

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

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Stacey Cornett, Crossroads Furniture Owner, gave one of our roving photographers a winning smile while receiving her Readers' Choice Award. The Paper is always at the tip of your fingertips. All you have to do is get on your phone, tablet or whatever device you use and subscribe to our Online Edition. Just head over to [www.thepaper24-7.com](http://www.thepaper24-7.com)

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

**1** Eleven-year-old Charlie Clinton went fishing in a local pond in Edmond, OK recently and got the shock of his young life when he landed a fish with a human-like toothsome smile. The pacu, a South American relative of the notoriously scary piranha, is known for choppers that look like they're ready to chew away on a crackling, crispy man-sized meal. Fear not, however. Unlike the piranha, the pacus poses little danger for people. But they can grow to three-and-a-half feet in length and 88 pounds in weight, so the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation says, "anglers who catch pacu in Oklahoma are asked to remove them from the watershed and contact their local game warden."

**2** Baseball hero and New York Yankee legend, Casey Stengel, was known for his malaprops such as "when you come to a fork in the road, take it." But he got it right when he said, "the trick is growing up without growing old." Want proof? Ask California Angeleno Jim Arrington. He was named the world's oldest bodybuilder by the Guinness World Records in 2015, when he was 83 years old. He's 90 years old now and he did it again. The referees at Guinness recently declared that he broke his own record at a recent International Federation of Body Building and Fitness Professional League event in Reno, NV. As Arrington put it "I wanted to be a superhero" and he is indeed a superhero, not only for senior citizens.

**3** Beenie Von Weenie is proof that "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again." After years of trying, the dachshund finally was declared The Fastest Wienie of the West! at the 26th Wienerschnitzel Wiener Nationals at California's Los Alamitos Race Course. Beenie's owner, Nicolee Leonard, gleefully told KABC-TV, "Fantastic! I've been coming every year. And he nailed it. He won a doghouse and \$1,000 and the title."

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### Looking At Telethon In Rearview Mirror



TIM TIMMONS  
Two Cents

Who knew 12 hours was such a long time? The Paper's first-ever telethon came and went last week. Here we are, days later and I'm still tired. How did Jerry Lewis do 24 hours? Emcee extraordinaire Mike Haynes pointed out that at the end of those wonderful Labor Day telethons a tired and disheveled Lewis would wear his tie as a bandana and do all sorts of silly things. All these years I thought he was just trying to get a laugh. Now I realize he was delirious.

OK, I exaggerate. Some. But we surely can't put the telethon to bed without some huge thank yous. Those start with the great folks, led by the talented Judith Kleine, at Masonic Cornerstone Event Center. What a great and historic facility! And if you did not hear her interview with the aforementioned Mr. Haynes, you missed her mentioning some potential ghost stories! Judi, we need to talk! The History-Mystery Tour loves a great ghost story!

In all seriousness, if you are looking for a venue, what better place than this! Not only is it in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville, but it is almost a perfect representation of our fair city. It has both charm and gravitas - with ornate and grand rooms as well as the history that comes from a building of that age! Check them out online or on Facebook.

Next we have to thank our main sponsor, County Commissioner John Frey. If there is a local politician who spends more time working for this community, I don't know who it is. Some people might disagree with his politics or whatever, but no one can question his heart. John loves this community - a place where he grew up and chose to call his forever home. And I'll tell you something else about him, he does more things behind the scenes (that he never tells anyone about) than anyone I know. I'm not talking about the politics of it, but the personal, human things. He's a good man.

And then came our guests, community leaders, personalities and entertainers who all graciously agreed to devote personal time to this wild and crazy idea. I certainly don't want to play favorites, so let's just go in chronological order.

Duke Energy's Zagny Dupin brought a couple of people from the front lines to talk about the recent storms that tore through Indiana and caused so much damage. Most of us deal with storms and then get right back to daily life. The line crews and hard workers at Duke (and all the other utility companies) have dealt with this storm and its aftermath for weeks. And it started during the storm. Think about this - want to work on a line that could kill you 10 times over if you just touched it? In perfect conditions? No? Try throwing in wind, rain and lightning. That's called a Tuesday for these folks. Thanks for the informative presentation, Zagny!

The aforementioned Mrs. Kleine came in after that, followed by the president of the League of Women Voters, Helen Hudson. Are there more talented women in our community? Maybe, but maybe not. Helen is another person who grew up here and chose to stay. She has taught at Wabash, Crawfordsville High School (her alma mater) and has more honors (including a Golden Hoosier Award from the state) than you can shake a stick at.

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### Do I Want to Be Part of Problem or Part of Solution?



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 LWV, visit: [www.lwvmontcoin.org](http://www.lwvmontcoin.org) or message to LWV, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

One million plastic bottles are sold every second around the world. Most are used once and discarded - unless they get a less lucky second life holding tobacco spit or a more virtuous second life as a pen, shoe or other recycled item. That's what

the "plastic pirates" who compete in Eastern Europe's annual Tisza River Plastic Cup aim to accomplish.

One of the largest rivers in Europe, the Tisza rivals the Danube and Rhine and was once a thriving ecosystem that supported international tourism and local fishermen in Hungary, Ukraine, Serbia and Romania until an oil discovery mission in Romania resulted in cyanide and heavy metal poisoning that was 180 times the safe limit for humans and destroyed the fish and wildlife. Just as officials finished

the cleanup and reintroduced native species to the river, plastic production and waste began to degrade the river plain. The second human-made disaster in six years - the spill was in 2000 and by 2006 millions of bottles, bags and other detritus littered the banks of the river and inspired Attila Dávid Molnár and Tibor Fekete to start the Plastic Cup.

The documentary *The Plastic Cup: The Official Story of the Plastic Pirates*, LWVMC Green Film Series showing for July 19, recounts the infiltration of plastic in Eastern Europe. Plastic production has ramped up from 50 million tons per year in 1977 to 100 million tons in 1989 to 200 million tons by 2002, and, as the Atlantic Monthly has reported, half of all plastic disposed of in 2017 had been created in the last 13 years. The industry is creating it faster than we can recycle it. Ninety-one percent of it isn't recycled, 12 percent is incinerated and the rest is buried in landfills or floating in the ocean. National Geographic reported that "If present trends continue, by 2050, there will be 12 billion metric tons of plastic in landfills. That amount is 35,000 times as heavy as the

Empire State Building."

On the Tisza, where some areas have poor to no waste management infrastructure, trash is shoveled down the banks. (A careless act not uncommon in rural U.S. communities such as northeastern Pennsylvania, where low-income locals in the mid-2000s rented heavy equipment to shovel trash imported from neighboring New York down the sides of ravines.) Where infrastructure is missing or corrupt, individuals have to make do. On the banks of the Tisza, trash spills out the back of neighborhoods and down into the river. Plastic gets embedded in the layers of sediment along the banks. The documentary juxtaposes the plastic-pock-marked landscape against exuberant teams of competitors in their bespoke vessels, at first enjoying the river, something akin to the festive feel of a hot Saturday floating down Indiana's Sugar Creek.

We see the teams making on-the-fly repairs to keep their hand-made vessels of recycled materials afloat. To win the Plastic Cup, teams design

➔ See LWV Page A6

### The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 6:39 a.m.  
SET: 9:09 p.m.

High/Low  
Temperatures  
High: 93 °F  
Low: 71 °F

Today is...

- Aunt and Uncles Day
- National All Or Nothing Day
- One Voice Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1963 Syncom 2, the world's first geosynchronous communications satellite is launched.
- 1945 Potsdam Declaration is signed
- 1847 The country of Liberia is founded.

Births On This Day

- 1928 Stanley Kubrick American director
- 1856 George Bernard Shaw Irish writer, Nobel Prize laureate

Deaths On This Day

- 1925 William Jennings Bryan American politician, 41st United States Secretary of State
- 1863 Sam Houston American soldier, politician, 1st President of the Republic of Texas

### Get Up On Your Paws For Tails And Tunes

This Saturday, July 29, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County is hosting the Tails and Tunes live concert event on Green Street, just in front of Backstep Brewery. The live concert will feature the Dapper Dan band. Pizza will be provided by Wildfire 348.

Tickets can be bought in advance at the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County, for \$12, or online at Eventbrite.com. Tickets will be available for \$15 the day of the show. All proceeds from the event will go to support the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County. Hope to see you there!

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Here's a tip of the seed corn cap to the good folks at the Montgomery County League of Women Voters. I can't say I always agree with them, but I sure do appreciate the idea that like a lot of folks they're just trying to make things better. It'd be a lot better world if everyone did that.



➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➔ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

**Community Outreach:** The Crawfordsville Kiwanis is raising money for local boy, Luke Rice, for a special bicycle and have asked the community to give what that can. The funding is through GoFundMe and the link is <https://gofund.me/b2d12490>.

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Pregnant women can get the flu vaccine.

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).



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age."  
-Lucille Ball

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Ever notice as we age it takes twice as long to look half as good?

➔ OBITUARIES

Diana Marie (Hutchison) Aveline

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



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## OBITUARIES

### Diana Marie (Hutchison) Aveline

November 5, 1952, Monday, June 19, 2023

Diana Marie (Hutchison) Aveline, 70, was born in Alamo to Clarence and Evelyn Hutchison.

She is survived by her two daughters; Violet Aveline and Annette Aveline; her father, Clarence Hutchison; two sisters, Sheila Dawson and Linda Hutchison; as well as two grandchildren, Bela Aveline and Oskar Aveline

She was a vibrant character who loved rock and roll and dancing, almost as much as she loved her family. Upon retiring from Alcoa after 33 years of being a machinist, she pursued her lifelong love of sewing by starting her own business, Diana Stitch and Design. She loved to volunteer at the local children's library, design costumes for local plays, and spend time at local nursing homes lighting up the lives of everyone she came in contact with. She was a baker, seamstress, motorcycle rider, dancer, lover of all animals, as well as, a mother, a daughter, a sister, a friend, and a child of God.

There will be a celebration of life at Turkey Run's Big Log Shelter on Friday, August 4, 2023, from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests all donations be made to their local animal shelter in memory of her dog, Lenny. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com



## Meeting Notes

### Historic Preservation Commission

5:30 PM  
 July 26  
 Council Chambers, 300  
 E Pike Street, Floor Two,  
 Crawfordsville

Main-Green LHD designation

B. Update on 122-124  
 W Main Street - Je1mifer  
 Cullings

C. Consider a proposed  
 mission statement

V. New Business

A. Design Review

Training presented by  
 Tommy Kleckner

VI. Public Comment

VII. Miscellaneous

A. Next Meeting: Au-  
 gust 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

- Meeting Agenda  
 I. Call to Order & Roll  
 Call  
 II. Consideration of  
 Minutes  
 A. June 28, 2023  
 III. Consideration of  
 Financial Reports  
 IV. Old Business  
 A. Status update of the

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## Meeting Notes

# Meeting Summary Montgomery County Board Of Commissioners Meeting

Monday, July 24  
 Consent Agenda Approved.

Approval of Claims: Accounts Payable: \$3,983,268.92  
 Payroll: \$422,529.69  
 Minutes: June 26, 2023 & July 10, 2023

Affirm USI Authorization to Proceed Form - 2023-02 CCMG Application and Contract Document Preparation - Highway Department

USI consultants will provide assistance in the application for the Community Crossing Matching Grant program to pave county roads. The amount is \$22,000.

Affirm Purchase of Trucks - Highway Department

Enterprise- The Highway Department is utilizing the Enterprise program and obtain 3- RAM 3500 trucks for the amount of \$54,490 per year. This is part of the replacement plan and has been budgeted. Attached are the already signed quotes from Enterprise.

Authorization to Join Lafayette Region for READI 2.0

The Commissioners authorized staff to submit a letter to join the regional group centered in Lafayette for ReadI 2.0.

The State Legislature created the READI grant program to encourage neighboring communities across the state to work collaboratively to develop a bold vision for their future that will attract, develop and retain talent in Indiana.

Montgomery County joined the 180 Alliance regional group for READI. Other members of the group were Boone County, Hendricks County, Morgan County, Johnson County and Putnam County. The County received a READI grant for the construction of the extension of Purple Heart Parkway from 231 to Ladoga Road.

During the 2023 State legislative process, additional funds were approved for a second round of READI grant funding known as READI 2.0. The State has instructed the donut counties around Indianapolis to belong to the central Indiana regional group for READI 2.0. This means that the

180 Alliance group will no longer exist.

Redaction Services & Support Agreement - Recorder's Office

The Recorder's Office contract with CSI-Computer Systems, Inc. will provide redaction services for public documents in the Recorder's Office. The service is an automated process that blocks specific information in a scanned document such as social security numbers from being viewable.

The contract term is from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027. The cost of this service for newly recorded scanned documents is \$3,375.

CSI also provides this service for documents previously scanned with a cost based on volume: \$.065/page for a volume of less than 500,000 pages, \$.055/page between 500,000 and 749,999 pages, \$.045/page between 750,000 and 999,999 pages and \$.035/page for 1,000,000 or more pages.

The contract will be paid from the Recorder's Office budget.

New Business  
 2023 Community Crossings Grant Application (CCMG) Financial Commitment

Approved.

In order to apply for State CCMG funds to pave County roads, the County must submit a financial commitment letter that states that the County is responsible for 25% of the total cost of the project. The engineer's estimate for the County's match is \$351,900. The following roads are being submitted in the application for state funding:

- Concord Road between Crawfordsville City limits and 400 N
- 150 S between Ladoga Road & Nucor Rd
- 700 N between US 231 & 100 W
- 600 S between State Road 47 & New Market City Limits
- 600 S between New Market City limits & US 231

MOU with IMPA for Guardrail Installation

Approved.  
 The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) has requested that the County install a guardrail in the

right of way on the west side of County Road 250 East across from the end of Comfort Drive to protect their solar farm located on the west side of County Road 250 East. IMPA has stated that they will reimburse the County for the cost to install the guardrail. The Memorandum of Understanding establishes the agreement for the installation of the guardrail and reimbursement for the cost of installation.

Award Guardrail Quotes  
 Awarded to C-Tech for \$7,000 to install the guardrail on the west side of County 250 East at the end of Comfort Drive.

Notice to Bidders - Bridge 182

Authorized staff to issue the Notice to Bidders for the construction of Bridge 182 over Big Raccoon Creek on County Road 750 E. Bids are due to commissioner's office August 25th by 3:00 pm. The bids will be opened September 11th at the commissioners meeting. The estimated cost is \$570,000 and will be paid from the Cumulative Bridge Fund.

Opioid Settlement Plan Presentation

The Commissioners approved the plan from Drug Free Montgomery County to utilize the funding from the settlement of Opioid lawsuits.

Ordinances  
 Final Reading Ordinance 2023-9: 2024 Local Coordinating Council Grant Fund

Approved.  
 The Probation Department has received a \$15,740 grant to support the Juvenile Cognitive Behavioral Program.

First Reading Ordinance 2023-10: Creating the Local Public Health Services Fund

Introduced.  
 The proposed ordinance establishes the Local Public Health Services Fund to receive, use, and account for funds received from the State of Indiana by the County for the Montgomery County Health Department as administered by its Board of Health.

First Reading Ordinance 2023-11: Amending Internal Controls to Adopt Suspension and Debarment Policy

Introduced.  
 The Ordinance amends the County's Internal Controls Policy to adopt and implement a Suspension and Debarment policy. Federal law requires local governments to comply with certain regulations regarding the contracting of business with third party contractors and subcontractors who are subject to federal suspension and debarment from performing work on projects funded by certain federal and/or state funds.

First Reading Ordinance 2023-12: Adopting a Federal Funds Purchasing Policy

Introduced.  
 In order for the County to accept funding from the Federal Government, the County must adopt a purchasing policy regarding the procurement of goods, materials and services in accordance with Title 2, Part 200 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Ordinance adds a new section to the County Code to establish a purchasing policy to comply with these Federal Regulations.

First Reading Ordinance 2023-13: Adopting Internal Control Policy Regarding Federal Grants and Cost Principles

Introduced.  
 The ordinance adds a Cost Principles Policy to the County's Internal Controls Policy.

Federal law requires the County to adhere to certain accounting principles to ensure that the federal government pays for costs associated with the administration of the of federal grant awarded to the County.

First Reading Ordinance 2023-14: Amending the Clothing Allowance Policy

Introduced.  
 The County has adopted a clothing allowance policy that outlines the process to provide a clothing allowance or uniform for employees. The Ordinance amends the employee eligibility section to include the Probation Department, Emergency Management/Homeland Security or any other Department. The Ordinance also removes the requirement that employees purchase clothing or uniforms prior to receiving a clothing allowance.

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# 36K Hoosiers Lost Medicaid Coverage Under “Unwinding,” Down From Previous Months

By Whitney Downard  
Indiana Capital Chronicle

The number of Hoosiers who lost Medicaid coverage due to an “unwinding” of COVID-19 protections decreased significantly in June, totaling 35,595.

In comparison, 52,985 Hoosiers fell off of the Medicaid rolls in April followed by another 53,684 the next month, according to monthly reports from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Combined, Medicaid shed 142,264 Hoosiers over the first three months of a yearlong process that stakeholders initially estimated would total between 300,000-400,000.

Nationwide, millions of people have lost their insurance under a process to undo “continuous coverage” from the pandemic, under which the federal government incentivized states to keep everyone on the Medicaid rolls regardless of their eligibility. Following the expiration of the Public Health Emergency earlier this year, nearly every state has started the process of reviewing enrollees to determine whether they still qualify.

Hoosiers with Medicaid needing to renew in the next year should visit the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) website to check their information and learn more.

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## June specifics

Fewer Hoosiers overall lost coverage in June, including 4,844 who were deemed ineligible and transferred to the health care marketplace. The remaining 30,751 were booted for procedural reasons, such as not finishing their paperwork — a major source of criticism in recent months.

Across the three months, 86% of Hoosiers lost coverage due to procedural reasons — higher than the national average of 74%, as calculated by KFF, a nonprofit dedicated to health care policy.

“Procedural disenrollments ... can occur when the state has outdated contact information or because the enrollee does not understand or otherwise does not complete renewal packets within a specific timeframe,” KFF’s Medicaid Unwinding dashboard explains. “High procedural disenrollment rates are concerning because many people who are disenrolled for these paperwork reasons may still be eligible for Medicaid.”

FSSA notes that Hoosiers can reapply and even get retroactive coverage up to 90 days after falling off of the rolls, unless they have covered under the Healthy Indiana Plan.

In the June report, the state added an explanation for procedural disenroll-

ments, saying that one-third, or 10,440, of those dropped for procedural reasons were Hoosiers who were over income, had moved outside of the state or died.

A May report indicates that 27% of those eligible for renewal that month lost coverage due to procedural reasons. The bulk of those, 14%, were Hoosiers who didn’t respond to FSSA’s inquiries followed by another 9% who didn’t respond but were still found to be ineligible.

Just 4% had incomplete applications or fell off of the rolls due to death, out-of-state moves or voluntary withdrawals. But the agency notes that over one-third of those who lost coverage due to procedural reasons “were known to have other coverage.”

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## More information still forthcoming

Data about the impact of lost coverage remains incomplete, though some preliminary details indicate that many of those falling off of the rolls are children, who made up more than one-third of disenrollments.

KFF, the health care nonprofit, reported just seven states with detailed breakdowns of disenrollments for May, of which children make up 31% — slightly lower than Indiana’s rate.

However, Indiana was

among one of the earlier states to start the process, ahead of 32 other states.

Every state but Oregon — which delayed their review to October — conducted reviews in July, meaning that state averages will change as larger states join. Within the 35 states (and Washington D.C.) that analyzed Medicaid rolls in June, 3.3 million lost coverage, primarily in Texas and Florida.

In terms of total numbers, Indiana still ranks in the top 8 but fell to 18 when it came to the rate of disenrollments, according to KFF.

Additionally, Indiana doesn’t yet include data about the combined number of Hoosiers who fell off of the rolls and how many were able to re-apply for coverage. Reports for May and April indicate that white, non-Hispanic Hoosiers and those between the ages of 19 and 64 made up the bulk of losses. That demographic information is not yet available for June.

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# Drug Free Montgomery County Announces Opioid Settlement Fund Grants

The Drug Free Montgomery County Coalition, acting on behalf of the Montgomery County Commissioners, announces the first round of opioid settlement funds that can be accessed through a grant process. These funds are from Opioid manufacturers reaching a settlement with many states, including Indiana, resulting in the distribution of funds to Montgomery County over the next 25 years. The Drug Free Montgomery County Leadership Team will manage the grant process with the County Commissioners having the final decision on approval of any grant funds to be disbursed. For the 2024 grant year, there will be approximately \$146,000 available for grant distribution. These funds will be distributed to organizations that submit a successful grant application to provide services that are actively working to address substance use issues in Montgomery County. A successful grant application will identify how they will work to address one or more of the priorities listed in the grant application in the areas of Education/Prevention, Intervention/Treatment/Recovery, Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice or Harm Reduction. Funds must be used to serve groups/individuals in Montgomery County. The grant applica-

tion will be available as of August 1st and the deadline for delivery of a grant application to the Drug Free Montgomery County Leadership team will be August 31, 2023. Grant applications may be submitted in hard copy or electronically. Grant applications may be delivered to the Montgomery County Health Department, attention Diamond Teague or electronically delivered to info.health@montgomerycounty.in.gov. Grants will be reviewed and scored by an independent grant review team in September. The grants will then be submitted to the Montgomery County Commissioners for final approval. It is anticipated that funds will be announced and distributed in December 2023. Grant funds should be expended during the time period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Organizations that receive funding from the Opioid Settlement Fund will be expected to complete and submit an end of grant narrative and budget report within thirty days of the end of the funding period.

Any organization providing substance use services to Montgomery County residents is eligible to apply. For questions or further information, you may contact Diamond Teague at info.health@montgomerycounty.in.gov.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF HEARINGS**

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-26-7-37 and Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the South Montgomery Community School Corporation will meet at 6:00 p.m. on August 14, 2023 and at 6:00 p.m. on August 21, 2023, at 6401 US Hwy. 231 South (Central Office) Crawfordsville, Indiana to hold public hearings. On August 14, 2023, the Board will hold a public hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed renovation of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corporation, including site and athletic improvements and the purchase of technology, equipment and buses (the "Project"). On August 21, 2023, the Board will hold a second public hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed Project and will also consider the adoption of a resolution making a preliminary determination to issue bonds to finance the Project. You are invited to attend and participate in the public hearings.  
Dated July 26, 2023.

Jerry Kinkead  
South Montgomery Community School Corporation  
Board of Trustees - Secretary  
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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS INVITATION TO BID  
2003 - US 231 S & PURPLE HEART PARKWAY SEWER  
EXPANSION PROJECT**

Department: City of Crawfordsville  
300 E. Pike Street  
Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933  
Project/Work: 2003 - US 231 S & PURPLE HEART PARKWAY  
SEWER EXPANSION PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Crawfordsville will receive sealed bids for the above described "Project/Work" at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, until 9:30am, prevailing local time on Wednesday, August 30, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened at the Public Board of Works and Safety meeting which starts at 10:00am on Wednesday, August 30, 2023. No late Bids will be accepted. All interested citizens are invited to attend the bid opening and should any citizens require special provisions, such as handicapped modifications or non-English translation, please call (765) 364-5160 to arrange for such provisions.

A Bid Bond or certified check in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid must be submitted with each Bid. A one hundred percent (100%) Performance and Payment Bond will also be required of the successful Bidder.

The Work consists of, but is not necessarily limited to the following:  
US 231S:

1. Install erosion control measures
2. Jack-and-Bore under US 231S at two locations
3. Install necessary receiving and in-line manholes
4. Direct bore under creek bed and install sewer line
5. Install gravity sewer lines and manholes
6. Install 1 lift stations, as designed
7. Complete grading as designed

Purple Heart Parkway:  
8. Install erosion control measures  
9. Jack-and-Bore under the proposed purple heart parkway (if sewer is installed after the Parkway is constructed)

10. Install necessary receiving and in-line manholes
11. Install gravity sewer lines and manholes
12. Install 1 lift stations, as designed
13. Complete grading as designed

Additional details for bidding are provided in this document. Contract Documents for the Project/Work have been assembled into one bound Project Manual that may be examined at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. An electronic copy of the documents is also available for pick up at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office. Electronic contract documents are available for free. Hard copies of the Contract Documents and Project Manual will be available for purchase and pick-up at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office for a non-refundable fee of \$150.00. Payment may be made by check or cash. NO DEPOSITS ACCEPTED. Make checks payable to DES Engineering, LLC. All payments and costs of Contract Documents and related supplemental materials are non-refundable.

Bidders shall assume that they have obtained complete sets of Contract Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete Contract Documents.  
A pre-bid conference for discussion of the Work, the bidding requirements, and other important matters will be held on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 10:00am local time in the Council Chambers Conference Room located at 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. All prime contractors, subcontractors, small, minority or women owned enterprises and other interested parties are invited to attend to learn about the project.

Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project and the name and address of Bidder. All bids must be submitted on the bid forms as identified in the Contract Documents and Specifications.

The City of Crawfordsville reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities and to accept the bid which it deems most favorable to the interests of the City after all bids have been examined and canvassed. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least ninety (90) days.  
A conditional or qualified Bid will not be accepted.

Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder. The low, responsive, responsible bidder must not be debarred, suspended, or otherwise be excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally assisted programs under Executive Order 12549. (See Appendix A)

All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the project throughout.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on bid forms included in the Specifications. Bids shall include all information requested by Indiana Form 96, Revised 2013 (See Appendix B) included with the Specifications. Under Section III of Form 96, the Bidder shall submit a financial statement. The Owner may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work and the Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.

Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project site and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid.

Wage rates on the project shall not be less than the federal wage scale published by the

U.S. Department of Labor (See Appendix C).

Bidders on this work shall be required to comply with the provisions of the President's

Executive Order No. 11246, as amended (See Appendix D). The Bidders shall also comply with the requirements of 41 CFR Part 60 - 4 entitled Construction Contractors - Affirmative Action Requirements. Refer to the Federal Construction Contract Provisions in this document for further information.

Contract procurement is subject to the federal regulations contained in the OMB Circular

A-102, Sections B and O and the State of Indiana requirements contained in IC-36-1-9 and IC-36-1-12.

Any contract(s) awarded under this Notice to Bidders may be funded in part by a Federal and/or a State grants. Neither the United States nor any of its departments, agencies or employees is or will be a party to this Notice to Bidders or any resulting contract.

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**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
ORDINANCE 2023-01 AMENDING THE DISTRICT'S SCHEDULE OF  
RATES FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the Montgomery County Regional Sewer District will conduct a public hearing regarding the above-captioned ordinance at the Montgomery County Government Building, 1580 Constitution Row, Community Meeting Room Crawfordsville, IN 47933, beginning at 4:00pm local time on Wednesday, August 9th, 2023. The proposed rates and charges are as follows:

(Unmetered Monthly Charges Per Unit)

Unmetered Water Consumption	Equivalent Dwelling Unit Factor (Per Unit)	Rate Per Unit	Units
Manufacturing facility (exclude process flow)			
With showers	0.11	\$14.00	per employee
Without showers	0.06	\$7.64	per employee
Residential:			
Single family residence	1	\$77.40	per dwelling
One-bedroom apartment	0.65	\$50.31	per dwelling
Two-bedroom apartment	0.97	\$75.08	per dwelling
Each additional bedroom, apt.	0.16	\$12.39	per room

(Metered Monthly Charges Per Unit)  
Residential Metered Users:

Base Charge:  
Monthly Residential Base Charge (5/8 and 3/4 inch meter): Rates Per Month

Rate per 1,000 Gallons Flow Charge: \$22.35

This hearing is open to the public, and users, property owners of property served by the utility, and other interested persons will have the opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed rates and charges. The District Board will vote on the proposed rates and charges immediately following the public hearing.

If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with disability to participate, please contact the county's ADA coordinator (765-361-2623) at least 48 hours in advance of this hearing.

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**Notice of Adoption and Notice of Public Hearing of Resolutions  
Designating and Confirming an Economic Revitalization Area for Real  
Property Tax Abatement for Mercury Real Estate Holdings, LLC**

Notice is given that on July 10, 2023, the Crawfordsville Common Council adopted Resolution No. 11-2023 that designated certain real estate in which Mercury Real Estate Holdings, LLC, has an ownership interest as an Economic Revitalization Area for partial abatement of real property taxes attributable to construction of a facility with office space, warehouse space, and gravel for outside storage of fiber materials and vehicles for tower construction and fiber deployment. Said abatement will be for a period of ten (10) years.

The property is located on the northern 5 acres of parcel 54-07-19-100-006.000-028, located on Industrial Boulevard, Crawfordsville, Indiana, and a more detailed description of the Economic Revitalization Area is available for inspection in the Crawfordsville Department of Planning and Community Development. On August 14th, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, the Common Council will hold a public hearing to receive and hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons and consider whether to confirm, modify and confirm, or rescind the resolution declaring the Economic Revitalization Area.

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**SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

DLC#:F181-145  
STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR COURT 1

)SS:  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY ) CAUSE NO.:54D01-2305-MF-000444  
MIDFIRST BANK,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF SANDRA HUDDLESON,  
DECEASED AND OCCUPANT(S) OF 418 S WASHINGTON ST,  
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described real estate:

Lot Numbered Twenty-four (24) in Block Numbered Twenty-seven (27), except the East 75 feet thereof, as the same is known and designated on the recorded Plat of Israel T. Canby's Addition to the City of Crawfordsville, in Montgomery County, Indiana.

And Commonly known as: 418 S Washington St, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are known to me:

Occupant(s) of 418 S Washington St, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

This Summons by Publication is also specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown to me:

**The Unknown Heirs at Law of Sandra Huddleson, Deceased**

In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this Summons, there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of, 8/26 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.

By  
Scott A. Hale

ATTEST:  
Clerk of the Montgomery County Superior Court 1

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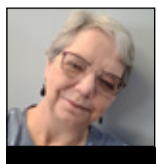
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# It's a Barbie World Out There!

## Longtime Journalist Shares Insight On Barbie



**SUSAN BROWN**  
Guest Column

Why do I love Barbie? I am a long-time vintage Barbie collector and, at times, am a little embarrassed by the size of my collection. (In fact, part of the reason we selected our retirement home was the upstairs space it allows for me to display my collection – and even that large room seems to be getting overcrowded.) My parents couldn't afford to give me the dolls as a child so as an adult I turned to collecting in a nostalgic way. I was really happy to discover EBay, but one of my first purchases was at a local garage sale in Crawfordsville. I found a vintage Francie, Barbie's Mod Cousin (the word mod was used to describe her because she wore the hippest or most mod clothes) with some clothing and GI Joe items for \$7. (I later sold the GI Joe items on EBay for a profit.) I have always loved

Barbie – even as a child. I envisioned her as an ideal. After all, she was a career woman – something rare in the early 1960s. Although she began as a teacher and a nurse, her options soon grew (she even was a presidential candidate in 1991). She represented that all options are open to women. She also came with blonde, brunette or red hair. Her friends also came with all hair colors and they had unique faces as well. And Barbie had a multitude of friends – Midge, Stacy (not to be confused with her younger sister Stacey), PJ, Teresa, Christie -- just to name a few – she also had a steady boyfriend and they went off to college together. Ken had uniforms for all the armed services and also has been a doctor – among other careers. They also have wedding outfits. Barbie could be anyone or anything a young girl could imagine. She also was / is a fashion icon. I love so many outfits from the 1970s because I remember wearing those

colors and patterns. But Barbie was also my friend. I could tell her secrets and share my ambitions with her and those things would stay between us. Yes, I could share those with any of my other dolls – but those dolls were not as understanding as Barbie because they did not share her range of experiences and opportunities I saw opening in society. I could also influence her fashion choices and create scenarios using my imagination. So . . . here I am . . . a retiree who still loves Barbie and spends time sewing outfits for her and sometimes creating dioramas. Barbie still makes me smile. I think she always will.

*-After spending most of her life in Montgomery County, Sandy Brown retired to Kentucky in 2020. She graduated from Manchester College (now a university) in 1979. That same year she married David Brown and moved to Crawfordsville. She worked in local journalism for many years and retired from Penguin Random House.*

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After Helen came Mr. Frey to talk about what's going on in the county. Local United Way board member Kayla Bretney told us about the great things going on with the agency. The talented Kayla was filling in for director Gina Haile who couldn't make it. In addition to serving on the local board, Kayla is also a member of the United Way of Greater Lafayette Board of Directors. United Way is lucky to have her!

The Chamber's Stacy Sommer, the executive director of the Crawfordsville Chamber came in next. Listen, I am an old Chamber guy. I've served on more Chamber boards and committees than I care to remember, and never, not once, have I seen a director who does a better job of growing membership and benefits than Stacy. After listening to what all the Chamber does and has coming up, heck, I was tired.

The only four-term mayor in Crawfordsville history (well, he will be) was up next. Todd Barton has had a stellar run as your mayor. Just look at the Commerce Park. What used to be called Zumer's Folly is now experiencing growing pains. Think about that for a second. Former mayor John Zumer's 2005 announcement of a new industrial park on the city's north end was met with crickets. The site sat empty for a long time. Enter Todd Barton. Commerce Park is full now and the city is trying to figure out how to accommodate a growing entity. Barton has made a name not just for himself, but for the entire community.

Karen Zach, a longtime friend and so-very-talented writer and author was next. And while the plan was for Haynes to interview her about her weekly column in your favorite Montgomery County daily and her monthly magazine that's also included in said newspaper, Haynes spent most of the time trying to pry from her the recipe for the biscuits and gravy that used to be served at Zach's restaurant (but Karen told him that the owner and her father-in-law took the secret to his grave). I'll tell you this though, Mike and Karen had a fun talk and if you want to see it, or any of the telethon, it's still available on our website, [www.thepaper24-7.com](http://www.thepaper24-7.com) or on YouTube.

After that, we got to the talent portion of the show. The uber-talented artist John Oilar and his lovely wife were there from morning to afternoon to paint visitors. We appreciate them very much. Gospel singer Larry Krout came next and, despite a sore throat, did a great job singing songs of praise. And then Steve Trent came along and wrapped up the entire show. What a great way to go out! I've known Steve since his eighth-grade year at Southmont and he is as talented a singer as he was a basketball player - and he was a pretty doggone good basketball player!

Steve performs a lot now, both on his own

and with his popular band Smalltown. If you want great music for an event, go to [www.stevetrentmusic.com](http://www.stevetrentmusic.com).

That wrapped up the telethon, but there are a few more thanks to get to.

Rick Mayotte works for us at the little paper that could. He is a paginator, which means he's the guy who designed the page you are reading right now. He designs almost all the pages both here and for our daily in Noblesville.

Rick said that he didn't know how to do everything tech-related for the telethon, but that he would learn. And learn he did, a good bit of it on the fly, but we could not have done this without him!

Ditto for other staff members who helped! Judi Wooton, Jacob Hester (and his helper Bella) and Melissa Bernhardt. All played a bigger role than they know and are so appreciated!

Finally, there's Mr. Haynes. Mike is a Hall of Fame sportscaster. He worked in the big leagues for 23 years, won Emmy's, had his own TV show and more. But that big, ginormous career all started right here in Crawfordsville. As did our friendship. We were two young sports guys with big dreams and little wallets. Our careers took us to a lot of places and we somehow kept the friendship alive over a lot of miles and years. I hope all of you have a friend like Mike. He's one of the very, very few I look at as my brother. How big is that? Well, when I called him and asked if he would leave his home in

Denver to emcee this event, he only asked one question - when? The fact that it was on his birthday (by design), did not deter him in the least. That's friendship, loyalty and a dozen other things so lacking in our world today. Thank you, Mikey!

We've already been asked if there will be another telethon next year? I don't have the answer to that one just yet. I suspect it might be like The Challenge and the History-Mystery Tour and our broadcast news and televised debates and all the other crazy things you have come to expect from the only locally owned media in Montgomery County. We'll continue doing things as often as the community likes and supports.

To be sure, we are a for-profit business. Always have been, and we make no apologies for that. We have created jobs while our competition has cut them. We have invested more in this community while the other guys have spent less. We are a business, but one that would never survive without your support. And for the support you have given, we are eternally grateful.

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

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and build their rafts, boats and kayaks using plywood, recycled plastic bottles, among other materials. They earn points in three categories - the speed of the vessel, the distance it can stay afloat and finally the amount of trashed plastic its team collects from the river and its banks.

Some of the vessels have five to seven people, dogs, coolers, grills, awnings and paddleboat fixtures. Some are kayak-style. In the first minutes of the competition, they sunbathe, relax, fish, grill, swim and splash each other. Once the vessels prove water-worthy, they race, and finally, they begin to load 30-gallon bags, which they later fold up to reuse, with bottles that have Fanta, Lift, Lipton, water and other beverage labels, along with plastic bags, digging some from the layers of sediment where sand martins have hollowed out cave nests. They deposit full bags on a main vessel until the end of the trip, then it's evident how enormous the problem is.

Income levels directly correlate to the severity of the pollution, not because low-income nations and regions are producing the most plastic - high-income nations like the U.S. make more plastic waste per person - but in lower-income nations, there is more mismanagement at the end of the cycle.

Plastic is a petroleum byproduct and at first, humans thought of it as a glorious solution for reducing shipping costs and improving food safety. They also thought it was unlikely to break down. Fifty years into the Anthropocene era, we now know that sunlight degrades it. Small particles from our plastics - polyester and synthetic fabrics, bags, bottles, fishing lines and straws - shed tiny bits and threads that look like plankton to marine life, which consume it, and in turn humans either directly consume the marine life or it finds its way into our food chain. Now plastic is

detectable in breast milk and human muscle. Like forever chemicals and pesticides, its full effect on our bodies, pollinators, and the food chain are only beginning to emerge and took only one generation to prove itself a problem.

Those who gathered to watch the triumph of the "Plastic Cuppers" as part of the LWVMC Green Film Series wrapped up with an insightful question from Karen Gunther, the moderator: "What will your takeaways be?" and determined that:

- Humans are built for joy, exuberance and connection. The communities who participated in the Plastic Cup made the whole experience fun.

- We're also made to marvel at beauty and a healthy landscape and ecology are awe-inspiring.

- When the bottles were retrieved, slashed and smashed before sending to the recycling plant, the "cuppers" re-attached the lids. Small items like lids are likely to slip off the recycling lines and gum up the conveyor belts, as do plastic bags and wrappers.

- We could do our own cleanup competition on Sugar Creek to get all the Truly and Coors Light "fish" that sink to the bottom of the creek when tubers carelessly lose their trash.

- Finally, Karen Gunther challenged us to ask ourselves "Do I want to be part of the problem or part of the solution?"

The Green Films Series continues on Aug. 9 with two films, including one from local Derek Nelson. Join us in Korb Classroom at 7 p.m.

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# Young, Warner Introduce Legislation To Support Local Speedways

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Mark R. Warner (D-Va.) today introduced the Motorsports Fairness and Permanency Act of 2023, bipartisan legislation that would make permanent a tax classification on depreciating assets for motorsports entertainment facilities. The legislation would allow venues to more effectively plan improvements and make safety updates, bringing additional jobs and positive economic impacts to surrounding communities.

"Motorsports are engrained in Indiana's history and culture and play a major role in our state's economy," said Senator Young. "This bill will make a simple fix to our tax code to give speedways the ability to make needed improvements, invest in safety, and enhance the spectator experience. I'm proud to support this bill on behalf of the Hoosier motorsports industry and race fans across Indiana."

"The Motorsports Fairness and Permanency Act is a simple fix to our tax code that will offer speedways the freedom to make long-term investments and upgrades to their facilities," said Senator Warner. "I'm proud to introduce legislation that will improve driver safety, enhance fan experience, and support jobs in our racing communities."

Since 2004, Congress has enacted temporary extensions to allow investments inside a motorsports entertainment complex to qualify for a seven-year recovery period for tax purposes. This accelerated depreciation provision was most recently extended in 2020 and is set to expire at the end of 2025. The current uncertainty over whether the provision will be renewed has hindered the ability of track owners to make informed, long-term investment decisions for facility improvements in the future. Should the provision expire, roughly one third of all motorsports assets would be reclassified under the 39-year depreciation period and two-thirds would fall under the 15-year period, putting racetracks at a serious disadvantage when compared to other sports and entertainment facilities. The Motorsports Fairness and Permanency Act would make the seven-year depreciation schedule permanent for all eligible assets.

Companion bipartisan legislation was introduced in the House of Representatives in April. The Motorsports Fairness and Permanency Act is supported by the Automobile Competition Committee for the United States (ACCUS), the umbrella organization of auto rac-

ing sanctioning bodies in the United States.

"Motorsports is a big economic engine in Indiana and the many racing facilities around the Hoosier state create and support thousands of jobs and millions of dollars of investment each year. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is proud to be the world's largest sporting venue with nearly 235,000 permanent seats around our 2.5 mile, 114-year-old facility. Investing in our infrastructure and our customer experience is a constant and this legislation is beneficial to our planning and execution of projects and upgrades that our fans expect when they visit the Racing Capital of the World," said Doug Boles, President, Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"The Motorsports Fairness and Permanency Act impacts everyone at all levels of Indiana motorsports. And it treats everyone fairly. Regardless of the size of the racetrack, or the type of racing that fans enjoy there, we all need certainty to continue investing in improvements that help drive the local economy and improve the sport. Thanks to Senators Young and Warner for their leadership on this important Act," said Reece O'Connor, President, Kokomo Speedway.

"As future investments in capital projects are considered here at Martinsville Speedway, this important legislation provides much needed certainty not only for our facility, but motorsports facilities around the country," said Clay Campbell, President, Martinsville Speedway.

"The Motorsports Fairness and Permanency Act will help protect jobs and investments in the motorsports industry. We appreciate Senator Warner and Senator Young's leadership on this important issue," said Lori Waran, President, Richmond Raceway.

"Motorsports entertainment complexes use the seven-year period afforded by the Motorsports Fairness and Permanency Act to reinvest in their facilities and organizations to create jobs, make safety improvements, and enrich the surrounding economies, most of which are in rural areas like VIRginia International Raceway (VIR) is to Halifax and Pittsylvania Counties," said Connie Nyholm, Owner & CEO, Virginia International Raceway. "As a result of our investment and year-round operations, VIR has already attracted eighteen businesses to its campus and over 600,000 visitors annually through its gates."

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