

➤ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

➤ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Molly, Assistant Manager at Sunflower Herbs & Vitamins offered one of our roving photographers a smile, with Sunflower's Readers' Choice Award. Thank you for your smile!

➤ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 From Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs; Indiana Veteran Families experiencing financial hardship can apply for \$500 per dependent child for back-to-school expenses. Students must live in a veteran's home. Children K-12 up to age 18 and Full-Time college students, up to age 23 qualify. Must provide Application, DD-214, Bank Statement, Proof of income, Proof of child's dependency, proof of child's residency. Use this link: <https://www.in.gov/dva/files/2023-BTS-app.pdf> to fill out the application.

2 The Chinese zookeepers insist that the Sun Bear on display at the Hangzhou Zoo in Zhejiang Province East China is real, despite a viral video that suggests the bear is actually a man wearing a costume. The video shows the bear standing upright on slim legs with baggy skin that certainly looks like an ill-fitting costume. According to the zoo, "when it comes to bears, the first thing that comes to mind is a huge figure and astonishing power. But not all bears are behemoths and danger personified."

3 Every few minutes, an underground utility line is damaged because someone began digging without first contacting 811. Customers should contact 811 to request that local utility companies mark the approximate location of buried electric, natural gas, water, telecommunications, and cable lines in the designated project space and minimize the risk of injury or disruption of utility service. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, requires contacting 811 by phone or online to notify utility providers of planned digging and to allow for marking of underground utilities before digging. Striking a single line can cause repair costs, inconvenient service outages and fines, severe injuries and even death. The depth of utility lines can vary for several reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects and uneven surfaces. Even when digging only a few inches or digging in a location that's previously been marked, the risk of striking an underground utility line still exists. Some examples of digging projects that require a free 811 request at least a few days before breaking ground include, installing a mailbox, building a deck, planting a tree and laying a patio.

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2023 Taste To Feature 3 Musical Acts Study Announces Musical Line-Up

The General Lew Wallace Study & Museum is pleased to announce the musical line-up for the 2023 TASTE! of Montgomery County.

The Elizabeth Lee Band opens the day's entertainment at 1 pm. On the TASTE! stage. Elizabeth Lee and her band members, Bobby Pugh, Jason McKay, and Jason Lineback, perform with an emphasis on clear vocals and harmonies. They perform chill covers from generations ranging from the 70s through today's music. They also include a few original songs from their album. You can check out their style ahead of time by visiting their social media pages or website. They are very excited to be playing in Crawfordsville, as Elizabeth's family is from Crawfordsville.

On the lawn in front of the Study Crawfordsville native Emery Allen will perform from 3:15 - 4:15. Just 15 years old, Emery has been in several professional theatre productions and spent many hours in the studio recording for well-known companies. She has been highlighted on WISH-TV 8 "Life.Style.Live.", and performed at festivals, sporting events, and other venues across

the state and country. Emery is a member of the Nashville Songwriters Association International.

Playing on the TASTE! stage from 4:30 - 6:30 pm will be the energetic Midtown Madmen. The Midtown Madmen are a four-piece band that plays the hits of Elvis, Buddy Holly, Little Richard, Johnny Cash and more. Their set list is a great blend of classic rock and roll, with some swing, jump and blues mixed in to satisfy every crowd! With the Midtown Madmen on stage you are promised there will be a whole lot of shakin' goin' on!

On the Study lawn, local band The Bumps will perform from 6:45 - 7:45. The Bumps are a Central Indiana Alternative Band comprised of three brothers. Musicians Nate, Gabe and Sam Mayberry and Lead Vocalist/Guitarist Peter Halupka. They draw their inspiration from musicians like Stevie Ray Vaughan and Jimi Hendrix, to bands like Rage Against the Machine and Sublime.

Finishing up the evening will be the outstanding Josh Kaufman, playing from 8 - 10 pm. Josh was the winner of season six of THE VOICE. Af-

ter winning THE VOICE, Josh appeared on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, made his Broadway debut as the lead in the Tony Award-winning revival of Stephen Schwartz's Pippin, headlined the Indy Jazz Fest, hosted the Yuletide Celebration with Maestro Jack Everly and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, and released an album and several self-produced singles. His music has a powerful intimacy that reflects artists like Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Paul Simon, and Jimmy Buckley.

For more information and videos of performances by the 2023 musical lineup, visit the TASTE of Montgomery County's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tasteofmontgomerycounty>.

Volunteer opportunities are still available for this year's TASTE. Volunteers receive free entry to the TASTE and free food tickets. Those interested in volunteering should visit <http://www.tasteofmontgomerycounty.com/volunteers/> to sign up online.

The TASTE! of Montgomery County begins at noon on

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Butch Goes Back in Time to 1956....



BUTCH DALE COLUMNIST

Some of you may be like me...I almost hate to listen to the news nowadays. Trump's indictments, Biden's incompetence, Huntergate, race problems, gender controversy, illegal immigration woes, liberal woke thinking, conservative grumbling and inaction, high prices, stagnant economy, trillions of national debt, and on and on and on... Then switch off the news to TV shows and what do you get? Nothing very entertaining... either trashy, silly, and or just plain stupid. This is exactly why my wife and I read our books each evening.

I take a walk each evening down to a nearby creek...about two miles there and back. A neighbor has a child who is 8

years old, and I often see him playing outside in their yard. It got me to thinking what life was like when I was 8 years old...back in 1956.

Dwight Eisenhower, who had been the top general during WWII and had led our troops in the defeat of Germany, was our President. He was someone I looked up to and admired. In 1956 he defeated the Democrat challenger Adlai Stevenson for the second time, winning the electoral vote 457 to 73. In sports, boxer Rocky Marciano retired as the only undefeated Heavyweight champion of the world with a record of 49-0. Mickey Mantle was named the Athlete of the Year, leading the league in home runs, batting average, and RBI's. The Yankees won the World Series again, beating the Brooklyn Dodgers 4 games to 3, with Yankee pitcher Don Larson throwing the only perfect game in World Series history. The New York Giants defeated the Chicago Bears 47-7 to win the



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

Butch in 1956

NFL championship. In golf, Cary Middlecoff won the U.S. Open. The Olympics were held in Melbourne, Australia, and the outstanding thoroughbred horse Needles won both the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont Stakes. Naturally the big sport for me to watch was high school basketball, and I had to arrive early to get a seat in the Darlington gym, which was doubled in size the next year thanks to trustee Harry "Hab" Weliever!

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➤ HONEST HOOSIER

Former hippies might recall that on this date in 1969, Woodstock kicked off in Bethel, N.Y. Then again, they may not.



➤ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Think of exercise as a way to improve your health, not necessarily as a way to look better. 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.



➤ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Get Another TASTE! Of Montgomery County:

The TASTE! of Montgomery County begins at noon on Saturday, August 26, and runs until 10 p.m. At the gate, admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for students. Visitors can purchase advance sale Taste tickets at the Carriage House Interpretive Center of the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum, home of the Taste; the Montgomery County Visitors and Convention Bureau on the first floor of Fusion 54 at 101 West Main Street; Milligan's Flowers & Gifts at 115 East Main; Crawfordsville Parks & Recreation Community Center at 922 E. South Boulevard. Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"You can have results or excuses. Not both."
-Arnold Schwarzenegger

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

What do you talk about during that awkward first date?
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➤ OBITUARIES

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Meeting Notes

Crawfordsville Council Meeting Agenda

August 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM EDT

City Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville Council Chambers

I. Pledge Presenter: Jeff Lucas

II. Prayer Presenter: Mike Reidy

III. Roll Call

IV. Approval of Minutes - July 10, 2023.

V. Acknowledgment of receipt of the monthly Financial Reports

VI. Roll Call for additions to the Agenda

VII. Public Hearing

A. A Resolution Approving Application for Tax Abatement—Mercury Real Estate Holdings, LLC

VIII. Fiscal Affairs

A. Second reading of an Ordinance Adopting Approving New Economic Development Rider For Crawfordsville Electric Light and Power

B. Ordinance Authorizing The City Of Crawfordsville To Issue Its "Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 (Arbor Housing Project)" And Approving And Authorizing Other Actions In Respect Thereto

C. A Resolution finding that a property owner is in substantial compliance for tax abatement purposes - Kroger Pace Dairy

D. A Resolution Approving Application for Tax Abatement—Mercury Real Estate Holdings, LLC

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F. An Ordinance Establishing City Code Section 37.18 Capital Asset Policy

IX. Ordinances & Petitions

X. Traffic, Parking & Safety

A. Ordinance Amending Parking Restrictions to Add One Disabled Parking Space located in the first parking space south of East Wabash Avenue, on the west side of South Green Street, directly in front of 301 S Green Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana

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Economic Development Commission Meeting Agenda

August 14, 2023 5:00 p.m.

Common Council Chambers Municipal Building 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville

Call to Order & Roll Call Election of Officers

Approval of Minutes

February 26, 2016 Old Business

New Business

Consider and adopt Project Report

Hold Public Hearing and Consider Adoption of Final Action Resolution approving substantially final forms of documents

Recommend the Common Council Adopt the Bond Ordinance Miscellaneous

Adjournment



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Ran into Doc down at The Mule Barn the other day, so naturally we had to rid the world of about a gallon of coffee and solve the world's problems for an hour. It is the duty of all true Americans of our age, you know.

Doc said he'd been aching a little bit lately. Joints or something. He'd been out fixing the

pasture fence where the mare had been pushing on it. The next morning it made him walk funny.

"I remember when my dad was my age," he said. "I asked him how it felt to be this old. Well, he looked at me as though I were committing a crime by having brown hair, you know? And then he said, "To be this old? Well, I guess it beats the alternative."

The truth is, the morning coffee drinkers of our area aren't really old, not inside. We hurt a bit more the next day

when we do things, that's all. And having to walk funny for an hour or so is a small price to pay for our experience.

Being experienced sounds better.

"The other day," Doc said, "I was down to the feed store, and the kid there took one look at me and carried those heavy sacks out to the truck for me. It was embarrassing, and she shouldn't have done it."

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Your monetary support is vital in keeping the gallery open for local artists to share their talents, sell their art, and bring visual arts to the community. We thank you! For this special exhibition, we would like to extend the opportunity for you to be pART of the [untitled]3 celebration! Athens looks forward to allowing you to choose the award winner within levels. Athens Arts' board and artists appreciate your continued support. This prize money will go a long way to celebrate the artists!

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Indiana Is Becoming An Abortion Restriction Island



BRIAN HOWEY
Howey Political Report

Indiana is turning into an abortion island. Girded by gerrymandered General Assembly maps, along

rape or incest, abortion will only be allowed up to 10 weeks. Fetal anomaly abortions are only permitted up to 20 weeks. This means that for Indiana women seeking an abortion, instead of traveling to Indianapolis, Bloomington or South Bend, they will have to drive to Chicago, Kalamazoo, Lansing or Louisville, and after the expected passage of abortion access amendment in November, to Ohio cities like Toledo, Dayton, Columbus or Cincinnati.

As for the political atmosphere, Republicans seeking the 2024 gubernatorial nomination — U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Fort Wayne businessman Eric Doden, and former attorney general Curtis Hill — are all ardently pro-life.

The lone Democrat running, former Republican superintendent of public instruction Jennifer McCormick, is pro-choice. She told me last June, "I do support the standards that were set by Roe. I support a woman's right to choose."

McCormick's campaign has had little traction, after she posted just \$250,000 on her mid-year campaign finance report (compared to well over \$4 million for Braun and \$3.8 million for Crouch and Doden).

Indiana Right to Life CEO Mike Fichter noted that not one legislator who voted for SEA1ss lost in 2022. "In spite of predictions by some pundits and pollsters that Indiana went too far in its approach to protecting unborn children, yesterday's election results serve as a reminder that Indiana is a pro-life state," Fichter said the day after the election.

Beyond McCormick's gubernatorial candidacy, few Democrats are stepping up, though many campaigns begin to take shape between Labor Day and next February's filing deadline. One is Matt McNally, who is seeking a rematch against State Rep. Jerry Torr, R-Carmel, after he lost in 2022 by a 52.4% to 47.6%. Citing "supermajority rule" since 2014 and the signing of SEA 1ss, McNally said, "I believe decision makers at our state capitol have embraced extreme policies that are out of step with our Carmel and Westfield communities."

Beyond Indiana, the recent referendum results have gotten the attention of Republicans. "The Ohio result tonight, coming on the heels of the shellacking in Michigan and the unexpected loss in Kentucky, needs to be a five-alarm fire for the pro-life movement," Patrick Brown, a conservative scholar at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, tweeted late Tuesday.

"There shouldn't be any sugarcoating over what happened last night. It was a major setback in what became a very public fight between pro-choice and pro-life groups," Bill Stepien, the campaign manager for former President Donald Trump's 2020 campaign, said on Fox News. "This happened in Ohio, which is not a pink state anymore. This is a state that is red."

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with an anemic and broke Democrat Party, a year ago Republican super majorities passed and Gov. Eric Holcomb signed some of the most restrictive anti-abortion measures in the United States.

But on a single-issue referendum vote on Tuesday, Ohio voters followed a national trend, rejecting by a 57% no vote a measure that would have increased the threshold for constitutional amendments from a simple majority 50% plus one to 60%. That sets the stage for November, when voters in our red state neighbor to the east are expected to ensure continued abortion access.

According to Ballotpedia, in 2022, there were six ballot measures addressing abortion — the most on record for a single year. Measures were approved in California (67%), Michigan (57%), and Vermont (77%) to preserve abortion access. Measures for constitutional amendments outlawing most abortions were defeated in Kansas (59%), Kentucky (52%), and Montana (53%).

In Kansas and Kentucky — which are as conservative as Indiana, though both have Democrat governors — voters rejected ballot measures to state that nothing in their state constitutions creates a right to abortion or requires government funding of abortions. In Kentucky, 52.3% rejected a constitutional amendment. In Montana, voters rejected a measure called the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act.

In Michigan, 56.7% passed Proposal 3, the Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom in 2022.

While Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky have a constitutional amendment process that requires a citizen signature threshold to appear on a ballot, Indiana's process requires two bills in separately elected General Assemblies to pass a constitutional amendment qualify for the ballot. That will not happen on the abortion issue in the super majority House and Senate.

But Indiana voters are not unlike those in Michigan and Kansas. In a 2022 Hoosier Poll by Ball State University's Bowen Center, 56.7% — identical to the Michigan result — believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases. Most Hoosiers — more than 76% — find abortion to be an important or at least somewhat important issue. Hoosier voters were almost even split on whether they would vote for a candidate that has a different stance on this issue, with 48% saying they would not and 52% saying they would or might still vote for such a candidate.

What does this mean for Hoosiers?

Abortions had been legal up to 22 weeks. But after Gov. Holcomb quietly signed SEA 1ss last August (there was no ceremonial gathering with pro-life supporters for the signature), or instances of

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Television had lots of good shows in 1956. I watched I Love Lucy, The Danny Thomas Show, I've Got a Secret, The Red Skelton Show, This is Your Life, The

\$64,000 Question, Lassie, Father Knows Best, The Ed Sullivan Show, The Jack Benny Show, and Alfred Hitchcock Presents...just to name a few. And of course I watched all of the westerns...eight of which were rated in the top 25 in viewing...Gunsmoke, Tales of Wells Fargo, Have Gun Will Travel, Wyatt Earp, Cheyenne, Wagon Train, Zorro, and Sugarfoot.

Some of the movies that came out that year were The Ten Commandments, Giant, Bus Stop, and My Fair lady. Elvis made his first appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show, and he had five number one hit records in 1956! Rock and roll dancing and "slow dancing" dominated the high school sock hops. And do you remember when actress Grace Kelly left Hollywood to marry Prince Ranier of Monaco...and when Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis broke up their comedy act?

The yearly inflation rate in 1956...hold on to your hats...was a mere 1.5%. The average cost of a new house was a little over \$11,000, and the average cost of a new car was \$2050. Gas was 22 cents a gallon, ground coffee was 69 cents a pound, a loaf of bread 18 cents, a gallon of milk 97 cents, and a postage stamp was 3 cents. When I visited Arthur Friend's drug store in Darlington in 1956, a candy bar...or a pack of Topps baseball cards...or a bottle of Coke...or an ice cream cone, were all 5 cents each. Of course, people didn't make as much money back then, but it certainly went much further than in today's world. The last ice cream

cone I purchased cost \$3.50...honest to God!

In 1956, college tuition was affordable, averaging \$225 a semester, with one out of every three high school students headed off to college. The year 1956 was also when President Eisenhower signed the Federal Aid Highway Act, which authorized the construction of the interstate roads. IBM also invented the first hard disk for computers. Perhaps it is significant that the serial soap opera TV show "As the World Turns" also began on CBS that year... because the age of computers also spun our world in another direction...with good or bad results up for debate.

Not to downplay troubles in 1956...segregation still existed in many parts of the country. And there was the "Red Menace" of the Soviet Union, along with the threat of nuclear war, on our minds, but I truly believe that most people

lived happy and contented lives. We watched John Cameron Swayze, followed by Chet Huntley and David Brinkley, bring us the daily news, and they just gave the news... with none of their personal or political opinions along with it...definitely NOT like today. By the way, Walter Cronkite did not become a news anchor who was considered "the most trusted man in America" until 1962.

Dear Lord, when I kick the bucket, please transport my soul back to 1956. I want a 5-cent ice cream cone and Mickey Mantle's autograph. As Walter Cronkite would say, "And that's the way it is."

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Saturday, August 26, and runs until 10 p.m. At the gate, admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for students. Visitors can purchase advance sale Taste tickets at the Carriage House Interpretive Center of the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum, home of the Taste; the Montgomery County Visitors and Convention Bureau on the first floor of Fusion 54 at 101 West Main Street; Milligan's Flowers & Gifts at 115 East Main; Crawfordsville Parks & Recreation Community Center at 922 E. South Boulevard. Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

Advance sale tickets available until Friday, August 25.

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How Are Amphibians Faring?

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Dear EarthTalk: How are amphibians doing in the U.S. and around the world these days?

Amphibians, such as frogs, toads, salamanders and newts, live on both land and in water. Having emerged over 300 million years ago, today there are over 7,000 known species. However, they are perishing at an alarming rate. In 2004, about a third of amphibian species were threatened by extinction. Scientists have calculated that amphibian populations are decreasing at an annual rate of 3.79 percent in the U.S. alone.

Amphibians are crucial for ecosystem viability. They improve biodiversity and resilience in aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems by transferring energy and organic matter. Certain amphibians eat decomposers, allowing soil to retain nutrients longer. Tadpoles feed on algae, slowing algal blooms and subsequent eutrophication. Lizards, birds, fish and snakes rely on amphibians as a source of food. Certainly, the disappearance of amphibians will have serious repercussions throughout a wide range of ecosystems.

Amphibians typically have highly permeable skin that helps them breathe. Oxygen molecules dissolve into the skin's mucus membrane and surface blood vessels. Since their skin is so permeable, amphibians are very sensitive to their surroundings. As such they are considered an "indicator species" because they react so quickly when environmental factors change and can signal trouble for the wider environment.

There are many reasons why amphibian populations are declining, many of which are human-related. When people build roads and dams, amphibians may be separated from other members of their species. The infrastructure also interrupts migrating patterns and the flow of larvae in water. Water retention in rivers, streams and ponds is declining and shorelines are receding. Additionally, people exploit amphibians

as pets or ingredients in medicinal/biological markets.

Many amphibians lay eggs in water, and toxins like road salts, pesticides, fertilizers, industrial wastes and plastics can penetrate the eggs' membranes and poison the developing larvae. Pollutants can also cause behavioral irregularities, lower reproductive success, and even cause death. Moreover, ozone layer erosion has let more of the sun's ultraviolet rays infiltrate the atmosphere. UV-B rays can kill amphibians directly and cause growth delays and immune dysfunction. These changes result in the mass mortality of eggs, larvae, and metamorphosing amphibians.

Since the mid-1900s, there has been a pandemic of the infectious chytrid fungus in over 700 amphibian species. The fungal spores move through water and stick in soil. When amphibians (notably frogs) come in contact with this fungus, it degrades the keratin layer of their skin, causing skin sloughing, lethargy, weight loss and death. Scientists are still exploring efficient ways to slow the spread of this lethal fungus.

Everyone can play a part in helping amphibians, from keeping pets indoors, reducing fertilizer and pesticide usage, covering your pool when not in use (to save amphibians from falling in). These are some of many ways that you can do your part to help these endangered critters out!

-CONTACTS: Why are amphibian populations declining? usgs.gov/faqs/why-are-amphibian-populations-declining; Water Quality and Amphibians, conservewildlife.org/blog/2015/03/27/water-quality-and-amphibians/; What Amphibians Can Tell Us About Water Quality, cnr.ncsu.edu/news/2023/04/amphibians-water-quality/; What You Can Do, nps.gov/subjects/amphibiansandrep-tilles/what-you-can-do.htm.

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