

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Luke 10:19 I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Linda Estep smiles fabulously while visiting with friends. Thank you for your smile, Linda!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Fentanyl overdose is the number one cause of death for Americans between the ages of 18 and 45. Hoosier communities are seeing record rates of overdose deaths, including Vanderburgh County which saw a record number of overdose deaths last year – 60% of which were from fentanyl. U.S. Senator Mike Braun has joined his colleagues U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and Senator Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) in introducing the Felony Murder for Deadly Fentanyl Distribution Act. The bill makes the distribution of fentanyl resulting in death punishable by federal felony murder charges.

2 You'd think the judges at Guinness World Records would honor David Rush for the numbers of world records he's broken -- some 250 Guinness records to date, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Most recently he broke the record for catching the most marshmallows in his mouth in one minute -- at least 60 of them. His brother-in-law, Jonathan Hannon, helped him out by operating a makeshift, handheld catapult to deliver the sweet treats at an event in New York City recently to celebrate the launch of the 2023 Guinness Book of World Records.

3 On Saturday, DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is celebrating National Hunting & Fishing Day, which honors the sportsmen and women whose recreational activities have positively impacted fish and wildlife conservation. Want to celebrate the day out by the water? Saturday is also the last Free Fishing Day of 2022. On Free Fishing Days, Indiana residents can fish Indiana's public waters without a fishing license or trout/salmon stamp. As fall begins in Indiana, invite your friends and family to join you outdoors and spend some quality time together.

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Gary Edwards, wood artist at Athen Arts, is preparing for the Art Walk on Saturday

Get Ready For The Art Walk 2022

By Kathy Steele

Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual Art Walk on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Crawfordsville. The Art Walk is sponsored by the Art League of Montgomery County and features artwork by 32 artists at 33 locations. Part of the artwork can be found in windows of local businesses on Washington, Main, Green and Market streets. Additional artwork can be viewed in the Crawfordsville District Public Library, The Carnegie Mu-

seum, Green Street Gallery, Athen Arts, the Post Office and Rainbows and Rhymes Preschool. Maps citing the locations of artwork and short artists' statements can be found in various businesses displaying art. On Saturday, red balloons will alert visitors to locations of artwork. Most artwork will remain in windows for at least one week.

The Art Walk supports local artists who want others to enjoy their art. A wide variety of

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Teachers Friend Volunteers Needed

According to the Indiana Department of Education, many Indiana elementary students need help. In Aug., 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

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Himes Saga #7 - Mary Ann Himes



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio was the birthplace of Mary Ann Himes, our feature this week, daughter of Dan and Mary (Wrightsmen) Himes, Mary Ann born 6 November in 1833. In the same place a few years earlier Daniel L. Himes was born (can't chase his parents down but thinking his father was David, brother to Daniel, Mary Ann's father, making them first cousins, but that remains to be seen). Daniel was born 20 April 1824.

Both came to Montgomery County, she with her parents, not sure if he was alone or with someone else, perhaps his Uncle Dan, but it was here on Christmas Day (some have the 5th - that's when they applied to marry, they wed on Christmas) in 1850, with a relative, Rev. William Gish (who offi-

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JUMP Spends A Day At The Farm

The JUMP program, which is a mentoring program for the youth of Montgomery County, has one group activity each month for its participants. This month the JUMP activity was at Shannon Farms. This was a unique activity and was new to all of the participants. The kids and their mentors decorated pots and planted a seed to grow as part of the experience. They also played outdoor games, visited with the farm animals, made smores and picked a bucket of flowers to take home.

Jill Hampton, JUMP Program manager stated, "It was a fun day doing old fashioned, wholesome activities. The kids and adults enjoyed doing the simple things and it turns out that doing outdoor activities and just hanging out can be a lot of



fun."

The JUMP program is available for kids ages 6 -14 to be matched with an adult mentor to spend time and experience new things. To enroll a child in the JUMP program a parent or guardian must fill out an application and complete an interview. To become a mentor, the

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The Daily Almanac



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Today is...:

- First Day of Fall
- Business Women's Day
- Hobbit Day



What Happened On This Day:

- 1692 The last hanging of those convicted of witchcraft in the Salem witch trials
- 1980 Iran-Iraq War begins with Iraq invading Iran



Births On This Day:

- 1791 Michael Faraday English scientist
- 1958 Andrea Bocelli Italian tenor, songwriter, producer

Deaths On This Day:

- 1961 Marion Davies American actress
- 1989 Irving Berlin American composer

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Hello, fall!



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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're inactive and overweight, get tested for diabetes.

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

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The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank WILLIAM (TREY) ETCHISON for subscribing!



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➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile."
William Cullen Bryant

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

If money really did grow on trees, then today would be the start of everyone's favorite season - fall!

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OBITUARIES

Betty M. Dotson

Aug. 24, 1926 - Sept. 17, 2022

Betty Marie (Bader) Dotson, 96, Hillsboro, passed away in the Waters of Covington, on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at 2:20 a.m.

She was born in Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio on Aug. 24, 1926. She was the daughter of the late Carl Raymond and Sophie (Pieper) Bader.



She was raised Butler County, Ohio and graduated from Ross Township High School in Butler County, Ohio in 1944. Following graduation, she worked as a secretary for the Soil Conservation Service in Butler County, Ohio.

On March 12, 1949, she married Gerald Leon Dotson in Butler County, Ohio. Gerald preceded her in death on May 20, 2007.

Following their marriage, they moved to Indiana and resided in Kingman until later moving to Hillsboro in 1955 where they have resided.

She and Gerald formerly owned the Chatterbox Restaurant in Hillsboro from Dec. 1978 until Dec. 1991. She was an active member of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church. She served as Girl Scout Leader from 1958-1988. She was also active in the Fountain County Genealogy Society serving as secretary for many years.

Survivors include her son, Philip (Diana) Dotson, Hillsboro; five grandchildren, Jeremy (Megan) Shaw, Trevor (Amanda) Hohenstein, Christina (Tony) Delaney, Breanne Fields and Raymond (Jessica) Dotson; fourteen great-grandchildren; a son-in-law, Kyle (Lorie) Mausbach, Crawfordsville.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Annetta Mausbach; and a sister, Ruth Witte.

Friends may call at the Maus Funeral Home, Hillsboro, on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 12 p.m. until service time at 2 p.m., with Pastor David Inskoop officiating. Burial will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Hillsboro. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hillsboro United Methodist Church or the Fountain County Genealogy Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mausfuneralhome.com.

Carol J. Holt

March 13, 1958 - Sept. 17, 2022

Carol J. Holt passed away on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at Franciscan Health in Crawfordsville.

She was born on March 13, 1958 in Crawfordsville to Eston Myers and Berniece (Carlisle) Myers Fullenwider.

She married June 30, 1989 at Lake Holiday to Richard Holt.



She was a cook at Granville Wells Elementary School for 10 years. She was a member of ABATE of Indiana and the New Ross Methodist Church. She loved being outdoors, camping and bird-watching. She enjoyed travelling and taking road trips with her family. She was interested in genealogy and scrapbooking family pictures.

Survivors include her husband, Rich; four children, Mandee Newgent (Stephen), Stacey Coleman (David), Jeremiah Holt and Cassidy Holt-Spencer (Cyrus); 12 grandchildren, Brittany, Kaylea, Kaden, Peyton, CJ, Madison, Presley, Layla, Axel, Camryn, Soren and Viggo; three great grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Marlene Holt; and three siblings, Jerry Myers, Linda Mendenhall (Al) and Brenda Sommer-ville (Rick).

She was predeceased by her parents and two siblings, Sandra Gillogly and Byron Myers.

Visitation is scheduled on Friday, Sept. 23, 2022 from 3 - 6 p.m. at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington Street in Crawfordsville. Cremation was chosen with a private family burial in Beckville Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made in her memory to Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County, 1104 Big 4 Arch Road, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

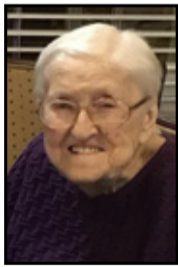
Evelyn I. Michael

Nov. 5, 1924 - Sept. 20, 2022

Evelyn I. Michael, 97 of Lebanon, formerly of Crawfordsville, passed away Tuesday at Witham Hospital.

She was born Nov. 5, 1924 in Crawfordsville to John and Maude McCoy Shahan.

On March 1, 1946 she married Donald Michael, he preceded her in death on Nov. 29, 1993.



She was a caring, loving and lively woman and mother who will be greatly missed by her friends and family.

Survivors include her children, Steve Michael and Patricia (Larry V.) White; grandchildren, Andrea Thompson, Rachel Rasp, Patrick Michael, Nic White, and Tony Michael; as well as 10 great-grandchildren; and three great great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sons, John Michael and Mike Michael; as well as a grandson, Jeff Michael.

Funeral services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23 at Hunt & Son Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 12 - 2 on Friday. Interment will follow the service in Oak Hill Cemetery, Crawfordsville.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.huntandson.com.

David Leon Foster

April 4, 1928 - Sept. 17, 2022

David Leon Foster, age 94 of Noblesville and formerly of Crawfordsville, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at Five Star Senior Living in Noblesville.



He was born in Darlington on April 4, 1928 to the late D. Elmer & Ruth W. (Seybold) Foster.

He graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1946. On Jan. 9, 1948 he married Donna L. Coval, who preceded him in death on March 18, 2019. He worked at RR Donnelley's for 44 years as a photo engraver before retiring in 1990. He was a member of Eagles 1005, Elks Club, Moose, and Masonic Lodge #50. He enjoyed tinkering, old antique cars, dancing, gardening, taking walks in the woods, sitting with his dog, and was quite the artist.

Survivors include two sons, Robert (Kathy) Foster of Noblesville and Bruce (Dawn) Foster of Franklinton, NC; daughter, Paula (Michael) Caldwell of Sellersburg, Ind.; two sisters, Mary Lou Henry of Crawfordsville and Pat Yount of Peoria, Ill.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Donna; two brothers, Robert G. Foster and Don Foster; and two sisters, Donnis Heath and Lucille Shahan.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St, in Crawfordsville on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022 from 11 a.m. till the time of the funeral service at 12 p.m. The service will be live-streamed and recorded which can be viewed on his obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com. Entombment will follow at Oak Hill Mausoleum. Memorial donations may be given to the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County, 1104 Big Four Arch Road, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.

Mary (Holman) Weir-Wommack

April 9, 1931 - Sept. 15, 2022

Mary W. Wommack, age 91, of Crawfordsville, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022 at Bickford Memory Care.



She was born on April 9, 1931 to the late Minzy Holman and Corene (Totten) Silbernagel.

She married Kenneth Weir on June 5, 1948, and together they had three children. His life was short lived, and he preceded her in death in Jan. 1977. She then married Johnny Wommack in July 1984, sharing 12 years of marriage and many travels. He preceded her in death on April 26, 1997. Her 3rd companion Al Obermiller, they had pleasures of seeking treasures along the routes of travel. Finally, a special friend, Wendall Cope, they spent many hours listening to music and prayer. He was a good friend to fill the quiet years.

She was a member of Whitesville Christian Church, as well as the Order of Eastern Star, Crawfordsville Firefighters Auxiliary and Fraternal Order of the Eagles Auxiliary 1005. She was past Madam President and was awarded the high honor of Mrs. Eagle. She held many office chairs and was proud to be part of the Eagles Motto "People helping People." She enjoyed the club and the many friends she made.

She was a dedicated mother first and foremost. She treasured her children and embraced every moment with them. She especially loved the role of Grams! She had strong and caring personality and always made friends everywhere she went.

Her life was a living example of her favorite Bible verse, Ephesians 4:32 "And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ."

Survivors include her daughter, Michele (Randy) Borden; daughter-in-law, Elaine Weir; two grandchildren, Ashley (Ryan) Tice and Andrew (Anne) Borden; great-granddaughters, Taylor and Alexandria Tice; step grandson, Tony Hamm; step great-grandchildren, Eric and Sydney Hamm; sisters, Becky Gaphart of Jasper and Marlene (Billy Gruff) Holman of Gainesville, Fla.; brother-in-law, Mike Czworziak of Chicago; lifelong special friends, Fred and Twylo Davis; and special niece and nephew, Mark Gibson and Alicia Webb.

She was preceded in death by her parents; spouses, Kenneth Weir, Johnny Wommack, and Al Obermiller; sons, Dennis and Derrick Weir; sister, Patsy Czworziak; brother, Sonny Holman; best friend, Doris Davis; step grandson, Michael Hamm.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the staff at Whitlock Place and Bickford Memory Care for their excellent care. She adored the many staff members that cared for her during her time there.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street in Crawfordsville on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022 from 12 noon until the time of funeral service at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery North. Memorial donations can be made in her name to Whitesville Christian Church, Alamo Christian Church, or the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Auxiliary 1005. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.

Randall Wilhite

June 19, 1959 - Sept. 17, 2022

Randall Wayne Wilhite, 63, of Crawfordsville passed away on Sept. 17, 2022 at Franciscan Health East, Lafayette, Indiana from heart failure.



Randy was born to Don and Dorothy Wilhite of Crawfordsville on June 19, 1959.

He graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1978 and retired from R.R. Donnelley and Sons. He enjoyed fishing, playing guitar, riding his motorcycle, and travelling. He loved his wife, children, and spending time with his grandkids. He and his wife Cindy, spent the past several years traveling, meeting new people and making new friends. He didn't know a stranger and was well known for making everyone around him laugh.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy Wilhite; daughters, Alisha Wilhite, Amber Wilhite and Sasha (David) Stonebraker. Sisters, Nancy (Jim) Generis, Cynthia (Ted) Brinson. Twelve grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Dorothy Wilhite; his brother, Bob Wilhite; and sister, Donna Wilhite Simms.

Services are scheduled on Friday, Sept. 23rd 2022, at Burkhardt Funeral Home, 201 West Wabash Avenue. Visitation will be from 12 - 2, with services beginning at 2 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made in his memory to the Arbor Day Foundation.

Study Coordinates Exploration Of Indiana Historical Society

The General Lew Wallace Study & Museum is pleased to welcome Suzanne Hahn, Vice President, Archives and Library at the Indiana Historical Society, who will discuss "The Collections of the Indiana Historical Society" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29. The lecture will be held at Whitlock Hall in St. John's Episcopal Church (212 S. Green Street).

Since 1830, The Indiana Historical Society has been collecting and preserving Indiana's unique stories; bringing Hoosiers together in remembering and sharing the past—including Lew and Susan Wallace. Suzanne will discuss not only how the Society has grown and refined its collection, but also new collecting initiatives that will inspire future Hoosiers.

On Friday, Sept. 30, the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum will sponsor a field trip to the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis. Transportation will not be provided. Spots will be limited and reservations are required. Free tickets may be reserved at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/399714034437>. The General Lew Wallace Study & Museum will be closed for tours on Sept. 30.

This installment of the Dr. Howard Miller Lecture Series will complement the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum's current annual exhibit, "This Just In: Recent Acquisitions at the Museum." The exhibit, which is open in the Carriage House Interpretive Center Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. free of charge, focuses recent acquisitions to the Museum's collection.

Museum staff encourages visitors and lecture attendees to wear masks and maintain six feet social distancing. For more information, contact Larry Paarlberg at (765) 362-5769 or lpaaarlberg@ben-hur.com.

About GLWSM
The General Lew Wallace Study & Museum is deeply committed to the protection and preservation of Lew Wallace's legacy now and for generations to come. The museum is located on Wallace's home site in Crawfordsville, Indiana, and is where he wrote Ben-Hur. His unique and personal Study, built in the 1890s, is a National Historic Landmark and the home of the world's largest collection of General Wallace's personal memorabilia. For more information, please visit the museum website: www.ben-hur.com.

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CollegeChoice CD 529 Savings Plan Surpasses \$20 Million

Treasurer of State Kelly Mitchell today announced that the state's FDIC-insured CollegeChoice CD 529 Savings Plan has surpassed \$20 million in assets under management. This milestone marks the highest balance on record as Hoosiers save for higher education in the tax-advantaged savings plan.

"Our CollegeChoice CD program is an excellent option for education savers who prefer fixed-rate, low-risk investment options," said Treasurer Mitchell. "Having a fixed rate of return without the worry of market volatility makes this program a great option for

late savers, adult learners, and those looking to diversify their future education savings."

CollegeChoice 529 provides account owners and gift contributors flexibility when it comes to saving for education after high school. Funds can be used at any eligible school or registered apprenticeship program, both in- and out-of-state. Accounts grow tax-deferred and distributions are tax-free as long as the money is withdrawn to pay for qualified education expenses like tuition, books, computers, equipment, and fees.

Indiana taxpayers may also be eligible for an annual state income tax

credit of 20 percent of contributions to their CollegeChoice 529 accounts, worth up to \$1,000 each year (\$500 for married couples filing separately).

"With no fees and fixed rates of return, our CollegeChoice CD 529 Savings Plan is a powerful tool families can leverage to invest for future education expenses. We're incredibly privileged to live in a state that encourages personal savings through a tax credit incentive. It's the children who will benefit, and that's the best investment we can make," said Marissa Rowe, executive director of the program.

For more information about CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans, visit www.collegechoicedirect.com/plans

About CollegeChoice 529 and the Indiana Education Savings Authority:

CollegeChoice 529 is Indiana's tax-advantaged 529 education savings program and is offered and administered by the Indiana Education Savings Authority, a state government quasi-agency and board chaired by Treasurer of State Kelly Mitchell. CollegeChoice 529 includes the Direct, Advisor, and CD Plans and has more than \$6 billion in assets under management in over

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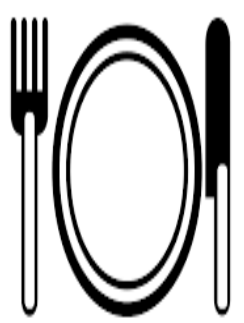
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Legislators Hear Testimony For, Against Legalizing Marijuana

By Whitney Downard

Lawmakers considered the advantages and shortcomings of legalizing certain cannabinoids Tuesday, potentially as a precursor to legalizing the plant itself for recreational use. But the research offered frequently conflicted and the committee abruptly ended, with discussion expected to continue next month.

Over the course of four hours, committee members from the interim health committee heard testimony for and against legalization, from veterans using it to treat chronic pain to prosecutors worried about unintended consequences. Though called to study the legalization of Delta-8, a cannabinoid, committee testimony largely centered on legalization of marijuana medicinally or for recreational use, which three of Indiana's neighboring states allow.

In the day's final testimony to the committee, Seymour Rep. Jim Lucas said he needed "a gummy" himself after listening to four hours of discussion.

Lucas, a Republican, noted that 24 veterans commit suicide every day and that veterans had previously testified about the effectiveness of cannabis.

"We know there are so many positives for cannabis. Shame on us for criminalizing responsible Hoosiers that simply want a better quality of life – they don't want to be put towards that place where they're (suicidal)... because they can't take it anymore," Lucas said, "begging" legislators to act. "It rests on you to make the decisions whether we move forward with a responsible cannabis program or we continue to stay in the dark ages."



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Drawing a line between hemp and cannabis
Several representatives from the hemp industry and cannabis industry urged lawmakers to consider legalizing the substance, which Republicans have largely resisted for years by saying they want to wait for federal approval.

Hemp and cannabis differ, largely based on the levels of chemical cannabinoids. Hemp is currently legal to produce with restrictions in Indiana but difficult to regulate because the plants for both substances look and smell similar and can only be distinguished in a laboratory, according to testimony.

Though Stash Ventures was founded in Marion and even headquartered in Fishers at one time, the company moved to Michigan when it seemed that Indiana was unlikely to legalize cannabis in the near future.

"If Indiana had been available when we started in the state of Michigan, we would have started here with our investment," said Katie Wiley, the company's chief legal officer and chief strategy officer.

Wiley, a Hoosier attorney for more than 20 years, said Stash Ventures was a vertically integrated cannabis company, meaning it held growing, processing and retail sale licenses.

She pushed lawmakers toward legalization, saying that as a parent, she didn't want her children potentially encountering unsafe products in an illicit market. Some lawmakers said they'd encountered reports of

marijuana laced with fentanyl, a highly addictive and dangerous substance largely responsible for the recent rise in overdose deaths.

"As a retailer in Michigan, we can tell you that we have Indiana residents buying from us in the state of Michigan," Wiley said. "I want a regulated market (here)... (If) my child got on something, I would want to know what was in it."

The longer Indiana delayed, waiting for the "inevitable" legalization on the federal level, Wiley said, the more businesses would choose to invest elsewhere.

Conflicted research on proposed legalization
Business representatives with the Chamber of Commerce urged a delay, saying that Indiana's testing capacity isn't prepared to reliably screen for impairment.

Mike Ripley, a vice president with the organization, said employers struggle to test for drug use when marijuana can appear on tests days after consumption.

"Those kinds of things we don't know (how to do) yet and that's why we think that – the longer we wait to implement things – the more data comes out," Ripley said. "We think time is on our side."

But public defenders observed that testing deficiencies already complicate prosecutions, noting that Marion County recently suspended marijuana arrests after a lawsuit saying that their systems couldn't reliably determine the potency of cannabis.

"Even though (cases) are impossible to prove, they definitely affect our client's lives," Monroe County Public Defender Noah Williams said. "If you're going to charge someone with this offense, you need to be able to prove it."

One cited study from a religious school concluded that Coloradans spend \$4.57 to mitigate marijuana's effects for every tax dollar it collects from the legalized substance – a statistic Sen. Ed Charbonneau found concerning.

"I find it ironic that there's a ton of money out there to be made by individuals but also by the state of Indiana and I want to make sure that we don't get hooked on the money," Charbonneau, R-Valparaiso, said. "We've found a way, maybe, to spend some of that great amount of money... on the problems that we create."

But other presentations provided conflicting information, reporting lower healthcare costs, lower opioid overdose deaths and more efficient law enforcement agencies. Yet another set of studies determined cannabis use reduced prescription drug reliance for chronic pain and had fewer side effects.

Committee Chair Rep. Brad Barrett, R-Richmond, abruptly ended the meeting, saying he and others would stay to hear additional testimony privately but ended the official livestream after four hours of testimony. The committee is scheduled to meet again on Oct. 4 and 12 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Union Township Trustee

Montgomery County, Indiana
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022
5:30 p.m.
Union Township Trustee's Office – 1311 Darlington Avenue Crawfordsville, In 47933
I. Call To Order –

- President Dennis Hohlbein
- Ii. Approval Of Minutes
- A. Sept. 7, 2022
- Iii. New Business
- Iv. Old Business
- A. Adoption Of 2023 Budget
- V. Other Business
- Vi. Next Meeting – Nov. 16, 2022 At 5:30 p.m.
- Vii. Public Comment
- Viii. Adjournment

Indiana Places 4th In The Annual Government Experience Awards

The State of Indiana has been named a winner in the sixth annual Center for Digital Government (CDG) Government Experience Awards, recognizing states', cities' and counties' achievements and best practices for radically improving the digital government experience.

CDG touted Indiana for growing Access Indiana, its single sign-on program which is now connected with more than 100 applications and has grown to 1.7 million accounts. Additionally, the Office of Technology was lauded for offering free and low-cost services to local government, including website development and hosting, payment processing, web domains and cybersecurity training.

"The State of Indiana is determined to improve the digital experience across all agencies to improve the quality of interactions with government. Whether that is the State of Indiana services or local government websites, we have a tremendous opportunity to present Hoosiers with remade processes that work for them," said Indiana's Chief Information Officer Tracy Barnes. "It is an honor for the Center for Digital Government to recognize Indiana's efforts over the past year."

"The government experience continues to be a major priority for state and local government

agencies as they seek to rapidly meet new citizen and employee expectations," said Dustin Haisler, Chief Innovation Officer for the Center of Digital Government.

"This past year we have seen agencies embrace new emerging technologies to adapt their constituent experiences to new behaviors and shifts with underlying technology trends. It's very inspiring to see agencies taking a human-centric approach to service delivery as leading agencies seek to incorporate digital equity, accessibility, and inclusion into the experiences they enable."

Indiana has placed in the top four among all states in each year of eligibility. In the six years of the competition, Indiana has placed second (2017), third (2018), first (2019), fourth (2021) and fourth (2022). The state was ineligible to compete in 2020 after winning the preceding year.

All finalists and winners were honored at the virtual GovX Summit last week. This event also showcases the latest trends, best practices, and ideas around the evolving experience of government.

Find more winners of the Government Experience Awards here: <https://www.govtech.com/cdg/government-experience/government-experience-awards-2022-winners-announced>

The Coolest Thing Made In Indiana Contest Entry Deadline Is Oct. 20

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce's Coolest Thing Made in Indiana contest returns to crown a new Hoosier manufacturer that personifies the innovative spirit. Entries for the fan-voted competition are being accepted through Oct. 20.

There is no entry fee. To participate, a company does not need to be headquartered in Indiana, but the product entered must be manufactured in the state. Companies are limited to having one product nominated. The competition – and voting – kicks off Oct. 24.

The Hoosier Hysteria-style, single-elimination online tournament is open to all types of

makers and both veteran manufacturers and budding entrepreneurs.

"The innovation itself certainly plays a key role in who moves on to the next round," remarks Indiana Chamber President Kevin Brinegar. "But the employers that engage their workers, social media and local partners in the process can help spur their company to victory."

Janus Motorcycles of Goshen took top honors in the inaugural tournament with Valparaiso's Hoosier Bat Company coming in second.

"We're eager to showcase more Indiana companies and to emphasize such an important business sector," Brinegar says.

"We are now partnering the results of the Coolest Thing Made in Indiana competition with our new Indiana Best Places to Work in Manufacturing program for one celebration lunch to honor the state's top innovators."

The awards for the top finishers will be presented at the Indiana Best Places to Work in Manufacturing and Coolest Thing Made in Indiana Awards Luncheon on Dec. 14.

To enter the Coolest Thing Made in Indiana contest, companies must fill out a brief application at www.indianachamber.com/coolest.

The winning company will receive a feature

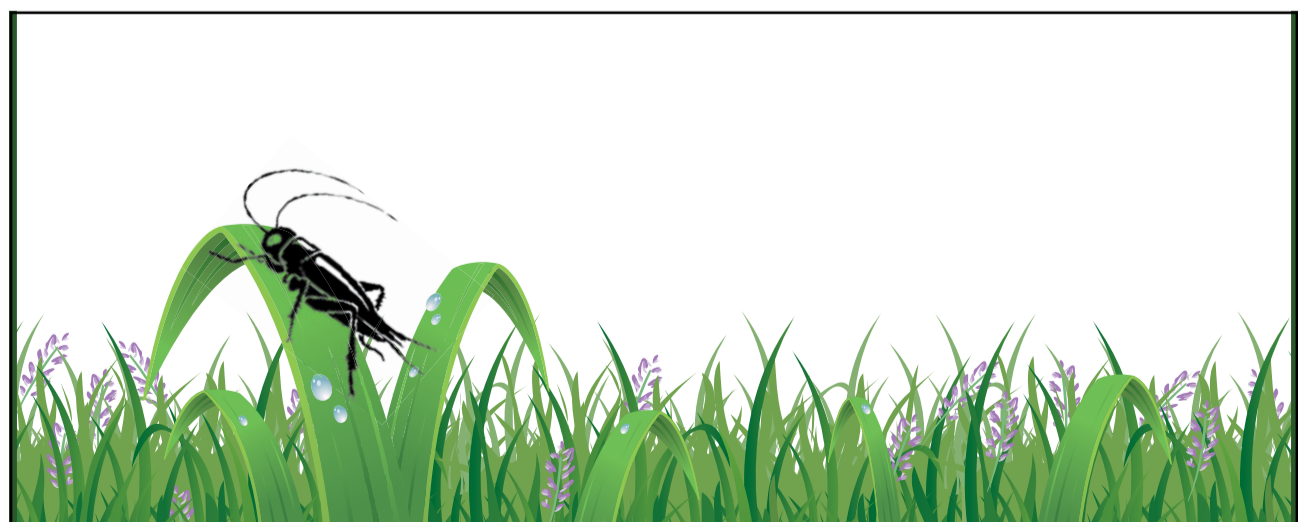
article in the Indiana Chamber's statewide BizVoice® magazine and an invitation to appear on the IN Chamber podcast.

The Coolest Thing Made in Indiana and Indiana Best Places to Work in Manufacturing programs are supported by spirit sponsor Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership (Purdue MEP); gold sponsor Gibson; and silver sponsors Insuperity, Nucor Steel Indiana, SMC Corporation of America and The Horton Group.

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art will be on display, including watercolor, oils, pottery, photography, mixed media, acrylic, sculpture, furniture and 3D-pinstriped panels. Local artists who have work on display include Kenn Clark, Jerry Smith, Alice Harpel, Karen Patton, Leslie Warren, Carol Baird, Judith Smith, Stacie Cook, Kathy Steele, Rick Pack, Brianne Pack, Linda Weaver, Brad Weaver, Daryl Fry, Don Gould, Mary Lou Dawald, Will Bernhard, Beata Steiner, Elli Jeffries, Keller Reed-Wilkinson, Tom Slack, Dennis Furr, Toni Ridgway-Woodall, Rebecca Bailey and Martha Lee Boots.

Make sure you stop by the new Athens Arts Gallery located at 216 E. Main Street to see works by the feature artist, Steven Reaz as well as the member and visiting artists. The Green Street Gallery will be open to view a collection of Jerry Smith's artwork. While you are downtown, take some time to study the sculpture at the War Memorial at the corner of Washington and Main.

View the downtown murals by artists Jenna Morello, Frank Weathers Long, and Ann Stanley and Hoover Elementary Students within walking distance from the Court House and the Peace Pole at Pike Plaza. As you will see, you will be surrounded by art.

The Art Walk is a great way to spend the afternoon or evening with your family. John Oilar will be sketching portraits for a small fee. The League of Women Voters will showcase the "art of being an active citizen" by a display of informative literature as well as washable tattoos for the younger crowd to share in an art experience. Join in the fun and enjoy a day filled with art, stop by a local restaurant to have lunch or dinner and shop in our wonderful downtown stores. If you are unable to view the artwork on Saturday, the artwork will remain in the windows for at least one week. Make it a point to stroll around our beautiful downtown, enjoy the festive flowers, and appreciate the talent of our local artists.

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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.

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 reading or mathematics.

Does volunteering require an entire day of time spent in the school? No, the Teachers Friend can volunteer as little as one hour on one day per 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 volunteer but does not have a lot of extra funds. How 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 dbw@vmhmc.org

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ciated over a few other family weddings, then went on West) performing the marriage.

Their FindAGrave memorial has lots of goodies on it, obituaries, (the beautiful stone photo by scoop) but lacks how they are related and obviously, they were in some aspects, whether my educated guess is correct or wrong. At any rate, they are also connected to all five of their children, (obviously as a child but what other relation is the big question); however according to the family bible, the oldest Nancy Ellen Himes' (Nannie) birthdate is off a year (Bible: 11 Nov 1851, memorial 11 Nov 1852) and she and her husband's photo (Rev. John Henry Neher born in Clinton County IN Feb 1848) is very nice (Memorial 25644415 Hudson Cemetery, McLean County, Illinois). She too had a child pass in infancy (Ira just three) but two daughters (Amanda and Emma) and a son WD Neher grew to adulthood. The family lived in Kansas for awhile and did mission work for the Church of the Brethren in Arkansas, then back East to Hudson where she passed away at 79 years old. He died two years earlier. He had worked up to practically his dying day with the Roanoke, Illinois church.

Sadly, Samuel Wrightsman Himes passed away a few months shy of his second



birthday (13 Dec 1853 - 8 Sept 1855) and is buried in Harshbarger Cemetery at Ladoga.

William Frantz called Frank was born near Ladoga three days after Christmas in 1855 and stayed in Kansas when his parents were in the ministry. He wed Ella Cogan at East St. Louis, Illinois. There were three children, one having passed at age six (Mabel); and another daughter, Estella Blanch and a son they were quite close to (Leslie). Frank worked for the railroad until losing his arm and then went into the contracting business with a specialty in barn building. He never let his arm loss get him down, being a first-class carpenter and usually surpassing any others. He was active

even at close to 78 years at his death, as he was painting in his own home when his son walked across the street to find him gone, apparently from a quick stroke. Not many years before his death he became the manager of the Baxter Lumber Co in McCune, Kansas (FindAGrave obituary).

Dora Malissa Himes was born in 1860 on March 12th (I sent a correction in to her memorial in Crawford County, Kansas, Monmouth Cemetery) as it has just the years. Part of the fun! In 1875, she married Charles Hudson whom she lost in 1911, being a widow for over 17 years. They were parents of two children I believe, Josephine who died in 1929 and Walter

Herman who was living when his mother passed. She died just a few days after her 70th birthday, leaving eight grandchildren. Love how the families carry on. Again, half the fun!

Our last child of this Saga was Mary Alice born in Illinois Feb 24 in 1863 and is buried not in Indiana, Kansas or Illinois but in Joplin, Missouri (died 10 June 1941). She married Miner Martin 7 Nov 1882 in

Crawford, Kansas and they were only together 20 years when he passed away. These children were born to them (Jennie, Earl, Elsie, Harry and Harley who passed at age two). Ironically, Miner was a coal merchant. She remarried (Jan 1910) Ben Brewer a laborer in the mines and by 1920 she was again a widow.

Thus you have just perused #7 of the Himes Saga letting you know about the 2nd of the daughters and their 7th child. One each coming up and the Himes Saga will close so keep an eye out in the upcoming The Paper of Montgomery County (on Thursdays). Enjoy!

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Left, Brody feeds two hungry goats; right, Brody pets one of the cows at Shannon Farms.

process is relatively the same except the adults must be ages 21 or older and complete background checks and an orientation. Both adults and children are needed for the program

to continue to grow and help our youth become productive, healthy adults.

If you know of a child who could use a mentor or if you would like to become a volunteer in

the JUMP program, please contact Jill Hampton. The phone number is (765) 362-0694 ext. 103 or email at jill@mcysb.org. To learn more about the Montgomery County

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