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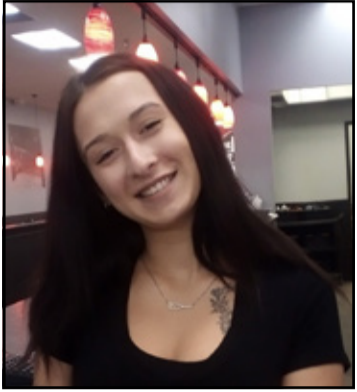
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**➤ TODAY'S VERSE**

Isaiah 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**➤ FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Our roving photographer was out early Wednesday and caught Lily Branshaw hard at work at a local diner. She still had time to give us a friendly smile though!

**➤ THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Mayor Barton will be hosting his September Community Forum on Monday, September 25th from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. at Pike Place. This will be the Mayor's 124th community forum. This event is open to the public to come ask questions, discuss concerns, and learn more about anything regarding the city.

**2** Franciscan Physician Network Primary Care & Sports Medicine Lafayette is now offering a walk-in clinic for middle and high school athletes with acute injuries occurring in the previous 72 hours. The clinic is offered on Mondays only thru Oct. 23, 2023 and check-in is from 7 to 8:30 a.m.

**3** Please join The Farm At Prophetstown and help the promote their fundRAISE the Barn event at The Farm at Prophetstown. All proceeds from this event benefit the restoration and preservation of their historic Red Gambrel Barn. Event will take place at the Farm on Saturday beginning at 6pm. Live music, Silent Auction, Square Dancing, Food and more! Flier attached! The barn restoration is currently underway, come out and see the progress!



Photos courtesy of HHSB

Left: Sara Clapp kicks off the program by demonstrating relationship-building. On the right, Clapp dispels some myths relating to communicating about suicide.

## Question, Persuade, Refer Training During Suicide Prevention Month

The participants entered purposely seeking knowledge. Some were quiet, while others laughed a little nervously. Each carried within them a reason for attending one of two QPR workshops on Suicide Prevention which were held September 12 and 14 at the HHSB Success Center. For Suicide Prevention Month, the Volunteers for Mental Health in Montgomery County and Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, both United Way agencies, had joined together to share the important steps to potentially save a life.

In addition to three sequential steps elaborated from the letters Q, P, and R, trainer Sara Clapp

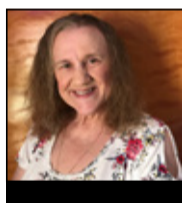
also stressed that demonstrating caring and building relationships make preventing suicide possible. When burdens of work, finances, family, responsibilities and relationships seem too weighty to bear, to some "suicide," Clapp said, "is seen as a solution to a perceived insoluble problem."

Clapp, a YSB staff member, went on to explain that the QPR system is parallel to CPR. QPR trainees are not therapists or psychiatrists, but caring persons who initially help a troubled colleague, friend or family member and who then make certain to connect the person with highly-qualified care-givers as well as other resources.

Over forty individuals from all walks of life: social service workers, family members, educators, and clergy or community members, registered for the training. Volunteers for Mental Health provided the program free of charge through the support of Hoosier Heartland State Bank's Shared Values Awards.

Additional QPR training will be offered in the future as well as the adult version of Mental Health First Aid training which will be offered on November 10. To learn more about these mental health trainings, one may visit VMHMC section of the Crawfordsville Yodel Community Calendar or www.vmhmc.org.

## Clara: Local Long-Time 5th Grade Teacher



**KAREN ZACH**  
Around The County

This week, I found a wow photo of an outstanding-looking young Montgomery County woman named Clara Florence Brockman, so decided I'd research her

to discover her happenings. No problem? Wouldn't think so, only I lost the picture - usually save them in the ATC folder I'm working on at the time but not there or sometimes it goes to my thumb drive - wasn't there. It was nowhere. Thank goodness, I found this one in the Mary Beeson-Don Harwood Family Tree on Ancestry but she's older here, though. Still cute and I love the bicycle! So, let me tell you about



Photo courtesy of Karen Zach

Clara! She was born just across the line in Boone County on her parents' farm on 18 December 1868 but sadly, she didn't know her father, Robert Andrew Brockman as he passed away four months before her birth, his death being in August 1868. She had a very handsome older brother, Robert Morton Brockman born 19 April 1865 in Montgomery County (and a half-sister, Eva whom their

➤ See KAREN Page A5

## Waveland Strong's Fall Family Fest Coming Soon

Waveland Strong will be hosting their Fall Family Fest on October 14 at the Waveland Fire Department, beginning at 4 p.m.

A chili dinner will be served and Brown Lucky Leaf 4H club will have a bake sale. Start your Christmas shopping early with the vendor booths! Grab a partner and join the corn hole tournament. The fee for the tournament is \$25 per team. Come enjoy the evening!

**All proceeds will go towards the Waveland Fire Department and the Waveland Police Department.**

If you have any questions regarding vendor booths or the corn hole tournament, please contact Taelor at 812-528-2094.

## The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 7:32 a.m.  
SET: 7:48 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures  
High: 84 °F  
Low: 60 °F

Today is...

- International Day of Peace
- Free Queso Day
- World Alzheimer's Day

### What Happened On This Day

- **1964** Malta gains its independence from the UK. The southern European island country came under British control in 1814 as part of the Treaty of Paris. The country initially retained the Queen of England as its head of state but declared itself a republic on December 13, 1974.
- **1942** Boeing B-29 Superfortress flies for the first time. The bomber was used extensively by the US in World War II and the Korean War. The two planes - Enola Gay and Bockscar - that dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were from the silverplate series of Boeing B-29s.
- **1937** JRR Tolkien's The Hobbit is published for the first time. The Hobbit, or There and Back Again is a young adult fantasy novel that follows the adventures of the hobbit Bilbo Baggins as he traverses through Middle Earth to find treasure guarded by a dragon named Smaug.
- Births On This Day**
  - **1947** Stephen King American author
  - **1866** H. G. Wells English author
- Deaths On This Day**
  - **1860** Arthur Schopenhauer German philosopher
  - **1832** Walter Scott Scottish novelist, poet

**➤ HONEST HOOSIER**

It's Homecoming at Wabash - and the Little Giants are coming off a rare loss. That's probably bad news for Oberlin who lost its last game to Denison, 70-0. Wabash Always Fights!



**➤ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION**

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**➤ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

**Legislative Lunch:**

The Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a City / County Legislative Lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, on the 3rd floor of Fusion 54, 101 W. Main Street. The panel will consist of Mayor Todd Barton, City Council Andy Biddle, County Commissioner Dan Guard, and County Council Jake Bohlander. The sponsor for this event is Lakeside Book Company. Lunch will be catered by Maxine's on Green. This event is open to the public. The cost for the event is \$10 for Crawfordsville/Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce members and \$15 for non-chamber members. Space is limited so please register to attend online at crawfordsvillechamber.com by Friday. For more information regarding the breakfast or the chamber, please contact Stacy Sommer at ssummer@crawfordsvillechamber.com

**➤ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"We generate fears while we sit. We overcome them by action."  
-Dr. Henry Link

**➤ TODAY'S JOKE**

Did you hear that the inventor of Velcro passed away? RIP!

**➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

The Institute of Medicine recommends 600 IU of vitamin D daily to age 70 and 800 IU after that. 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**

John Lee Turchi

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## OBITUARIES

### John Lee Turchi

February 8, 1932, Saturday, September 16, 2023

Dr. John Lee Turchi, age 91, died on September 16, 2023, in Mt. Pleasant, SC. The only child of Cecil and Irene Longo Turchi, he was born February 8, 1932, in Clinton, Ind. He was a graduate of Clinton High School in 1949 and of Purdue University School of Pharmacy in 1954. That same summer he married his high school classmate, Rosemary Munson, who had just completed her AB in French at Indiana State University.



They began married life in Martinsville, Ind., where Mrs. Turchi taught at the high school, and he commuted to Bloomington to attend the Indiana University School of Dentistry. The following year they moved to Brownsburg, Ind., where he continued his studies on the Indianapolis campus, and she taught language arts at Clermont Elementary School.

Following Dr. Turchi's completion of his DDS degree, the couple moved to Crawfordsville, Ind., where he began his practice in 1958. Dr. Turchi was a member of the Ben Hur Dental Society, Indiana Dental Association, and the American Dental Association; a fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry; president of the Indiana University School of Dentistry Alumni Association; a member of Lions Club, Jaycees, Ouatennon, and University Club, and president and board member of the Crawfordsville Public Library.

Dr. Turchi retired in 1995, and he and Mrs. Turchi moved to Mt. Pleasant in 1997 to be near their granddaughters. While living in Mt. Pleasant, they were active volunteers with Friends of the Library, Low Country Food Bank, and RSVP, which coordinates retirees' volunteer service to the community.

Surviving are his son, Ken (Dax Cabell) and daughter, Judith Sierko (Steven), all of Mt. Pleasant; two granddaughters, Alexandra of Phenix City, Ala., and Emily of Mt. Pleasant; a nephew, Mark Collins (Martha), of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two nieces, Martha Cook (Philip), of Sebring, Fla., and Marilyn Bennett (David), of Greenwood, Ind.; and several grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Also surviving are special cousins Charles Huppert and Angie Lawry (Tracy) of Silver Spring, Md., and Barbara Dorfmeier (Leroy), Villa Grove, Ill.

Dr. Turchi was preceded in death by his wife, who died in January 2022 after 67 years of marriage; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dr. Milton E. and Marian Collins; his cousin, Lynda Ferro Huppert; his parents, and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Friends of the Library, the Low Country Food Bank, or the donor's preferred charity.

A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting our website at [www.jhenrystuhr.com](http://www.jhenrystuhr.com).

## Meeting Notes

### Board Of Public Works And Public Safety Meeting Agenda

September 20 at 10 a.m.

I. Approval of the minutes from September 13, 2023.

II. Approval of the claims for the week of September 18, 2023.

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

a. Various closure requests from Tom Fansler, of Smock Fansler Corporation, related to the replacement of the fountain at Canine Plaza

b. The Montgomery

County Animal Welfare League requesting to close Pike Street at Pike Place on Saturday, October 21 from 4-8 pm

c. Chief Mattingly with various temporary street closure requests for CCSC reunification drill on Tuesday, October 24th beginning around 9:30am

d. An agreement between the City and Bowman-Cohee Construction, Inc.

V. Departments Heads

VI. Adjournment

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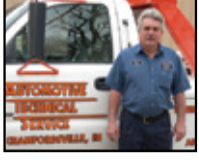
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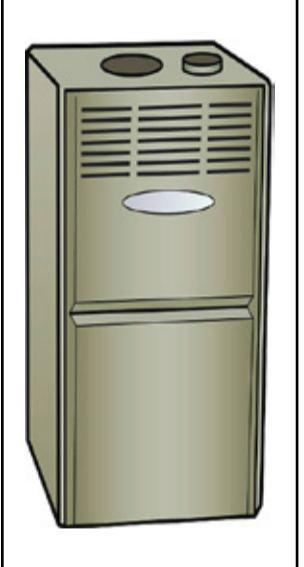


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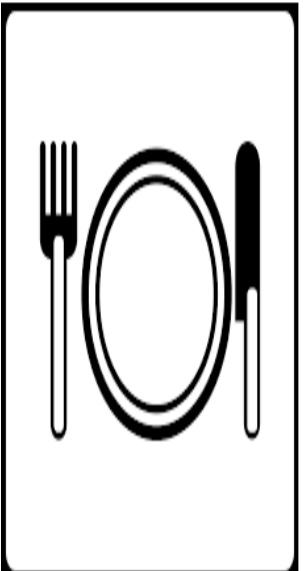
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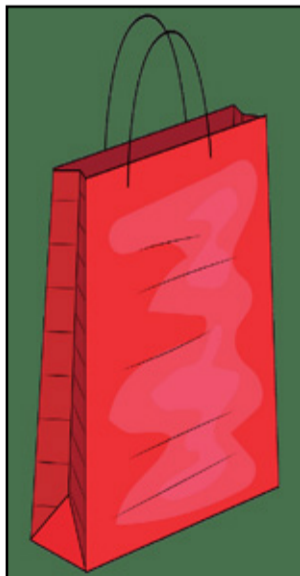
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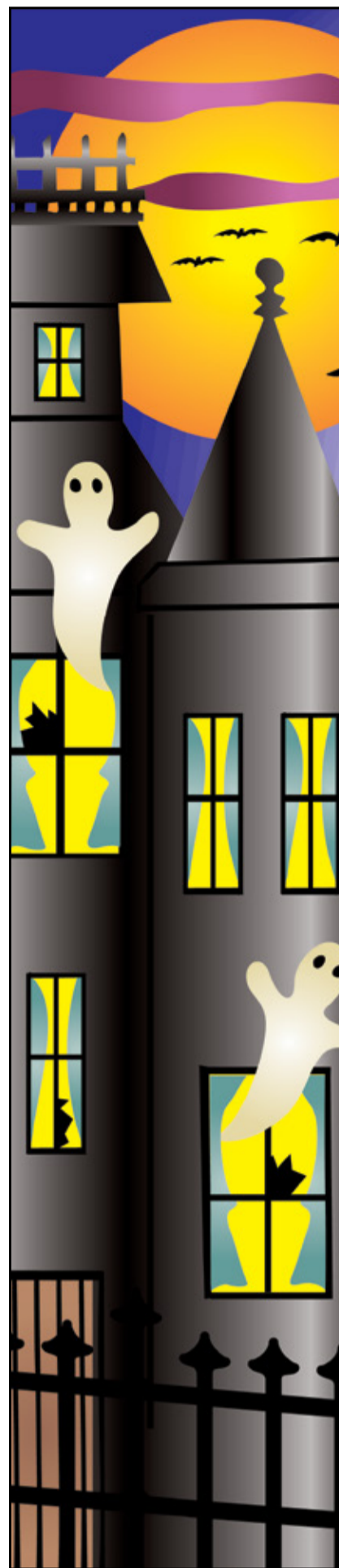
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We'd suggest dusting off the cobwebs – unless cobwebs, creaky stairs and paintings with moving eyeballs are appropriate to your story – and getting busy. You know the first rule of writing, right? Butt in chair!

So get yourself situated in front of a keyboard and let those fingers fly!

Tell us a ghost story, a spooky tale, perhaps a fiction piece about the ghost of Gen. Lew or Henry Lane, or perhaps a tale spun up from one of the pre-consolidation high schools. That's the great thing – it's a Halloween writing contest, so the who, what, where, and when are all up to you!

Write your Halloween-themed story and e-mail it to [news@thepaper24-7.com](mailto:news@thepaper24-7.com) or drop it off at our office, 127 E. Main St. in Crawfordsville (If you e-mail, please copy and paste the story in the body of the e-mail and not as an attachment)

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## KAREN From Page A1

mother, Susan Amanda Thomson raised). Susan was the daughter of James and Martha (Blair) and she was from a large family, some spelling their name Thomson while in the same census, cemetery, etc., it would be spelled with a p in the middle = Thompson. Eva married Newton Meek and mothered several children to whom Clara was close.

Three generations of the Brockman family (Robert above, his father, John and his father, Andrew) are all buried in the Shiloh Cemetery along with several others of the family all spelled the same way – lol! Both Andrew and son received Original Land Grants in Union Township (back to back property) on the same day, 20 April 1826. The above mentioned Ancestry tree takes the Brockman family back to Henry born in England 8 Nov 1623 who came to St. Mary's County, Maryland, possibly also in Albermale, Colonial Virginia. Also according to the family tree, it noted that the family called Clara, "Aunt Polly!"

Clara was extremely close to her brother (he marrying Mary Ann McCalip, parenting Katherine, Mildred, Martha, Betty and Helen, the first and last both doctors), he a well-respected educator. Clara and Robert were together a great deal, even travelling to New York one summer for a sight-seeing excursion. In June 1893, Robert's wedding was a large and luxurious one at their family church, the First Presbyterian. Beautiful roses, wreaths, smilax, and potted plants decorated the church. Bruce Luckett was best man and Clara was maid of honor, donning a gown of white silk mull, trimmed with lace and carrying Marchal Niel roses (they're gorgeous) – no doubt she was as beautiful as the bride (wearing an empire with silk trimmed in pearl) – Robert and Mary Ann made a trip to the World's Fair after which they returned to his home in Kearney, Nebraska where he was principal in their high school. They later moved to St. Paul, Minnesota where they lived the rest of their lives.

When I think of CHS, I ponder large classes but when Clara graduated in 1887 there were 14, eleven girls, three boys, one a young colored man (unusual for the times) – Charles Williams who gave one of the several speeches – The Greed of Office, Clara entertaining the audience in regards to Charlemagne. This is compared to 80 years

later at Waveland when I graduated with 19, nine girls, 10 boys! Top two gave speeches.

Clara went right to teaching, first in the Bowlers' area, then Linden and in 1891 she began teaching 5th grade in the Crawfordsville schools for about 40 years until her retirement. I thought it a bit funny that Clara came to Crawfordsville to fill a vacancy and Lizzie Morrison from Crawfordsville went to Linden to take over Clara's position and this was also the year Crawfordsville added a drawing and writing teacher for enhancement classes.

This gal was involved in church, community and school affairs. Early on, she was active in the teachers' group giving various interesting presentations such as an overview of the 1900 census in relation to schools and students. Often found in articles featuring the First Presbyterian Church she was involved in missionary work with the Young People's Group and served as corresponding secretary for quite a while. Many years later, her funeral took place there as she had been an active life-member!

Evidently, she loved flowers and enjoyed decorating Floral Hall for the fair each year. One club she was very involved in (I had never read about it before) was the Garsoneel Club and no clue what it was but she was in charge of a masked ball in 1926 and they had several skating parties, bridge games and dinners. Think it may have been fairly short-lived but sounded like fun!

After her mother's death in March 1919, Clara (think renting a room) lived in several places (408 John; 302 and 311 E. Main; Water St; 208 W. Jefferson to name some) and after a busy life with a nice retirement our 'il 5th grade teacher passed away in Culver Hospital Aug 15, 1943 and is buried beside her mother in Oak Hill.

Oh! The Rest of the Story – wanted to double check the dates on her mom's death and hers and went to FindAGrave. Guess what – found that photo and evidently I didn't save it – hilarious! Well, if you want to see how beautiful she was younger in life, check that out!

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## Sustainable Parenting 101

### EARTHTALK

**Dear EarthTalk: How can I be a more environmentally responsible parent?**

Sustainable parenting isn't easy given all the ways modern society has become largely a profusion of disposable products. Besides making conscious decisions about the products you buy, you also have to think about teaching your kids to do the right thing—and you can never start too early.

One way to do the right thing by the planet is opting for reusable diapers. The average American baby uses 7,000 disposable diapers over the course of a typical three-year run. Some 200,000 trees are cut down each year in the U.S. alone to provide the wood pulp found in diapers. To make matters worse, the diaper's plastic and absorbent polymers are not recyclable.

Nowadays you can purchase reusable diapers at a local Walmart or Target, or online. Popular brands include Cotton Babies, Nora's Nursery and Green Mountain. Many people are concerned about the washing process, but it is relatively simple. For liquid waste, you should pre-rinse the diaper with water. For solid waste, you should allocate a spatula or knife as a "scraper" and dispose of the waste in the toilet. You can purchase a dry pail to hold the diapers until laundry day. Keep in mind, reusable diapers must be washed with water that is at least 140 degrees Fahrenheit (60 degrees Celsius) to kill bacteria.

Another environmental hazard of parenthood is baby wet wipes. Almost all, even the "flushable" ones, contain microplastics which do not biodegrade. This causes buildup in pipes because grease tends to accumulate on the plastic. Also, these microplastics can get into local water bodies and be ingested by marine wildlife. A solution is to create your own reusable wet wipes. Buy cotton or bamboo baby washcloths and cut them into eight-inch by eight-inch squares. For

the wipe solution, oft-used ingredients include aloe vera, gentle baby wash or Castile soap, natural oils, and water. Other recipes can be found online. You can keep this solution in a spray bottle to use when needed. Store not-yet-used wipes in a clean airtight container. Spray them thoroughly with the solution before use. Store soiled wipes in a dry pail until you do laundry. As with reusable diapers, you should scrape off solid waste before washing.

Another major source of waste from kids is toys, most of which are made of cheap plastic and end up in landfills. According to the Yale Environmental Review, toys constitute six percent of landfill plastics worldwide. Today, there are many online services where you can order a monthly subscription for rentable plastic and wooden toys. If your child gets bored, you can send the old toys in and receive new ones in the mail in the matter of days. The toys that you send in are sanitized and sent to other families.

Aside from these options, you could also make homemade food to reduce packaging waste. Buying second-hand clothes is also a simple and cheaper way to reduce your landfill footprint. But arguably, the most important thing you can do is to educate your children about environmental issues and encourage sustainable practices.

*-CONTACTS: How to be a sustainable parent, bbc.com/future/article/20221123-how-to-be-a-sustainable-parent; Most materials are recyclable, so why can't children's toys be sustainable? environment-review.yale.edu/most-materials-are-recyclable-so-why-cant-childrens-toys-be-sustainable; Should We Ditch Wet Wipes? envirotech-online.com/news/water-wastewater/9/breaking-news/should-we-ditch-wet-wipes/46063.*

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## Beware Of Scammers Sending Texts And Emails Claiming Shipping-And-Delivery Issues

Attorney General Todd Rokita is advising Hoosiers to watch for texts and emails informing them of shipping-and-delivery issues with items they supposedly have ordered.

Scammers are flooding inboxes with these false claims in an effort to steal personal information and/or lure victims into unknowingly downloading malware onto their computers or phones.

"Our team works hard to bring scammers to justice," Rokita said. "Working with partners in law enforcement, we're regularly catching and prosecuting more of these criminals. At the same time, another big part of our mission is raising awareness among all Hoosiers about these various scams so they can spot them and avoid falling into their traps."

The fraudulent emails

and texts often contain links purported to help the consumer track a package — when in reality those links connect to malicious websites.

These scam messages typically appear to come from such sources as Amazon, FedEx, the U.S. Postal Service, UPS and others.

If you receive an email or text of this nature, DO NOT click on any links or reply in any manner.

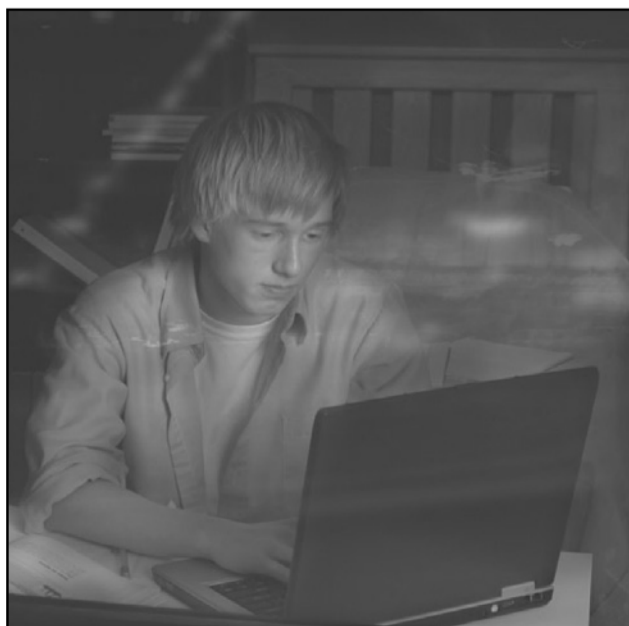
Instead, if you believe there is any possibility such a message could be valid, simply contact the delivery carrier yourself by navigating to the appropriate website — without using any contact information provided in the suspicious text or email.

Anytime you believe you are the target of a scam attempt, you may file a complaint at <https://www.ftc.gov/attorneygeneral/> or call 1-800-382-5516.



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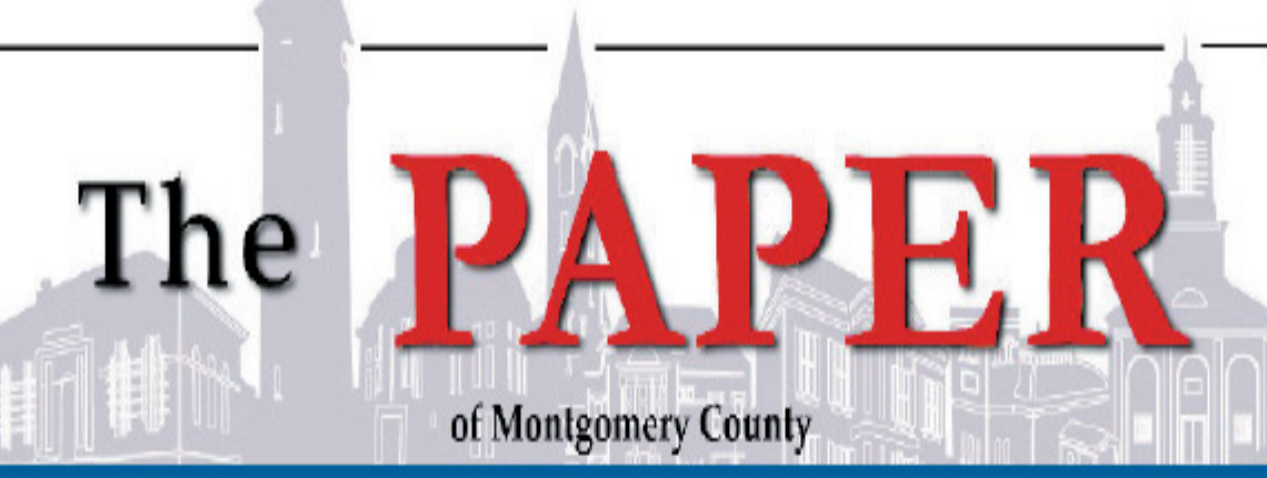


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