

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Habakkuk 3:19 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY
People who call our community their own.



Logan Kemp (left) and Avery Kemp (right) smile grandly from the 1832 Brew food truck. Thank you for your smiles!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The Indiana Department of Transportation announces updates to the State Road 28 resurfacing and rehabilitation project in Frankfort. S.R. 28 is now open from N. Jackson Street to 6th Street. S.R. 28 is also now two-way traffic from N. Jackson St. and to the west. Crews have also placed concrete islands in various locations to improve safety. The width of the roadway at each location is large, and the islands provide a safe solution for pedestrians that are unable to cross the roadway entirely. Additionally, the mid-point crosswalks were placed at the request of local residents during the design phases. The island at the railroad crossing is required by the railroad company. Currently in Frankfort, U.S. 421 is closed between Walnut St. and S.R. 39 (N. Jackson St.) for continued work on this project. The official detour follows S.R. 39 to S.R. 38 to U.S. 421 and back toward S.R. 39.

2 The HuffPost website recently confirmed that, as Art Linkletter once told us, kids say the darndest things, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. In a recent publication, the news outlet published a list of "hilarious malaprops" provided by parents via Twitter. For example, "My son calls grated parmesan cheese spaghetti sprinkles," according to one mom. Another said her 4-year-old calls her bikini her zucchini. Yet another said her daughter says, "arts and craps" instead of "arts and crafts." And then there is the child that calls Toys R Us "toys for us," the 7-year-old who says "skelotope" instead of telescope and the daughter who calls the cemetery the "underground town" and refers to waitresses as "fooders."

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.

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Photo courtesy of Volunteers for Mental Health

Elizabeth Cain prepares to delivery gift bags from the North Montgomery Wrap-a-thon

They Give From The Heart

If you've ever laughed at a comedic actor who pulls out a list and watches it quickly unroll to a great length, then you've also seen a representation of the annual "list" that Volunteers for Mental Health attempts to fulfill each year. Last year the list had over 260 names on it, and this year it has grown to 272 adults in need in our community – a long list and a large task that the Volunteers have been tackling for over 40

years. "It's amazing! Everyone knows their role and fulfills their role," said Kym Bushong, who has worked coordinating the project for many years when describing the extensive process.

Fortunately, there are some other lists of individuals who lighten the load helping transform wishes to gifts for adults in local long-term care facilities, homeless shelters, recovery facilities, and group homes.

This marvelous list of helpers begins with Jessica Barnhart and Kayla Datzman and the energetic elves of Southmont FCCLA. These students have already constructed 6-item toiletry kits that each client will be given. FCCLA will follow this up by collecting items at Downtown Party Night, and then fulfilling orders at the VMHMC annual Stuff-a-Thon. Joining

➔ See HEART Page A5

Butch Says Those Parental Sayings Can Still Be Used

Do you remember the threats, expressions, and little lectures that your parents used on you when you got in trouble as a youngster? You swore that you



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

would never use those on your kids... right? Well, great news. You CAN use those

again with some of the pesky national politicians who get on

our nerves! Here are a few to keep handy in time of need:

- ... "Money doesn't grow on trees you know."
- ... "How would you like your mouth washed out with soap?"
- ... "I guess you must think you are someone special."
- ... "Wipe that grin off your face, or I'll wipe it off for you."
- ... "Here's a dime. Call someone who cares."
- ... "If you want to act like a child, I'll treat you like one."
- ... "Don't cry on my account."

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Ol' Merle's Barbershop

I don't really remember who cut my hair the first time. I'm certain that I cried, because I still do.



JOHN MARLOWE
Columnist

My first haircut outside the home was likely at Ol' Merle Winger's barbershop on Iowa Street in my hometown. I'm

➔ See JOHN Page A5

Hand in Hand Creative Learning



Hand in Hand's mission is to provide high-quality, compassionate, developmentally appropriate early childhood education to Montgomery County children ages 5 and younger, with an emphasis

on infant and toddler care. Their guiding principles are community engagement, creative teaching and learning, and holistic care. United Way in Montgomery County funds are used to stabilize the staffing in the classrooms. This includes partial funding of a teaching position and support of training modules for all the staff.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Live United, Montgomery County! This is a continuing series explaining a little bit about each United Way agency. And please don't forget that the annual fund drive is going on right now. This fund drive helps these agencies, which do so much good work in our county, keep their doors open. If you would be willing to donate, you can do so at www.uwmontgomery.org. Or you can mail donations to PO Box 247, Crawfordsville IN 47933. And if your employer doesn't offer the ability to donate through work, you can drop off the donation at 221 E Main St, Second floor.



The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:24 a.m.
SET: 5:37 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 60°F
Low: 40°F

Today is...

- Election Day
- National Young Reader's Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1932 Franklin D. Roosevelt is elected as the 32nd President, defeating incumbent president Herbert Hoover
- 1988 Vice President George H. W. Bush is elected as the 41st president
- 1889 Montana is admitted as the 41st state

Births On This Day

- 1900 Margaret Mitchell American author
- 1966 Gordon Ramsay Scottish chef and television host

Deaths On This Day

- 1674 John Milton English poet
- 1953 Ivan Bunin Russian author, poet and Nobel Prize laureate

Vote . . . Please



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

A friend of mine used to be the mayor in Seymour. He went on to serve a decade or so in the Indiana House. He was a Democrat. I'm not. We used to have some great discussions.

One day we were talking about voting and he shared this with me. On Election Day, your friends may or may not get to the polls to vote for you. It'll depend on if they remember, if they have time, if something else doesn't come up, if they can find a parking space, if the line isn't too long . . . but rest assured that your enemies will get up off their death bed in a driving snow storm to vote against you.

I'm not sure, but truer words

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

As we approach Veterans Day, here's a tip of the seed corn cap to our local men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country! We are here today because of you.



➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

- Obituaries.....A2
- Slim Randles.....A5
- Notes.....A2

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Any exercise is better than no exercise, but try to do something for at least 30 minutes three times a week.

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 MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Be A PART Of It!

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. 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. If you have questions or need more information you may call Carol Baird at 765-366-5842.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."
John F. Kennedy

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

The soldiers stood at attention until the drill sergeant yelled, "OK all you idiots fall out!" They all headed back to the barracks except one smiling soldier who looked at the drill sergeant and said, "Sure were a lot of them, huh?"

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



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OBITUARIES

Edwin Chenoweth

June 21, 1934 - Nov. 4, 2022

Edwin Chenoweth, 88 of Linden passed away Friday at Life's Journey Hospice, Avon surrounded by his family.

He was born June 21, 1934 in Lynn, Indiana to Edwin R. & Mabel Norman Chenoweth.

Mr. Chenoweth served in the United States Navy. He was a farmer in the Linden area for close to 60 years.

On Dec. 26, 1955 he married Thelma Partridge, she survives.

He was known for his kindness, generosity and his love for his family. Those who knew him would describe him by saying "He is a good man". He was loved by his wife and family and will be deeply missed.

Survivors include his children, Mark (Beth) Chenoweth, Brent (Pam) Chenoweth and Kara (Eddy) Meadows; seven grandchildren; and six great grandchildren; and a sister, Joan Mangas.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Frank.

Funeral services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9 at Hunt & Son Funeral Home in Crawfordsville, with Pastor Jeff Stedje officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Military rites will be provided at 2 p.m. by American Legion Post 72 Honor guard and the US Navy. Interment will follow the service in Linden Cemetery.

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

Pastor David Allen Finch

May 9, 1953 - Nov. 5, 2022

Pastor David Allen Finch, age 69 of Crawfordsville, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022 at Franciscan Health Lafayette.

He was born in Lebanon, Ind. on May 9, 1953 to the late Morris Emmert and Helen Loraine (Douglass) Finch.

He graduated from Waynetown High School in 1971 and earned his bachelor's degree from Kentucky Christian University. He grew up as an old farm boy and the Lord blessed him with many opportunities to serve in many states. He was in ministry for over 40 years and was currently the Senior Pastor at Browns Valley Christian Church for the last 11 years. He has always had a deep love for missions as well, especially in Mexico and Belarus. He and his late wife, Dorma, served as Directors of Spanish American Evangelistic Ministries in El Paso, Texas. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed shooting guns, hunting, reading, farming, was a John Wayne fan, and loved spending time with his family.

On Sept. 17, 1972 he married Dorma Winger, who preceded him in death on Dec. 21, 2011. He married Paula Livesay on Dec. 28, 2019.

Survivors include his wife, Paula; two sons, Nathaniel Barrett (fiancé - Katie Morrison) Finch and Benjamin David (Latisha Grace) Finch; four step-children, Cari (Jonathan) Marquez, Will (Jana) Livesay, Garret (Crystal) Livesay, and Mark (Kami) Livesay; two brothers, Morris (Sandyra) Finch Jr. and Lloyd (Donna) Finch; a sister, Mary Jane (George) King; 20 grandchildren, Ashley, Jamie, Haley, Danny, Dawson, Jeffrey, Jadon, Rosie, Jackson, Callie, Jory, Jasher, Nathaniel, Gabriel, Ezra, Stella, Jasper, Joy, Adelynn, and Claire; six great grandchildren, Michael, Phenix, Autumn, Elena, Olivia, and Camilla; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Dorma.

Visitation is scheduled at Browns Valley Christian Church, 9011 S State Road 47, Crawfordsville on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022 from 4 - 8 p.m. The funeral will be at the church on Friday, Nov. 11, 2022 at 11 a.m., with Pastor Justin Bullock officiating. The service will be live-streamed and recorded which can be viewed on his obituary page at www.SandersFuneralCare.com. Burial will follow at Waynetown Masonic Cemetery. Memorial donations may be given to Browns Valley Christian Church or Answers in Genesis <https://answersingenesis.org/> Sanders Priebe Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com

William Edwin Jellison

May 23, 1939 - Nov. 5, 2022

William Edwin Jellison, 83, of Crawfordsville, Ind. went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022.

He was born on May 23, 1939 in Indianapolis to parents Eddie and Alice Madden Jellison.

He was a member of the Apostolic Bible Church in Brownsburg, where he served as an Elder. He retired from Detroit Diesel Allison in Indianapolis after 31 years of loyal employment. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Roachdale and the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis. His favorite hobby was working on cars as his dad owned a mechanic shop in Bainbridge for many years. He also loved his many furry friends over the years especially his best buddy Simon.

His faith and family were the most important things to him. He married the love of his life, Delores, on Jan. 23, 1976, and they have been loving each other ever since.

Survivors include his son, Brad (Karen) of Austin, Texas; his son, Jason (Allison) of Palatine, Ill., and his step-daughter, Mitzi Cloncs of Hillsboro, Ind. He was especially proud of his grandchildren Scott, Stephen, Gretchen, Emma, Mallory, Tiffany, Lindsey, and Ashley; along with his 11 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandson. He is also survived by his sisters, Alberta Johnson, Lois Harlan and husband Jim, and Connie Breedlove and partner John.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Vera Walton; brother-in-law, Dale Breedlove; step-daughter, Sandra Jo Cloncs Cashmore, and infant grandson, William Michael Jellison.

His final resting place will be in Oak Hill South Cemetery, with Pastor Jimmy D. Ogle and Sister Sharp officiating the private service.

Memorial donations may be made to the Montgomery County Animal Welfare League.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sanders Priebe Funeral Care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com

Oliver "Sonny" Reed

Jan. 5, 1936 - Nov. 3, 2022

Oliver "Sonny" Reed, 86, of Crawfordsville, passed away Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, at home surrounded by family.

He was born Jan. 5, 1936, in Pierceton, Ind., a son of the late Baxter and Mable (Keller) Reed.

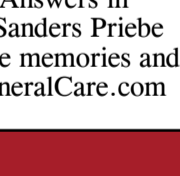
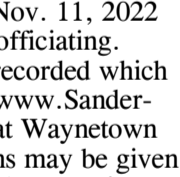
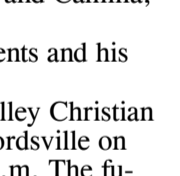
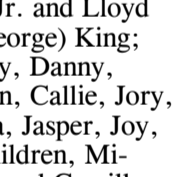
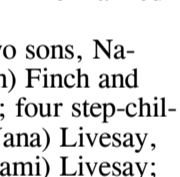
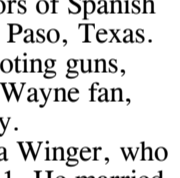
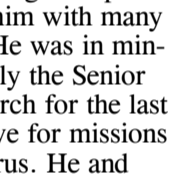
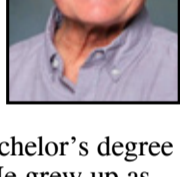
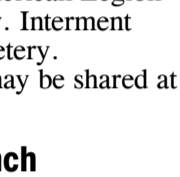
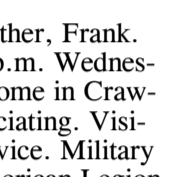
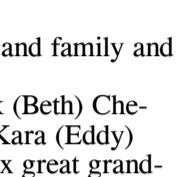
He was reared in Boone County. He graduated from Jackson Township High School with the class of 1954 and went on to Purdue University, graduating in 1958. He taught school at Waveland High School and Granville Wells for 10 years and was a lifelong farmer. He loved God, his grandkids, his family, his farm and animals, but he lived to play basketball.

Survivors include his loving wife of 57 years, Mary Reed; children, Terrill Reed-Wilkinson (Max Wilkinson), Robin Miller (Brian), and Gunnar Reed (Tricia); grandchildren, Keller Wilkinson, Tori Wilkinson, Duncan Reed (Lizzie), and Hillary Reed; sisters, Janet Gadsin, Carole Morehead, and Sharyl Groscoast (Dan); and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Charles Richard Reed.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 2 - 6 p.m. at the Dover Christian Church, 955 IN-75, Lebanon, IN 46052. Memorial contributions may be made to the Western Boone Athletic Department, 1205 N. SR 75, Thorntown, IN 46071.

Final care has been entrusted to the Strawmyer & Drury Mortuary, Lebanon. You are invited to visit the website where you may sign his online register and leave a personal message at www.strawmyerdrury.com.



Gov. Holcomb Declares Nov. 6-12 Winter Weather Preparedness Week

While temperatures may be mild, especially for early November, winter weather is on the horizon. The Indiana Department of Transportation urges Hoosiers to be prepared for when snow starts to fall.

Gov. Eric Holcomb proclaimed Nov. 6 - 12 Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Indiana. Along with the National Weather Service and other agencies, INDOT is encouraging the public to use this week as a reminder to take steps to prepare for potential hazards that come with winter weather. For safe travel, INDOT offers the following tips:

- Slow down and adjust travel to conditions, especially on snow covered roads.
- Never tailgate or drive beside a snowplow, the driver's visibility may be limited.
- The safest place on the road during a winter storm is behind a snowplow, but if you must pass, do so carefully.
- Be prepared in case of a crash and becoming stranded; always carry an emergency kit in your vehicle with food, water, a phone charger, sand or cat litter, flares or bright LED alternatives, a flashlight, and blankets.
- Keep your vehicle full of gas.
- Keep a shovel in your car to dig out around your tires and your tailpipe if needed.
- Make sure your vehicle battery is strong, fluids are at the appropriate levels, and your spare tire is properly inflated.

According to the Na-

tional Weather Service, there are over 66,000 variations of winter storms. Snow, ice, freezing rain, and fog all present challenges for winter travel. Roads can become slick, even after pre-treatment and regular treatment during and after a storm. It's important to know the facts about INDOT's winter operations.

Maintenance crews monitor forecasts several weeks out and prepare for a winter storm based on the type of precipitation, conditions leading up to an event, and extended forecast following the storm. If conditions allow, roads are pre-treated with salt brine and are regularly treated with rock salt. In colder temperatures, salt and brine alone take longer to activate, so environmentally-friendly chemicals are used to boost effectiveness. Snowplow drivers typically work 12-hour shifts during a storm and on average, take two-to-three hours to complete a full route. INDOT is getting ready for winter operations by hiring seasonal snowplow drivers, completing training with current staff, inspecting and preparing equipment, and securing materials, like salt.

For information about road conditions during a winter storm, visit 511.in.gov to view INDOT's Trafficwise map, or download the app on your Apple or Android device. Another way to stay connected is to follow INDOT on social media for regional information and additional resources.

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American Senior Communities

Carri Carell of Hickory Creek and Kat Magill of Ben Hur Health and Rehabilitation, were among 97 employees of American Senior Communities honored with the ASC Quest for Excellence award for outstanding service to patients and residents.

With more than 9,000 employees across the state, ASC's Quest for Excellence is the most

coveted employee recognition, celebrating a team member from each community whose work exemplifies a caring and concerned attitude that goes beyond the normal expectation of their job. Honorees include clinical staff, therapists, and culinary staff, as well as business office, house-keeping, maintenance team members and others. "ASC's Quest for Ex-



Photos courtesy of American Senior Communities

Left, Carri Carell of Hickory Creek; right, Kat Magill of Ben Hur Health and Rehabilitation

cellence Award winners promote and maintain the ASC culture of caring for others while demonstrating the highest level of integrity," said CEO Donna Kelsey. "These exception-

al people embody ASC's commitment by keeping its values of compassion, accountability, relationships and excellence as their highest priorities." ASC provides a variety

of services, including Moving Forward Rehabilitation, Auguste's Cottage Memory Care, Skilled Nursing Care, Long Term Care, Respite and Hospice Care, and living

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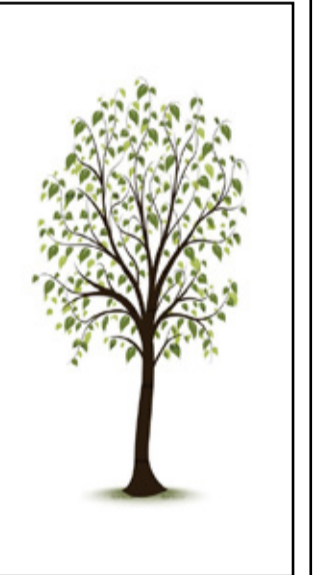
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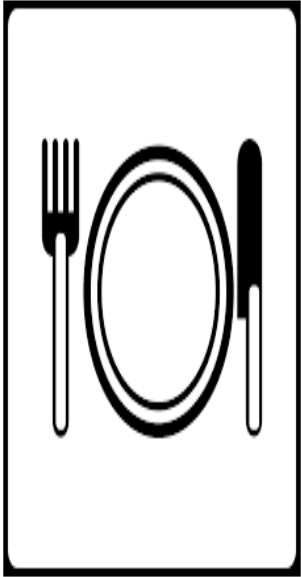
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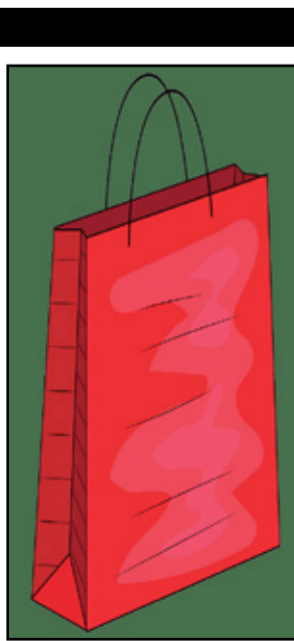


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What Will Happen On Election Day? Howey's Forecast

What do you get when you cross an elephant with RINO? It's an ancient joke with a contemporary twist, with the answer rhyming with "Hell if I know!" But that seems to be the final homestretch tagline from pundits and operatives.

As journalist Mark McKinnon observed on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" earlier this week, "Things are happening that have never happened before."

Journalist John Heilemann of Showtime's "The Circus" noted after traveling in state after state, "It feels tight. It's going to be a wild night." Or NBC's Steve Kornacki told the Washington Post Magazine, "My doubt-to-confidence ratio is extremely high. It's actually getting to the point where I feel like there's 20 different ways this can go."

What is clouding this picture?

Start with the traditional first mid-term of a president's party facing dire straits, then look at President Biden's approval which was 42.8 percent in the Real Clear Politics aggregate; while the direction of the country is at 67.4 percent wrong track.

President Biden's job approval on the economy stood at 38.9 percent approve to 58 percent disapprove in the RCP aggregate. It stood at 33.8 percent to 62 percent approve/disapprove on inflation; 35.6 percent / 60.2 percent on immigration, and 38.2 percent / 56.4 percent on crime. Even on abortion, Biden's approval was just 38 percent with 56 percent disapproving, while on his handling of Russia/Ukraine just 45.3 percent approved with 50.7 percent disapproving. With numbers like



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these, it's amazing that Democrats are even in the game at all. Yet the U.S. economy grew at a better-than-expected 2.6 percent GDP, the U.S. is near full employment with a 3.5 percent jobless rate, and the Dow increased by 14% in September, with those numbers eclipsed by an 8.2 percent inflation rate.

The U.S. Supreme Court's June 24 Dobbs decision appeared to even the playing field for Democrats. While there were 334,891 early ballots cast in Indiana as of mid-Wednesday morning, 53 percent were cast by females. The partisan breakdown was 49 percent Republican, 40 percent Democrat, and 11 percent independent. The twist here is that a significant percentage of Republican women supported Roe and opposed SEA1.

In Indiana, there are a number of partisanized school board races that are expected to gin up suburban turnout.

The polls are being perceived as unreliable, with Politico observing that a number of partisan Republican polls are impacting aggregate numbers on places like Real Clear Politics and FiveThirtyEight.

The U.S. Senate is a pure tossup. FiveThirtyEight: "The party that wins two of the three closest states will likely win the Senate majority. Republicans' two best pick-up

opportunities are Nevada and Georgia; Democrats having an edge in Arizona and New Hampshire while Republicans will likely win in Ohio, North Carolina and Wisconsin." In the Indiana Senate race, FiveThirtyEight says Republican U.S. Sen. Todd Young has a 98 percent chance of winning.

The U.S. House is trending Republican. FiveThirtyEight gives Republicans an 84 percent chance of winning the House, saying, "Following the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, there appeared to be a real chance that Democrats could keep control of the House. However, Republicans have regained much of the advantage they had earlier in the summer."

In the Indiana secretary of state race, Democrat Destiny Wells has pumped about \$520,000 in late TV money with an attack ad against Republican Diego Morales. Morales, meanwhile, has spent or booked \$107,000, while the INGOP has spent about \$350,000 on an ad featuring Morales and the rest of the statewide ticket. Indiana Democrats see this as its best chance for a statewide pickup in a decade. Republicans believe this is a baseline race, with neither candidate expected to have more than 15 percent name ID.

In the 1st Congressional District, Republican Jennifer-Ruth Green has raised an impressive amount of money, outraising freshman U.S. Rep. Frank Mrvan \$2.89 million to \$2.23 million, giving Republicans hope that it can pick off a congressional seat it hasn't held in a century. Open Secrets reports that

almost \$12 million in outside PAC money was spent in the 1st, giving it a competitive aura. FiveThirtyEight gives Mrvan an 87 percent chance of winning with a forecast margin of 53.4 percent to 48.6 percent for Green.

In General Assembly races, Republicans have a clear financial advantage. House Democrats raised \$414,258 in late money, while House GOP raised \$788,487. Yet, much of the late House money is flowing into Republican held or leaning seats. Senate Democrats raised \$91,738 in late money, Senate GOP raised \$742,861.

This has been the hardest cycle to analyze. National polling is questionable, and there has been virtually no credible polling here in the state. Indiana has essentially become a one-party state, and the fundraising, lack of Democrat challengers to GOP leadership, while eight Senate races and 33 in the House are unopposed, indicate the structural advantage for the ruling party emphatically continues.

This cycle should have been a slam dunk GOP wave, except that the Supreme Court's Dobbs ruling and the House Jan. 6 committee have fueled Democrat concerns over abortion and the fate of American democracy. If next Wednesday Democrats are celebrating, the reason will find roots in those two issues.

If there is a Republican rout, it will validate James Carville's 1992 mantra ("It's the economy, stupid"), and will also solidify Donald Trump's hold on the party.

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Drinkin' Your Fruit Juices

You get them flu shots ever' fall? I try not to, but Doc has this year nurse that's not only stouter'n a streetsweeper, but fleet of foot as well. This year's Windy, a-course. So, yeah, I prit-nearly allus get one a-them shots each fall.

But I been workin' on a way to either speed me up or slow her down. Ever seen on them summer Olympicals the relay race? You know, when one guy's runnin' and he sticks out a stick and the next guy takes it for a while? Thass what that there nurse looks like in hot pursuit 'cept it's a hypothermic needle and not a stick in her hand. Now you know ol' Doc makes fun a-me ever' dang time she catches up. A-course, she could stand to run off a few calories here and there, mostly there. Truth be told, wouldn't hurt me none, neither.

When Doc stops laughin' he usually says, "Windy, I don't think you're any faster'n you was last year."

"Nope," I admitted, "but I think she is."

Oh, I tried to talk Doc out of it. Honest. I told him I been particler good this last year and took my vitermins and mine-rales and drank my fruity



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juice and all that stuff. See, I figgered if he got impressionated enough with my diet, I might could slip away from Vampira for one year.

But it seems like somethin' always happens to that there plan a-mine.

For example, Doc looked at me while Nurse Sprint was in the corner, sharpenin' her needle and lookin' funny at my fanny.

"So Windy," Doc said, "you been drinkin' your fruit juices."

"Yessir!" I replied.

"Let me guess ... was this juice mixed up with gin or vodka?"

"Well"

Doc nodded to the nurse. I didn't even make it as far as the restroom door.

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Sam Line, and Gabe Little, and Ryley Mitton set up an assembly line for FCCLA members.



Ella Brewer and Hayley Dixon inventory finished kits.



Gift bags ready for delivery

them will be service-minded students at North Montgomery including Libby Allen's Student Council, health careers members, honor society members, and members of several other NMHS service organizations who will wrap every gift in 270 big bags of gifts and help deliver them.

Six exemplary VMHMC student board members are helping lead the efforts this year: Hayden Jeffries and Kristen Thompson (Crawfordsville HS), Ryan

Hopper and Clauddia Smedley (North Montgomery HS), plus Jessie Bradley and Evelyn Zachary (Southmont HS).

First Christian Church scouts and Worship on Wednesday youth are also involved in coordinating materials and creating individual cards for each Gift Lift recipient.

Of course, an essential list of contributors are the special individuals who donate clothing and other requested items to the community locations or provide monetary donations to purchase special



Aubrie Buck and Keira Sanchez load completed toilet kits at Southmont HS.



Student Board member Clauddia Smedley at last year's NHMS Wrap-a-thon.



Photos courtesy of Volunteers for Mental Health

Every gift bag honors the community contributions that make the gifts possible.

items.

"All of the gifts that individuals receive start with a dream, and our wonderful community members make the dreams come true with their generosity!" remarked Denise Walker who also works with the program. VMHMC is a member of the United Way family.

Collection containers will be available at the following locations until Thanksgiving week.

Donations will also be welcomed next to Harry's Hideout from 6 - 8

p.m. at Downtown Party Night.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated, and may be sent to VMHMC, Post Office Box 491, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

Further information about the Gift Lift program, including a list of gift suggestions is available on the www.vmhmc.org website.

For further information, please contact: Denise Booher Walker at 765-275-2689 or 765-307-0362 e-mail - dbw@vmhmc.org

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may never have been spoken.

So today, go vote against someone . . . vote for someone . . . whatever works best for you, but just vote.

We had a stretch from the late '80s to the early 2000s where only about half of us voted. In 1996, only 49 percent of voting age Americans cast a ballot - of course that presidential race featured Bill Clinton and Bob Dole . . . who could blame us?

But seriously folks. The good news is that voting turnout in 2012 was about 54 percent, up a tick in 2016 and then way up in the 60s in 2020. (I think my friend's description from

above had an awful lot to do with that one.)

Of course, those are all presidential years and we know that mid-terms generate far less interest. Typically, well less than half of us vote.

That's a shame.

There's a guy on the radio named Rob Kendall who says we get the government we deserve. It's a good point. If We The People do our homework and look beyond the stupid yard signs and 30-second sound bites and find out who these candidates really are, then we will vote wisely and we will deserve better. If We The People vote straight-party ticket, then we'll get what we

deserve. And if We The People choose to sit back today and not cast our ballot, we'll get exactly what we deserve.

Two-thirds of those scenarios end up with more of the same.

It's easy to understand not voting today. There aren't that many contested races and the allure of a presidential contest is still two years off. But the truth is we have some very interesting school board races. Can you recall any point in your life where what is being taught in our schools has been talked about so much? Think that's not important? Really?

And like the annoying announcer says, but

that's not all. We've actually got a few other races of interest, locally and at the state level.

Ultimately, how you vote . . . how much research you do, where your loyalties lie, what you want to accomplish . . . is entirely your call. That's the great thing about our republic. We each have a say. It's a process. It's our process. Do your part.

Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Wednesdays in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at timmons@thepaper24-7.com.

JOHN From Page A1

not sure why I mention Merle's being on Iowa Street, except that I always marveled that our town was one of the few small towns that didn't have a Main Street or an Elm.

Instead, all of our streets were named after states. Why the founders chose Iowa Street I'll never know. The only way to get to Iowa in that direction is through Uzbekistan.

Anyway, Merle's was one of only two businesses on Iowa Street during my youth. The other was the Poultry Building. It wasn't unusual for the old-timers to pop into Merle's for a quick shave with a straight razor while their Leghorns were next door having their throats slit with the same.

The air inside Ol' Merle's barbershop was a miasma of wet chicken feathers and witch-hazel. I'm not sure how I can describe the smell to you other than to suggest that it is the same odor that an operating room would have, if it were located inside Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Merle wasn't very big, even by barber standards. He stood about five feet, six inches tall, and often struggled cutting the hair of taller clients. When 6'6" Gib Barry came in for a haircut, Merle would always greet him with the same salutation.

"How's the weather up there, Gib?"

Merle was resourceful, though. He kept a little black stool under his work station. He'd pull that stool out, sidle up to the giant leather and porcelain barber's chair, and start snipping away.

We always figured Merle learned barbering in the Navy. His rolled up sleeves exposed two giant "anchor" tattoos on the tops of each forearm. We guys thought they were pretty neat -- tattoos weren't often openly displayed in those days. But they weren't nearly as neat as the scantily clad rendering of the short-haired dancehall girl tattooed on Merle's upper arm.

Merle called her Sally Mae, and when he articulated the clippers with his fingers, his bicep flexed, making Sally Mae shimmy.

The younger boys, you know, the ones not nearly as worldly as myself, would run up to Merle

and clamor for him to make Sally dance.

Merle always complied.

The best part about Merle's was that he owned a subscription to about every comic book that ever existed, even the one's our parents didn't dare let us read at home. On a Saturday morning, it was commonplace to see a dozen bicycles piled on the sidewalk outside. A room full of waiting room chairs sat occupied with swiveling legs, each with a Choc-ola soft drink in hand, and each with a boy's nose jammed into the latest edition.

There were rumors from the older boys that Merle kept a few "special" comic books in the back room, but I can't confirm that. I can confirm, however, that no one left Merle's without a smile on his face.

Sadly, Merle's barbershop is no longer on Iowa Street. Merle experienced some serious heart issues, and had to walk away from the shop. His twin brother took over for awhile, but it was never really the same.

Besides, we always wondered how Merle kept the shop open in the first place. It was the 1970s, and the anti-government, rock 'n roll teenagers of the time wore their hair long.

That did lead, however, to one of the best barbershop stories I've ever heard.

Dewey Denman and Roger Robinette -- I suppose, in an act of anti-anti-government defiance -- decided that they were going to join the Army after high school. Dewey sported rather stringy, shoulder-length reddish-brown hair, and Roger had really beautiful flowing blond hair, which reached well below his belt line in back.

The two popped into Merle's barbershop to have it all buzzed away for bootcamp after graduation. They stood in the open doorway for more than a moment, perhaps surveying the reaction of the men inside.

After a long pause, Merle turned to the pair and said, "You boys here to get a haircut? Or, are you just looking for an estimate?"

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BUTCH From Page A1

You brought this on yourself."

"...Give me a break. I wasn't born yesterday you know."

"...If you have kids when you grow up, I hope they are just like you."

"...God gave you a brain, didn't he? Use it!"

"...Stop pouting. 'Can't' never did anything."

"...Who do you think you are...the Queen of Sheeba?"

"...Quit carrying on. You'll live."

"...Put a sock in it."

"...Talking to you is like talking to a brick wall."

Well folks, election day is here. Thank the Lord the political commercials will be over soon. No matter who wins, remember that we will get the best politicians that money can buy. No matter which political party you prefer, our nation-

al politicians and baby diapers have one thing in common...they should be changed regularly... for the same reason.

Just keep in mind that national politicians are wonderful people as long as they stay away from things they don't understand...such as working for a living. As comedian George Burns once said, "It's too bad all the people who know how to run this country are busy driving taxis and cutting hair."

Well, it's time to vote. Mark your ballot. Cross your fingers...and pray. And as your parents said, "I'm not asking. I'm telling. Because I said so, that's why. One day you'll thank me!"

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

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