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### ➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

### ➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Donald Carson gives a smile for one of our roving photographers. Thanks for your smile!

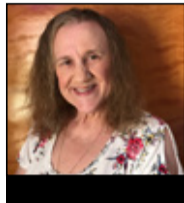
### ➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

**1** Friday's Lunch With the League features Dr. Ágata Szczeszak-Brewer, co-founder of Immigrant Allies and professor of English at Wabash College. Her talk, which takes place at noon at Fusion 54, is titled Let's Foster Belonging. Brewer will speak about the immigrant population in town, volunteering needs and the details of the Foster Belonging grant.

**2** The local nonprofit organization Humans United for Equality (HUE) will host a Montgomery County Family Fun event on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at Pike Place. Hoosier Ice Queen will be on hand to sell shaved ice, and lawn games such as corn hole, giant Jenga, and giant Connect Four will be available to play for free.

**3** The National Day of Prayer observance in Montgomery County takes place Thursday at noon on the steps of the Montgomery County Courthouse. This year's theme is "Pray Fer-vently in Righteousness" based on James 5:16 which says "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." This is an opportunity for everyone to come together and lift up our government and community leaders in prayer. Organizers Ken Clarke of Trinity Life Ministry, Ivan Brown, Pastor of New Ross Christian Church and Dave Peach, of WIMC WCDQ and WCVL invite the public to participate.

## Profiles For Gracie and Fay



**KAREN ZACH**  
Around The County

Gracie and Fay – we heard those names often from my Dad when he'd come back in from his mail route. He and Grace loved to talk baseball and as she got older, he'd

often get groceries for her and deliver at the same time as her mail. Anyone who lived in our area (Waveland) and especially near Deer's Mill knew Gracie and Fay, such sweet sisters who lived next to each other across from the covered bridge (in the valley).

Grace was born 19 March 1888 in Rectorville, Kentucky; Fay, too, was born there on the second day of the year, 1890 to school teacher Thomas D. Glascock and his wife, Katie Hull! Katie passed when the girls were young, their father farming them out to relatives along with their other sister, Wildas at the time of his second marriage. Later, Wildas would also live at Deer's Mill, but this story is about Gracie and Fay, the ones our family knew.

Fay was raised by John Henry and Mary Elizabeth Clark Bowman, farmers in the Wallace area. No children were born to them. Guessing here having Fay with them must have been an omen as they had their one and only child, Lex Von Bowman in 1906. They counted Fay's children as their own and Lex married

and had one son, but after the Bowman's passed. In 1909, Fay married James Welch and began their life at Deer's Mill in the home of his mother, Mary Keller Welch (photo is suspected to be Fay at her wedding – picture from her grandson, Tom Jones who so happily



furnished much information and many remembrances for this article). Fay and Jim "welcomed their only child, Wildas (named for her aunt) Frances Welch, in mid-October of that year. Nicknamed Billie, she grew-up as quite the Daddy's girl combining the unlikely traits of both tom-boy and bookworm. She often told her family by the age of 14, she had read every book in the Waveland Library. A 1927 graduate of Alamo HS, she was working as a waitress in the Monon Hotel in Crawfordsville when and where she first met future husband, Robert Merle Jones, CHS class of '25. Together, they would

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## 16th Garden & Arts Tour

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 25th, for the 16th Garden & Arts Tour sponsored by the Flower Lovers Garden Club. This week we are highlighting the Chadd Farm Garden which is one of the 9 garden stops on the tour. Lori & Richard Chadd's farm is located on west Country Club Rd. and provides a peaceful getaway for tourgoers. Highlighted in the "Party Barn" behind the home, is our plant sale where you can purchase very reasonably priced perennial & annuals. Other gardens will include music, artists, & garden related items for purchase along with refreshments.

When the Chadds purchased the property 6 years ago, many updates were made removing old bushes for new colors and

plant varieties. The Chadds have added 2 rock gardens, along with raised vegetable/flower beds & several mini gardens around the property. Come and experience peaceful life on the farm where you might spot an eagle or young hawk in the adjoining pasture. Purchase your tickets now, maybe for a Mother's Day gift, at these locations: Progreen Garden Center, Davidson Greenhouse, Country Hearts & Flowers, Milligan's Flowers, Mo. Co. Visitors Bureau, Just Because, Athens Art Gallery, & Crawfordsville Library. Athens Art Gallery is a bonus stop on the tour! Tickets are \$12, under age 12 free. Proceeds go towards Community Beautification. Garden & Arts Tour times are 11-5 rain or shine.

### ➔ HONEST HOOSIER

This from a reader: God created man and woman. The Democrats created all the other genders.



### ➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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### ➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Remove ticks by grasping them with tweezers as close to the skin surface as possible. 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](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).



### ➔ OBITUARIES

**Nedra Sue (Bowman) Gunn**

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **MARCIA DESMET** for subscribing!



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## Wrapping Up Reader's Choice

Readers' Choice is wrapped up for another year, and once again, The Papers' annual promotion to recognize your favorites in a multitude of categories was a huge success.

Back when our company was founded, the staff at The Paper brought Montgomery County this fun and good-natured

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### Want MORE?

The results for winners, runner ups and honorable mentions of the following categories;

- Coffee Shop**
  - Computer Repair**
  - Consignant Store**
  - Contractor**
  - Counseling Service**
  - Credit Union**
  - D.J.**
  - Dance Studio**
  - Day Care Center**
  - Dentist**
  - Driving School**
  - Dry Cleaner**
  - Electric Company**
- will be inside on A5!

## Montgomery County Civitan Club Is Looking For Young Hero!

The purpose of the Montgomery County Young Hero project is to recognize the efforts of youth, either individuals or groups, within Montgomery County for their efforts to improve the lives of individuals or the community. Young Heroes will be recognized based on several criteria including impact on the individuals and/or the community. A new Montgomery County Hero will be selected a minimum of twice a year, spring and fall.

Applications All Montgomery County youth from pre-K thru grade 12 are eligible to apply for the Montgomery County Young Hero Award. All applications will be held for consideration for the following 12 calendar months after they are received. Applications can be either for existing or new projects and can be obtained and submitted to the Montgomery County Civitan Club by email to [montgomerycountycivitan@gmail.com](mailto:montgomerycountycivitan@gmail.com).

## The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:38 a.m.  
SET: 8:42 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 70 °F  
Low: 38 °F

**Wacky Holiday Today**

- Bird Day
- Star Wars Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 1953 Ernest Hemingway wins the Pulitzer Prize.
- 1904 The United States takes over the construction of the Panama Canal.

**Births On This Day**

- 1989 Rory McIlroy Irish golfer
- 1929 Audrey Hepburn Belgian/English actress, singer

**Deaths On This Day**

- 2014 Elena Baltacha Ukrainian/Scottish tennis player
- 1924 E. Nesbit English author

## Take Home A FURever Friend

Bryce Callis of Troop 318 of the Eagle Scouts and Montgomery County Animal Welfare League are hosting a pet Adopt-a-Thon at the Animal Welfare League. Adoption fees will be reduced and there will be food, fun, prizes and a silent auction. Donations will also be accepted during the event. The event is to take place on May 13 from 10 am to 1 pm.

The Animal Welfare League is located at 1104 Big Four Arch Rd. in Crawfordsville. If unable to attend, check out the AWL's social media and see what the AWL is looking for in donations. Some of the donations the AWL is looking for include:

- Wet Dog Food
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Milk & Bone Soft n' Chewy Dog Treats
- Wet Cat Food
- Fabric Softener Dryer Sheets
- Glad 13 gal Trash Bag
- Purina Dry Cat Food
- Laundry Detergent
- And Much More

### ➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE Meeting Soon!

The Crawfordsville Investment Club will meet Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. The program is about Portfolio Diversifications. The Crawfordsville Investment Club meets for educational purposes only. Visitors are welcome. For more information call 765-362-2826.

### ➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"May is green and pink and red."  
-Richard L. Ratliff

### ➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Why can't bikes enter the Indy 500?  
They're two tired!



## ➔ OBITUARIES

### Nedra Sue (Bowman) Gunn

October 10, 1960, Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Nedra Sue (Bowman) Gunn, age 62 of Veedersburg, passed away on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at home while surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Crawfordsville on October 10, 1960 to Larry Bowman & Patricia (Barker) Sharp.



Nedra graduated from Fountain Central High School in 1979 and married the love of her life, Mark Gunn on August 18, 1984 in their backyard of their home in Mace, Indiana. Nedra worked at Banjo Industries in Crawfordsville till she got pregnant with their twins, and then stayed at home to be a loving, wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker. She was a tough, strong-willed, and determined woman; despite her health battles, she always persevered. She will be remembered for her loving kindness and her witty sense of humor.

She is survived by her loving husband of 38 years, Mark Gunn of Veedersburg; her twin daughters, Ashley (Andy) House of Coos Bay, Oregon and Andrea (Nick) Balmer of Veedersburg; four grandchildren, Brayden Gunn, Mason Balmer, Adalynn Balmer, and Adrian Balmer; her mother, Patricia (Boyd) Sharp of Kingman; two brothers, Neil Bowman of Kingman and Eric (Jennifer) Bowman of Jacksonville, Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Larry Bowman; a brother, Randy Bowman; paternal grandparents, Arista & Minnie Bowman; and maternal grandparents, Ralph & Helen Barker.

A PRIVATE family service will be held on May 13, 2023 in Veedersburg. Sanders Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at [www.SandersFuneralCare.com](http://www.SandersFuneralCare.com).

## RT Insurance Welcomes Jeff Deregnacourt To Team

RT Insurance is proud to announce that Jeff DeRegnacourt has joined the team as a licensed insurance specialist located in Michigan.

"We're thrilled to add Jeff to our RT family," stated Tim Congleton, Principal at RT Insurance. "He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in many specialized areas of insurance. He will be a valued resource to his clients."

DeRegnacourt's expertise includes being a specialty insurance producer for the archery and firearms industries where he was responsible for production and service of new and renewal business in the archery and firearms and shooting sports industries. In addition, DeRegnacourt specializes in property, liability, worker's compensation insurance, patent enforcement and infringement liability.

"I am looking forward to bringing my experience to RT Insurance and enhancing the impressive team," stated DeRegnacourt. "They have built a strong agency and I am excited to join the team and help them grow in the archery and firearms industries nationally."

DeRegnacourt started insuring the archery business in 1986 and has a lengthy list of impressive achievements including: developing the only archery products liability rating system in the USA.

DeRegnacourt's certifications include General Insurance by IIAA and Associate in Risk Management IIAA. He is a certified Level 3 Community Coach at West Michigan Archery Center in Rockford, MI; he volunteers to run Adaptive Archery classes for patients

of Mary Free Bed Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI; he assisted in installation of archery at the Kroc Centers in Chicago and Grand Rapids; he was 2022 Shooter of the year in the State Archers of Michigan, and in 2023, he competed in The Vegas Shoot in Las Vegas, Nevada; he was Bowhunter for 54 years with recurve, compound and crossbow; is one of the founders of the The Treestand Manufacturers Association and assisted in the development of industry standards and testing program; serves as a TMA liaison to the Consumer Product Safety Commission; author of "A Practical Guide to Risk Management NSSF" and "Loss Prevention Techniques" for archery retail shops and 3D archery ranges; was the Conservation Educator of the Year recipient by MUCC; chaired the 2006 TMA task force to evaluate 143 CPSC incident reports; in 2007, he became a Certified Treestand Safety Instructor and Bowhunter Education Instructor by the NBEF; in 2018, he became a certified instructor to teach Bowhunter Education in Michigan; he's on the board of Directors of Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger and founded the Sportsmen Against Hunger Challenge which is a competition between 3 conservation club. As of 2020 over 8,000,000 meals have been provided to the needy. In 2018, he was the volunteer of the year recipient from Meijer State Games of MI.

When not working hard for his clients, DeRegnacourt enjoys hunting, archery, taxidermy, and golf.

DeRegnacourt can be reached at [jeff@rt-insurance.com](mailto:jeff@rt-insurance.com).

## Ladoga Elementary Honor Roll

### High Honor Roll

- **1st GRADE** - Andrew Byerly, Corbin Halstead, Zoey Pettice, Madison Wilbert,

**2ND GRADE** - Bennett Grimes, Alba Wimmer,

**3RD GRADE** - David Dawson, Hannah Roark, Avery Siple,

**4TH GRADE** - Jaylin Burgess,

**5TH GRADE** - Ivy Arthur, Braylyn Burkholder, Amarah Kiger, Keegan Light, Carter White,

### Honor Roll

- **1st GRADE** - Makenna Bamford, Zoe Frazier, Adeleigh Halford, Mason Hendrix, Saphira Hickman, Caspen Lowery, Remi Pendleton, Parker Perry

### 2ND GRADE

- Josiah Bradley, Hadley Brown, Maverick Dorsey, Aysayah Flake, Adelina Jimenez, Karleigh Johnson, Kasen Jones, Maddalynn Kelly, Benjamin Long, Riggs Long,

**3RD GRADE** - Sydney Alford, Adora Burris, Kasen Dorsey, Cooper Hart, Alison McDaniel, Paisley Perry,

**4TH GRADE** - Victor Bamford, Hunter Dale, Brooklyn Earlywine, Chloe Gurule, Calvin Hauser, Kavika McQueen, Eli Wethington,

### 5TH GRADE

- Emmalin Bertram-Brown, Dallas Brown, Hudson Bruton, Joyanna Colombo, Lillia Dawson, Trinity Hamilton, Lucas Moulton,

## Negele: New Law Protects Wind Farm Communities From Drastic Drops In Property Tax Revenue

Authored in response to a situation in Benton County, State Rep. Sharon Negele's (R-Attica) bill protecting local taxpayers and communities with wind farms from unexpected and drastic drops in property tax revenue is now law.

Currently, the county is responsible for assessing the property under a wind turbine, but the wind turbines are valued by the owner and reported annually to the Department of Local Government Finance. A formula is used to determine a depreciation schedule of the property for federal tax deduction purposes. When a wind farm is purchased, the federal depreciation schedule is updated to include new federal incentives, which can cause a drastic reduction in value resulting in a much lower assessed value.

Unfortunately, Negele said Benton County was hit hard because a local wind farm changed ownership and its assessed value unexpectedly dropped by about 95 percent despite no changes to the land or power generation. Negele said she crafted House Enrolled Act 1401 to create stability in the assessment of business personal property tax on wind turbines when there is an ownership change.

"When a wind farm locates to a rural community, it can significantly

reduce the property tax burden on nearby residents. Locals then count on the revenue to build on and improve county services," Negele said. "Unfortunately, Benton County was thrown a curveball when a wind farm changed ownership, and its valuation dropped from \$169 million to \$8 million in just a year. The goal of this law is to bring stability and transparency to this valuation process and prevent situations like what happened in our area from happening again."

Negele said a significant change in property tax assessments for wind turbines can dramatically impact the amount of property tax revenue a county receives, which can negatively affect local government functions and services.

Under the new law, when a wind farm ownership changes, the previous year's property valuation is used for one year and the DLGF must receive a timely notice of the sale. After that, owners are required to use DLGF's depreciation schedule. The law also requires valuation information be reported to the legislature so that a legislative study committee can further examine the issue.

To follow legislation signed into law by the governor, visit [in.gov/gov/newsroom/2023-bill-watch/](http://in.gov/gov/newsroom/2023-bill-watch/).

## Baird Leads Effort to Address TSP Shortages and Roadblocks

Today, Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology Subcommittee Chairman, Jim Baird (IN-04), Ranking Member Abigail Spanberger (VA-07), and Senators Mike Braun (R-IN), Roger Marshall (R-KS), and Michael Bennet (D-CO) introduced the bipartisan, bicameral Increased TSP Access Act of 2023 to address Technical Service Provider (TSP) shortages.

"In order for our farmers and ranchers to continue their vital conservation efforts, we need to make sure they have access to the best information and expertise available," said Congressman Baird. "By introducing legislation that directs USDA to establish a streamlined certification process for Technical Service Provider (TSPs) who hold appropriate certifications, we can ensure rapid response times for our producers and address TSP shortages just as the 2018 Farm Bill intended."

"As the only Virginian on the House Agriculture Committee, I've had many conversations with our Commonwealth's crop and livestock producers about challenges caused by staffing shortages and burdensome requirements at NRCS. This massive workforce issue is having real effects on the ground — and it's slowing down the ability of Virginia producers to make smart management plans for their land," said Congresswoman Spanberger. "That's why I'm proud to help lead the bipartisan Increased TSP Access Act. By cutting red tape, streamlining some of USDA's bureaucracy, and prioritizing timely certification for these jobs, we can help more producers take advantage of voluntary conservation programs."

"Our nation's farmers and ranchers play a critical role in conservation, so it is important that they have access to Technical Service Providers (TSPs) who help fill the gaps in technical assistance when it comes to implementing conservation programs," said Senator Braun. "I'm proud to lead this legislation that will streamline the TSP certification process to support our producers and improve conservation outcomes."

"Increasing the amount of Technical Service Providers (TSP) for the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) was a key part of legislation that I introduced last fall to help the domestic fertilizer industry," said Senator Marshall. "I'm happy to partner with Senators Braun and Bennet on this commonsense approach that moves us towards our goal by cutting red tape that's holding back farm participation in NRCS programs. Certified Crop Advisors and other similar professionals are already equipped with the skills necessary to help farmers and ranchers reach a variety of conservation goals. Establishing an expedited pathway to deliver conservation goals, especially as it relates to nutrient management plans, is the free-market answer to increasing agriculture-friendly conservation efforts."

"As Colorado faces a fu-

ture that's going to be a lot hotter and a lot drier, we need to make it easier to access USDA conservation programs. But crippling red tape and understaffing at the NRCS make these programs too rigid and time-consuming for many Coloradans to apply to," said Senator Bennet. "The future of rural America depends on whether the next generation decides to continue their family farms and ranches — and to protect that future, the Increased TSP Access Act makes assistance more accessible and helps conservation programs live up to their potential."

TSPs are vitally important as they help farmers and producers access USDA conservation programs through granular, one-on-one assistance. For example, TSPs can help producers to develop grazing management plans, nutrient management plans, and sustainable forestry plans. They can also help producers increase their operation's irrigation efficiency.

In January 2023, NRCS Chief Terry Cosby projected that the agency will need to hire between 3,000 and 4,000 employees over the next two years to implement USDA conservation programs and provide necessary technical assistance. Further, just last year, USDA was given the authority to hire 1,500 new employees and only retained 500.

The 2018 Farm Bill did include language that would allow USDA to approve non-Federal entities to certify TSPs. Unfortunately, the language did not include clear deadlines for USDA to set up its non-Federal certification process and also lacked guardrails to ensure that Congressional intent was implemented in a timely manner. As a result, this language was never fully implemented by USDA.

The Increased TSP Access Act would address the TSP shortage by expanding on the framework first envisioned in the 2018 Farm Bill.

Non-Federal Certifying Entities: The bill directs USDA to establish a process to approve non-Federal certifying entities within 180 days of enactment. The bill ensures that USDA's process will allow agricultural retailers, conservation organizations, cooperatives, professional societies, and service providers to become certifying entities. It also puts clear deadlines on USDA to ensure responsiveness in administering the program.

Streamlined Certification: The bill directs USDA to establish a streamlined certification process for TSPs who hold appropriate specialty certifications (including certified crop advisors) within 180 days of enactment. This guarantees that applicants with other certifications aren't burdened with duplicative training, but are still trained in the competencies needed to serve as a TSP.

Parity in Compensation: The bill ensures that TSPs—who are often paid using conservation program dollars—are paid the fair market rate for their services.

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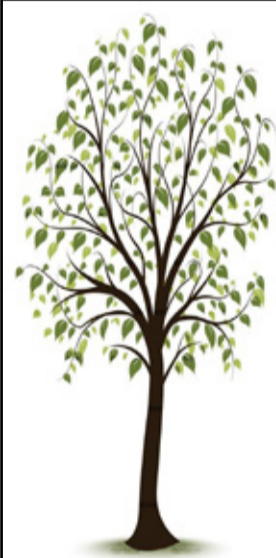

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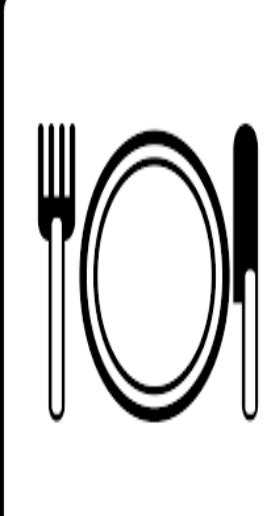
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# Must Watch Environmental Documentaries / Docu-series



**Dear EarthTalk: I am looking for more stuff I can binge watch on my TV. Any environmental documentaries you'd recommend?**

The power of film is in its capacity to transport viewers to places we might not have been able to go before. Nature documentaries in particular bring us close to ecosystems and species that are beyond most people's reach. They can reinvigorate the environmental movement, as with *An Inconvenient Truth*, or expose environmental travesties, like *Blackfish's* exposé of *Seaworld*. Here are a few recent environmental documentaries filled with incredible footage and a wealth of information.

A documentary that touches on the powerful cross section between mental health and nature, *The Scale of Hope* centers on a former White House climate advisor, Molly Kawahata, as she prepares for an intense climb in Alaska. Kawahata examines the various ways hikers, travelers and climbers can use their passion to advocate for climate conservation in this Patagonia-produced film. Or follow Alex Honnold, a free solo climber famous for his ascent of El Capitan in Yosemite, as he travels to the Amazon with National Geographic in *Explorer: The Last Tepui*. He attempts to get biologist Bruce Means to the top of a tepui while they learn why tepuis are necessary to Amazonian biodiversity.

Take a deep dive into

the lives of whales with *Secrets of Whales*, a mini-docuseries, also produced by National Geographic. Each episode looks at a different whale species and at its relationship dynamics and survival techniques. Another ocean-focused documentary is *Seaspiracy*, which examines the validity of 'sustainable' fisheries and advocates for a fish-free diet to protect marine environments. The filmmakers work shines a light on illegal fishing practices and the detrimental effects of ghost nets and overfishing.

For those interested in examining how their diet can affect climate change, check out *Meat Me Halfway* with Brian Kateman, an investigative documentary about mindful meat consumption. Kateman founded the redudeterian movement; this movie encourages viewers to reduce their meat intake, as total vegetarianism or veganism isn't realistic for everybody.

*Fire of Love* is a visually stunning documentary using footage shot by the two main subjects - volcanologists Katia and Maurice Krafft. The movie follows the Krafft's expeditions, from Mt. St. Helens in Washington to Mt. Unzen in Japan, as they perform research on active volcanoes. This documentary also highlights the importance of preparedness for environmental disasters, as they commit to informing at-risk regions about the importance of evacuations.

Against all odds, *The Year Earth Changed* found the bright side of lockdowns, isolation and travel restrictions: Certain

ecosystems thrived during the height of COVID-19 pandemic. Whales were recorded using completely new sounds, able to communicate without boat noises acting as obstacles, and female sea turtles had the benefit of empty beaches during nesting season. The documentary shows the benefits of taking a step back and offering back to nature the space that humans have dominated for decades.

And for a quick but impactful watch, try *After Ice*. This twelve-minute film compares footage of Icelandic glaciers in the twenty-first century with archival footage from the National Land Survey of Iceland. After dedicating just an hour or two toward one of the documentaries, you might find yourself looking at the environmental movement with a new perspective.

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# What Exactly Is "Slow Design"



**Dear EarthTalk: I recently heard the term "slow design." Can you enlighten?**

Slow design is a design philosophy that emphasizes quality, longevity and sustainability. It seeks to counteract the fast-paced, disposable nature of contemporary culture by prioritizing thoughtful, intentional design over mass-produced, trend-driven products. It is about creating objects that are functional and beautiful, and that are crafted with care, using materials that are responsibly sourced and manufactured.

At its core, slow design is about taking a more holistic approach to design. It's about considering the entire life cycle of a product, from the materials used to make it to how it will be used and disposed of at the end of its life. Look for pieces that are created with sustainably harvested wood certified by the Forest Stewardship Council as well as "Cradle-to-Cradle" certification awarded to products produced in eco-friendly ways and that can be recycled after use. Slow design seeks to create products that are not just aesthetically pleasing, but that are also sustainable, durable and socially responsible.

One of the key principles of slow design is the idea of "localism." This means designing prod-

ucts that are made in the same community where they will be used, using materials that are sourced locally whenever possible. By doing this, designers can reduce the carbon footprint of their products, support local economies, and create stronger connections between people and the things they own.

Another important principle of slow design is the concept of "timelessness." Rather than creating products that are trendy or fashionable, slow design focuses on creating products that are classic and enduring. By doing this, designers can help reduce the amount of waste produced by the fashion and design industries, which are notorious for creating products that are quickly discarded and replaced. One example is what's been dubbed the "brown furniture revival," that being wood furnishings that were popular in days gone by but that are seeing a resurgence today due to their timeliness and sturdy quality.

Slow design also emphasizes the importance of craftsmanship and traditional skills. By working with skilled artisans and craftspeople, designers can create products that are not only beautiful and well-made, but that also support traditional forms of production and preserve cultural heritage.

Letting your home grow with you is another key to slow design. "There

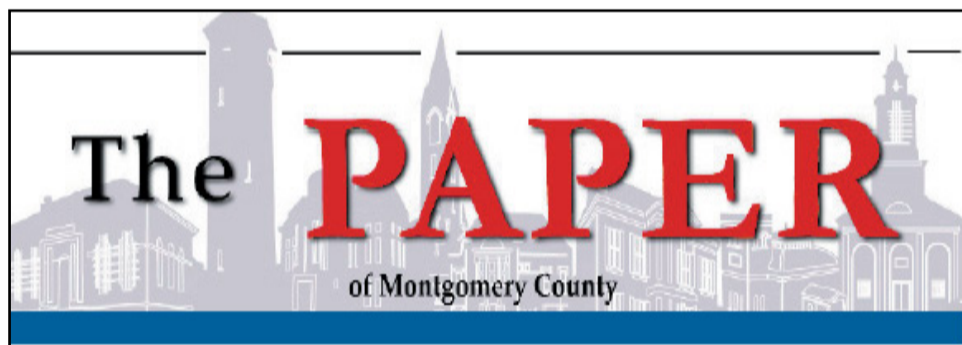
are those who move into a new place, furnish it in a couple weeks, and are happy to be done decorating," say Apartment Therapy's Katie Holdefehr. "Then there are those who see their home as an ongoing project without a specific end date."

"By not rushing through the process, you can build a home that reflects your life, rather than passing trends," she adds. "Part of embracing a slower pace is being okay with things that are unfinished." As such, leave some room and blank wall space for pieces you discover in the future. "If we give ourselves permission to slow down, we may find that home isn't a static place, but it changes along with us," concludes Holdefehr.

In short, slow design emphasizes sustainability, durability, and quality over speed and disposability. By creating products that are thoughtfully designed, responsibly sourced, and made to last, slow design seeks to promote a more sustainable and ethical approach to design and consumption.

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suffer the death of their first child; daughter Mickey (lived about a week) but were able to raise a nice family of two sons Jim, the oldest, Tom, youngest and daughter Grace, the middle child” named of course for GiGi.

One of Grace’s true loves was genealogy! She’d get extremely excited telling about Thomas



At one time, the Welch’s owned about 80 acres of timber and Gpa’ Jim loved being on his tractor. Sadly, Jim died of pneumonia with “spotted fever” as a contributor on 14 September 1937 just 49 years old. So, Fay needed to make a living. This is where her expertise came in – her cooking (it is said no one could beat hers except Gigi bested her with the ultimate Oatmeal-Raisin cookie) – working at the Shades State Park, Waveland HS cafeteria, Waveland restaurant and then Fay’s Inn which was a must to check-out if you were at or going by Deer’s Mill which was in her home (truly home-made everything). Fay had a gentle, kind soul and personality and was well loved by all. Not to say

Glascok her direct ancestor who was a Lt. Colonel in the Virginia service and in 1779 went to the Continental Dragoons where he was also an officer. He died a few years after the war in Fauquier County, Virginia (1793). Now, the horse thief was a whole different story! Fay and Gracie were members of the Ft. Thomas, Kentucky DAR in Glascok’s honor. They had a strong faith as well, Grace teaching Bible class at Alamo Church and Fay a member of Freedom Baptist.



either of the gals were perfect or always got along perfectly but they were tried and true sisters!! Fay passed away just shy of her 83rd birthday at the end of 1973.

One item of Gigi’s unique personality was her esp. Once, she felt a connection to one of her U of C boys – feeling mutual – so they decided to try an experiment. He sent her a telepathic message concerning the time he’d returned from a weekend trip to Kentucky. As he reached the center of the bridge crossing the Ohio River, he wrote down that time. When he saw Gigi the next day, she offered 5:31. With a smile, he unfolded the paper and showed it to Gigi. It carried the exact same number. Tom’s wife (of 50+ years now), Jane Gray and his Aunt Gigi were “two peas,” as Tom described their close relationship. “Charming, vivacious and always tickled to enjoy each other’s company.” One January morning in 1978, Jane sat up about 4 crying out. “It’s your family – something is really wrong!” Soon, a call came letting them know that Gracie, their beloved Aunt GiGi had passed away. Rest In Peace, sisters!

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Grace was called GiGi by most who knew her and it is assumed this nickname derived from her initials, Grace Glascok. She lived with one of her father’s sisters (Anna M. Glascok Lyons) at age 12 in 1900 and graduated (thanks Tom) in May of 1904 (Troy Twp Schools, Covington KY Republican of the 27th).

Gigi married (1911) a tall, thin, gray-eyed Raymond Thaddeus Olmsted. Quite versatile, he was found as a policeman in a factory, a News Station manager and even had a BBQ restaurant. No children, Gigi too

worked and was a housemother at the University of Cincinnati for dozens of years, thus she had many boys she called her own. They all adored her back! 1957 was the probable year for the retirement as Tom remembered he, his Dad and Aunt Gigi going to see Cincinnati (free tickets from one of her boys on the 50-yard line, too) – and - they beat IU! Ray didn’t get to enjoy Deer’s Mill long as he passed away a couple years after moving there.

**Readers’ Choice 2023 Results**

- Coffee Shop**  
**Winner:** Good to Go Espresso  
**Runner Up:** Starbucks  
**Honorable Mentions:** •Joshua Cup •Jack’s Donuts •1832 Brew  
**Computer Repair**  
**Winner:** Phantom Point  
**Runner Up:** Edge Information Technologies  
**Honorable Mentions:** •Livesay PC & Software Innovations  
**Consignment Store**  
**Winner:** Goodwill  
**Runner Up:** Simpler Times  
**Honorable Mentions:** •Trader Bucks •Just Because •Eliza’s •Wesley Thrift Shop •Marianne’s  
**Contractor**  
**Winner:** Biddle  
**Runner Up:** Inside and Out-Ryan Orr  
**Honorable Mentions:** •Hoss Construction •Woodkey •Akers Construction •Hard Hats & Hammers Construction LLC •DC Construction •Donovan •Isenberg •Ratcliff •Humphrey’s Construction  
**Anglin Counseling Service**  
**Winner:** Rockpoint Grief Share  
**Runner Up Tie:** •Center for Women’s Ministries •YSB  
**Honorable Mention:** •Pleasant View Counseling  
**Karen Cover**  
**Mike Uhl**  
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**Rainbow Recovery**  
**Valley Oaks**  
**Credit Union**  
**Winner:** TCU

- Runner Up:** IFCU  
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**Winner:** Sizzlin’ Sounds  
**Runner Up:** Aaron Melvin / DTP Entertainment  
**Honorable Mentions:** •Chris Heinz •Andrew Vaughn •DJ Chris Smith •DJ Hollawood  
**Dance Studio**  
**Winner:** Dance by Deborah  
**Runner Up:** Crawfordsville Dance Academy  
**Honorable Mentions:** Center Pointe  
**Day Care Center**  
**Winner:** Discovery  
**Runner Up:** New Beginnings  
**Honorable Mentions:** •Rainbows and Rhymes •Tabitha (France) •Jennifer Pruitt •Little Creations •Miss Colleen •Samantha Frederick •Giggles n Grins  
**Dentist**  
**Winner Tie:** Dr. John Walker Dr. Scott Frey  
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**Driving School**  
**Winner:** AB Driving School  
**Runner Up:** Straight Paths Driving School  
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**Winner:** Crawfordsville Cleaners  
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Today’s categories can be found inside and a quick list is also provided here.

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# Braun, Bennet, Marshall Introduce Bill To Increase The Availability Of Technical Service Providers (TSPs)

Sen. Mike Braun, Sen. Michael Bennet and Sen. Roger Marshall, all members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, introduced legislation to address the shortage of Technical Service Providers (TSPs) who help producers access USDA conservation programs through one-on-one assistance. This bill expands on the framework first envisioned in the 2018 Farm Bill.

Rep. Jim Baird (IN-04) and Rep. Abigail Spanberger (VA-07) introduced the companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

“Our nation’s farmers and ranchers play a critical role in conservation, so it is important that they have access to Technical Service Providers (TSPs) who help fill the gaps in technical assistance when it comes to implementing conservation programs. I’m proud to lead this legislation that will streamline the TSP certification process to support our producers and improve conservation outcomes.”—Sen. Braun

“As Colorado faces a future that’s going to be a lot hotter and a lot drier, we need to make it easier to access USDA conservation programs. But crippling red tape and understaffing at the NRCS make these programs too rigid and time-consuming for many Coloradans to apply to,” said Bennet. “The future of rural America depends on whether the next generation decides to continue their family farms and ranches – and to protect that future, the Increased TSP Access Act makes assistance more accessible and helps conservation programs live up to their potential.”

“Increasing the amount of Technical Service Providers (TSP) for the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) was a key part of legislation that I introduced last fall to help the domestic fertilizer industry. I’m happy to partner with Senators Braun and Bennet on this commonsense approach that moves us towards our goal by cutting red tape that’s holding back farm participation in NRCS programs. Certified Crop Advisors and other similar professionals are already equipped with the skills necessary to help farmers and ranchers reach a variety of conservation goals. Establishing an expedited pathway to deliver conservation goals, especially as it relates to nutrient management plans, is the free-market answer to increasing agriculture-friendly conservation efforts.”—Sen. Marshall

“In order for our farmers and ranchers to continue their vital conservation efforts, we need to make sure they have access to the best information and expertise available. By introducing legislation that directs USDA to establish a streamlined certification process for Technical Service Provider (TSPs) who hold appropriate specialty certifications, we can ensure rapid response

times for our producers and address TSP shortages just as the 2018 Farm Bill intended.”—Rep. Baird (IN-04)

“As the only Virginian on the House Agriculture Committee, I’ve had many conversations with our Commonwealth’s crop and livestock producers about challenges caused by staffing shortages and burdensome requirements at NRCS. This massive workforce issue is having real effects on the ground — and it’s slowing down the ability of Virginia producers to make smart management plans for their land. That’s why I’m proud to help lead the bipartisan Increased TSP Access Act. By cutting red tape, streamlining some of USDA’s bureaucracy, and prioritizing timely certification for these jobs, we can help more producers take advantage of voluntary conservation programs.”—Rep. Spanberger (VA-07)

The Increased TSP Access Act would address the TSP shortage by expanding on the framework first envisioned in the 2018 Farm Bill. Non-Federal Certifying Entities: The bill directs USDA to establish a process to approve non-Federal certifying entities. The bill ensures that USDA’s process will allow agricultural retailers, conservation organizations, cooperatives, professional societies, and service providers to become certifying entities. It also puts clear deadlines on USDA to ensure that the agency is responsive in administering the program.

Streamlined Certification: The bill directs USDA to establish a streamlined certification process for TSPs who hold appropriate specialty certifications (including certified crop advisors). This guarantees that applicants with other certifications aren’t burdened with duplicative training, but are still trained in the competencies needed to serve as a TSP.

Parity in Compensation: The bill ensures that TSPs—who are often paid using conservation program dollars—are paid the fair market rate for their services.

Read the bill text. Endorsements for the Increased TSP Access Act of 2023

American Farm Bureau Federation (President Zippy Duvall): “Farmers and ranchers are committed to continually improving the land, water and air entrusted in our care and we have voluntarily committed over 140 million acres across the country to conservation. But we can’t do this alone and that’s why the Increased TSP Access Act is needed. It would expand the number of partners that farmers and ranchers can depend upon to access conservation programs and help implement additional stewardship practices on the land.”

American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America (CEO Jim Cudahy): “Since the Technical

Service Provider program was established, our Certified Crop Advisers and Certified Professional Soil Scientists have partnered with NRCS to provide conservation technical assistance as trusted advisers to farmers across the United States. Over this time, we’ve also seen a need for the program to be better defined so that more certified professionals can become TSPs, and remain so. We are pleased to support the Increased TSP Access Act and continue to work with administrators to improve the TSP Program and ultimately deliver more conservation technical assistance to our nation’s farmers.”

Ducks Unlimited (CEO Adam Putnam): “Thank you to Sen. Braun, Sen. Bennet, Sen. Marshall, Rep. Baird, and Rep. Spanberger for introducing the Increased TSP Access Act. Ducks Unlimited’s agronomists and biologists work closely with NRCS and private landowners to help agricultural producers assess the health of their soil and get the most out of their production. Through streamlining the certification process, this legislation will make voluntary conservation programs more accessible and provide producers with increased flexibility to implement conservation practices on their land.”

Purdue University (Executive Vice President for Research Dr. Karen Plaut): “We congratulate Sen. Braun and Rep. Baird for introducing the Increased TSP Access Act, broadening the set of experts focused on conservation and a more sustainable food system – including many educated by the nation’s Land Grant Universities such as Purdue. We look forward to continuing to work with Congress and other public and private sector partners to solve food, agricultural and natural resource management challenges.”

Truterra, Land O’Lakes’ Sustainability Business (President Tom Ryan): “Every day, farmers across the country turn to their trusted retail agronomists for advice. This new legislation would provide farmers expanded access to local agronomists and ag retailers who can provide conservation expertise as part of their total agronomic plan. Truterra, the sustainability business of Land O’Lakes, Inc., has developed unique, collaborative projects to help farmers across the nation adopt conservation practices and scale-up their on-farm conservation systems. We support expanding the number and availability of TSPs because it will enable us to help the federal government meet the high demand for conservation delivery services. Land O’Lakes appreciates the leadership of U.S. Senators Braun, Bennet and Marshall, as well as U.S. Representatives Baird and Spanberger, in expanding the conservation delivery system by increasing access to private sector resources.”

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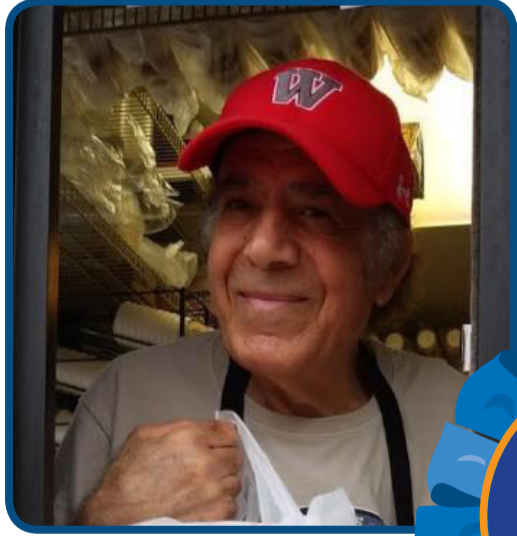

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