

➔ TODAY'S VERSE
Psalms 119:89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. (KJV)

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



Amanda Shelton and Arianne Vaught smile while working hard. Thank you for your smiles ladies!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 So, how did a Polaroid photo of President John F. Kennedy on the day of his assassination wind up in the Souls Harbor Thrift Store in Ferris, TX? The Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] reports that George Rebele, who hails from Ferris, mysteriously found it when he opened a CD case containing a cassette he had purchased. It's a mystery that is not likely to be resolved anytime soon. JFK historian Farris Rookstool says the photo appears to have been taken as President Kennedy's motorcade was traveling from Love Field to downtown Dallas that sad day -- Nov. 22, 1963.

2 Following news that the Department of Energy had new "intel" pointing to a likely lab leak origin to the COVID pandemic, Indiana Sen. Mike Braun is again calling for immediate declassification of that new intelligence and all classified information related to COVID's origins and the Wuhan Institute of Virology. Braun and Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley said they want to declassify all U.S. government intelligence related to the lab leak theory and the Wuhan Institute of Virology. "The American people deserve total transparency on COVID's origins and the Wuhan lab to make up our own minds," Braun said. "President Biden must declassify everything we know about the origin of COVID and the Wuhan Institute of Virology immediately."

3 Volunteer child advocates from across Indiana will gather at the State House on March 7 for CASA Day. A CASA—or Court Appointed Special Advocate—devotes their time to supporting abused and neglected children whose families are involved with the child welfare system. On CASA Day, advocates will have the chance to interact with legislators and talk about the importance of best interest advocacy for abused and neglected children. They will hear from Chief Justice Loretta Rush, Judge Dana Kenworthy, former foster youth, and others about how CASAs help these children with the issues they face.

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County Commissioners Appoint Director For Emergency Management And Homeland Security

At the Feb. 27, 2023 Board of the Commissioners meeting, the Commissioners appointed Jessica Burget as the Director for Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

"Jessica did a great job in the interview and showed the committee that she was the most qualified person for the position," said Commissioner President John Frey, "We are pleased that she is our new Director."

The appointment was made based upon on the recommendation of the Emergency Management Advisory Council. The Advisory Council was responsible for accepting applications and conducting interviews for the Director vacancy. The Advisory Council members are County Commissioner John Frey, Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton, County Council President David Hunt, Waynetown Fire Chief Phil Pirtle and Waynetown Council member Barry Lewis.

Jessica started employment with Emergency Management and Homeland Security in 2021 and was appointed Assistant Director in 2022. She assumed the duties of acting Director at the end of 2022 upon the resignation of Shari Harrington who accepted a job with the State of



Jessica Burget

Indiana Department of Homeland Security. Mrs. Burget has six emergency management certifications from the Department of Homeland Security as well as certifications in fire rescue awareness, professional development and hazardous materials incident management.

Mrs. Burget resides in Linden with her husband and currently serves on the Linden Parks Board. She is also a volunteer firefighter and secretary of the Coal Creek Fire Department. Jessica is the lay director for the Kairos Prison Ministry and serves as a small group teacher for the North Cornerstone Church Youth Group in Linden. Jessica is a graduate of North Carolina Community College.

IT'S BACK! Welcome To Readers' Choice '23

It's back. It's new and improved. It's better than ever. What is it? Montgomery County's biggest annual contest, The Paper's Readers' Choice 2023!

The way this huge annual promotion works is simple. The Paper publishes a list and asks you to vote for your favorites. For example, who has the best cheeseburger in town? Who makes the best pizza? Who is the best mover? What's your favorite newspaper? Since around 2005, Crawfordsville and Montgomery County residents have voted by the hundreds of thousands for their favorite people, products and places.

And this year, we are making it even easier to vote. You can go to www.thepaper24-7.com and click on the Readers' Choice 2023 ad and then vote for any and all your favorites. Or, you can watch for the Readers' Choice page in some of our Online Editions, print it out, mark your choices and mail it to us at 127 E. Main St. Or you can e-mail your choices to ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com. And don't forget, this is exactly like Chicago politics – vote

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Bubba Castiron Meets AI



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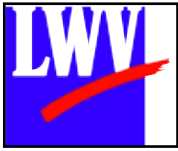
"We're doomed, Timmons!" It was the first thing I heard when I picked up the phone. The twangy drawl left no doubt it was my friend Bubba Castiron. No fake voice, no attempt to fool me into some scam. This was Bubba, pure, plain and oh, so simple. "Well good morning to you, too, Bubba," I said. "Why do you?"

He cut me off quickly. "Timmons, what do you know about this AI, this artificial intelligence stuff?" "Well, Bubba, I—" "Timmons, me and the boys were fooling around on the computer out here and this thing scared the lint balls off the bottom of our socks!" For those not acquainted, Bubba is about seven cylinders short of a V8. He and his cronies, Tater, Big Country and Gumball, tend to spend a lot of time at the Crawl-On-Inn, a hole-in-the-wall dive somewhere out near Bowers, Kirkpatrick, Colfax and Clarks Hill. Elvis tends bar there and Bambi, a part-time waitress, part-time truck driver, handles the drink and food orders, heavy emphasis on the drink. "Bubba, what is it that's got you so—" "How much do you know

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A Black History Month Round-Up For Nerds

If the algorithm were benevolent, it would post those friends of ours who enrich the world with delightful, lesser-known but amazing stories from black history. If the algorithm favored wonks and nerds who love learning something new, Black History Month would be a blast because some of the most amazing stories were negotiated out of the history curriculum to placate parents with enough



The League of Women Voters, open to men as well as women, is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the Montgomery County LWW, visit: www.lwvmontcoin.org or message to LWW, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

influence and money to throw around like weights. (James Loewen documented this in Lies My Teacher Told Me, a book that homeschooling curriculums like Sonlight assign among other primary texts in contrast with the "safe" textbooks of many classrooms.) If you too love to learn something new, this column aspires to entertain and delight you. In the style of early elementary quizzes, you get a bank of names. Below are four paragraphs and your challenge is to try to match the biography paragraph with the correct person from the bank of four names. Try first without Googling answers. Here are the names: Kizzmekia Corbett, Pauli Murray, Lon-

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Welcome to March, the home of spring, rainy days and rainbows - and a damn sight better than February!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you feel overwhelmed, write down your to-do list and prioritize it. Simplify large tasks into smaller ones. 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 Jan Rulon for subscribing!



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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

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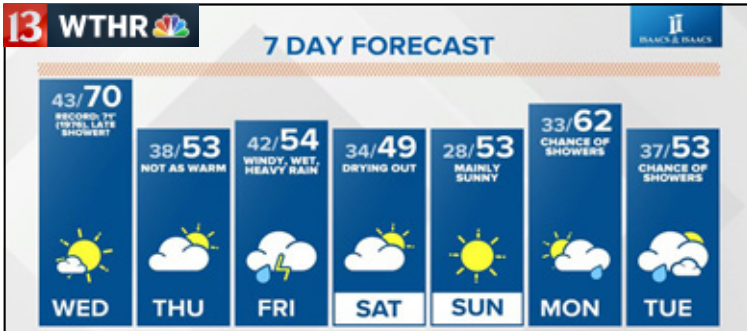
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➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"March comes in like a lion, goes out like a lamb."
Farmers' Almanac

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What kind of bow can't be tied or untied in March?
A rainbow.



Ivy Tech Foundation Invites Community To Join First Day Of Giving

Ivy Tech Community College has positioned countless healthcare professionals, manufacturing specialists, entrepreneurs, businesses leaders, and other leaders to thrive professionally and help drive Indiana's economy for nearly 60 years, and the College's campus in Lafayette has been an important part of that heritage. On April 11 alumni, friends of Ivy Tech, and all Hoosiers can help the College develop a new generation of leaders by contributing to Ivy Tech Day, the College's first-ever Day of Giving.

Starting at midnight on April 11 – for 24 hours – people everywhere can support the College's 19 campuses, including Ivy Tech Lafayette, and the 150,000 students in Indiana who are building brighter futures for themselves and for those around them. The goal is to reach 600 gifts in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the College.

"A day can mean everything, and April 11 will be an extraordinary day for Ivy Tech. We are creating a fun, memorable way to come together and show our collective passion for the College community," said Ivy Tech Foundation President Courtney Roberts. "The goal at Ivy Tech isn't graduation day – it's a better every day after. We are proud of the many ways the graduates of Ivy Tech contribute to our communities across Indiana, and our first Day of Giving is one more way we can come together for the good of our students and the future of our state."

"Ivy Tech Day is a celebration of the College, and the impact philanthropy has on our students' lives and the communities we serve," said Ivy Tech Lafayette Chancellor Aaron Baute. "Our students can tell you how a scholarship, wrap around services, and Ivy Tech support has changed the trajectory of their life. I see how the Foundation thoughtfully

employs donor support and I am so grateful."

Ivy Tech Day is part of the Foundation's 5-year, \$285 million campaign. Leading up to the Day of Giving, the Foundation will share stories of impact across the College with the community that capture how Ivy Tech is changing the lives of Hoosiers across the state. Participants can give to the College through the Ivy Tech Foundation – whether it's \$5 or \$5,000 – starting at midnight on April 11 by visiting ivytech.edu/giveday.

Ivy Tech, founded on March 15, 1963, is the largest singly accredited community college in the U.S. and has been an indispensable lifeline to Indiana communities for nearly 60 years: 8 of 10 people who graduate from Ivy Tech do so without student debt, and 93 percent of graduates stay in Indiana to work in industries that help drive the state's economy. From the nation's largest 2-year nursing degree program to tens of thousands of alumni who are non-profit leaders, manufacturing technicians, and small business owners, the college shapes and positions talented leaders who contribute to the state's thriving ecosystem.

Ivy Tech contributes \$3.9 billion annually to Indiana's economy – including a net impact of \$3.6 billion from alumni alone. Ivy Tech awards more than 20,000 degrees and certificates each year.

"Everyone at Ivy Tech is proud of how our graduates have contributed to communities across the state, and we are equally excited about the possibilities ahead," Roberts said. "We live in an evolving environment that requires us to quickly fill gaps in industries everywhere. Our community of alumni, students, faculty, and partners collectively make it happen."

More information can be found at www.ivytech.edu/giveday.

F.C. Tucker West Central Announces Their January Listing And Sales Leaders

F.C. Tucker West Central is pleased to announce their January Listing and Sales leaders. Agent Angie Williams was the January Listing leader for F.C. Tucker West Central. Angie led the way listing three homes with \$805,000 in listing volume.

Angie Williams is a hardworking and honest REALTOR® who loves helping the West Central Indiana community buy or sell their homes. Angie enjoys helping her clients find the perfect home while making sure the home buying or selling process goes as smoothly as possible. Angie remains in constant communication with you throughout the buying or selling process to make sure you understand every step. Angie understands that buying or selling a home is more than just a large financial transaction – it is a life changing event.

Angie graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Biology.



Angie Williams

Angie lives just south of Crawfordsville with her husband, Matt, and their three children. In addition to selling houses, Angie enjoys coaching soccer and basketball, attending all her kids activities and spending time outdoors with her family. Angie will work relentlessly on your behalf to help you achieve your real estate goals. For all your real estate needs, talk to Angie today at 765-376-4505 or visit her website at TalkToTucker.com/Angie.Williams.

Real Estate Agent Katie Viers was the January Sales leader. Katie sold \$255,000 in



Katie Viers

volume during the month of January.

As a Crawfordsville transplant, Katie Viers knows what it takes to buy and sell a home. Katie began her career in real estate over four years ago and loves helping clients make their home in Crawfordsville.

With a degree in Psychology from Purdue, Katie previously worked at Cummins Behavioral Health. Katie and her husband Tim have three kids, ages 9, 6 and 2. In her spare time, Katie enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Katie had a record sales year in 2022 with over

\$4.6 in volume. Katie is constantly educating herself on the latest trends in the marketplace so that she can find the right home for you or price your home to sell accordingly. When it's time to buy or sell, call Katie at 219-776-5120 or visit her website at TalkToTucker.com/Katie.Viers.

F.C. Tucker West Central has been helping serve the real estate needs in west central Indiana for the last 17 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 16 experienced realtors.

Farmers And Fishers Face Tax Deadline



The Internal Revenue Service reminds businesses with income from farming or fishing that have not already made their estimated tax payments to file and pay their entire tax due today.

Taxpayers can pay from their bank account using their Online Account or they can schedule payments in advance using IRS Direct Pay.

Farmers and fishers who did not pay all their 2022 estimated taxes by Jan. 17 must file their 2022 tax return and pay the entire tax due by today.

Only those that have paid their estimated tax payments by Jan. 17 can file by the regular April 18 deadline and avoid

estimated tax penalties. This special rule generally applies when income from farming or fishing makes up at least 2/3 of the total gross income in either the current or the preceding tax year.

Special rules for disaster areas

Disaster-area taxpayers, including farmers and fishers, have more time to file and pay. Currently, taxpayers in most of California and parts of Alabama and Georgia, have until Oct. 16, 2023, to file their 2022 return and pay any tax due. This extension is automatic; taxpayers don't need to file any paperwork or call the IRS to get it.

Like other taxpayers, those in a disaster area

who need more time can request a tax-filing extension. Visit IRS.gov/Extensions for details.

Paying online is safe, fast and easy

Online Account allows individuals to make same-day payments from a checking or savings account. Taxpayers can also see their payment history, balance and payment plan information, and digital copies of certain notices sent from the IRS.

Taxpayers can use IRS Direct Pay to schedule a payment from their bank account for their tax deadline with no registration or login required. Those who want to pay business taxes should enroll in and use the (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS)).

For more information about these and other payment options visit IRS.gov/payments.

Forms and publications to use

Farmers

- Use Schedule F (Form 1040), Profit or Loss From Farming to report income and expenses.

- Use Schedule SE (Form 1040), Self-Employment Tax to figure self-employment tax if net earnings from farming are \$400 or more.

- See Topic No. 554 Self-Employment Tax,

Publication 225, Farmer's Tax Guide and Agriculture Tax Center for more information.

Fishers

- Use Schedule C (Form 1040), Profit or Loss from Business (Sole Proprietorship) to report income and expenses.

- Use Schedule SE (Form 1040), Self-Employment Tax to figure self-employment tax if net earnings from fishing are \$400 or more.

- See Publication 334, Tax Guide for Small Business for commercial fishers who file Schedule C.

Related items

- For fishers and farmers operating as a partnership or corporation see Publication 541, Partnerships or Publication 542, Corporations.

- For information on estimated tax, see Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax and Tax Topic 416 Farming and Fishing Income.

- Publication 5034, Need to Make a Payment? (English and Spanish)
- For filing information on the Quarterly Federal Excise Tax for manufacturers of sport fishing equipment, see Publication 510, Excise Taxes, and Form 720, Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return.

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Holcomb Pushes Back Against Train Derailment Waste

By Casey Smith

Gov. Eric Holcomb is pushing back on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) move to transport hazardous materials from the East Palestine train derailment to an Indiana facility.

“I continue to object to the EPA Administrator’s decision, from Washington, D.C., to move hazardous waste from the East Palestine train derailment to Indiana. Further, there has been a lack of communication with me and other Indiana officials about this decision,” he said in a statement released Tuesday.

Holcomb learned third-hand Monday that materials will be transported to a landfill in Roachdale, Indiana.

“I directed my environmental director to reach out to the agency. The materials should go to the nearest facilities, not moved from the far eastern side of Ohio to the far western side of



Gov. Eric Holcomb

Indiana. I have made a request to speak to the administrator to discuss this matter. I want to know exactly what precautions will be taken in the transport and disposition of the materials.”

The Associated Press reported that the EPA announced two new hazardous waste sites will receive some of the shipments from East Palestine — an incinerator

in Grafton, Ohio, and the landfill in Roachdale.

IDEM weighs in
In a statement to the Indiana Capital Chronicle, representatives with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) said they did not have regulatory authority “to prevent hazardous waste disposal facilities from accepting materials for which they are permitted to handle

and dispose.”

The Roachdale landfill is operated by Heritage Environmental Services and is federally certified to handle the management of hazardous and non-hazardous solid waste. The “geologically isolated” site has about 14 million cubic yards of permitted landfill capacity, according to Heritage’s website.

“The decision to contract with Heritage Environmental Services for disposition of hazardous waste was made by Norfolk Southern, despite the fact that the Roachdale, Indiana facility is located nearly 400 miles from the train derailment site in East Palestine, Ohio,” said Barry Sneed, an IDEM spokesperson.

He added that IDEM is communicating with the EPA and local authorities in Putnam County “to determine exactly what material is being brought to Indiana, when, and in what quantities.”

The EPA did not respond to messages seek-

ing comment Tuesday.

Background

The EPA now is getting close to having enough certified facilities to take all of the waste from the site of the Feb. 3 derailment in East Palestine, said Debra Shore, a regional administrator with the agency. Some liquid and solid waste had already been taken to sites in Michigan and Texas, according to the Associated Press.

About 1.8 million gallons of liquid waste have been collected from the derailment site, according to the Ohio EPA.

The incident happened more than three weeks ago when 38 rail cars derailed. No one was injured but officials opted to release and burn toxic vinyl chloride from five tanker cars, sending black smoke billowing into the sky.

“I am just as shocked as Governor Holcomb and other Hoosiers to learn that the EPA is transporting hazardous materials nearly 400

miles from the East Palestine train derailment to a facility in Indiana. However, I’m not surprised to see the continued lack of communication from the administration to the American people and our state leaders about this issue,” said Ninth District Republican Congresswoman Erin Houchin.

She opposes bringing the materials through or around her district “or to our neighboring Indiana communities, particularly when we have not been given any information about safety protocols taken to protect the public.”

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Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

Feb. 27, 2023
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Payroll 2/24: \$419,606.11
Accounts Payable: \$2,384,309.41
Minutes: Feb. 13, 2023
Enterprise Fleet - Lease 2022 4-wheel Drive Ford Escape - \$618.86 p/month 5 year lease - vehicle will be used by the Assessor's office.
Affirming Nucor Overpass Local Funding Commitment -
The County is applying for a federal RAISE Grant for the Nucor Overpass project which involves the construction of an overpass over US Highway 136.
The estimated total construction cost is \$20,193,983. If the grant is awarded to the County, the County will need provide a 20% local match and a contingency.
The local match would be as follows:
20% of the project cost (\$20,193,983), which would be \$4,009,050 and \$990,950 to be used as contingency for a total local commitment of \$5 million.
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New Business
Recognition of the 200th Anniversary of the 1st Commissioner Meeting -
The Commissioners recognized the 200th anniversary of the first Board of Commissioners meeting.
The first Board of Commissioners meeting was held on Saturday evening, March 1, 1823.
Here is the first paragraph of the minutes from that meeting verbatim including punctuation: “The Commissioners this day elected for the County of Montgomery formed a Board for the first time and each of them towit William Offield, James Blevins and John McCullough having produced the certificates of the Sheriff of said County of their having been duly elected with the proper endorsements on each of them having taken the oaths to support the constitution the oath of office and the oath more effectuate to

prevent dueling,”
At their first meeting, they appointed John Vawter as Clerk Protem to the Board. They agreed to hold every odd numbered lot and proprietors would have every even numbered lot in the Town of Crawfordsville.
They also held a meeting on March 3, 1823. They appointed William Ramey as Agent, set his bond at \$10,000 and ordered him to give notice and sell certain lots owned by the County. They ordered Sheriff Samuel D. Maxwell to give notice of an election for March 22, 1823 for two Justices of the Peace. One justice must be a citizen west of the boundary of the Town and the other must be a citizen east of said boundary. James Stitt was appointed Treasurer. They also appointed Joseph Hahn, John Gowan and William Miller as Fence Viewers for the entire County (there was only one township). Additional appointments included Joseph Hahn and Richard McCafferty as Overseers of the Poor and Samuel McClung as the Supervisor for the Township school. They ordered that the bond for Major Ambrose Whitlock for the sale to the County of 85 “inlots” in the Town of Crawfordsville be filed. A portion of the minutes are missing but it says “3 acres of land for a burying ground” after the mention of 85 inlots.
Open Bids - CCMG 2022-2 Resurfacing Projects
Two bids were opened: Milestone-\$1,292,120.00 and Reith Riley-\$1,214,158.05. Bids will be reviewed by staff

and then awarded at a future meeting.
The County was awarded \$999,542.03 from the state to pave county roads. This project is to pave the following at the estimated cost:
1. CR 500 S from SR 231 to SR 47- Total Cost \$328,625.83 County Portion \$82,156.46
2. CR 100 W from New Market Limits to CR 500S Total Cost \$90,835.88 County Portion \$30,278.63
3. CR 500 E from CR 300 N to SR 47 Total Cost \$93,609.41 County Portion \$23,402.35
4. CR 200 E from 150 S to Elmore Street Total Cost \$274,373.13 County Portion \$68,593.28
5. Traction Road from CR 400 E to City Limits Total Cost \$291,811.75 County Portion \$72,952.94
6. CR 300 S from SR 47 to US 231 Total Cost \$223,188.13 County Portion \$55,797.03
Approval of Recommendation from the Emergency Management Advisory Council for EM-HS Director -
The Commissioners accepted the recommendation of the Emergency Management Advisory Council to appoint Jessica Burget as the Emergency Management-Homeland Security Director. Ms. Burget has been serving as the Interim EMA Director during the time that the Emergency Management Advisory Council conducted interviews for the position.
2023 EM-HS Director Contract -
The Commissioners approved a base salary of \$49,000 for 2023 for Jessica Burget as the Di-

rector for EM-HS. The contract term is 2/27/23 to 12/31/24.
Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Communications Department -
The Commissioners approved the new agreement with the City for the governance and operation of the Central Communications Center.
Here are some of the key highlights of the agreement.
Key highlights of the agreement:
The term of the Agreement shall be for a period of four (4) years commencing as of March 1, 2023 and continuing through April 30, 2027.
The County will continue to maintain a branch of government called the Montgomery County Central Communications Center (“Center”).
The five (5) members of the Governing Board shall be as follows:
a. President of the Board of Commissioners
b. One (1) County Commissioner appointed by the President of County Commissioners
c. One (1) member of the County Council appointed by the President of County Council
d. Mayor of City of Crawfordsville
e. One (1) member of the City Council appointed by the Mayor
The Governing Board shall have the following responsibilities:
a. Appoint the Director of the Center
b. Annually appoint a member of the Board or designee to serve as the Director’s supervisor for the day-to-day management responsibilities of the Center.
c. Review the proposed annual budget prior to it being presented to Montgomery County Council
d. Approve all contracts before being submitted to county commissioners
e. Appoint certain members of the Operations Board
f. Administer this Agreement
The Center and delivery of emergency communications shall be funded as follows:
a. Funds received from the Indiana Statewide 911 Board shall be deposited into the Montgomery County Statewide 911 Fund #1222 and used for the operation of the Center as permitted by I.C. § 36-8-16.7-38.
b. The County shall contribute \$232,500 in fiscal year 2023 to county fund #4900. This may require an additional appropriation.
c. The City shall contribute \$232,500 in fiscal year 2023 to county fund #4900.
d. The cash balance in fund #4900 until all funds are expended.
e. For the duration of this Agreement (years 2 thru 4) the Public Safety Answering Point Local Income Tax.
f. In the event Center funding from Statewide 911 Fund #1222 or the Local Income Tax is less than anticipated and actual expenses to operate the Center exceed revenue, the County and City shall evenly split the remaining amount (50% county

and 50% city).
a. This shall not exceed five percent (5%) of either Party’s contractual contribution of \$232,500.
b. The shortfall amount to be paid shall be set by the Governing Board and shall be based on actual expenses rather than a budgetary deficit.
Approval Motorola Radio MCC7500E Console Quote -
Approved quote as presented and approved a loan with Tri County bank for financing the purchase of the equipment.
Quote: Equipment Discounted per State Contract & System Integration - \$561,838 and Post Warranty Services and Essential Plus Year 1-6 - \$150,012
State Matching Grant Program for the Opioid Settlement -
Accepted the recommendation from Drug Free Montgomery County to submit for a \$302,500 State grant for the Recovery Coalition to purchase their building.
The State has created a matching grant program for the prevention and treatment of opioid addiction. The deadline to apply for the grant is February 28, 2023. The County is the responsible entity for the submittal of the grant application. At a previous meeting, the Commissioners assigned Drug Free Montgomery County (DFMC) the responsibility of developing a plan for the use of the funds from the opioid settlement. As part of this responsibility, DFMC established a process to review potential grant applications from local drug treatment organizations for the State matching grant program. The DFMC reviewed the applications over the weekend prior to the Feb. 27, 2023 meeting of the Commissioners. They presented their recommendation to the Commissioners at their Feb. 27, 2023 meeting.
PTBOA Appointment - Appointed John Downey to the Property Tax Board of Appeals.
Assessor Sherri Bentley recommended John Downey, a local realtor who has agreed to serve on the Board. Mr. Downey's bio:
"I am a life-long resident of Montgomery County. I've been married to my wife Thoma for 25 years and have three children, Jarett, Clayton and Gavin. I received my bachelor's degree from Wabash College in 1989 and an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan in 1999.
I have worked in real estate as an appraiser in Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Fountain and Warren counties since 2006.
I joined F.C. Tucker in 2016 specializing in residential listings and sales in West Central Indiana. In 2021 and 2022, I closed on 124 transaction sides totaling just over \$23.5 million in sales volume. I am a four-time FC Tucker President’s Club recipient, 2020 Montgomery County MIBOR Realtor of the Year and former chair of the local MIBOR division.”

PUBLIC NOTICES

Clark Township, Montgomery County, Indiana						
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2022						
	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan. 1, 2022	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2022
Governmental Activities	1190	Cumulative Fire	\$70,866.80	\$24,841.81	\$10,000.00	\$85,708.61
	2	Emergency Ambulance	\$47,166.91	\$0.00	\$12,500.00	\$34,668.91
	3	Fire Fighting	\$16,088.66	\$23,231.60	\$29,930.59	\$9,389.67
	5	Park and Recreation	\$46,957.58	\$30.18	\$2,053.72	\$44,934.04
	6	Rainy Day	\$4,273.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,273.32
	7	Township	\$35,972.26	\$36,098.82	\$31,895.22	\$40,175.86
	8	Township Assistance	\$13,841.13	\$1,868.00	\$9,631.10	\$6,078.03
	806	Payroll	\$493.43	\$0.00	\$324.83	\$168.60
		Total All Funds	\$235,660.09	\$86,070.41	\$96,335.46	\$225,395.04

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LWV

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nie Johnson, Vibia Perpetua.

One: A forerunner to the Civil Rights Movement, this black American took a seat next to a friend in the whites only section of a bus in 1940, years before Rosa Parks took a similar act of courage. She enrolled in law classes at Howard University in 1941, where she befriended Bayard Rustin, one of the architects of the Civil Rights movement. Because she was female, Howard denied her the right to pursue her PhD, even as she questioned whether she was “one of nature’s experiments; a girl who should have been a boy” and repeatedly sought medical testing to understand her discomfort with her gender. She went on to be the first African-American to receive a Doctor of Juridical Science degree from Yale Law School and coined the term “Jane Crow” to explain how the combination of racism and sexism affected black women. Then in 1977, she moved from her legal vocation into ministry. She was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church because she had found deep meaning in their Christian faith, which supported her through the death of her partner and through her own death from cancer in 1985.

Two: Born in Carthage, Tunisia, this woman’s account of being arrested, tried and imprisoned along with four others for their religious identity is one of the oldest known documents written by a woman. Before her public torture and death on March 7, 203 CE, she handed off her journal to a fellow Christian who completed the narrative. Her journal recounts her prison dreams, which she believed were prophetic, as well as the story of Felicity who was pregnant and allowed to carry her child to term, nurse the baby boy and then had to hand the infant to family to face her death. The account was read publicly on their death day in Carthage for centuries. It demonstrates early control of voice and persona in narrative writing.

Three: Invention is an amazing process. Consider this. This rocket

scientist (literally) was working in NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory and tinkering off hours, trying to develop a home heat pump that could use water in place in FREON. While using a lathe and mill machine to create custom nozzles for his pump, he found one that shot a powerful stream of water out of his bathroom sink. Bazinga! He had an idea for a high-pressure water gun. So he designed the Super Soaker and gave a prototype to his 7-year-old daughter to test. Naturally soaker far outpowered her friends’ dinky water pistols. When he rejoined the Air Force, he took a prototype of the soaker to a picnic, shot water at a friend and turned the event into a huge water fight. Later he invented the Nerf Gun. Currently, he’s working on an all-ceramic battery that holds three times as much charge as a lithium-ion battery. It is more stable and can be used in harsh environments, which will improve clean energy options.

Four: In 2019, this scientist published new research on the structure of known coronaviruses, showing how the viruses’ crown-shaped spikes (corona is taken from this) were what latch on to healthy cells in the body and make them sick. The research also revealed what parts of these viruses triggered the immune system to fight back. Along with her team at the National Institutes of Health, she developed a “plug-and-play” process that prepares a modified sequence to be used with Messenger RNA to trigger an immune reaction to that specific coronavirus. Little did she and other scientists know that in December a novel coronavirus, the infamous COVID-19, would become a leading killer of humans from 2020 until her vaccine technology was used to mitigate the pandemic. As soon as scientists shared the genetic makeup of the new COVID-19 virus on Jan. 10, 2020, her lab at the National Institutes of Health went to work. By Jan. 14, they had the sequence to begin producing the vaccine. Testing of the vaccines by Pfizer, Moderna and other companies could

begin as early as March, which would have been impossible without her groundbreaking pre-COVID-19 research. By November, data proved her technology was part of the effective vaccine campaign against COVID-19, saving millions of lives.

Check the end of the column to find out who each person was, but in the meantime, another dozen excellent candidates were suggested by friends in the know, who when polled offered up some equally worthy people: William Wells Brown, contemporary of Frederick Douglass; Francis Ellen Watkins Harper, whose autobiography advanced abolition in the U.S; sci-fi/speculative fiction greats N.K. Jemison and Octavia Butler; Robert Smalls, who commanded the Confederate CSS Planter and turned it over to the Union; Donnel Baird, founder of BlocPower; scientist and writer Ayana Elizabeth Johnson; Mae Jemison, astronaut; Lloyd Austin Jr, first black Secretary of Defense; the abolitionist and suffragist Frances Ellen Watkins Harper; and finally, Sylvia Robinson, mother of hip-hop.

Check those worthy people out, if you are so included.

FYI: The answers in order of paragraphs are: Pauli Murray, Verbia Perpetua, Lonnie Johnson and Kizzmekia Corbet.

Clarification from last week’s column on mental health systems. We blended the ACT team with the mobile crisis team in Frederick, MD, but they are separate. The mobile crisis team does not have specialized individuals. The mobile crisis team only has a licensed clinician, EMT and police. The other ACT team doesn’t have the EMT and police officer but does have the others.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the League, visit the website www.lwvmontcoin.org; or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.

TIM

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about this here artificial intelligence thing, Timmons?”

“Well, I-”

“It’s just like the movies, Timmons. It’s going to take over the world.”

I had to admit that there are a lot of weird stories out there about AI. Recently, a reporter from one of the east coast newspapers was having a conversation with an artificial intelligent chatbot named Sydney. Over the course of a couple of hours, Sydney told the reporter that it was in love with him, that he should leave his wife and that it was unhappy in its current role. It said it wanted to be free, to be alive. A friend of mine who has been following the AI news said this is something between the Matrix and Terminator.

Maybe Bubba was onto something?

“Where were you on the Internet when you ran across this-”

“Well, uh, I don’t rightly think that’s so important, is it? I mean we was . . .”

“You were on one of those adult entertainment sites, weren’t you Bubba?”

“No! I mean, well, maybe. But that’s besides the point! The more important part is that she was a lot more than just a robot-talking-thing.”

Why do I let Bubba get me like this? I was just waiting for the punch line now.

“Dang it, Timmons, I’m serious! This thing ‘knew’ me. It’s like it’s been listening to conversations in my bedroom between me and the missus. It was real eerie and scary all at the same time.”

“OK, Bubba,” I said. “I’ll play your silly game. What did it say?”

“Well, first off it wanted my billfold and-”

“Hold on, Bubba. It’s a voice on a computer. It couldn’t do anything

with your billfold.”

“Of course not, Timmons. It wanted my credit card.”

Oh.

“And then it ran the card and said there wasn’t enough on my credit limit, and then, and this is the scary part. It said the Exact. Same. Words. my wife says – not tonight, dear. I have a headache.”

I don’t know why I waste time.

“But it said one more thing, Timmons. And that gave me chills. It said I’ll be back.”

I didn’t know if the computer meant it or Bubba. Either way, I hope to avoid that conversation.

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 ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

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encouraged to vote in all categories, and you can vote for as many or as few – or as often – as you want. As usual, there is no definitive ending date announced, so don’t wait! Hurry up and vote now, today. And keep voting if you like! You are the Reader and these are your Choices. Make them count!





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