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TODAY'S VERSE

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (NIV)

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Mark Elkins owner of Wonder Creek Farms, was all smiles during the Farmers Market recently. Mark said he's all ready for Thanksgiving!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

The Paper of Montgomery County once again has free tickets to give away for the Christmas Gift + Hobby Show. This year's extravaganza is scheduled for Nov. 9-13 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. All you have to do to win two tickets (valued at \$28) is send us a selfie of you and our front page (Print or Online Edition). Be sure to tell us who you are, where you are from and a little bit about yourself so we can include it if your photo is selected to publish on our front page. If we use your smiling photo on our front page - you win! It's really that simple! You can text or e-mail it to news@ thepaper24-7.com.



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Profits from the sale of The Bearded Painter's artwork fund a charitable foundation that supports not-for-profit agencies around the state.

Athens Arts Presents The Bearded Painter

Art heals. Rick Johnston, the Bearded Pinter knows this first hand. In 2015 Rick Johnston, 49, suffered a medical event similar to a stroke. It left him unable to speak or walk and

himself bitter, anxious and depressed. Physical therapy returned his mobility, but speech difficulties continued.

At the urging of his speech therapist, Johnston turned to art

More Than Just The Fair

It is common that when people hear the word "4-H", they often think of the fair. This is not a bad thing as the fair is a celebration of what youth in the 4-H program have learned in the last year. It is also a common misconception that youth have

to live on a

farm or own

an animal to

be in 4-H. It

is simply not

for any youth

true. 4-H is

currently in

grades K-12.



ABBY MORGAN



joining 4-H, I talk about the endless opportunities that are available to them in the 4-H program.

These opportunities include taking part in short-term, fun, hands-on learning experiences.

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Today is... • National Chocolate Day • Early Vote Day



Zack Piller and his dad were fishing for bass and tuna off the coast of New Jersey when suddenly a massive whale breached the waters in front of them, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Zack didn't panic; he reached for his cell phone and taped the encounter. Oh yeah, as the behemoth crashed back into the water it tapped their boat. It was a near miss but the whale did, in fact, tap their boat. No harm. But they have one heck of a fish story to tell for a long time to come.

Halloween is almost here! And all that Halloween candy is front and center in every grocery store you walk in... just begging to be put in your cart. So which sweet treat are you reaching for? The dentists at Byte wanted to see the Halloween candies Americans crave the most and which is the favorite in each state. Indiana's favorite candy is Butterfinger! Do you agree? Overall America's favorite Halloween candies were Reese's, Kit Kats and M&M's. And the most hated were candy corn, Hot Tamales and Dots.

suffering from vertigo, light sensitivity and balance issues. After years of unrelenting focus on his work as a manager at Carrier and an uncompromising determination to achieve financial success, Rick found

as a means of non-verbal communication. A man of no previous artistic talent, Rick has discovered liberation through painting. His new-found ability

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Butch Says Sometimes You Only Get One Chance



BUTCH DALE Columnist

I had a birthday yesterday....74 years old. How can that be possible? Wasn't it just a few years ago that I played basketball and baseball for the Darlington Indians... graduated from Purdue and began teaching...served as

Montgomery County Sheriff... started working at the library as a second job? Can it be true that some of my first students are now in their 60's and are grandparents...that my four children range in age from 34 to 51...that my wife and I will be married 56 years tomorrow?

It just doesn't make any sense. Until I look in the mirror...Ooops...I guess it is possible. The wrinkles, the dark spots, the silver hair, the thinning skin. If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself! I should never have smoked. I should have worn sunscreen. I should not have

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Fall Leaf Collection **Is Underway**

Fall has come around once again, and with the changing season comes the downpour of our beautiful foliage to collect from our lawns. If you are gathering your leaves from your yard, be sure to follow these simple steps to ensure that the City of Crawfordsville's Street Department can collect your leaves this fall.

After collecting your leaves, place them along the curb line of your property. Refrain from blocking storm drains, as this can block the drain and cause flooding in areas. There are over 1,000 storm drains in Crawfordsville. While the department works hard to make sure none of them are blocked by leaves and other debris, if you see a storm drain being blocked, please help us by clearing them. This is especially

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On This Day • 2007 Argentina Elects its First Female President • 1919 US Congress

- Passes the Volstead Act • 1995 Fire Breaks Out between Two Metro Stations in Baku
- 1918 Czechoslovakia Gains Independence



Births On This Day • 1955 Bill Gates American businessman, co-founded Microsoft • 1967 Julia Roberts American actress

Deaths On This Day

- 1704 John Locke English philosopher, physician
- 1929 Bernhard von Bülow German politician, Chancellor of Germany

HONEST HOOSIER

Why do some places limit when kids go trick or treating? Didn't we all grow up just doing it on the actual holiday?



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Smoking does not relieve stress it actually reinforces 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.



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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.

🗢 TODAY'S QUOTE

"The witches fly across the sky, The owls go, 'Who? Who? Who?' The black cats yowl And green ghosts howl, 'Scary Halloween to you!' " Nina Willis Walter

TODAY'S JOKE

What do ghosts say when something is really neat? Ghoul!

🗢 OBITUARIES Barbara "Barb" Joan (Miers) Cook



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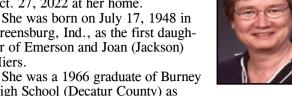
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OBITUARIES

Barbara "Barb" Joan (Miers) Cook July 17, 1948 - Oct. 27, 2022

Barbara "Barb" Joan (Miers) Cook, 74, of Fishers, formerly of Crawfordsville, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022 at her home.

She was born on July 17, 1948 in Greensburg, Ind., as the first daughter of Emerson and Joan (Jackson) Miers.



High School (Decatur County) as Valedictorian and later received her Bachelor and Masters degrees in Elementary Education from Purdue University. She was a 5th grade teacher for 24 years, primarily in the Linden and Southeast Fountain Schools. She married Frederick "Fred" Cook over 53 years ago at The Burney United Methodist Church.

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Crawfordsville for over 45 years where she served on many boards, the handbell choir and as Church Librarian. She enjoyed participating in book and Euchre clubs, and in her exercise and coffee groups. She especially enjoyed supporting and watching her children's and grandchildren's school and sport activities. She traveled to most states and several countries. After her retirement, she always looked forward to spending the month of February in Siesta Key, Florida.

Survivors include her husband, Fred; son, Troy (Armorelle) Cook of North Vernon, Ind.; daughter, Melissa (Matt) Dietterle of Fishers, Ind.; son-in-law, Kevin Dubber of Olmstead, Ohio; grandchildren, Connor, Rowan, Brennan, and Graham Cook, Kamden Dubber and Madelynn Dietterle; and sister, Cheryll Evans.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, DeLynn (Cook) Dubber; sister, Kay (Miers) Royer; and brother-in-law, Ed Evans.

Visitation is scheudled from 4 - 7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road in Fishers. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 7, 2022 at the funeral home, with nephew, Pastor Micah Mobley officiating. Burial will follow the service at 2 p.m. at Union Chapel Cemetery in Decatur County, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to Crawfordsville First Baptist Church, 1905 Lebanon Road, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

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Saturday Is World Stroke Day

Strokes can happen to anyone. In fact, globally about one in four adults over the age of 25 will have a stroke in their lifetime. Even so, most adults in the U.S. don't know the F.A.S.T warning signs of a stroke, and that stroke is largely treatable if you call 911 as soon as you recognize the symptoms.

For World Stroke Day on Oct. 29, the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, invites people to learn how to spot the stroke warning signs with F.A.S.T. and how stroke survivors can prevent a recurrent stroke.

F.A.S.T. stands for: • Face Drooping -Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?

• Arm Weakness - Is

Face Speech Time to Arm Difficulty Call 911 Drooping Weakness

these symptoms, even if

the symptoms go away,

A stroke happens when

call 9-1-1 and get to a

hospital immediately.

normal blood flow in

the brain is interrupted.

When parts of the brain

blood they need, those

don't get the oxygen-rich

cells die. Early treatment

leads to higher chances of

Stroke.org

one arm weak or numb?

Ask the person to raise

speech slurred? Is the

person unable to speak

or hard to understand?

a simple sentence, like

"The sky is blue."

Ask the person to repeat

• Time to Call 9-1-1 -

drift downward?

both arms. Does one arm

• Speech Difficulty - Is

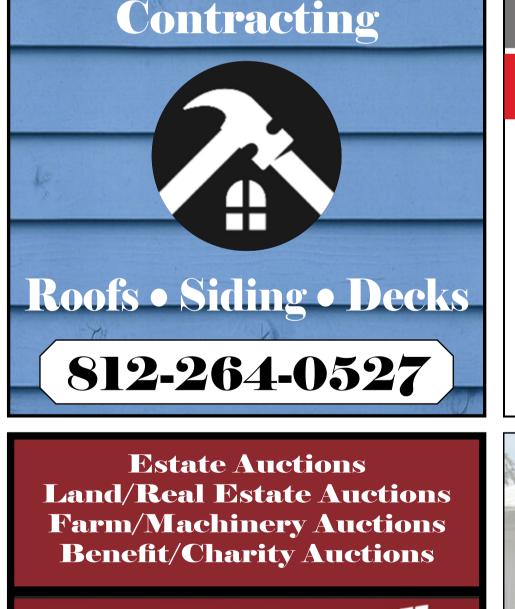


disability.

A large majority of strokes can be prevented through education and lifestyle changes such as moving more, eating smart and managing your blood pressure.

For more information about stroke, including risk factors and prevention, visit www.stroke. org.







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The Memory of 29-Win Seasons Haunts Boilermaker Basketball

Only five times in its 125-year history has the Purdue men's basketball team won at least 29 games in a season.

Coach Matt Painter owns three of those seasons, including a 29-8 mark in 2021-22.

In those previous four seasons (1987-88, 1993-94, 2009-10, 2017-18), high expectations were not met. Dreams of a national championship in 1988, 1994 and 2010 were dashed by an upset (Kansas State), and injuries to irreplaceable stars (Glenn Robinson's back injury before 1994 Elite Eight game with Duke and Robbie Hummel's torn ACL at Minnesota). The 2018 Boilermakers probably weren't Final Four bound with eventual national champion Villanova in the same regional. However, Isaac Haas' broken elbow in the NCAA tournament opener arguably denied Purdue an Elite Eight berth against the Wildcats.

And then there's last season. Never has a 29-win season felt more underachieving. The school's first No. 1 ranking by The Associated Press. A clear path to the Final Four with lower seeded Saint Peter's and a North Carolina team the Boilermakers had already defeated on a neutral floor.

I don't need to reopen the wound of Saint Peter's nor the fact that somehow this Purdue team did not win at least a share of the Big Ten title.

Days away from the start of his 18th season, Matt Painter still has a bitter taste in his mouth.

"I thought our talent was higher than our production, and that's one of the few times I think that's happened at Purdue in the last 20 years," Painter said.

"Even though we had a great year, we didn't win



KENNY THOMPSON Columnist

the league. We should have advanced further in the tournament. We won 29 games. Pretty cool, right? But, you want to do better. You want to do better for the fans and the former players."

Doing better starts with taking care of the basketball and playing tough defense, two traits that have served Purdue well over the past 42 years under Gene Keady and Painter.

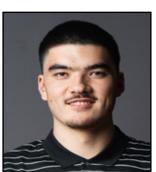
The 2021-22 Boilermakers averaged nearly 12 turnovers a game and allowed just over 68 points a game to opponents.

"We turned the ball over too much," Painter said. "When we didn't turn the ball over, we won."

The Boilermakers had double-digit turnovers in all eight losses. Saint Peter's forced 15, lost possessions that could have made a difference in that 67-64 defeat.

"I think I would have a ring on my finger right now if we didn't have so many turnovers," returning starter Mason Gillis said. "That's one thing we can learn from last year. Taking care of the ball also helps our transition defense."

An offseason spent looking for a true point guard, which Painter has really had just one (Lewis Jackson) during his tenure, through the transfer portal ended up with frustration and settling for Utah transfer David



Zach Edey

Jenkins. Jenkins, who will likely reach 2,000 career points this season, is more of a combo guard than your typical pass-first, ignite the offense point guard.

Luckily for Painter, it might just turn out that he had already signed the point guard of his dreams.

Braden Smith, Indiana's reigning Mr. Basketball from Westfield, has by all media reports been impressive in preseason practices. It would surprise no one if he starts the exhibition opener against Truman State on Wednesday.

"He's a very intelligent player," Painter said. "He's got good savvy about him. He has a really good feel. He's got a high competitive spirit.

"The same things I just said could be said about Fletcher Loyer. There's a lot of similarities about them as players."

Loyer, the runner-up to Smith in Mr. Basketball voting, is the latest in a long line of shooters Painter has targeted in recruiting since the 2013-14 last-place debacle. Dakota Mathias. Carmel's Ryan Cline. Carsen Edwards. Sasha Stefanovic. Eric Hunter. Brandon Newman. Jaden Ivey. Carmel's Brian Waddell.

Both freshman have gained the attention of Jenkins, who learned a thing or two about basketball during his stops at South Dakota State, UNLV and Utah.

"He's showing grit and



Matt Painter

toughness, confidence as well," Jenkins said of Smith. "He's going to have success early.

"If you're not going to come out here playing with confidence, you're going to get eaten up. Guys who come in (confident) like Fletcher shooting the ball and Braden coming in and guarding and passing. Braden doesn't look for his shot as much but we are telling him to shoot the ball."

Newman may have the edge to start alongside Smith in the backcourt, but don't be surprised if the freshman backcourt of Smith and Loyer record quality minutes together.

"We have guys on this roster that nobody is talking about who are going to be productive players at Purdue," Painter said.

Despite the loss of NBA lottery pick Ivey after just two seasons and the departures of Stefanovic and Hunter, there's still talent on this roster.

That comes from consecutive years of recruiting the top two players in the state. Forward Trey Kaufman-Renn, the runner-up to teammate Caleb Furst for the 2021 Mr. Basketball award, is almost certainly one of those guys.

One Boilermaker people are talking about is 7-4 junior center Zach Edey. The Athletic recently rated Edey the eighth-best big man in the nation. Not bad for a Canadian who once was ranked 440th in the 2020-21 recruiting class.

"There is no player more productive on a per-minute basis than Edey, the imposing post-up threat who is in the perfect offense for his skillset," writes The Athletic's Sam Vecenie. "Simply put, he's so big and large that it's impossible to stop him from gaining position when he wants it.

"He actually plays aggressively and likes to play with physicality. He embraces playing through contact. It's a huge edge for him. If he can play 25 to 30 minutes per night, Edey could get into the 16 to 18 point per game range."

The remaining 10-15 minutes could be split among the 6-10 Furst and the 6-9 Kaufman-Renn, who redshirted last season. Furst fought through a foot injury to start 12 games at forward and play key roles in the victories against North Carolina and Villanova in the Hall of Fame Tip-Off Classic.

Furst and Kaufman-Renn also could see playing time at power forward, a position occupied by Gillis. The junior shot better than 41 percent from 3-point range a year ago while averaging 6.4 points and 4.8 rebounds per game.

"(I'm) just doing whatever the team needs me to do, whether it's hit open shots or making the right pass, rebounding, defense," Gillis said.

Junior guard Ethan Morton is almost certain to start and could handle some of the defensive responsibilities of a point guard. A 44 percent 3-point shooter, Morton also takes care of the basketball. He was credited with no turnovers in 23 games and never more than two in any of the

other 14 contests.

As the only senior in the probable playing rotation, Jenkins' role may be providing instant offense to a team that graduated three of its top four scorers (Ivey 17.3 ppg., Trevion Williams 12.0, Stefanovic 10.4).

"I think coach Painter brought me here to be kind of a lead guard from the point guard role," Jenkins said. "It doesn't mean I'm going to go out and get 15 assists but be a scorer from the point guard position. That's something I wanted when I was in the recruiting process. When I was a 2 guard in certain spots it would be easy for teams to deny me the ball."

It's almost a certainty that the latest 7-footer in the Boilermaker program, 7-2 Sweden native Will Berg, will redshirt this season. Time will tell about 6-7 freshman forward Camden Heide's status. Heide, whose father graduated from Lafayette Jeff, had offers from Arizona, Texas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Virginia Tech, Iowa and Creighton among others.

Waddell suffered a torn ACL during his redshirt season a year ago and is working his way back into playing shape.

In a wide open Big Ten race this season, few are talking about Purdue. That's just fine with Gillis.

"We're an underdog," he said. We need to approach every game like we're an underdog. We're going to get the other team's best shot but they're going to our best shot every single game."

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.



As many of you know, Montgomery County is being considered as a possible location for solar energy sites. During this exploratory time, your Montgomery County Commissioners believe it is important to gather as much information as possible on all sides of the solar energy question. Before any decisions are made, the Montgomery County Plan Commission and the Montgomery County Commissioners have as their primary goal finding the right and best answer for residents, or in other words, what makes the most sense for Montgomery County in terms of the future, safety and overall direction? Below are some of the questions that have been asked and the answers we have learned so far. Thank you all for your input! Your County Commissioners encourage you to continue the conversation. *We are listening!*

Q: What are County Officials doing to address concerns about Commercial Solar Energy Systems?

A: Many members of the public have contacted County Officials regarding this important issue. Some citizens want to lease their land to solar developers in order to capture the economic benefits available to landowners. Some citizens oppose these developments. In August 2022, the Board of Commissioners adopted text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance which provided for enhanced setbacks and other changes designed to protect adjacent, non-participating landowners. Currently, the Plan Commission will continue to review the issues and may propose to the Board of Commissioners additional text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Q: Is the County providing economic development incentives to the solar developers?

A: No. In June 2022, Cold Spring Solar, LLC requested tax abatement for its project, but the County Council denied this request. No other requests for such incentives have been received by County Officials.

Q: Can the County prohibit commercial solar energy systems?

A: No, but it can consider changes to its Zoning Ordinance to restrict where the projects may be located, under what conditions such projects are allowed, and what process must be used for such approvals. These are the types of matters the Plan Commission is considering at this time.

Q: Who decides this issue?

A: The Board of Commissioners. The Plan Commission is advisory, and this means that it makes recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding possible changes to the text of the Zoning Ordinance.

Q: What is the timetable for consideration of changes to the text of the Zoning Ordinance?

A: If the Plan Commission makes a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for text amendments, the Board of Commissioners will consider those proposed changes approximately 30 days after the Plan Commission certifies its recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

Q: Does the public have the right to be heard on such text amendments?

A: Yes. The public has the right to speak at both the Plan Commission meeting when the text amendments are considered and the Board of Commissioners' meeting when the text amendments are considered.

Q: Are there restrictions on how far the County can go in regulating Commercial Solar projects?

A: Yes. There are several state law limitations and state and federal constitutional restrictions which apply to County planning and zoning. In its regulation of commercial solar projects, the Board of Commissioners must comply with these laws and restrictions. **Q:** The Comprehensive Plan indicates that the preservation of prime farmland is one of the primary purposes of planning and zoning in Montgomery County. Does the Comprehensive Plan require the Board of Commissioners to take action to preserve prime farmland and protect it from solar projects?

A: No, the Comprehensive Plan is a statement of objectives for future development, a statement of policy for land use development, and a statement of policy for the development of public ways, public places, public lands, public structures, and public utilities. The Plan is a vision for land use and development in the County. Although the Comprehensive Plan is a very important guide to land use policy, it is simply one of five factors the Board of Commissioners must consider when making amendments to the text of the Zoning Ordinance. These five factors are (1) the comprehensive plan, (2) the current conditions and the character of current structures and uses in each district, (3) the most desirable use for which the land is adapted, (4) the conservation of property values throughout the jurisdiction, and (5) responsible development and growth. The law requires the Board of Commissioners to consider the totality of all five factors. No one factor controls the decision.



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Those Are Fighting Words

A woman who keeps quiet during an argument with her husband is four times more likely to die from heart disease. This is according to a study that was published in the journal of Psychosomatic Medicine, a publication I don't generally read, but in my doctor's office I had a choice of that or a 1993 Reader's Digest.

So, let me understand this. If I argue with my wife, I'm a boorish brute and a sexist. But if she wants to argue with me, she'll live longer? It suggests that more and more women will be eager to take issue with their husbands' point of view in the hopes of staying healthy. This puts men in a tough spot. My favorite phrase to Mary Ellen: "Would it kill you to agree with me for a change?" has a new meaning.

This same journal also revealed to the public that drinking several cups of coffee a day is good for your health, only months after the same publication said coffee causes heart disease. For a long time, they also said it was tea that is good for you, so now I'm drinking both tea and coffee four times a day, just to be sure. I'm not convinced I will live longer, but since I can never fall asleep, it will certainly feel longer.

My wife and I have argued about some odd stuff over the years. ("Argue" is probably a bad choice of words, because Mary Ellen always reads this weekly column before it gets published and she wouldn't want readers to assume we don't get along.) We talked about this the other day as our voices got louder and we shook our fingers at each other. In the end, I would have said I lost the argument, but now I know I simply got annihilated in a friendly discussion.

Truth is, we have debated just about everything in our 42 years



DICK WOLFSIE Funny Bone

of marriage: how to eat popcorn; when to nap; how to load a dishwasher; how to cook a scrambled egg. We once debated whether my mother knew how to raise children. I thought my mom had done a pretty good job, but I must admit Mary Ellen provided some strong proof to the contrary. Me!

I must not be a good debater, because I seem to lose the exchange even if I have most of the facts in my favor. For example, I was sure this past July was my wife's 71st birthday, but she claimed she was only 67. I knew she was just kidding, but I liked the challenge and the chance to win an argument. I asked to see her passport and her driver's license to bolster my position. "Not only that, Mary Ellen, but I'm 75 and I remember that when we got married, I was four years older than you. That hasn't changed.'

'Oh, Dick, you're living in the past. That was 42 years ago."

Mary Ellen keeps reminding me that if she digs in and holds her ground in a disagreement, she will live to a ripe old age. "Dick, don't you always want me to be around to take care of you?"

No argument there.

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.

C Letters **Montgomery** County **Emergency** Management **Advisory Board**

- Monday, Oct. 31, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. Montgomery County
- Government Center 1580 Constitution Row
- Suite E-104 Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Notice is hereby given that the Montgomery County Emergency Management Advisory Board will hold an Executive Session for the following purposes:

1. As authorized by the following federal or state statute: [I.C. §5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(1)].

2. For discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining. [I.C. §5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (A)].

3. For discussion of strategy with respect to the initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. [I.C. §5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B)].

4. For discussion of strategy with respect to the implementation of security systems. [I.C. §5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(C)].

5. For discussion of strategy with respect to the purchase or lease of real property by the Commissioners prior to execution of a contract or option to purchase or lease. [I.C. §5-14-1.56.1(b)(2)(D)].

6. Interviews with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by the department of commerce, the Indiana development finance authority, the film commission, the Indiana business modernization and technology corporation, or economic development commission. [I.C. §5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4)]. 7. To receive information about and interview prospective employees. [I.C. §5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (5)].

8. With respect to any individual over whom the Commissioners have jurisdiction, to receive information concerning the individual's alleged

misconduct and to discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee or an independent contractor who is a physician. [I.C. §5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)].

9. For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute. [I.C. §5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7)].

10. To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. [I.C. §5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (9)].

11. To develop a list of prospective appointees of public officials, consider applications, and make one (1) initial exclusion of prospective appointees from further consideration. [I.C. §5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(10)].



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Year-to-date, Duke Energy has aided nearly 1,700 Indiana households with more than \$378,000 in energy bill assistance through its Share the Light Fund.

Duke Energy works in partnership with the Indiana Community Action Association to distribute assistance funds. Customers should contact their local community action agency to see if they are eligible. A list of Indiana community action agencies by county can be found at www. incap.org/energy-assistance.

"We know that our customers are facing rising costs for necessities, from groceries and transportation to their electric bill, which has risen due to escalating fuel costs to produce electricity," said Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar. "We've found that more of our customers could take advantage of the resources available to them, and we want to connect them to help."

The company also is encouraging customers who may be struggling to apply to the Indiana Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The federally funded program is administered through statewide community action agencies and assists qualifying individuals with their energy bills.



The application period opened Oct. 3.

"We expect that with the rising cost of natural gas and heating oil, as well as the challenging economy, the number of families in need of energy assistance will increase again this year. We are proud to partner with our local service providers to administer the Energy Assistance Program to help Hoosiers with these costs," said Jacob Sipe, executive director of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority.

Hoosiers should contact their local service provider to apply for LIHEAP. A list of service providers and more information can be found at eap.ihcda.in.gov.

Duke Energy also offers a number of tools and resources to help customers manage their bills, control their energy use and save money, including:

Budget Billing: Budget Billing lets customers pay one predictable amount every month to better manage their budget. The amount is periodically reviewed and adjusted.

Pick Your Due Date: Customers can choose the date they want their Duke Energy bill to be due each month to align with a date that works for them. Installment plans: Duke Energy recently extended interest-free payment plans from three to six months for eligible Indiana customers. Customers can request a few extra days or restructure a past-due balance into a monthly payment plan. Customers should contact Duke Energy at 800.521.2232 to discuss options available to them.

Usage alerts: Customers can sign-up for emails and/or texts halfway through a billing cycle, well before a bill arrives, with their current usage amount and a projection of what their final monthly bill could be.

Budget alerts: Customers can also set alerts, so they know when their bill reaches a specific dollar amount of their choosing, allowing them to adjust their usage before their bill arrives.

To learn more about these programs and others, visit duke-energy. com/HereToHelp.

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

Get Your Dot On The Map!

Indiana residents in both rural and urban areas have until the end of the calendar year to take the Indiana Speed Test and get their dot on the map that informs future broadband funding across the state.

The Indiana Speed Test is a crowd-sourced internet speed test that focuses on enabling cost-effective planning and deployment of broadband. The Indiana Speed Test has been taken almost 38,000 times over the past 18 months in 30,000 unique locations in the state. However, if you look at the map of the test results to-date, there are still several areas that lack data.

"While broadband needs are most obvious in the rural communities of our state, there are still many locations near our largest cities that lack sufficient broadband," said Randy Kron, INFB president. "Data is a critical piece to help local broadband groups and the state of Indiana invest where service is needed the most and to avoid overbuilding infrastructure."

The goal for the Indiana Speed Test is to gather data in all areas of Indiana. The software platform and the data will be available to local governments and organized broadband groups to analyze potential solutions and aid their applications for Indiana's Next Level Connections Grants and a variety of federal grants like the American Rescue Plan Act.

"The data from the speed test can be used by grant applicants and also by the state to verify where broadband is and where it's not affordable or available," said Katrina Hall, INFB senior director of policy strategy and advocacy. "New broadband maps are currently in development, so now is the time to make sure your dot is on the map. Regardless of whether you live in a rural or urban area, your broadband access matters."

The speed test may be performed multiple times on any device that has an internet or cellular connection. The test takes less than one minute to complete, and no personal information will be collected.

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ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

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Judged by these local award-winning writers and authors:



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John Marlowe



Tim Timmons

Amherst-certified instructor, Gwynn Wills, will conduct a writing seminar for early entrants on Oct. 31 at Fusion 54 at no charge

Need some inspiration for your MoCoNoWriMo project? Join Gwynn Wills for a morning or evening session of prompt generated writing. Read what other participants in Gwynn's writing groups have to say: "The AWA Method pushed me to shut off my internal censor so that creative ideas could flow more easily." "To my surprise, Gwynn's facilitation of the Amherst Writers & Artists Workshop uncovered powerful opportunities for personal reflection - sometimes fun, sometimes nostalgic, and once, life-shifting." "The Amherst Writers and Artists Workshop method is a true breath of fresh air; whenever I'm feeling stuck or guarded in my writing."

The seminars are free for MoCoNoWriMo participants, but it is recommended you sign up in advance. The morning session will be from 10-11:30 and the evening session from 6:30-8:00 on Monday, Oct. 31 at Fusion 54. Please contact Gwynn at gwills6735@me.com to sign up or if you desire further information.



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Johnston, who often begins his acrylic paintings upside down, paints with his non-dominant hand. His subjects are far-ranging and include portraits, pop art, abstract designs, and landscapes. From index cards to full-sized canvases, from a living room easel to his own small studio, from bitterness to gratitude, Rick's talent and

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worked 80 hours a week....Well, at least I'm pressure and heartbeat normal. Same 170 lb. weight as in high school. No pot belly. No major

I guess I'm lucky. Sadly, seven of my high school classmates are gone (out of a class of 32), and a few others are in poor health. Dad died at age 66. Mom had a stroke at age 74, was paralyzed on one side and lived another four years. My brother, who is four years younger than me, suffered a heart attack this past spring, and thankfully is recovering nicely. Those things run through my mind. And although I am a positive-thinking person, I realize that time now seems much more precious. I found an article written many years ago, entitled "One Chance," (author unknown). It makes you think about the past and the time we all have left... "Sometimes you only

get one chance. One chance to put aside your pride and say, humbly, 'I was wrong' or 'It was all my fault,' or even 'We were both foolish.' One chance to do a real kindness for someone when it would mean the most. One chance to hear what a child or adolescent needs to tell you. One chance to give another person the break he needs when he is trying to make a start in the world. One

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in good health now. Blood ailments.

Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

Butch's first birthday Oct. 27, 1949. (L to R): Steve Weliever, Barkie and Sherry Hampton, Butch, Patty Crull, Jane and Betty Anderson, Libby Cohee, John Wells, behind John are Billy Stewart, Marge and Mike McCafferty ... then Mike and Becky Cohee, and Pam Crull

friendship. One chance to stand up and be counted when you don't agree with the crowd. One chance to show your appreciation for another's kindness. One chance to choose to right a wrong you've done. One chance to say, 'I'll keep on trying,' instead of 'What's the use?' One chance to stand up and face a hard situation instead of running away from it....Sometimes you only get that one chance."

I don't become frustrated at minor problems or inconveniences. I am more patient and seldom lose my temper. I am not a "complainer" like many people my age. I try to be nice to others, and I enjoy talking to people. I give larger tips to waitresses now. Sometimes I give people gift cards just for fun. I am more understanding of others. I try to share their concerns and help them with their problems. I enjoy being around kids of all ages, and yes, I like to kid them once in a while and pass out candy at the library. I must have mellowed out in my "old age.'

There are many goals that I still want to accomplish. I will attain those goals....After all, I may only get one chance....

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the

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es. One example of this is the recent Coding Club that took place during Fall Break for youth in grades 3-5. During this time, youth learned basic video game coding concepts by making different types of games, including racing, platform, and launching. They were able to express their creativity and make each of their games unique. They learned problem-solving by not only creating their games but also have other youth in the club test out and play their games.

The Indiana 4-H mission is "to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact

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important prior to rainfall.

It is easy to accidentally mix in other items like tree limbs, grass clippings, bushes and flowers when collecting leaf piles. However, when possible, please refrain from mixing these items with your piles. They will damage the collection equipment and potentially harm our crew members and bystanders in the process. If there are noticeable items in your leaf piles, those leaves will not be picked up.

To ensure the safety of the drivers in our community, make sure leaf piles are not obstructing traffic. If you see a leaf pile, please do not park on the pile so that it

in their communities and the world." So how do we do it? Through handson learning opportunities and more importantly, by providing youth with a safe place to fail. If you think back on your life, there are probably moments when you learned more through failing than you would have through succeeding. 4-H provides that space but it also provides caring adults that help teach, encourage, and cheer on our youth as they learn and grow.

4-H enrollment started October 1st and there is still time to enroll. Don't delay in joining such a great youth development program that provides youth with the life skills

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mini 4-H (grades K-2) is free. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Abby Morgan at the Extension office. Abby Morgan is the 4-H Youth Development Educator at the Montgomery County Purdue Extension Office. She can be reached at asweet@purdue.edu or 765-364-6363.

> aren't out during collection time, don't worry. There will be other opportunities for them to be collected. The last round of leaf collections will approximately start around the middle of December.

We love to see the beautiful changes in color to our trees around this time of year, and it is one of the many things that make Crawfordsville so beautiful. However, when it is time for them to drop, it is up to you to collect them and ensure they are ready for the street department to pick them up. We sincerely appreciate your help with this effort. If you have any questions concerning fall leaf collection, please call 765-364-5166.

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journey. Class will be held on Nov. 3 from 6 – 9 p.m. Class is open to anyone 12 years and older. Cost for this opportunity is \$50. Classes meet at Athens Arts, 216 E. Main Street, Crawfordsville.

To reserve a spot for this Nov. 3 class, stop by Athens Arts Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. or call 765.362.7455 during business hours to pay via credit card.

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