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TODAY'S VERSE

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Katherin Shelton was on a walk by our office this morning and was kind enough to offer a smile. Thank you for your smile!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

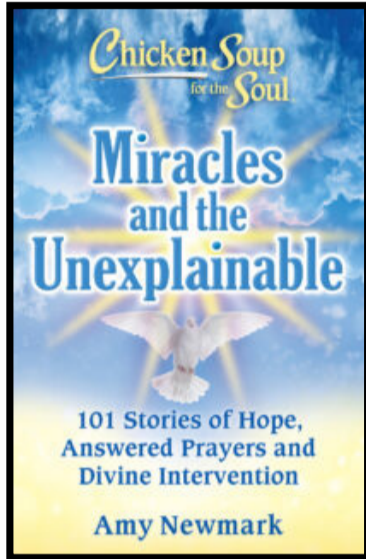
1 On Saturday, May 20th, the singing of "On the Banks of the Wabash" and firing of the cannon will mark the beginning of the annual Flowering of Fairbanks competition at 9 am. Four local organizations are participating in this year's contest to design and execute the best flower plot underneath the arches of Fairbanks Park. The four community organizations competing in 2023 are the Honey Creek Garden Club, The Herb Society, Towne & Countrie Garden Club, and Master Gardeners and friends.

2 Yesterday, the Biden-Harris Administration is announcing more than \$95 million in awards across 35 states to increase access to school-based mental health services and strengthen the pipeline of mental health professionals in high-needs school districts. The awards were funded by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA), which President Biden signed into law on June 25, 2022, and they help advance the Administration's efforts to tackle the mental health crisis in our schools as part of his National Mental Health Strategy.

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Book Signing Coming To Crawfordsville

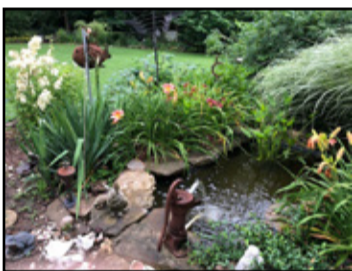
William Clark, contributing writer to Chicken Soup for the Soul, will be signing his story in the new Chicken Soup for the Soul book, "Miracles and the Unexplainable", at In His Time Books & Gifts at 113 S. Washington St. Crawfordsville, on Saturday, May 27th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Miracles and the Unexplainable" has 101 true, phenomenal stories. Clark's story took place in Waldron and Shelbyville, IN. It's about Norman, a WWII veteran, who fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Clark was his friend

and pastor. He will also be signing his story in Chicken Soup's "The Magic of Cats". Clark wrote six stories connected to Central Indiana out of twenty-three stories in his entertaining short story collection, "A Walk on the Sunny Side". He will have a unique display of new and used Chicken Soup for the Soul books, including reprints of the original, 1993 bestseller!



WILLIAM CLARK



Photos courtesy of Flower Lovers Garden Club

Beauty In Our Backyards

Our backyard might be more of a recycled sculpture park with a garden, than a garden with sculptures. You be the judge. Over the years no less than 25 bowling balls have rolled into the area. Some are adorned with stained glass, some merely holding down a rusty farm implement. A recent recycled feature is a gazebo made from a satellite dish, not the tiny efficient ones you see nowadays, but the ones that were popular 20 or more years ago, that took up the space of a small car in the side yard. If

Want TO GO?
Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 25th, for the 16th Garden & Arts Tour sponsored by the Flower Lovers Garden Club.

you love rust, you will find lots to appreciate. Several bicycles,

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Butch Wonders What Ever Happened To Randolph Scott?



BUTCH DALE
COLUMNIST

Like many of you "Baby Boomers," I spent many hours at the movies in the 1950s. Charlie Marshall owned the Sunshine Theater in Darlington. A ticket was 25 cents and buttered popcorn

a dime...cheap entertainment for a 9-year old on a Saturday night in 1957. The majority of movies were not Academy award winners, but rather low cost production "B" flicks...a few horror movies, a few love stories...and a treasure trove of the most popular...the westerns.

These western cowboy "B" movies perhaps lacked substance and imagination, and the dialogue and plots never

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Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery

The Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery at the Crawfordsville District Public Library would like to invite the public to view the work of local woodworker, Dennis Furr. This exhibit is currently open and will be on display through June 9th. The public is welcome to visit the gallery during CDPL's regular hours of operation and we encourage you to view these beautifully crafted functional artworks. During this exhibit, a limited amount of work will be available for sale through our Circulation department.

Dennis Furr is a longtime resident of Montgomery County and has been a member of the Montgomery County Woodworkers for over a decade. He recently retired from Subaru of Indiana Automotive (SIA) in

Want MORE?

Look INSIDE on A5 for examples of Dennis Furr's works!

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:29 a.m.
SET: 8:58 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 69 °F
Low: 55 °F

Today is...

- Dinosaur Day
- Love a Tree Day
- National Mimosa Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1975 Junko Tabei becomes the first woman to conquer Mount Everest.
- 1966 In China, the Cultural Revolution begins.
- 1960 Theodore Maiman fires the first functional laser.

Births On This Day

- 1966 Janet Jackson American singer-songwriter, producer, dancer, actress
- 1953 Pierce Brosnan Irish/American actor, singer, producer

Deaths On This Day

- 1990 Jim Henson American puppeteer, director, producer, founded The Company
- 1953 Django Reinhardt Belgian guitarist, composer

Change Made At CPD

The Paper of Montgomery County has learned that C-Ville Police veteran Bob Rivers has been removed as assistant chief of the department.



BOB RIVERS

CPD Chief Aaron Mattingly told The Paper that the assistant chief is an appointed position and that he did inform Rivers recently that a change in that position was being made.

"Bob Rivers is a long standing officer with the Crawfordsville Police Depart-

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HONEST HOOSIER

His honor the president wants the military to go all electric. Wonder if we can get our enemies to install charging stations on the battlefield?



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Kindness is contagious - surround yourself with giving people. 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

INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

- Service Directory...A3
- Classifieds.....A4
- Slim Randles.....A4
- Brian Howey.....A4
- Readers' Choice...A6

THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Montgomery County Home Sales Stats

The latest statistics from the Indiana Association of Realtors shows that Montgomery County had 41 homes sold in the month of April with the number of closed sales dropping 29% from 2022. The median sale price was \$180,000, for April, rising 5% from 2022.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"You spend 90 percent of your adult life hoping for a long rest and the last 10 percent trying to convince the Lord that you're actually not that tired."
-Robert Brault

TODAY'S JOKE

The snowman will not drive in this year's Indy 500. He runs OK, but once he warms up he's just a puddle.

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



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7 DAY FORECAST

53/70 SCTD SHOWERS	55/69 RAIN BEFORE 3 PM SATURDAY	52/70 SUNNY & PLEASANT	44/75 SUNNY & PLEASANT	56/80 LATE DAY STORMS	49/72 TURNING SUNNY	50/76 SUNNY
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

OBITUARIES

Hardy "Leonard" Allen

April 17, 1938, Monday, May 15, 2023

Hardy "Leonard" Allen, age 85 of Wallace, passed away at 7:45am on Monday, May 15, 2023 at his home with family. He was born April 17, 1938 in Cates, Indiana to the late Hardy & Treva Allen.



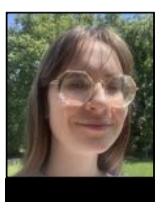
He graduated from Kingman High School in 1954 and proudly served his country in the United States Army for 2 years. On June 14, 1959 he married the love of his life, Karen Ann Williams. They were blessed with three daughters, Joanna, Laurie, and Shelia; eight grandchildren, Craig, Tyler, Chelsea, Chaila, Kylie, Ryan, Beau, and Jacob; and 16 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Jesse; two sisters, Alma and Joyce; and a great grandson, Callen.

Leonard worked at Olin's in Covington for 39 years before retiring. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, mowing the yard, gardening, woodworking, and playing cards. He was very loving and kind and lived his life with integrity and was always there to help his friends and family, whom will miss him dearly.

There will be a graveside service at Centennial Cemetery on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 2:00pm with Mike Copenhaver officiating. Sanders Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Stephen King - More than Just Horror



Susanna Howard

Fresh off the Shelf

Stephen King is regarded as a master of horror. Among his most famous works are classics turned into film such as Carrie (FIC Kin, DVD FIC Car), The Shining (FIC Kin, DVD FIC Shi), and It (FIC Kin, DVD FIC It). This is all well and good, but I personally don't have the stomach for horror, and I know I'm not alone in my squeamishness. Luckily, Stephen King has written prolifically over his fifty-year career and has dipped his toes in all sorts of genres.

Several famous movies have been made from King's work. The titles

listed above are obviously King's, but you may be surprised to find The Shawshank Redemption (DVD FIC Sha) falls into the same group. This 1994 prison drama starring Morgan Freeman and Tim Robbins was based on the novella, "Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption", published by King twelve years earlier. Another novella, "The Body", borrowed the title of a Ben E. King song and became Stand By Me (DVD FIC Sta), a classic coming-of-age story with no ghosts other than memories. Both stories are available to read in the collection Different Seasons (FIC Kin).

In 1996, King took inspiration from the likes of Charles Dickens and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and published The Green Mile (FIC Kin) in six short installments. Told from

the perspective of a prison guard, this story follows a gentle death row inmate with the power to heal. It was adapted into a movie in 1999 starring Tom Hanks and Michael Clarke Duncan (DVD FIC Gre).

The Dark Tower series is an eight-part epic, following the adventures of the Gunslinger, a knight of the Old West, as he travels through his unraveling world in search of the center of the universe - the Dark Tower. This genre-defying mashup combines elements from many of King's other works, unifying and deepening the stories through their new connections. The first novel, The Gunslinger (FIC Kin) has also been adapted into a series of graphic novels (GN FIC Kin).

Talisman (FIC Kin v. 1) and its sequel, Black House (FIC Kin v. 2), are

among the stories tied into the Dark Tower series. Written in collaboration with Peter Straub, The Talisman series follows Jack Sawyer, first as a child searching a parallel world for a cure for his dying mother, and later as a retired detective hunting down a serial killer. Fans of detective novels should also try King's Bill Hodges trilogy (FIC Kin), also available in large print and as a 2018 TV show (DVD FIC Mr).

The library is open Monday-Thursday 9a-9p, Friday-Saturday 9a-5p, and Sunday 1-5p. You may also check out what's happening at CDPL on our website at www.cdpl.lib.in.us or call us at 765-362-2242.

-Susanna Howard is a Library Assistant in the Reference and Local History department at CDPL.

Senior Golf Results

Things are not only heating up outside, but are also heating up on the greens for our senior golfers!

The five-man team of Steve Hoagland, Steve Priest, Jack Phillips, Jack Phillips and Jim Lee shot 10-under-par to tie in weekly play. Rhett

Welliever, Denny Priest, Dale Wilson, Steve Snyder and Bill Sheldon shot 10-under as well!

Dick VanArsdel and Joe Irvin won proxys on Nos. 7 and 15 respectively. And the Long Drive by an 80-year-old honor went to Dave Hart.

IEDC Secures 2023 Top Workplace Recognition

Employee-driven survey reinforces agency's high engagement, collaborative workplace culture.

Under the leadership of Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) was recognized as a top small organization on the IndyStar's 2023 list of Top Workplaces in central Indiana, based on an employee-driven survey focused on the agency's leadership, values, work culture and employee engagement. The survey, conducted annually in partnership between IndyStar and research company Energage, showed the IEDC ranked in the top 10% of the more than 2,000 businesses surveyed in the region. Additionally, the IEDC team was recognized by Energage as the most spirited organization during this year's awards ceremony.

"It starts with great peo-

ple," said Sec. Chambers. "I'm impressed every single day by the talent and drive I see from the IEDC team. Since day one on the job, I've encouraged this group to shoot higher and run faster, and they've come together, risen to the challenge and continued to break records for economic investment and wages. The team at the IEDC is winning for Hoosiers, and I'm energized by their level of engagement and am proud to see the IEDC receive this recognition."

Created by former Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005 and led by Sec. Chambers since July 2021, the IEDC employs more than 100 team members in Indiana and around the world. The agency is charged with growing the state's economy, driving economic development, developing communities to increase quality of life and population growth and helping businesses launch,

grow and locate in the state. The IEDC is also focused on helping companies attract and retain a talented workforce - working to model the way by creating a positive, collaborative environment for its own employees.

Notable feedback from the employee survey showed team members are energized by the current direction of the IEDC. The agency received high marks for its collaborative, innovative, forward-thinking and rewarding workplace culture. The IEDC team's high engagement helped produce approximately \$27 billion in new committed investments to the state over the last five quarters to propel Indiana's economy of the future. In 2022 alone, the team secured \$22.2 billion of committed capital investment, surpassing the state's previous yearly record of \$8.7 billion in 2021.

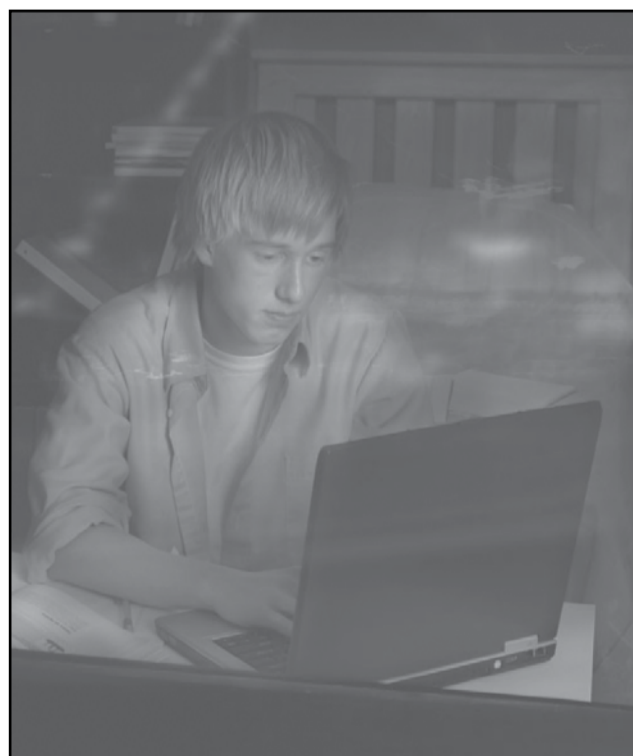
In addition to the IEDC,

two other state agencies, the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) and Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR), received this recognition.

About IEDC
The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is charged with growing the State economy, driving economic development, helping businesses launch, grow and locate in the state. Led by Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, @SecChambersIN, and governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, @GovHolcomb, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, innovation and entrepreneurship resources, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit iedc.in.gov.

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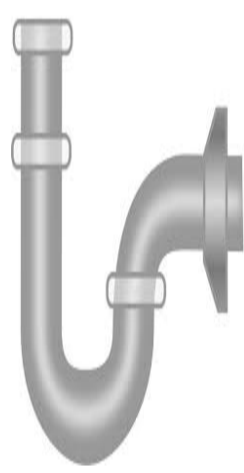
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Dominant Indiana GOP Taking Aim At Big Cities



BRIAN HOWEY
Howey Political Report

Indiana Democrats will be facing an existential election this November. Already purged from rural areas and many small to medium-sized cities, holding no Statehouse constitutional offices, only two of 11 federal offices, and with superminority status in the General Assembly, the party has been relegated to the state's big cities and college towns.

Now, Republicans will be taking aim at Indiana's biggest two cities, Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, where incumbent Democrats fit the description of "embattled."

In Indianapolis, self-funding Republican mayoral nominee Jefferson Shreve will take on two-term Democrat Mayor Joe Hogsett, who dispatched state Rep. Robin Shackelford, 58%-38% on Tuesday. The fact that 42% of Democrats didn't vote for the mayor has Hoosier Republicans licking their chops. They point to Republican Greg Ballard's 2007 upset for Mayor Bart Peterson as a historic parallel as well as Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's primary loss in February, largely based on the crime issue.

Shreve spent more than \$2 million after filing his candidacy right at the filing deadline last February. He described Indianapolis as a "jewel" of a city that has been damaged by a rampant murder rate, high crime and a lack of cops. Shreve said his candidacy was "not a business decision; this is a decision from the heart. I'm running for mayor as a

Republican and it's gonna be tough. We live in a Democratic city. I'm not fooling myself, I understand the challenge. In my heart, I am convinced I can bring something better and bolder than what we have today."

Indiana Republican Chairman Kyle Hupfer said, "We're looking forward to partnering with Jefferson and his team over the next few months and helping to deliver much-needed change in Indianapolis."

Democratic Party Vice Chair and Marion County Democratic Chairwoman Myla Eldridge said, "Jefferson Shreve's message is already falling short. After spending more than \$2 million on Trump-style ads promoting his right-wing agenda, less than 30,000 Republican ballots were cast on Election Day compared to a historic 45,000 Democratic ballots. Jefferson's platform may resonate with hardcore conservatives, but it's clear Indianapolis voters aren't interested."

In Fort Wayne, four-term Democrat Mayor Tom Henry will face the only Republican ever to beat him. That occurred in 2003 when Republican Tom Didier upset him by 172 votes to win the city council seat Henry had held for 20 years. Henry recovered, winning the mayor's office in 2007.

On Tuesday, Henry easily dispatched a little-known Democrat challenger, Jorge Fernandez, with 78% of the vote. It's his first public test since being arrested on a DUI last October. He pleaded guilty in November.

Councilman Didier, who defeated Councilman Jason Arp 64-33% on Tuesday in the GOP primary, smells blood in the water. "Now

I've got to get checkmate, I feel very confident." Didier told the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette. "I really believe the voters are ready for a change."

Henry said his family and the Didiers have known each other for a long time and expects a donnybrook. "I think it'll be a very lively campaign," he said. "Aggressive, but in a positive way."

Indiana Democrats have other potential challenges. They have seen the GOP encroach in areas where it once dominated, including southern Lake County and St. Joseph County, where all three county commissioners are Republican.

South Bend Mayor James Mueller defeated Councilman Henry Davis Jr. with 68%. South Bend Tribune columnist Jack Colwell explained, "Davis had to top 30% to show he had any significant impact. He just reached that. But he fell short of the 40% that would have signaled Mueller was vulnerable for a possible fall upset by Republican challenger Desmond Upchurch."

In Anderson, Democrat Mayor Thomas Broderick defeated Councilman Rodney Chamberlain by a mere 32 votes and faces Republican Jon Bell, who won his primary by just four votes. Republican Kevin Smith won the Anderson mayor's office twice, in 2003 and 2011, before Broderick defeated him in 2015.

Indiana Democrat Chairman Mike Schmuhl said after the November 2022 elections, "Indiana Democrats laid the groundwork in 2021 and 2022, and now it's time to crisscross our state even more, build up our party from the grassroots, elect city leaders in 2023."

There may be some opportunities for Democrats as well.

There will be an open seat in Evansville, where Republican Mayor Lloyd Winnecke is retiring. He and his wife, Carol McClintock, recruited and helped newcomer Natalie Rascher win a decisive primary against Vanderburgh County Commissioner Cheryl Musgrave by 1,500 votes. Rascher will face Democrat Stephanie Terry in November. Democrats control seven of nine Evansville Council seats.

Another open seat comes in Carmel. Republican Mayor Jim Brainard did not seek another term. Councilwoman Sue Finkam won the three-way race with 36% of the vote and will face Democrat Miles Nelson in November. "We knew we had to be scrappy and tough and resilient and not back down from a fight," Finkam said. "They underestimated us at every turn."

Nelson told a gathering of 150 Democrats, "As we move toward the November election, I'm ready to continue engaging voters in our city on how we build an administration that's responsive to their needs, transparent about our spending and priorities."

In Terre Haute, Republican Mayor Duke Bennett is seeking a record-tying fifth term and will face Democrat Brandon Sakbun, who upset Tom Goodwin on Tuesday with 54%. Goodwin, running as an independent in 2019, came within 213 votes of upsetting Bennett.

The columnist is managing editor of Howey Politics Indiana/State Affairs at StateAffairs.com/pro/Indiana. Find Howey on Facebook and Twitter @hwypol.

Best Pals Ever

"I took Duckworth to the dog show up in the city last weekend," Dud said.

The other members of the Mule Barn truck stop's world dilemma think tank and philosophy counter just looked at him.

Doc put it gently. "Dud, was this so he could get some inspiration on looking good?"

Duckworth was a medium-sized dog that found Dud while Dud was walking and thinking about the novel he's writing. No one answered the ad he put in the Valley Weekly Miracle, so he was henceforth known as Duckworth, for some reason Dud seemed to want to keep to himself. To be honest, Duckworth looked like he fell out of the ugly tree and hit every branch on the way down.

"No, I was going to enter him in the dog show," Dud said. "Took him right up to the registration table and tried to get him in a class. The lady there looked at ol' Duck and asked to see his papers."

Dud grinned. "I told her they were back home on the floor of the laundry room. She didn't think it was funny."

Now Duckworth had been introduced to the other dogs in the group at the sale barn, as is the custom, and Dud's pals had been hesitant to ask much about him. Duckworth looked

like something put together by a committee with a sense of humor. Oh, he was a dog ... no doubt about that. But what kind of dog was he? It made for interesting coffee speculation, that's for sure.

"You know," Dud said, "Anita was against me getting any kind of dog until Duckworth came along. When I explained to her that Duckworth was a bird dog ... a duck dog, actually, and that he'd help me bring more birds home, she finally gave in."

"He's a bird dog?" Steve said. "What kind?"

"Now that's what that dog show lady asked me, you know? I had to explain to her about canardly terriers, because she wasn't familiar with them."

"Canar..." "Canardly terriers, you betcha," Dud said, grinning, "why, I'll bet you canardly tell what kind of terrier he is!"

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Young, Cantwell Reintroduce Legislation To Address The Housing Affordability Crisis

As many American families struggle to find a safe, affordable place to call home and homelessness across the nation continues to rise, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) introduced bipartisan legislation to help build nearly two million new affordable homes over the next decade.

The Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act would support the financing of more affordable housing by expanding and strengthening the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit), our country's most successful affordable housing program.

This bill comes at a time when our nationwide housing crisis continues to worsen. Currently, nearly one-in-four renters, over 10 million families, spend more than half of their household income on rent, cutting into other essential expenses like child care, medication, groceries, and transportation. At the same time, nearly 600,000 Americans are experiencing homelessness on any given day, an increase over pre-COVID levels.

Since its creation, the Housing Credit has built or restored more than 3.5 million affordable housing units, nearly 90 percent of all federally funded affordable housing during that time. Roughly eight million American households have benefitted from the credit, and the economic activity that it generated has supported 5.5 million jobs and spurred more than \$617 billion in wages.

"In Indiana and across the nation, affordable housing is needed now more than ever. The Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act will leverage private sector investment to increase the stock of affordable housing for families in both urban and rural communities. Our bipartisan bill tackles the housing affordability crisis head on to help Hoosier families and strengthen our communities," said Senator Young.

"Too many families are paying too much just to keep a roof over their heads. Securing more affordable housing is key to our economic growth and individual families' success," said Senator Cantwell. "This legislation would increase the federal resources allocated to each state, cut the red tape that hinders financing for workforce housing,

better serve people most in need, and ultimately add more than 64,000 affordable units to Washington's housing stock over the next decade."

In Indiana, the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act would provide an additional 44,500 housing units, leading to an estimated 67,500 more jobs and generating over \$7 billion in wages.

In addition to Senators Young and Cantwell, Senators Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) led the Senate version of the bill.

"When it comes to solutions for affordable housing there's no substitute for increasing supply. The centerpiece of this proposal is the largest-ever expansion of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, which is the most effective program on the books for getting more affordable units built in Oregon and nationwide," said Senator Wyden. "On the Senate Finance Committee there is bipartisan interest in tackling the affordable housing crisis. With this proposal, Senators Cantwell and Young, along with our House colleagues, have laid out a cornerstone of that effort. I'm going to keep working with my colleagues because I believe there's an opportunity to bring big housing ideas together and pass a bill in this Congress."

"As more people choose to call Tennessee home, one of the main issues I hear about is the lack of affordable housing," said Senator Blackburn. "By modernizing the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, we can leverage our resources to increase access to affordable housing and ensure that housing supply grows to meet demand. This will not only strengthen communities in rural areas, but it will help spur economic and workforce development across the Volunteer State."

U.S. Representatives Darin LaHood (R-IL-16) and Suzan DelBene (D-WA-01) introduced a companion version of this bill in U.S. House of Representatives.

"Affordable housing is vital for families throughout Illinois and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit continues to be an important tool to drive investment in the affordable rental housing market," said Representative LaHood. "As I travel throughout communities in the 16th District of

Illinois, I constantly hear about the affordable housing crisis, especially in our rural areas. This bipartisan bill will modernize the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and help expand our housing supply, strengthening communities and supporting economic development in Illinois and across the county."

"As I travel the country, in nearly every community – urban to rural, red to blue – I hear how the lack of affordable housing is stretching family budgets and making it harder for employers to find workers. We know that stable housing increases the likelihood of stable employment and stable families," said Representative DelBene. "The scale of the affordable housing crisis is immense and it requires bold solutions. Passing our legislation will help jumpstart more affordable housing construction so more Americans can put a roof over their heads and better provide for their families."

More specifically, the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act would:

- Increase the number of credits available to states by 50 percent for the next two years and make the temporary 12.5 percent increase secured in 2018 permanent—which has already helped build more than 59,000 additional affordable housing units nationwide.

- Stabilize financing for workforce housing projects built using private activity bonds by decreasing the amount of private activity bonds needed to secure Housing Credit funding. As a result, projects would have to carry less debt, and more projects would be eligible to receive funding.

- Improve the Housing Credit program to better serve veterans, victims of domestic violence, formerly homeless students, Native American communities, and rural Americans.

In addition to Representatives LaHood and DelBene, Representatives Brad Wenstrup (R-OH-02), Don Beyer (D-VA-08), Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-19), and Claudia Tenney (R-NY-24) led the House version of the bill.

The Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2021 had 43 bipartisan cosponsors in the Senate and 207 bipartisan cosponsors in the House of Representatives, including the late Jackie Walorski.

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Lafayette where he spent many years as a Maintenance Electrician. Furr states, "I now have the opportunity to expand my thoughts on my creativity as a craftsman and as a woodworker."

Furr has been making wooden objects since he was 15 years old when he learned about woodworking in one of Mr. Van Arsdel's Industrial Arts courses at North Montgomery High School. These days, creating tables has become the passionate focus of his body of work. He believes there is value in understanding the processes and encourages young people to explore woodworking. In this exhibit, he has included pattern forms that he created to help beginners visualize his method of ensuring consistency in shape and size. His grandchildren frequently work in the shop with him on their own projects and he hopes that one day they will pass these learned skills on to the next generation of his family.

You may have seen his work in unexpected places and you will know it is his because of his unique style of constructing table legs. He has become a master at building beautiful

variations of the floating tabletop. He creates elegant, high-end works as well as small affordable, and practical objects, such as vases, cutting boards, rolling pins, bowls, and other eye-catching pieces from wood scraps. If you are interested in Dennis's work please contact him at dbfurr@gmail.com or by phone at (765) 376-7997. If you would like to know more about the Montgomery County Woodworkers meetings or if you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Jack Stumph at wjs58@yahoo.com.

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deviated much, but to us kids the action and characters were great! The men were men, and they were our heroes. The women were ladies and most of the time they were portrayed as the local school teacher, bar hostess, rancher's daughter, or Indian maiden. Unlike the movies of today, there was absolutely no sex, perversion, gore, sadism, or senseless violence. There were "good guys" and "bad guys." The true history of the American West may have been distorted, but these movies were more of a morality play with lots of action. Evil appeared and threatened the good guys, but in the end it was good that always conquered evil. My friends and I identified with the good guys...their stereotypes, hopes, fears, and characters. I wanted to be a "good guy cowboy" when I grew up!

There were many western cowboy stars in the 1950s...Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Joel McCrea, and Audie Murphy...just to name a few. Many are of the opinion that John Wayne was tops, and it's hard to disagree that that, but my favorite movie cowboy was Randolph Scott, who appeared in over 100 westerns during his acting career. He just seemed like a REAL honest-to-goodness cowboy! He did what he had to do to fight the bad guys...with his fists, with his gun, with his horse...using skill, common sense, cunning, and bravery...and I loved it! When Dad bought our first TV set in the early 1950s, I watched such shows as Hopalong Cassidy, Gunsmoke, Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, The Cisco Kid, Tales of Wells Fargo, The Lone Ranger, and many others, but the Randolph Scott movies at the theater were always the best because they seemed more realistic.

Well, the critics were never impressed with these 1950s western movies and cowboy stars, but they sure beat the idiotic, extremely violent, curse-filled, and sexually explicit movies of today. To a wide-eyed kid of the fifties who attended Sunday school, looked up to his parents, admired his teachers, and believed in right and wrong...these 1950s westerns were in line with my thinking. A "good guy" must always keep his word. He must always be truthful. He must not curse. He must respect women and be kind to children. He must work hard and be resourceful. He must be loyal to his friends, to his family, to his community, and to his country. He must always help people in distress. And he must only use his fists and his gun as a last resort to fight evil and protect the innocent. That's the cowboy way.

I can identify with Toby Keith's country western song, "Should've Been a Cowboy." Well, it didn't pan out that way, but the "cowboy good guy" thinking must have been ingrained deeply in my mind. During most of my life I was a teacher, police officer, and county Sheriff. Thank you, Randolph Scott. Now I am a librarian. If I pack my old police revolver and ride my granddaughter's horse to the library each day, then perhaps I can be just like my hero. The main problem though...is that I am starting to look more like a famous cowboy sidekick...Gabby Hayes!

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

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long past their prime, serve as props for plantings.

Paths have interwoven themselves among the plantings, mostly so the dog would not get her feet wet in going out to do her business. These meandering trails lead nowhere in particular, just a way to create some interest and less yard to mow.

Among the perennials you will see: Hosta,

buttercups, lilies, Moon Flowers, red Bee Balm, Peonies, ferns, Coneflowers, and some unidentified but persistent uninvited guests. Water irises return each year in the little goldfish pond. Annuals scattered about include castor beans, marigolds, zinnias, vinca and elephant ears. Rhubarb is the star of the small veggie garden, while the tomatoes and peppers are the underperformers.

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ment," the chief said. "He is and will continue to be employed with us. He will just be in a different role. Rivers has always worn many hats with our department. I have no doubt that he will continue to be a very resourceful and productive member of this department."

Mattlingly said that a new assistant chief has not been selected yet. Rivers has served Crawfordsville, as an officer, since 1997

The Paper was unsuccessful in attempts to contact Rivers.

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