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**TODAY'S VERSE**

Mark 8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

**FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Paul Barajas was all smiles at China Inn recently. He shared one with of The Paper's roving photographers, thanks Paul!

**THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Learn to use a loose watercolor technique taught by a member artist from Athens Arts. Come and join Carol Baird who will teach you the fun technique by making holiday cards. It is easy to use this technique to make cards year-round! No prior experience needed to enjoy this creative class. Class will be on Thursday, Nov. 17. Choose either an afternoon session (1 - 3 p.m.) or an evening session (6 - 8 p.m.). Class is open to anyone 12 years and older. Cost is \$35. Classes meet at Athens Arts, 216 E. Main Street, Crawfordsville. To reserve a spot for the 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. If you have questions or need more information you may text or call Carol Bard at 765-366-5842

**2** The Indiana Department of Transportation announces updates to the U.S. 136 culvert replacement project between State Road 63 and U.S. 41, near Veedersburg. Due to supply chain issues, this closure is now expected to last through mid-December, weather permitting. INDOT appreciates the continued patience and cooperation of the public. Crews are in the process of removing an existing culvert and replacing it with a new, reinforced concrete box structure. The official detour follows S.R. 63 to S.R. 32 to U.S. 41 and back to U.S. 136.

**3** 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.

**Lunch With League Tackles Abortion Issues**

The League of Women Voters invites everyone to Lunch with the League in its new location in Fusion 54, 3rd Floor, at noon on Friday. Lunch with the League programs are for public information sharing, and there is no charge. Bring your own brown bag lunch and join others to learn about important public concerns. This month we focus on a health concern.

On Aug. 5, 2022, a woman's right to make a private healthcare decision previously guaranteed by the U.S. Supreme Court under Roe v. Wade was banned by the Indiana legislature, with certain narrow exceptions. Abortion, choice, right to life, adoption, birth control are all terms with which we are familiar, yet we may not have a good grasp on what is allowed and what is not allowed.

Navigating the law in choosing whether to terminate a pregnancy or in offering

medical advice to a pregnant patient wishing to know her options in Indiana can be difficult and frustrating. Preventing a pregnancy also raises a number of issues. How is birth control chosen? What type of birth control is available or not available in our county? How is birth control funded? Birth control options vary and may or may not have the intended outcome . . . to prevent an unwanted pregnancy. If abortion is not available, and a child is carried to term, the availability of resources can be an issue. How is a woman with no resources able to care for an unplanned child? Is adoption an option?

Friday's Lunch with the League will attempt to untangle Indiana's law banning abortions, the current status of this law and the healthcare and social implications arising from the new law. A panel of law, health care and public health professionals will speak to these issues. The panel will take questions afterward.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, multi-issue organization which encourages informed and active participation in government.

**Butch Takes A Trip To The Darlington Elevator**



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

Harvest season is coming to a close. The farmers had good weather this fall, with very little rain, and many were able to pick corn or combine beans every day. After our fields were cleared, I decided to fire up my 1951 Farmall H tractor, hitch up the old John Deere spreader, and haul some horse manure out to the fields. The tractor had been sitting in my shed for a year. I opened up the gas

line, sprayed two shots of ether into the air chamber, crossed my fingers, set the choke, said a silent prayer, and pushed the starter button. The engine groaned, hesitated, coughed . . . and then BINGO . . . it started . . . amazing! Three hours later, after shoveling, hauling, and spreading eight heaping loads, I was done. My son had offered to load the manure with his small John Deere tractor, but I always like to do it by hand . . . keeps me in shape . . . and I feel like a teenager again, when I used to help Dad.

When I'm on that old tractor or see the local farmers with their gigantic tractors and combines, I think about how much farming has changed since the 1950s and '60s. Dad had a two-row picker which was mounted to his Farmall M tractor, which also pulled a wagon behind it where the ear

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**The Carnegie Museum To Hold Family Art Day Program**

Explore your artistic side! Drop in during the event hours to try out different types of media to make your own piece of art to take home. Play with oil pastels, tempera paints, and more! Work together to create two large community collages using nature images. These works of art will be on display at the Crawfordsville Library Art Gallery in November and December. This event is offered as part of the Indiana Humanities One State/One Story program celebrating the book World of Wonders. Family-friendly and free!

The Carnegie Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and other times by appointment, located at 222 S. Washington Street, in downtown Crawfordsville. Admission to the museum is free, and the building is wheelchair and stroller accessible.

**The True Story Of 'Hi When'**



**JOHN O. MARLOWE**  
With the Grain

Not terribly long ago, I had the opportunity to walk around the campus of my alma mater. I wasn't expecting to meet anyone. It was the middle of summer, and the whole place was deserted. The likelihood of a chance encounter in this academic ghost town was implausible.

So when I walked by the tennis facilities, and found the main doors open, I became unsettled.

I managed to go through an entire college career without seeing one tennis match. This

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**HONEST HOOSIER**

Welcome to the penultimate month of the year!



**INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION**

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**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Eating whole grains instead of refined white starches results in less belly fat.

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**

None

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



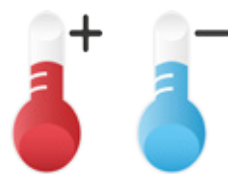
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**The Daily Almanac**



**Sunrise/Sunset**  
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SET: 6:44 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 68 °F  
Low: 51 °F



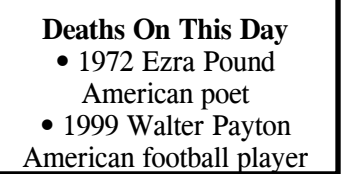
**Today is.....**  
• All Saints' Day  
• National Author's Day



**What Happened On This Day**  
• 1957 The Mackinac Bridge opens to traffic connecting Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas  
• 1897 The first Library of Congress building opens its doors to the public



**Births On This Day**  
• 1871 Stephen Crane American journalist, author and poet  
• 1972 Jenny McCarthy American model, actress and author



**Deaths On This Day**  
• 1972 Ezra Pound American poet  
• 1999 Walter Payton American football player

**THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

**We're Doing It Again!**

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.

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"The road to freedom - here and everywhere on earth - begins in the classroom."  
Hubert Humphrey

**TODAY'S JOKE**

Two bosses were in the car and heading for Disneyland. As they got close they saw a sign that said "Disneyland Left." They broke out in tears and drove back home.

**13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST**

51/68 A.M. MIST, P.M. SUN	46/71 A.M. MIST, P.M. SUN	47/73 MAINLY SUNNY & MILD	53/75 HAZY SUN & WARM	58/76 NEAR-RECORD WARMTH	58/68 CHANCE OF RAIN	47/63 COOLING
TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON



**RATZ**



*The Race is on!*

Photo courtesy of Chuck Clore

## Don't Be Ratz . . . Show Some Political Civility!

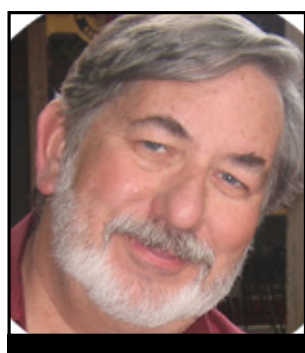
RATZ, THE RACE IS ON!

On your mark, get set, BANG! They are off and running. Brace yourself for midterm blitzkrieg. Seek shelter from the spin-doctors bombardment.

Is there no civil defense from the on-slot of incivility?

Political opponents need to show us leadership and reign in their PR posess. Instead of wallowing in the sins and failures of the other guy, show a little grace. Show us hope. We are weary of bodacious posturing. And as for your opponent, wish him or her well.

If your advertising team is slinging sludge calling your opponent nasty names, it is time



**CHUCK CLORE**  
Guest Columnist

to step out of the gutter. Raise the bar. Be a statesman, not just a politician. Vote yes for civility.

*Chuck Clore has roots in Montgomery County and lives in Springfield, Mo. His work has been displayed in our monthly Montgomery Memories editions as well.*

## F.C. Tucker West Central Announces Listing And Sales Leaders For September

F.C. Tucker West Central is pleased to announce their September Listing and Sales leaders. Agent Steve Collisi was the September Listing leader for F.C. Tucker West Central. Steve led the way with \$907,400 in listing volume.

Steve Collisi has been an active member of his community for 16 years and is excited to be turning that community focus toward real estate. With a passion for service in the Parke, Putnam and Montgomery County areas, Steve is ready to help with your home buying and selling needs. He is not only passionate about helping families find their next home but also passionate about building different relationships within his community. As a proud member of the F.C. Tucker West Central family, Steve carries the values of hard work, integrity, and outstanding client service. Steve has met so many wonderful people who have become like family to him. Steve owned his own business for over 33 years and was a former police officer who was heavily involved in different communities.

Steve is a family man but also a people person. Family is the center of Steve's world. Your



home is where your memories are made. When Steve is not making home ownership dreams come true for his clients, he enjoys a nice ride on his Harley and spending time with his family. Steve lives in Roachdale, Indiana with his wife and two kids.

For all of your real estate needs contact Steve at 317-710-2542 or Steve.Collisi@talktotucker.com. If you are ready to begin your home search, visit TalkToTucker.com/Steve.Collisi to search area homes.

Real Estate Agent John Downey was the September Sales leader. John helped 6 buyers find their dream homes and sold \$807,500 in volume during the month of September.

John Downey is a life-long resident of Montgomery County. He has been married to his wife Thoma for 25 years. They have three chil-



Steve Collisi



John Downey

dren, Jarett, Clayton and Gavin. He received his bachelor's degree from Wabash College in 1989 and an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan in 1999.

John has worked in real estate as an appraiser in Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Fountain and Warren counties since 2006. He joined F.C. Tucker in 2016 specializing in residential listings and sales in West Central Indiana. In 2021, John closed on 66 transactions totaling just over \$12 million in sales volume. He is a two-time F.C. Tucker President's Club member, the 2020 Montgomery County MIBOR Realtor of the Year and former chair of the local MIBOR division.

John Downey brings years of experience in real estate, excellent customer service and a commitment to work hard, listen and follow through. He provides quality service to build

relationships with clients and more importantly, maintain those relationships by communicating effectively. For all your real estate needs, talk to John today at 765-230-6335 or visit his website at TalkToTucker.com/John.Downey.

F.C. Tucker West Central has been helping serve the real estate needs in west central Indiana for the last 14 years. The local real estate market is seeing a reduced number of homes for sale, if you have been thinking about selling now is a great time to contact your F.C. Tucker West Central REALTOR® for a free Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) on your home. F.C. Tucker West Central has offices in Crawfordsville and Covington. To buy or sell a home in our area, please call 765-362-4700 to speak with one of our 17 experienced realtors.

## Witham Health Services November Community Education And Support Group Classes

Witham Health Services would like to invite the public to their November community education and support group classes.

### Community Education Classes

- Diabetes Self-Management Class – Call the Diabetes Education Department at 765-485-8120 for individualized class, scheduling and pricing.

- Rock Steady Boxing 1 & 2 - held weekly at 9 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.

- Rock Steady Boxing 3 & 4 - held weekly at 9:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.

- Restorative Yoga – is held weekly on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.



- Silver Sneakers – held weekly at 11:15 a.m. on Mondays for those 65 or older at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.

- Silver Sneakers Cardio - held weekly at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesdays for those 65 or older at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.

- Silver Sneakers Chair Yoga - held weekly at 11:15 a.m. on Thursdays for those 65 or older at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.

- Tai Chi for Health 2 - Seven week ses-

sions, held weekly at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.

- Tai Chi for Health 1 - Seven week sessions, held weekly at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.

- Pedaling for Parkinson's – Held weekly at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and another class on Thursday's at 9 a.m. at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.

- Flow Yoga – held weekly on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center.

Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.

### Support Groups

- Breastfeeding Support Group – is held weekly on Mondays at 6

p.m. in the VIP Dining Room.

- Individualized Breastfeeding Support is available with a Lactation Consultant. To schedule an appointment and for pricing, call 765-485-8411.

- Diabetic Support Group – Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. in the Beck Room.

- Cancer Support Cooking for Wellness – Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. in the South Pavilion Wellness Center.

- Alzheimer's Support Group – Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. in the North Pavilion Conference Rooms.

- Cancer Support Group – Monday, Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. in the North Pavilion Conference Rooms. Parking is in the Physician Parking Lot and exterior door is marked 39.

- Grief Support Gathering – Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. in the VIP Dining Room.

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for **Brown Trustee Board**



## IDDC Wins Four Awards For New IN Indiana Campaign

MarCom Awards announced Visit Indiana/Indiana Destination Development Corporation as a 2022 winner in the international creative competition for marketing and communication professionals.

MarCom Awards recognizes outstanding achievement by creative professionals involved in the concept, direction, design and production of marketing and communication materials and programs.

Visit Indiana received two Platinum awards, the highest honor bestowed by MarCom. One was in the Advertising Campaign category of Print Media/Marketing/Ads and the other in the Branding category of Strategic Communications/Marketing/Promotion Campaign for IN Indiana open-source campaign.

Visit Indiana also took home a Gold award in the Marketing category of Digital Media/Web Video for the 'There is More to Discover IN Indiana' tourism video.

On June 8, 2022, Visit Indiana and the Indiana



Destination Development Corporation launched the IN Indiana marketing campaign as an effort to tell the Hoosier State's authentic story. Visit Indiana developed an extensive customizable toolkit of resources available free of charge to every business, small town, big city and destination in the state.

"The IN Indiana campaign is an easily adaptable message communities, businesses and universities, large and small, can utilize as creatively as they want," Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch said.

"The IDDC staff worked incredibly hard on this campaign, and it is gratifying to see Visit Indiana's efforts being

rewarded through multiple MarCom awards."

Visit Indiana received another Platinum award in the Social Campaign category of Digital Media/Social Media for the Pie Day-to-Pi Day campaign. From Jan. 23 (National Pie Day) through February (National Pie Month) to Mar. 14 (Pi Day), Visit Indiana teamed up with the Indiana Foodways Alliance to reward anyone who checked in at two restaurants on the Hoosier Pie Trail with a custom "Pie-oneer" T-shirt.

There were over 6,000 MarCom entries from throughout the United States, Canada and 43 other countries. Each entry is judged based

on its own merits, not in comparison to other entries.

"Our team at Visit Indiana and WeCreate Media has put a lot of hard work and dedication into the implementation of all new state tourism campaigns," said Elaine Bedel, Secretary and CEO of IDDC.

"Platinum is the highest award anyone can receive and is very challenging to earn. The fact that we got three platinum and a gold award just goes to show the passion we have for these campaigns and our state."

MarCom is sponsored and judged by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals (AMCP).

For more information about the IN Indiana campaign, visit [visitindiana.com/articles/post/indiana-destination-development-corporation-and-visit-indiana-launches-tourism-marketing-campaign/](http://visitindiana.com/articles/post/indiana-destination-development-corporation-and-visit-indiana-launches-tourism-marketing-campaign/). To learn more about the MarCom Awards or to see the winners, go to [marcomawards.com](http://marcomawards.com).

## Milan '54 Museum Endowment Fund To Match Donations Through Friday

All donations made to the Milan '54 Museum, Inc. Endowment Fund through the Ripley County Community Foundation (RCCF) between now and this Friday will be matched by the RCCF 50% on the dollar.

To make a gift, call the Ripley County Community Foundation at (812) 933-1098 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and tell them that you wish to make a "Day of Giving"

donation to the Milan '54 Museum, Inc. Fund #284. Debit and credit cards are accepted.

Checks can be mailed to the Ripley County Community Foundation, 13 East George Street Suite B, Batesville, IN 47006. Make your check out to Ripley County Community Foundation and in the memo line put "Milan '54 Museum, Inc. Fund #284." Checks must arrive by Friday to be eligible for the 50% match.

## 2 Steps To Save A Life; The Importance Of Hands-Only CPR

(Family Features) More than 350,000 sudden cardiac arrests occur annually outside hospital settings. However, a hands-on emergency intervention like cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), especially if performed immediately, can double or triple a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival.

According to the American Heart Association, 70% of cardiac arrests - electrical malfunctions in the heart that cause an irregular heartbeat (arrhythmia) and disrupt the flow of blood to the brain, lungs and other organs - occur at home, but often family and friends who witness

a child, spouse, parent or friend going into cardiac arrest hesitate to perform potentially lifesaving CPR for fear of making the situation worse.

"By equipping people with Hands-Only CPR training, we are empowering them to spring into action if a loved one needs help, as the majority of cardiac arrests occur at home," said Dr. Anezi Uzendu, M.D., interventional cardiologist and American Heart Association volunteer.

As part of its Hands-Only CPR campaign, nationally supported by the Elevance Health Foundation, the American Heart Association aims to increase

awareness about the importance of bystander CPR and offers these two simple steps:

1. Call 911.
2. Push hard and fast in the center of the chest of the individual experiencing cardiac arrest.

Using the beat of a familiar song with 100-120 beats per minute, such as "Stayin' Alive" by the Bee Gees, can help you stay on pace with the necessary compressions.

"Being able to efficiently perform Hands-Only CPR in the moment can mean the difference between life and death, and by following these two simple steps we can increase someone's chance of survival from cardiac

arrest," said Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., board certified emergency medicine doctor and chief health officer at Elevance Health. "As a longstanding supporter of the American Heart Association, we remain focused on working together to improve health inequities in our communities by expanding access to training and increasing the number of people who learn and feel confident performing Hands-Only CPR to save lives."

To find more information, watch a livestream video demonstration of Hands-Only CPR or download a first aid smartphone app, visit [heart.org/CPR](http://heart.org/CPR).

## GWYNN WILLS



An Amherst-certified writing instructor and former educator, Gwynn Wills gives her readers a little peek inside her heart every Monday. It's a great way to start the week, so grab a cup of coffee or tea and settle in with Gwynn and her journeys that sometimes come from the soul and sometimes stroll down memory lane. Wherever they go, you'll want to go along!

Catch Gwynn every Monday,

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# County Commissioners Hear You

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.





# MoCoNoWriMo

## Montgomery County Novel Writing Month

Have an idea. Get support. Write a novel. Win a prize.

**First Prize** **\$100**  
*and a copy of the  
winning entry published*

The e-book will be posted on The Paper's website and sold with all proceeds going to the author

### Entry Information:

**Early-bird entry fee is \$30**  
*After Oct. 31, entry fee is \$50*

All work submitted must be original and all rights must be owned by the person submitting.  
Copyrighted material is not allowed.

Minimum word count: 15,000

E-mail your entry to Tim at The Paper,  
ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

*Entries should be in a word format file, or simply pasted in the body of the e-mail.*

### Judged by these local award-winning writers and authors:



**Gwynn Wills**



**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 gwill6735@me.com to sign up or if you desire further information.





# Diego Morales And The Press

This much is clear less than two weeks before the Nov. 8 election: Republican secretary of state nominee Diego Morales is getting historic bad press. You'd have to go back to 2012 to find a statewide candidate - Republican U.S. Senate nominee Richard Mourdock - who has gathered as much negative press as Morales, who upset Secretary of State Holli Sullivan at the June convention.

The good news for Diego Morales is that if there is an entity less popular than himself, it's the press. And while Democrat nominee Destiny Wells is an impressive candidate, she hasn't been able to raise the kind of money that would keep the baseline Republican vote from pulling in Morales on Election Day, unless a female voter surge develops (and there are 360,000 new voter registrations).

Morales's problem is that he isn't playing by the normal "showing up" rules. He won't appear at debates or joint appearances, in part due to his early pronouncement that the 2020 presidential election was a "scam," something he has backtracked on since he won the nomination, telling Howey Politics Indiana and the Washington Post that President Biden was legitimately elected in 2020.

His interviews are grudging and sheltered. I first interviewed Morales when he ran for the 4th Congressional District in 2018; he was likable, but not well-versed on the relevant issues of the office he sought. After he lost in the GOP primary to Jim Baird, I know of campaign staff who insisted they would never work with him again due



**BRIAN HOWEY**  
HOWEY POLITICS

to candidate rudeness, obstinance and tantrums. When it comes to campaigns, that is hardly an isolated phenomenon.

Since his upset of Sec. Sullivan, Morales has faced a reckoning:

Tom Davies of AP: "Ex-Pence aide shrugs off doubts in Indiana election post bid." Davies writes, "A former Mike Pence aide is side-stepping previous support for tighter voting restrictions and doubts about the 2020 presidential vote as he tries to avoid turbulence in his campaign for what would typically be a little-noticed election win by a Republican seeking Indiana's top elections office."

James Briggs of the IndyStar: "Indiana Republicans should dump Diego Morales." Briggs writes, "Diego Morales is one of the worst statewide general election candidates in Indiana history. Imagine someone comes to you and asks you to be a reference on a job application. But you know some things: This person has already been fired from the organization he wants to work for; he's misrepresented his business ownership; his big pitch is that he's a military veteran, but the actual experience amounts to three months and 18 days of basic training and some drills; a few other spots on his resume seem exaggerated; and two

women who worked with him have accused him of sexual misconduct." In another column, Briggs writes, "So we find the brain-broken Indiana Republican Party, a morally desolate institution, standing firm behind Diego Morales ... with a record of failure that only a partisan fanatic could love."

WIBC's Kendall & Casey: "Diego Flip-Flops on early voting." They write, "Republican Secretary of State Candidate Diego Morales appears to be flip-flopping on a key campaign issue to try and win votes. Morales seems to be backpedaling on the issue of limiting early voting to make up for several months of bad publicity."

IBJ's Jim Shella: "Diego Morales is unfit to serve as secretary of state." Shella continues, "Morales now faces questions about sexual harassment, his work history and his military record. Morales could not meet (former Secretary of State Charlie) White's standards. White could not meet the legal standards required to hold office. Voters should reject Morales."

IndyStar: "Diego Morales is surrounded by controversy. Democrats hope to capitalize on it." Reporter Kaitlin Lange writes: "The Indiana secretary of state race is shaping up to be a referendum on the character of the Republican candidate, opening up one of the Democrats' few shots at a statewide office in the past decade."

IndyStar: "Republican woman feels betrayed by GOP over Diego Morales sexual assault allegations." Lange writes on Wednesday: "A Republican woman told several prominent

Indiana Republicans that secretary of state candidate Diego Morales sexually assaulted her 15 years ago, she has told IndyStar, but none withdrew their support of his candidacy."

Morales has denied the sexual harassment allegations made by two females.

All this negative press has yet to open a financial windfall for Wells. She out-raised Morales \$328,000 to \$311,000 in the third quarter, but Morales maintained a \$482,000 to \$299,000 cash-on-hand advantage. Wells has made a small statewide TV buy (AdWatch puts it at \$207,000), hoping a sprout of TV money will gin up female turnout, following the 2012 playbook of Glenda Ritz, who upset Republican Supt. Tony Bennett. Ritz used a little late TV money and a social media campaign to ignite wide support from educators.

Wells's pronouncement that "Indiana isn't a red state, it's a purple state with a turnout problem" will be tested Nov. 8. Indiana Republican Chairman Kyle Hupfer expects the secretary of state race to "be a baseline vote" adding, "No candidate in any of these races is going to get more than 10% to 15% name ID across the state. The party will bring those three races home."

If Hupfer's right, the payoff for Democrats may come next year and beyond, when a "Secretary of State Morales" begins his performance in office.

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corn ended up. Near our barn, the wagon was unloaded into an open chain-driven elevator, driven by a PTO from a little Ford 8N tractor, which carried it to the opening in the top of an open-air steel grated crib. As the corn piled up near the top, I had to climb into that hole and scatter the corn to the sides with my feet so the crib could hold more.

Dad raised hogs and chickens, along with a few other farm animals from time to time, so every so often it was time to load up corn to take to the Darlington elevator and have it ground into feed. Dad backed up the '52 Dodge truck, handed my brother and me a couple of scoop shovels, and we went at it. Occasionally we got into a nest of rats, which took off in all directions and between our legs. Loading the truck took about a half hour, and we were both soaked with sweat by then, so Dad let us ride on top of the truckload of corn to cool off, as he lit up a Chesterfield cigarette and headed down County Road 400 North to town.

Harry Yount owned the elevator at that time, and both of his sons, George and Allen, worked there. I also remember Jim Endicott, Wilbert Renick, Gordon Day, and Joe Parks as employees. Dad pulled the Dodge inside until the front wheels stopped on a



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**The Darlington elevator served the area's farmers for over eight decades. This photo was taken in 1976, when it was known as the Farmers Feed and Grain Company.**

lift, which raised the front end up so the corn would fall out and into the dump bin. When I was about 4 years old, I accidentally fell into that dump hole when the augers were running. Allen Yount happened to see me fall in, ran over there, and hit the emergency stop switch . . . Thank God!

As the corn was being ground into feed, the three of us headed to the office, where Dad checked his account, and my brother and I bummed a couple of dimes for two bottles of Nehi soda pop. If we were lucky, he also gave each of us a nickel for the Spanish peanut vending machine. Dad caught up on the local news with the other farmers, and in a few minutes, it was time to back the truck up to the loading door, where the burlap bags of feed,

lifted at the top with twine, were ready and waiting. The smell of freshly ground feed is something I will always remember!

Driving back down Main street, Dad would often stop at the drug store or pool room to buy a pack of cigarettes . . . so then it was definitely time to beg for another nickel . . . to purchase a pack of Topps baseball cards. I just knew I was going to get a Mickey Mantle card . . . No, not this time either . . . well, maybe on our next trip . . . The elevator is no longer there, but my memories will always remain.

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seemed like the perfect opportunity to survey a building I had never been in before. Plus, I should investigate why the doors were not shut — even though of all the sports, tennis might be the least attractive to thieves wanting to cash in on a robbery.

I walked through the steel double-door entry, and into the vestibule that separates the cozy atmosphere of the tennis courts from the usually chilly outdoor spring air during tennis season.

I had long since abandoned the idea that anyone was actually playing tennis. The familiar "thwock" sound of a tennis ball meeting a tennis racquet was conspicuous in its absence. Instead, the only sound was the low hum of the air handlers circulating the indoor air on the balmy summer day.

As I stood in the center of the expanse, and gazed down its length to the other end of the Quonset-style metal building — some 75 yards or so — I expected to see a maintenance employee replacing lighting or perhaps a team manager repairing equipment.

There was no one — no one at least, until the rustling of papers behind me unloaked a young man hidden in the shadows.

He had short, straight black hair, cropped in a practical style just above the eyebrows. He was not

tall, although maybe a bit taller than what I expected for a young man of Asian ancestry. He sat at the end of a long row of tables, and had his head buried deep into the paperback he cradled in his hands.

"Hi!", I blurted, somewhat startled by finding him behind me.

Immediately, the young man snapped to attention. He shoved his book onto the table, face down, creasing the page he was reading, bookmarking it to finish later. He rose abruptly, tossing his shoulders back.

"Yes, sir!" he replied sharply. His comportment was rigid, almost military. Had it not been for a bright, teeth-filled smile broadening his face, I might have ended the conversation there.

"No, Hi," I returned, hoping I hadn't frightened him. I waved my hands at arm's length, fingers spread, palms toward him, in what I hoped was the universal sign of "you don't have to fear me".

"Yes, Hi," he said. "Hi," I said. "Yes, Hi."

This awkward exchange convinced me the young man — Vietnamese, I thought — struggled with the English language. So, like most Americans, I decided I'd help translate by shouting at him.

"I'm John. John Marlowe. Pleased to meet you," I yawned. I exaggerated the movement of

my mouth, as if spanning the US / Southeast Asia cultural gap could be achieved by lip-reading.

"When," he said. My whole life. At least that's what I wanted to say. But, if this guy does understand English, he'll be offended by my chippy answer. The smile never left the young man's face, but I could feel the furrows in mine deepening by the second.

"No, Marlowe," I repeated. "Yes, when."

I reached into my shirt pocket, hoping to grab a stray Tylenol, but in finding none, I said, "When what?"

"No. Not when what," he said. "Hi when."

"Who?" "Not who. When. Hi when." Back and forth we went, just as if we were volleying adverbs on the court behind us. At last, with an energetic flailing of his arms, he motioned me over. He picked up the paperback book on the table. With that same big grin, he tapped rapidly, pointing to the words written inside the cover.

"This book belongs to Hai Nguyen. Please return it if found."

I'm just grateful the young man's named wasn't Hu. Wait a minute! He's on first.

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