their debt, and every American who chose a certain career path or volunteered to serve in our Armed Forces in order to avoid taking on debt."

Overall in Kentucky, there are about 600,000 student loan borrowers who have an average balance for federal and private student loans of \$30,794.

In March 2020, President Donald Trump issued an emergency pause on student loan repayments, which has now been extended several times by both administrations. The pandemic is still ongoing, and the U.S. has surpassed 1 million COVID-19 deaths.

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More Than 20 New Libraries Added To The Indiana Library Passport

More than 20 new libraries have been added to the Indiana Library Passport, a mobile passport that encourages everyone to visit libraries across the Hoosier state. The additions bring the total number of libraries on the passport to more than 90, with several more libraries expected to be added in the coming weeks.

The passport includes stops at the Allen County Public Library, which features the new Rolland Center for Lincoln Research; the South Whitley Community Public Library, which features the Shultz Gem Collection; the Bartholomew County Public Library, which features architectural design by I. M. Pei and the Large Arch statue by Henry Moore; and much more. New additions include the Vigo County Public Library, the West Lafayette Public Library, the Argos Public Library and four branches of the Johnson County Public Library.

Patrons can visit a dedicated mobile passport landing page where they can sign-up for the

Indiana Library Passport by providing their name, email address and mobile phone number. A link is then sent to their mobile phone, which opens the passport and directs the user to add the button icon to their home screen, where they can access it any time. There is no app to download. When participants check in to libraries on the Indiana Library Passport trail, they will be entered into a quarterly drawing for a prize package, including, but not limited to, historical tour tickets, architecture books and gift cards from local and national merchants. Once users sign up for the passport, they only need to use their phone to check in while physically at each location. Participants are eligible to check in to each location on the passport once per week which will enter them into the prize drawing. The 2022-23 Indiana

Library Passport program is administered by the Indiana State Library and sponsored by the Indiana State Library Foundation.

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- 10 p.m. with "hard rock with a dark blues soul."

The restaurants and caterers showcasing their foods at this year's Taste

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- China Inn
- Coal Creek Cellars Four Seasons
- Greek's Pizzeria
- Harry's Hideout
- Hoosier Ice Queen
- Jarocho Minimarket
- Jesús Kettle Korn
- The Juniper Spoon
- Klooz Brewz
- Street Penguin Gelato
- Sunoco Crawfordsville
- The Warehouse Bakery
- Wildfire348
- A menu will be posted for download at our website later this week. The Taste of Mont-

gomery County itself is an annual fundraiser for the Lew Wallace Study Preservation Society, the organization that maintains General Lew Wallace's original artifacts and keeps his legacy alive. All proceeds from gate ticket sales directly benefit educational programming at the museum, while food ticket sales are split between the museum and the vendors. The Lew Wallace Study Preservation Society will be selling soft drinks and bottled water to raise additional funds.

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Does a Teachers Friend volunteer need to have a college degree, be a trained teacher, plan lessons, or create materials? No, the Teacher Friend works under the direction of the teacher to help meet the teacher's goals and objectives for the students in the class. Often this is accomplished by the Teachers Friend working with a small group to assist with read-

ing or mathematics. Does volunteering require an entire day of time spent in the school? No, the Teachers Friend can volunteer as little as

week. This will still be a wonderful gift to the teacher and students!

Does the Teacher Friend need to complete a background check? Yes, schools want to know that the students will be safe while working with a volunteer, so all three Montgomery County school corporations have established background clearance procedures that are easily accomplished and quickly determined. Volunteers for Mental Health happily offers scholarships if an individual who wishes to volun-

can you get involved? Just visit the Volunteers for Mental Health website www.vmhmc.org and click on the yellow volunteer registration button to learn more details as well as choose your time and school for volunteering. You may also volunteer on the Montgomery County Leadership Academy POINT volunteer app https://events. pointapp.org/11313 or scan the code with this

article. Questions may be addressed by calling Denise Booher Walker, (765) 275-2689, or e-mailing

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remember my teacher Marian Couger teaching us the Pledge of Allegiance, learning to write cursive, reading out loud in class, painting with watercolors for the first time, playing at recess on the merry-go-round, slide, teeter-totter, and monkey bars, and chasing others in "tag." In second grade, my teacher Tessie Stwalley let us make "Indian blankets," in which we drew symbols and sign language on an old sheet from home. My third grade teacher, Naomi Peterson, who had started teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in 1916, was very strict, but also like a grandmother. She helped all of us learn our multiplication tables through the 12's. And during recesses that year, we played softball almost ev-

ery day when the weather

was nice.

As most of you know by now, I fell in love with my 4th grade teacher, Audrey Cox. I began to study more to please her and make her proud of me, and by the end of that year, I was making straight A's. However, in 5th grade, our new teacher lost control of our class early on, and without discipline, many students ran wild! A few students threw clay on the ceiling, put tacks on chairs, shot spit wads through straws, and had lots of fun! That changed the next year when my class had its first male teacher, Raymon Brown. We soon learned that you did what he instructed you to do! He was a great math teacher, too, but the main thing I learned that year was to sit still, shut up, and listen. Mr. Brown also sold ice cream during lunch hour, and he was my first basketball coach.

In junior high, I ad-

justed to having different teachers for school subjects, and I had excellent teachers...especially Anna Faye Stevenson and Jim Spencer. And of course, boys and girls became a little more interested in each other, and we also took Arthur Murray dance lessons. I danced for the first time with a girl... Holy cow! And yes, three of us sneaked into the girls' restroom to look around one afternoon after basketball practice. Thank God, no girls were in

Soon I was a freshman, and a senior, Dave Peebles, claimed me as his "slave" for initiation day. Some of the best teachers in high school were Jack Hester for math, Eugene Gossman and Don Hannon for science, Emerson Mutterspaugh for PE and social studies, and Joyce Thompson for English...just to name a few. I knew I needed good grades to be accepted to college, and I really buckled down. I loved playing baseball as the team's pitcher, and participating in track as a pole vaulter, but of course the main sport at every county school was basketball. I went from

a part-time player on the B-team my freshman year...to a member of the starting five my last three years, and ended up as the leading scorer in the county my senior year. What great fun to play against other county schools... and WOW...the excitement of the tourneys! I learned how to win...and how to lose...but it was always instilled in me by my coaches to "just do your best and show good sportsmanship.'

There was the junior-senior prom, the class parties, getting my driver's license, going on dates, the fun times in various clubs...and finally graduation and our senior trip...all good memories. We did not realize it then, but some of the best times of our lives was during those twelve years at our little schools here in Montgomery County. Those days are long gone, but they will forever be etched in my mind. How about you?

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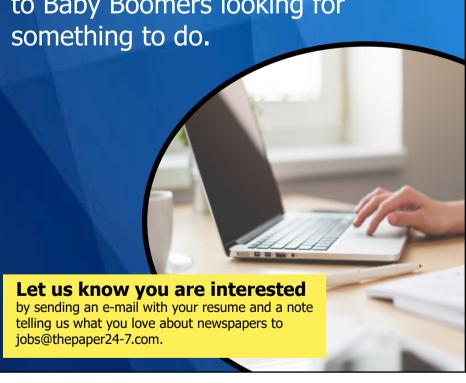
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various events throughout the year. They even led a leadership activity to individuals that were interested in running for a governmental office. This year, we had four members of the inaugural 4-H Tech Changemakers team for Indiana 4-H. This team is tasked with training adults in digital literacy skills and increasing digital inclusion in communities. Our Junior Leader program also saw growth in the number of members.

Our 4-H program is growing and needs 4-H volunteers to help lead it. The North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Impact Study (2019) stated that 88% recruited new youth to 4-H, 84% made new connections in the community on behalf of 4-H, and 84% spoke about the value of the

4-H program to members in the community. As we prepare for the next 4-H program year, our adult 4-H volunteers play a large part in sharing the message of 4-H and inviting new youth to participate. There are various ways you can volunteer and give back to the youth in the community. We are in need of additional certified instructors for our Shooting Sports: Firearms project. There are also opportunities to serve in a variety of committees or lead a SPARK Club. If you want to learn more, please contact the **Montgomery County** Extension office.

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The next 4-H program year starts on October 1st so be on the look-out for 4-H materials being sent home through schools, shared in school newslet-

ters, etc. You can "like" us on Facebook, Montgomery County 4-H, to see what opportunities will be offered throughout the community. Have questions about joining 4-H or just general questions about what your child can expect? I would love to talk with you and help get these questions answered. Feel free to call (765)364-6363, e-mail asweet@ purdue.edu, or stop by the Extension office. I am always happy to share how amazing the 4-H program is and how it benefits the youth in our community.

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