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### ➔ TODAY'S VERSE

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

### ➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



David Lashbrook smiles happily for our photographer. Thank you for your smile David!

### ➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

**1** The Indiana Department of Transportation announces updates to the I-65 Added Travel Lanes (ATL) project in Tippecanoe County. Due to the contractor's schedule, the I-65 southbound entrance ramp at State Road 43 is now expected to open on or after Friday, April 14, weather permitting. Crews will continue to work on this project through the winter months, as the weather and temperature allows. Currently, work is happening on I-65 in both directions between S.R. 25 and W. 725 N., north of Lafayette. INDOT urges the public to be aware of narrow lanes for the duration of the project. Traffic is currently being shifted to the new inside lanes in both directions, while crews construct the outside lanes. Temporary lane restrictions may be required throughout the duration of the project.

**2** Want to see a comet with your naked eye? Well, you just might get your chance soon. Comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF) will be closest to our planet on Feb. 1 and Feb. 2. According to the good folks at space.com, if the comet continues to get brighter, we just might be able to look up and see it. And even if it fades a bit, we should still be able to use binoculars or a telescope around then. Go to www.space.com

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## 2023 National Mentoring Month

President Joe Biden officially declared January National Mentoring month. Our Nation has been celebrating this event since 2002. It is a time to acknowledge the importance of mentoring and to make a point of thanking everyone who helps mentor another human being.

For the JUMP program, which is a mentoring program at the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, this means thanking all of our dedicated volunteers. These are adults who spend one on one time with the youth of our community in order to act as a positive role model. These volunteers offer support and kindness as well as show these kids new experiences that they might not otherwise have a chance to participate in. This extra adult in their life can make a huge difference in helping them achieve their full potential.

Now more than ever, kids



Photo courtesy of MCYSB

### Evan and JJ at a Colts game

need mentors. During the past few years, the isolation caused by the COVID - 19 pandemic has caused many youth to experience mental health challenges. Having an adult to spend time

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## Meet The Durham Family Here In Saga #1



### KAREN ZACH Around The County

Welcome to the next Saga which will follow the local Durham family. Although I have both families of John Durham and Martha Bugg back farther, our saga basically begins with them. He was a Revolutionary Soldier from VA but moved his family to Mercer County, Kentucky where he and Rev. Francis Clark began the first Methodist Congregation west of the Appalachians (FindAGrave). He was born 2 Oct 1742 in Henrico County, Virginia and he had two interesting occupations and a bunch of children (13 of them). He married Martha the day after



Christmas in Luxembourg, Virginia (1765). He passed away in Mercer County, Kentucky in 1817 as did she two years later. John was a farmer and a strong Methodist.

Some of their 13 children remained in Kentucky; others went off to Kansas, as well as Washington state, while still others came to Indiana. It is their son John J. who will be highly featured in this saga. He and wife Celia Bonham did not (as far as I know) come to Indiana (he passed 19 Sept 1855 and she in 1868 in Mercer

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## Binge Worthy Fantasy YA

YA (Young Adult) books are not just for teens. The library has many YA series with unforgettable characters and outstanding storytelling that appeal



Joni Jefferies  
Fresh off the Shelf

to both adults and teens. If you're looking to discover a new series, try some of these crowd favorites from our YA section at

the library. Some titles are also available on Libby.

For readers interested in heroines with hidden powers that will determine the fate of a realm try the Red Queen Series by Victoria Aveyard (Complete at 4 books). This action-fantasy series follows Mare, a red-blooded girl whose people serve the silver-blooded elites. When the king discovers that Mare has powers of her own, he betroths her to one of his sons, kickstarting a deadly series of betrayals.

Another heroine with hidden powers can be found in The

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## Veterans Newsletter

Wow we certainly have had enough weather to last all season. Well we took 6 veterans to their appointments this month and we also had 55 phone calls this month and I had a total of 6 visits of veterans into my office this month.

I will be going to the American Legion Post 72 in Crawfordsville at 1 - 4 p.m. today and I will be going to the VFW Post 1431 in Crawfordsville at 1 - 4 p.m. on the 26 of Jan.

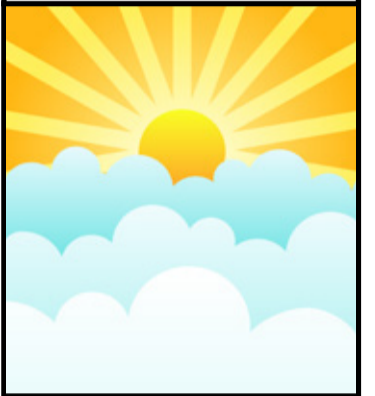
We had a team lead by Gary Bell along with Ron Compton and Otis Huckstep who help deliver our Christmas Bags. Mark Bonwell and Moira Cobb and myself took some



JOE ELLIS  
Veterans Service Officer

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## The Daily Almanac



**Sunrise/Sunset:**  
RISE: 8:08 a.m.  
SET: 5:43 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures:**  
High: 45 °F  
Low: 40 °F



**Today is...**

- National Pharmacist Day
- Curried Chicken Day



**What Happened On This Day:**

- 1895 The National Trust is founded in the United Kingdom
- 1915 The US House of Representatives rejects a proposal to require states to give women the right to vote



**Births On This Day:**

- 1729 Edmund Burke Politician and philosopher
- 1916 P. W. Botha South African politician and 1st State President of South Africa

**Deaths On This Day:**

- 1976 Agatha Christie English author
- 2003 Maurice Gibb English singer-songwriter bass player and producer

### ➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Why is it other nations can hold elections, require people to show up and tally the votes all in one day - and we can't anymore? We used to. What's different?



### ➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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### ➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Want free tickets to the 101st Indianapolis Home Show, running from Jan. 20-29 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center? All you have to do to win tickets (valued at \$15 each) is send us a selfie of you and our front page (Print or Online Edition) to ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com. Be sure to tell us who you are, where you are from, how many tickets you would like and a little bit about yourself so we can include it if your photo is selected to publish on our front page. Then all you have to do is wait and watch. If you see your smiling face on our front page - you win!

### ➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Consider sitting on an exercise ball instead of a chair - it helps your balance and keeps you more alert. 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

Barbara Ann (Bailey) Beck  
James L. "Jim" Barker

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



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### ➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"When you give joy to other people, you get more joy in return. You should give a good thought to happiness that you can give out."  
- Eleanor Roosevelt

### ➔ TODAY'S JOKE

The boss tried to catch the fog. He mist.

**13 WTHR** 7 DAY FORECAST

45/40 SUNNY BREEZY, FALLING TEMPS	32/35 COLD, SNOW SHOWERS	25/38 SUNNY AND COLD	26/46 BREEZY	38/50 BREEZY WITH RAIN	45/50 MORNING RAIN	38/50 MOSTLY CLOUDY
THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED

## OBITUARIES

### Barbara Ann (Bailey) Beck

May 12, 1937 - Jan. 10, 2023

Barbara Ann (Bailey) Beck, age 85, of Crawfordsville, went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 10, 2023 at Franciscan Health Crawfordsville.

She was born in Scranton, PA on May 12, 1937 to the late Harold, O. and Margaret (Green) Bailey.

She graduated from West Scranton High School in 1955 and went on to attend Nursing School. She practiced nursing in Bridgeport and Milford, CT and then Spring Hill, FL in between taking care of her family. She married the love of her life, Edwin D. Beck on Aug. 23, 1958. They were childhood sweethearts meeting each other in the fifth grade. Barbara and her family moved from Scranton, PA to Milford, CT, and then Spring Hill, FL before moving to Crawfordsville to be closer to family.

She was a loving and fun mother and grandmother. She had a strong faith and attended First United Methodist Church for many years. She enjoyed playing the organ, traveling, Ben and Jerrys Ice Cream, and taco salads from Little Mexico. She loved her pet dogs. She was an avid dark chocolate fan and would never eat milk chocolate.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years; three children, Richard D. (Juli), Brian S. and Laurie-Ann; six grandchildren, Daniel, Andrew, Brianna, Brandon, Zachary, and Bryden; three great-grandchildren, Peyton, Lowen, and Silas; and a sister, Marlene Margolin.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family would like to thank the ICU Nursing staff at Franciscan Health for taking great care of her.

Cremation was chosen with a Celebration of Life at a later date. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with Care. Share memories and condolences online at [www.sandersfuneralcare.com](http://www.sandersfuneralcare.com).

### James L. "Jim" Barker

Jan. 29, 1932 - Jan. 9, 2023

James L. "Jim" Barker, 90, passed away on Jan. 9, 2023 at Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville.

He was born in Waynetown, Jan. 29, 1932 to George and Hollis (Wilson) Barker.

He married Patricia "Pat" Darrough on June 23, 1951 and she preceded him in death on Sept. 6, 2016.

He graduated from Waynetown High School in 1951 where he played basketball and was a member of the track team. He served in the National Guard and retired from R.R. Donnelley in 1993 after 42 years.

He was a member of the Waynetown Baptist Church, Elks, Eagles and Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed fishing, playing cards, working in the yard, racing, especially being part of Jack French's sprint car pit crew and Purdue sports. He and Pat liked to dance and attended many of the grandkid's sporting and school activities.

Survivors include daughters, Vicki Rush of Waynetown, Vanessa Homsher of Crawfordsville and Carla (Jim) Whitehead of Waynetown; grandchildren, Courtney (Chad) Buckles, Lindsey (Katie Harris) Rush, Jared (Courtney) Rush, Angie Homsher, Shawn Homsher, Brett (Angela) Whitehead and Chris Whitehead (fiancé Makhalea Young); great grandchildren, Bryant and Griffin Buckles, Addie Harris and Elle Rush, Sienna and Charlie Rush, Abby Homsher, Cameron and Kellen Whitehead.

he was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; brother, George "Jr." Barker; sister, Sandy McDonald; and son-in-law, Wayne Rush.

Visitation is scheduled from 1 - 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023 with funeral services following at 3 p.m. with Eric Runyan officiating at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate. Burial will follow in Waynetown Masonic Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Waynetown Baptist Church. Visit us online to sign the guest book or leave a condolence at [www.familyandfriendsfh.com](http://www.familyandfriendsfh.com)



## Purdue Ag Economists Provide Insight On Critical Issues Facing Farmers In 2023



After a year of economic shocks that included supply chain disruption, global conflict, tight margins and historic inflation, Purdue University Department of Agricultural Economics experts are looking ahead to what the agricultural sector can expect in 2023. Those findings

were recently published in the Purdue Agricultural Economics Report's annual outlook issue.

"Signs are pointing to another uncertain and volatile year in agriculture," said Roman Keeney, associate professor and co-editor of the report. "In 2023, our experts are assessing the possibility of a recession, impacts from the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, as well as expectations for input costs and food prices.

"Additionally, the 2018 Farm Bill is set to expire in September, which makes 2023 an important year for farm policy. Following multiple years of emergency

support and agriculture benefiting from COVID relief packages, government direct support to agriculture is set to fall dramatically."

Inside the issue, Keeney discusses the implications of these changes and notes that the short timeline and a wave of new congressional representatives could make replacing the 2018 Farm Bill in 2023 a significant challenge.

To read the full Purdue Agricultural Economics Report 2021 outlook issue, visit <https://purdue.ag/paer>. The report provides an outlook for the following agricultural topics:

- The U.S. Economy

in 2023

- Trade and trade policy
- Factors that shape the 2023 Farm Bill
- Consumer food prices
- Dairy consumption and production
- Purdue Crop Cost and Return Guide
- Agricultural credit
- Farmland values and cash rents

The Purdue Agricultural Economics Report is a quarterly publication from the Department of Agricultural Economics. Articles in the annual outlook issue are intended to provide a road map for understanding challenges facing the agricultural economy.

## Veterans, Service Members Gather At Statehouse

By Whitney Downard

Indiana's veterans, active duty and reserve service members want two big things from the General Assembly: continued tax benefits and expanded treatment options — including mental health — in their communities.

The few hundred attendees of the Indiana Military & Veterans Legislative Day on Tuesday represented five of the armed forces branches, mostly from the Army, but also from the Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marine Corps.

The newest branch, the Space Force created by former President Donald Trump, still has a limited presence with just a few hundreds members nationwide.

"When we leave here today, our battle is not done; it has just begun," said Pat O'Donnell, a Vietnam veteran who leads various northwest Indiana veterans groups. "We will continue to fight for these tax benefits until our dying breath because if we don't do it nobody will."

The veterans event, founded by Rep. John Bartlett, D-Indianapolis, allows for veterans and members of the military to meet with their elected representatives and share their priorities. Bartlett said that next year, the event's 10th anniversary, will be sponsored by House Speaker Todd Huston and hopefully draw more than the dozen or so legislators who attended Tuesday.

Previous legislative victories inspired by the event include waiving state taxes on veteran pensions, Bartlett said.



Photo courtesy of Whitney Downard/Indiana Capital Chronicle

Vietnam veteran Pat O'Donnell calls for continued tax benefits for current and former service members at the 2022 Indiana Military & Veterans Legislative Day.

"This day makes those kinds of things happen," Bartlett said.

Expanding mental health services for veterans

Bills of particular interest in the forthcoming session include Senate Bill 1, which expands mental health services across the state.

Bill author Sen. Michael Crider, R-Greenfield, highlighted the importance of 988 — the nation's new suicide hotline — which dovetails with the veteran crisis line operated by the Department of Defense. "The reality is there are issues that transcend politics," Crider said. "We work across party lines on a regular basis to try to pass legislation (like this)."

In 2020, an estimated 343 veterans committed suicide, a decrease from 2019, according to the Department of Veterans

Affairs, though some believe the true count is more than 200% that number. The America's Warrior Partnership estimates that between 40-44 veterans commit suicide each day.

Veterans are more than 1.5 times more likely to die by suicide, according to the American Psychological Association, likely due to higher rates of trauma or stress, easy access to firearms and difficulty reintegrating into civilian life.

Specific bills for veterans

Legislation introduced so far this year would allow disabled veteran renters to file an additional renter's deduction up to \$3,000 while another would grant free state park admission to any current or former member of the military.

Rep. Mitch Gore's bill proposes establishing a "green alert" for

missing, at-risk veterans with known physical or mental health conditions related to their service and Rep. David Abbott's bill would allow "critically injured veterans" four days to hunt for free within Indiana.

Rep. Randy Frye has also introduced a bill that would allow some former military members to become educators by granting a temporary license alongside another bill that would exempt military pay from the state income tax.

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# Here's What You Need To Know About New Workplace Protections For Pregnant, Nursing Workers

By Casey Quinlan

The \$1.7 trillion federal spending bill President Joe Biden signed last week ushers in expanded protections for workers who are pregnant or nursing.

Proponents of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and the PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act — both included as amendments to the spending bill — say the measures clarify rights for these workers, who weren't properly covered under existing laws.

Sens. Bob Casey (D-PA) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA) co-sponsored the measure strengthening pregnant workers' rights. The law, which goes into effect in June, requires a business with 15 or more employees to make reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers unless doing so puts an undue hardship on the employer. That means a pregnant worker can't automatically be denied additional bathroom breaks, be required to lift heavy items or be denied the opportunity to sit while working or other such accommodations. And it means an employer can't discriminate against a pregnant job applicant who needs such accommodations.

Supporters of the amendment said that neither the existing Pregnancy Discrimination Act (an amendment to the Civil Rights Act) nor the Americans with Disabilities Act provided the accommodations that pregnant workers needed for a healthy pregnancy. Because those measures didn't offer enough protections, 30 states enacted their own laws for pregnant workers, according to Bloomberg Law.

Indiana Republicans have blocked pregnancy accommodations several times.

The need for further action

The Supreme Court's standard for assessing pregnant workers' rights and their needs for ac-

commodations made the bill necessary, said Dina Bakst, co-founder of A Better Balance, a non-profit focused on litigation, legislative advocacy and education on labor issues.

Bakst, in testimony to Congress in favor of the bill, said the Court's 2015 decision in *Young v. UPS* "laid out an overly complicated, burdensome standard requiring pregnant workers to jump through legal hoops and prove discrimination" to get accommodations. The court held that pregnant workers could only have the same accommodations as workers who were limited by injury or disability.

Bakst also testified that a 2019 report by her organization found that as a result of the court's decision, pregnant workers lost 29 out of 43 pregnancy accommodation cases in lower courts. Elizabeth Gedmark, vice president of A Better Balance, told States Newsroom, said that doesn't capture the number of workers who never made it to court because of the stress and financial issues related to taking legal action.

"You shouldn't have to look around and find another coworker or jump through all these hoops or prove that you are disabled under the ADA," she said. "You should just simply be able to have that reasonable accommodation when you need it, especially to prevent problems and health issues before they even start."

As recently as August, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit decided that Wal-Mart did not violate the law when it said pregnant workers were not included in a policy at a distribution center in Wisconsin that allowed workers injured on the job to be assigned work that would not aggravate their injuries, Bloomberg reported. The court said Wal-Mart did not need to provide any justifica-

tion for why the policy was limited to only those workers, the argument made by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission which brought the suit on behalf of female workers.

A win for healthy pregnancies

Jocelyn Frye, president of the National Partnership for Women & Families said the passage of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act was a win for gender and racial equity. She added, "For far too long, pregnant workers have gone without the critical protections many people need to maintain a healthy pregnancy: protections like the ability to take bathroom breaks during a shift, sit down while working a cash register, or pause to take a drink of water to stay hydrated."

The legislation, which passed with bipartisan support, was also endorsed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Retail Industry Leaders Association, Society for Human Resource Management and National Retail Federation.

Vania Leveille, senior legislative counsel at the ACLU also celebrated the passage of the PUMP Act for Nursing Mothers, sponsored by U.S. Sens. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), which was also included in the spending bill.

The measure was needed, advocates said, because the Affordable Care Act, which required workers be given break time to pump breast milk and the privacy to do so, did not cover employees considered exempt from overtime. That left out 9 million women workers of childbearing age, according to a report released in 2019 from the Center for WorkLife Law, out of the University of California.

The PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act is supposed to fill those coverage gaps, according to the ACLU and Center for WorkLife Law. It also extends the time breastfeeding parents can

benefit from these accommodations from one year to two years.

"The PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act is so transformational because it expands the coverage of federal laws that provide break time, and space that is not in the bathroom and has to be hygienic for breastfeeding workers," Gedmark said.

Businesses must provide the time and space for pumping immediately, but the ability to bring a complaint against an employer and take legal action doesn't begin until April. Businesses with fewer than 50 employees can avoid the requirement if doing so would create an undue hardship.

Transportation workers are treated differently under the PUMP Act, with bus drivers for long-distance bus companies and some railroad workers having a three-year delay in the bill applying to them. There is also an exemption for air carriers and a difference in how the law affects some railroad workers. Employers do not have to provide breaks for railroad workers in train crews if it would be too expensive for the employer and if it created unsafe conditions for another rail worker who has the right of way, the amendment's language explains.

Correction: The story incorrectly stated which businesses must comply with the PUMP Act. The new law applies to all businesses, but those with fewer than 50 employees can avoid the requirement if doing so creates an undue hardship.

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## Meeting Notes

### Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting

The City of Crawfordsville Indiana  
Jan. 11, 2023 at 10 a.m.

City Building 300 E Pike St Crawfordsville, IN 47933

I. Approval of the minutes from Dec. 28, 2022.

II. Approval of the claims for the week of Jan. 2, 2023.

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

A. Kathy Brown requesting to block two parking spaces Monday, Jan. 16 on 231 at the Carnegie Museum for a lift

B. Agreement between city and American Red Cross for use of space in city-owned building at 1201 E. Elmore St

C. Agreement between

city and Retail Strategies for retail recruitment services

D. Agreement between city and HWC Engineering for design services related to Brickyard Nature Park and READI Grant

E. Agreement between city and HWC Engineering for design services related to Lincoln Park and READI Grant

F. Agreement between city and Med-Bill for Medicare cost reporting completion

G. Agreement between city and INDOT for street sweeping services on state highways within city

H. Barry Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer, with a work order request - 317 S. Walnut, owned by Michael & Diana Rumble

V. Department Heads  
VI. Adjournment

## Meeting Notes

### Southmont Schools Board of Trustees

Special School Board Meeting

Corporation Board Room

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023 - 5 p.m.

AGENDA  
Public Meeting

I. Call to Order  
II. Pledge of Allegiance  
III. Roll Call

The board will meet in a special meeting to interview candidates for the open

Clark Township seat on the South Montgomery Community School Corporation

Board of Trustees.  
XII. Adjournment

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# Federal Spending Cuts, Conditions On Debt Limit Increase

By Jennifer Shutt

U.S. House Republican leaders during a closed-door meeting Tuesday shared more details of the secret agreements Speaker Kevin McCarthy made with conservative lawmakers last week to secure the votes he needed to hold the gavel.

The so-called handshake deal, displayed on slides during the GOP weekly conference meeting, if adhered to could have significant ramifications for federal departments and agencies as well as the global economy. Democrats on Tuesday in reaction slammed the agreement as potentially leading to a partial government shutdown, an economic crisis or both.

According to a slide on government spending and the debt limit shown during the GOP meeting, disclosed by CNN, the McCarthy deal places limits on when and how the GOP House will take up the annual government funding bills, needed to avoid a partial government shutdown.

The agreement also attaches strings to legislation that would raise or suspend the debt limit, required to avoid a first-ever default on the country's debt later this year.

The agreement will make it much more difficult for House Republicans to broker a deal with the Democratic Senate and Biden administration on both spending and the debt limit.

The slide said House Republicans would: Adopt a fiscal 2024 budget resolution balancing the budget within 10 years. Fiscal 2024 begins on Oct. 1.

Pursue "reforms to"

the budget process and mandatory spending programs. Such programs include Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

Cap fiscal 2024 discretionary spending at enacted fiscal 2022 levels or lower.

Only pass spending bills that comply with the budget resolution and pass all 12 regular spending bills on time. Congress has not been able to do that since 1996.

Pass any stopgap spending bill, or continuing resolution, before the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30.

Reject any negotiations with the Senate unless that chamber's 12 spending bills are passed, the bills comply with the House budget resolution, and they reduce non-defense discretionary spending.

Not agree to a debt limit increase without a budget agreement or "commensurate fiscal reforms."

Republican plans to pass a CR, or continuing resolution, before Sept. 30 indicate the party doesn't expect to wrap up the fiscal 2024 government funding process by the start of the next fiscal year on Oct. 1.

House Majority Leader Steve Scalise said during a press conference Tuesday that McCarthy did disclose parameters of the handshake deal during the closed-door GOP meeting.

The Louisiana Republican argued that Republicans should force spending cuts in order to raise the debt limit, which pays for spending already approved by Congress.

"If we're about to

max out the credit card, then before we hit that limit, shouldn't we have an honest conversation about how to start living within our means, how to make sure we're not spending money that we don't have?" Scalise said.

"And when that comes up — at the same time you're dealing with the debt limit — you ought to also put mechanisms in place so that you don't keep maxing it out."

Scalise said that Republicans "haven't talked about reducing defense spending," which means the roughly \$130 billion in discretionary spending reductions that would have to take place in order for the fiscal 2024 government funding bills to comply with the fiscal 2022 spending levels would all come out of non-defense discretionary programs.

That side of the federal balance sheet includes hundreds of programs, such as the Agriculture Department, Army Corps of Engineers, Homeland Security, the Energy Department, national parks and forests, Transportation Department and veterans health care programs.

Scalise didn't go into detail about whether Republicans will push for changes to mandatory spending in order to offset raising the debt limit. That side of the federal budget includes Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. It also grows much faster than the discretionary side, which includes the dozen annual government funding bills.

Shutdown warnings Connecticut Democrat Rep. Rosa DeLauro, the ranking member on the House Appropriations

Committee, said during a separate press conference that Republican demands about significantly reducing domestic spending are a nonstarter that could lead to a partial government shutdown later this year.

"Appropriations bills are must-pass bills. They require bipartisan, bicameral agreement," DeLauro said. "It appears — quite honestly — that Republicans, they don't understand this process, because in his attempt to become speaker, Kevin McCarthy reportedly already promised to cap spending at the 2022 levels in exchange for votes."

The cuts to domestic funding, DeLauro said, would "slash what are crucial investments" in programs that address veterans mental health services, veterans homeless assistance programs, high-poverty schools, early learning programs, access to child care, job training programs and small businesses.

Pennsylvania Rep. Brendan Boyle, the top Democrat on the Budget Committee, warned the GOP against using the debt limit as a political negotiating card.

"The debt ceiling should not ever be something we play around with. It is too dangerous. This country has been able to get through and weather government shutdowns. We would not be able to weather a compromise on the full faith and credit of the United States," said Boyle. "It would cripple not only the U.S. economy but the world economy."

The Bipartisan Policy Center, a think tank regularly relied on for debt limit predictions, said

in June that the default date, or X-date, for the debt limit would "likely arrive no earlier than the third quarter of 2023."

But Shai Akabas, BPC's director of economic policy, noted in a written statement this week that a lot has changed since he released the last forecast, including President Joe Biden's student debt loan forgiveness plan and ongoing court cases, persistent inflation and the speed of interest rate increases.

"Each of these could have a significant impact on the X Date," Akabas said. "The problem right now is that we don't have a new baseline to work off, and (the Congressional Budget Office) won't issue one until later in January, so we won't really be able to make a comprehensive new projection until we have that information."

Akabas said the new default deadline could now be "sometime around the middle of the year."

U.S. Senate Appropriations Chair Patty Murray, a Washington Democrat, and ranking member Susan Collins, a Maine Republican, released a joint statement Tuesday, saying that as the new leaders of the panel the two "look forward to working in a bipartisan way here in the Senate to find common ground and move our country forward."

"There are so many pressing challenges our nation faces right now — both here at home and abroad — and it is our responsibility as Members of Congress to do the hard work to listen to one another, find common ground, and then reach sensible solutions

that help the American people," they wrote.

"This starts with funding the government in a responsible and bipartisan manner — that means marking up our appropriations bills and bringing them to the floor in a timely way."

Budget process House Republican efforts to overhaul the annual budget process, as outlined in the slides, could be especially challenging if the party attempts to rework the process for all of Congress and not just the House GOP.

The Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform, a 16-member bipartisan panel that included members of the House and Senate, spent much of 2018 attempting to rework the process.

Their recommendations included moving from an annual budget resolution to a two-year budget resolution, changing who sits on the Senate Budget Committee and some technical changes. But the panel never reported its recommendations to the House or Senate chamber.

Arkansas GOP Rep. Steve Womack and Kentucky Democratic Rep. John Yarmuth, now retired, later released their own bill to overhaul the process, though it never advanced.

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## MENTORING From Page A1

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lives. Jill Hampton, JUMP program manager stated, "I would like to thank all of the mentor's past and present for mentoring our youth and making a difference in their lives. It means so much that you care enough to think about others and to share your time and experiences with these kids." To become a mentor or to enroll a child in the

JUMP program, please contact [jill@mcysb.org](mailto:jill@mcysb.org) or call 362-0694 ext. 103. To learn more about the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, visit [www.mcysb.org](http://www.mcysb.org) or visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mcysb.org](http://www.facebook.com/mcysb.org).

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## KAREN From Page A1

which had at this point become Boyle County, Kentucky. When he was nine he went to Mercer County with his parents and their family, later marrying Celia 10 Dec 1801. They were parents of ten children (Phoebe, Richard, Jeremiah Brisco, John Harrison, James Harlan, Harriet, Sam, Elizabeth, Jesse Younce and Cassandra Walker Durham) some of whom came to MoCo and will make-up the Durham Saga!

Phoebe born 20 August 1802 married Mason Owens (she passed 20 May 1872) and they and their eight children mainly stayed in Hendricks County, Indiana.

Richard died young (born 21 March 1804 – died 19 Jan 1806).

Jeremiah Brisco (27 June 1806 – 25 Feb 1883) married Minerva Walker. They lived here for a number of years where I believe all 9 of their children were born (John Harrison; Mahala Jane; Minerva Caroline; Ophelia Holman; Thomas Wise; Elizabeth Catherine; Ruth Cornelia; Celia Ann and Martha Craig). Ophelia passed quite young but the rest lived long, healthy lives. About 1870 or so this family moved to Topeka, Kansas but we will hear more of him in the saga.

Their son John Harrison will be one of the main stays of this story so other than to say he married Sarah Stubbins here in Montgomery County (2nd marr – he first married Mary Miller Fields) and altogether had 14 children, 5 with Mary

and 9 with Sarah, you can read about him later on.

James Harlan was just over 20 when he passed away (9 Jan 1811 – 31 Jan 1831) and although I found no tombstone on findagrave fairly sure he was buried in Boyle County, Kentucky.

Harriet Durham lived but a short time as well 1813-14 and is likely buried with her brother.

Samuel Durham was almost 40 when he was killed in Gordon County, Alabama during the Civil War. Not sure if he was ever married but don't think so.

Elizabeth Brisco Durham (2 Feb 1818) married (Oct 9, 1840) Thomas Clelland Caldwell and they remained in Kentucky where they raised Minerva, Matilda, Joshua, James, Amelia, Thomas Wilson. About half of these stayed in Kentucky, but Ohio and Missouri were their living quarters as well.

Jesse Younce Durham came to Montgomery County and he too will be a part of the Durham Saga (although I'm not real sure how I'm going to work this with two other MoCo brothers but I'll figure it out – "never fear when me & my computer are here"!

Lastly, we have Cassandra who married Alexander David Williamson. They remained in Kentucky for quite some time where they raised their children (Sarah Julia died age 22; Cecelia; Arabella) but Cassandra passed away in Denver, Colorado having gone out there when it was yet a territory.

John and Martha were buried on their farm near Danville, Boyle County, Kentucky (Martha 17 July 1747 – 8 April 1819; John 2 Oct 1742 – 22 May 1817) but their stones (not their remains) were moved to the large Bellevue Cemetery in Danville and they have an epitaph (basically just a memorial) there which I found on FindAGrave – photo by Karen (not me but surely appreciated).

By now, I think I have come to the conclusion that the Durhams were quite a wandering group. However, they spent several generations in the Charles County, Maryland area and St. Paul's Parish in Virginia. The name Thomas is a very popular family name and most agree that Thomas Durham born 1604 in Pittington (County Durham even) England is the progenitor of the area Durham family – coming to Port Royal, Virginia. More research but that's a good starting place, I'm fairly sure. Once you get a family across the sea the more likelihood you will discover queens and kings and that is definitely FUN! This batch of Durhams is a real possibility for that. So, do stay tuned for the Part II Durham Saga entry next week! Enjoy!

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## BINGE From Page A1

Shadow and Bone Trilogy by Leigh Bardugo (Complete at 3 books). Follow Alina Starkov into a world of magic and illusion as she navigates the fine line between shadows and light, discovering an inner strength she never imagined possible.

The Legacy of Orisha Series by Tomi Adeyemi (2 so far) won several awards in 2018 as the best YA book of the year. This West-African-inspired fantasy follows Zolie, a girl with forbidden magic who must outwit an evil prince to save her people and restore magic.

Those who love fairy tales with a twist will enjoy the science-fiction Lunar Chronicles by Marissa Meyer (Stand-alone books and novellas). The series is a unique twist on classic characters such as Cinderella (fea-

ured in the book Cinder as a cyborg and gifted mechanic) and Little Red Riding Hood (featured in the book Scarlet).

The trilogy Folk of the Air Series by Holly Black features heroine Jude, a mortal in a faery realm who is tormented by the cruel Prince Cardan. Jude describes her complicated relationship with her fae classmates: "...I want to be like them. They're beautiful as blades forged in some divine fire. They will live forever. And Cardan is even more beautiful than the rest. I hate him more than all the others. I hate him so much that sometimes when I look at him, I can hardly breathe."

For those looking for a longer series, try the worldwide phenomenon Throne of Glass Series by Sarah J. Maas (Complete at 8 books).

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New books to look for in 2023 are The Stolen Heir by Holly Black, a spinoff of the Folk of the Air trilogy, and Children of Anguish and Anarchy, book 3 in the Legacy of Orisha series.

If you have questions or would like to receive more recommendations about Young Adult reads, come see us at CDPL. The Youth Services Department and the YA section are located on the first floor of the library, just past the circulation desk. You may also call us at (765)362-2242, ext. 115. Happy reads!

*Joni Jeffries is a Library Assistant in the Circulation Department at CDPL.*

## VETERANS From Page A1

bags. There was a total of 31 bags delivered of Christmas gifts to veterans to our nursing homes. We also had two other people go out and deliver bags for us but I have forgotten their names! Please call me and I will get you in our next newsletter.

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