

▶ TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

▶ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Sophia offered her grandmother a smile over the summer and her grandmother sent the smile onto us! Thank you for the smile!

▶ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Come join artist Ellie Dieckmeyer for a fun class and make your own mixed media art piece. Instruction and supplies needed for students will be provided. Class will be on Thursday, October 12th. Choose either an afternoon session (1-3 pm) or an evening session (6-8 pm). Class is open to anyone 12 years and older. Cost is \$35. Classes meet at Athens Arts, 216 E. Main Street, Crawfordsville..

2 Between now and September 30, 2023, Veterans who deployed to a combat zone, never enrolled in VA health care, and left active duty between September 11, 2001 and October 1, 2013 are eligible to enroll directly in VA health care –without first applying for VA benefits. Veterans can apply online or in person at their local VA facility until 11:59pm local time on September 30, 2023.

3 Prophetstown State Park invites you to create a one-of-a-kind scarecrow for its 14th Annual Trail of Scarecrows, Oct. 1–Nov. 5. Support your local community, highlight an organization, promote special events or just show off your creativity to thousands of visitors this fall. This event is open to businesses and families alike. The scarecrows will be featured along Prophetstown's paved accessible trail. Promote recycling and upcycling by repurposing used items and materials to create fun (and funky!) art for this special event. It's free to participate and there are no registration fees. The public will have the chance to vote for their favorite scarecrows by making donations to the Interpretive Services Fund for Education, Arts, Culture and History Programs at Prophetstown State Park. By donating at least \$1, park guests can cast 100 votes for their favorite. Prizes are awarded for the most votes so spread the word to vote for your scarecrow. If you are unable to sponsor a scarecrow, please consider donating merchandise or gift certificates for contest prizes or gifting a monetary contribution for interpretive services programs.

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Demolition Of Our Fountain



The Paper photo by Rick Mayotte

Our beloved fountain is being replaced with a new fountain that will apparently have pre-programmed light shows, according to the demolition crew.

Country In Financial Mess And We're Fooling With What?



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

"Freedom of the press, if it means anything at all, means the freedom to criticize and oppose."
-George Orwell

It seems that everyone gets, what's the new term, butt-hurt over everything these days. No idea what happened to the lessons we learned at age 5 – sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me. Someone gets called a name now and the world comes to a screeching halt. Why would anyone want to hand that kind of power over their lives to someone who's insulting them? I get it when we're tykes on the playground. But as adults? C'mon, aren't we old enough to know that there are just some plain idiots in the world and nothing is ever going to change that? Sigh. I get it. It's a losing battle. The world is what it is. People

name call all the time now and people get offended all the time now. The ones who get me the most though are the politicians. Didn't they know when they ran for office what they were getting into? Let's take the current mess in Washington. At the time of this writing, the argument rages over whether or not the federal government will shut down. Democrats are blaming Republicans and Republicans are . . . oh heck you know the rest. They're all pointing fingers and calling names. In the meantime, the federal debt topped \$33 trillion for the first time. That's 33 trillion, as in 3-3 with 12 zeroes after it. \$33,000,000,000,000. And these clowns in Washington are trying to tell you and me that they have to run up the debt even more. Think about that for a second. Any reasonable person could find millions, no, scratch that . . . billions . . . uh, wait a minute . . . I'll bet most folks could find a trillion or three to cut from government spending. And

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We Cannot Have Too Much Subsidized Housing: Part 2



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 LWW, visit: www.lwvmtcoin.org or message to LWW, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

Ever had a season of life that you thought might break you? Chances are you were living through multiple life stressors, any of which strain a person but when piled up can max out emotional and physical resources on households.

"For families in poverty, one thing can catapult a loss of everything," family services director MJ Korpela told NBC in 2021. Korpela was working with the Jeremiah Program, which tackles inter-generational poverty, and she noted that her clients fared better than most

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:38 a.m.
SET: 7:38 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 74 °F
Low: 60 °F



Today is...

- National Chocolate Milk Day
- National Day of Forgiveness
- World Tourism Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1996 Taliban take over Kabul. Following the take-over, the Islamic fundamentalist group established the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.
- 1940 Tripartite Pact is signed. It established the Axis powers during World War II and was signed by representatives of Germany, Italy and Imperial Japan.
- 1937 The Bali Tiger Goes Extinct. Native to the Indonesian island of Bali, the Bali Tiger was made extinct due to human activities and hunting. On this day, the last known adult Balinese tiger was shot dead.



- 1984 Avril Lavigne Canadian singer-songwriter, actress, fashion designer
- 1722 Samuel Adams American politician, 4th Governor of Massachusetts

- 1917 Edgar Degas French painter
- 1876 Braxton Bragg American general

▶ HONEST HOOSIER

Hard to believe there's only a few days left in September.



▶ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

You can't spread poison ivy, oak or sumac to another person once you have washed with warm soap and water. 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.



▶ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Boys, if you ever pray, pray for me now. I don't know if you fellas ever had a load of hay fall on you, but when they told me what happened yesterday, I felt like the moon, the stars, and all the planets had fallen on me."
-Harry S. Truman

▶ TODAY'S JOKE

Two elderly women walked by a park bench where two elderly men sat. One of the women seemed to get a little offended but the other one quickly explained. "Don't get excited. They weren't whistling. They're just wheezing."

▶ OBITUARIES
Gordon Paddack

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



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OBITUARIES

Gordon Paddack

April 21, 1937, Sunday, September 17, 2023

Gordon Paddack passed away on September 17, 2023, in Cape Coral, Florida. Gordon was born on April 21, 1937, in Darlington, Indiana, to Reid and Harriet (Ellis) Paddack. He had a sister, Mary Rose (Paddack Martin) Duncan. Gordon grew up in Darlington, Indiana, where he graduated from Bowers School. After graduation, Gordon farmed on the family farm and joined the National Guard. Gordon enjoyed many years with his wife, Delores "Dee" (Guinn) Paddack, in Naples, Florida. He had a beloved cat named Missy and was an avid car enthusiast.



Gordon is survived by his wife, Dee Paddack, and his children, Brian Paddack (Brooke), Heather Martin (Gary), and Garet Paddack.

He will be laid to rest at Greenlawn Cemetery in Darlington, Indiana. Sanders Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Board Of Commissioners Meeting Agenda

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

CONSENT AGENDA Approved.

Approval of Claims Accounts Payable & Payroll 9/22

Minutes - September 11, 2023

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Affidavit for Construction Fund Disbursement Request #3 - Tempur Project Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds of 2022

Approved Regions Bank (Bond Trustee) to make a disbursement of \$900,678.60 from the Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds of 2022 (IAW/CSD Project) for rail infrastructure expenditures incurred by Tempur-Pedic and also Program Management expenses incurred by the Lochmueller Group

Highway Department - Bridge182 Replacement on CR750 East over Big Raccoon Creek -

Awarded Bid to Conexo, Inc. in the amount of \$673,615, approved contract and issued Notice to Proceed. The Engineer's estimate was \$850,000.

Approved Inspection Contract w/CivilCon for an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for construction inspection.

ORDINANCES

Final Reading Ordinance 2023-16 Amending Tax Rate for Cumulative Bridge Fund

Approved ordinance to reduce the cumulative bridge tax rate to \$.055 from \$.075 for 2024. Tax rate provides revenue to maintain and improve bridges.

Introduction Ordinance 2023-17 Creating Montgomery County Health Department

Social Impact Partnership Program Fund - \$10,000 Grant

Introduced ordinance to create a fund for a \$10,000 grant for diapers and wipes.

Introduction Ordinance 2023-18 Creating Mace SWIF Grant Fund - \$466,200

Introduced ordinance to create a fund for the State grant awarded to the County to assist in addressing stormwater issues in the unincorporated areas of Mace.

Introduction Ordinance 2023-19 Creating Tempur SWIF Grant Fund - \$3,000,000

Introduced ordinance to create a fund for the State grant awarded to the County to be used towards costs related to installation of water infrastructure by Indiana American Water for the Tempur Project.

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda

September 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Common Council Chambers

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

II. Consideration of Minutes

A. July 26, 2023

III. Old Business

A. Consideration of a Resolution approving a mission statement

IV. New Business

A. Consideration of a Certificate of Appropriate-

ness for exterior renovations of the Montgomery County Courthouse located at 100 E Main Street

B. Jennifer Cullings requesting an extension for a facade renovation project at 122-124 W Main Street

V. Public Comment

VI. Miscellaneous

A. Next regularly

scheduled meeting: October 25, 2023 at 5:30 PM

VII. Adjournment

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DNR To Encourage Non-Lead Shot Usage, But No New Bans In Store

By Leslie Bonilla Muniz
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Indiana's Department of Natural Resources is embarking on a public information campaign about the harms of lead shot — and the benefits of non-toxic ammunitions — after a Hoosier asked the agency to take action.

But DNR won't be implementing new restrictions, as Nancy Tatum requested.

Tatum, a former leader of the Indiana Native Plant Society, petitioned DNR to outright ban the sale of lead shot — which the agency said it can't legally do. It also didn't add to existing, narrow, limits on the use of lead shot on wildlife.

Dangers of lead
Lead is a heavy metal that is very toxic even in small quantities. It accumulates in soft tissues and bones, damaging the nervous system and other

bodily functions. An estimated 1.6 million to 3.9 million birds died annual of lead poisoning between 1938 and 1954, according to Tatum's research, cited in a report the department's board adopted last week.

A national ban on shooting waterfowl with lead shot cut deaths on the Mississippi flyway alone by an estimated 64%: about 1.4 million birds.

Tatum's petition also emphasized the dangers to animals that scavenge big game carcasses, like bald eagles, golden eagles and raptors.

That's because when lead bullets hit their targets, they fragment into irregular shapes and disperse.

Lead fishing tackle, Tatum noted, also presents dangers to fish.

And when humans eat animals killed with lead shot — especially when prepared with acidic mar-

inates — they can absorb the neurotoxin.

Taking action
Tatum asked DNR to make lead shot unavailable for purchase, but the request was a non-starter. In its report, the agency said it couldn't "prohibit the sale of lead shot in Indiana because it is outside the authority of the DNR."

It also noted that Hoosiers can use ammunition for target practice — not on animals — and in other states with different rules. The move could also harm retailers, according to the report.

However, DNR didn't add new restrictions on the use of lead shot either.

Hunters already must use non-toxic shot when hunting mourning doves on DNR property, according to Indiana Administrative Code. Those alternatives are also required when hunting

all species on the Goose Pond and Wabashiki Fish and Wildlife areas.

DNR spokeswoman Holly Lawson confirmed the agency's board — the Natural Resources Commission — "does have the authority to regulate the use of lead shot in the state."

But she said she couldn't "speculate on" possible future actions of the commission.

Instead, the agency launched a new webpage detailing lead shot's impacts, and the "health benefits" of alternatives.

"As fewer hunters and anglers use lead in their equipment, Indiana's water (including drinking water) becomes cleaner," the page reads. That benefits mussels, turtles and other animals.

"There's also a lower chance that you and your loved ones will ingest traces of lead dust or fragments that can be found in game meat and

fishing tackle," it adds. Hoosiers can also read about recent anti-lead efforts, including lead removal and recycling at DNR shooting ranges and lead exposure screenings of animals like gray foxes and bobcats.

And residents can access tips for how they can help cut lead exposure: buying similarly priced non-lead shot and tackle, properly disposing of lead equipment, properly disposing of lead-contaminated carcasses and gut piles, and more.

Spreading the message
DNR is planning to put out the word using its variety of social media accounts, according to Lawson, and its monthly emailed newsletter.

"This awareness work can take many forms," she said.

"For example, individuals born after December 31, 1986, are required to complete a hunter

education course prior to obtaining a hunting license. Additionally, DNR will be launching a new online licensing system next year that can allow for more direct communication between the department and hunters statewide," Lawson continued. "DNR will explore whether information on lead shot can be shared through platforms like this."

Lawson said discussions about how to best increase awareness would continue within DNR, and possibly its board.

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Attorney General Todd Rokita Takes Action Against Alleged Manufactured-Home Fraudsters

Lawsuit alleges Bartholomew County defendants schemed to evade licensing requirements.

Attorney General Todd Rokita has filed a lawsuit against three individuals suspected of scheming to defraud Hoosiers seeking installations of manufactured homes.

"We're acting on behalf of Hoosiers who in some cases paid tens of thousands for services they never received in a satisfactory manner," Rokita said. "Our team works diligently to protect the proverbial little guy from getting conned by slick hustlers just looking to make a quick buck. We will hold accountable anyone who dupes consumers in violation of our laws."

The lawsuit alleges the defendants — Steven Singer, Jocel Singer and Aron Singer — engaged in the sales of manufactured homes without a license from the Secretary of State Auto Dealer Services Division. The defendants, residents of Bartholomew County, are also alleged to have

promised or completed installations of manufactured homes without a manufactured home installers license.

The defendants allegedly did business at times under such names as Singer Manufactured Homes, Cabin Creek Homes, Rock Creek Homes, and United Palace Home Transport and Sales.

One consumer complained about a transaction in which the defendants allegedly failed to arrange for installation of a manufactured home as agreed, failed to install working appliances as agreed, and otherwise failed to meet their contractual obligations to the complainant after she paid them \$36,000 in cash. The defendants also allegedly failed to deliver a title to the manufactured home — on which the complainant ultimately had to spend additional money to make livable. The complainant later learned the defendants lacked proper licensure to sell and install manufactured

homes.

The defendants' alleged wrongdoing spanned many years.

In 2014, the defendants allegedly received a cease-and-desist order from the Manufactured Home Installers Licensing Board — but thereafter worked to hide their transactions from authorities by both insisting on cash and by conducting advertising/sales online using various social media accounts and marketplaces.

In February of 2023, the Indiana Secretary of State sent the defendants another cease-and-desist notice relating to alleged violations of dealership licensing requirements.

If you purchased a manufactured home from any of the listed defendants or paid them for the installation of your manufactured home in the last five years, please file a complaint with the Attorney General's Homeowner Protection Unit here: <https://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/consumer-protection-division/licensing/>

Indiana Military Veterans Hall Of Fame Calls For 2023 Class Nominations

The Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame (IMVHOF) is calling for nominations for the 2023 class of veteran honorees. The not-for-profit organization, celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2023, honors Hoosier veterans for service during and after active duty.

In addition to categories for combat valor and veteran advocacy, the IMVHOF has added a new classification for induction for community support, which recognizes veterans who have contributed exceptionally to their community, state and/or nation.

To be eligible, a nominee must meet any one of the basic criteria:

- Entered military service in Indiana
 - Lived in Indiana for a minimum of five years
- Additionally, each nominee must have been honorably discharged and must be free of felony convictions.

All branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, all ages, living or deceased, and males and females will be considered equally. The complete nomination packet and criteria can be found at imvhof.com/nominate/. Nominations will be accepted through end of day, August 1, 2023.

Nominees will be honored at the annual induction ceremony and dinner to be held on Friday, November 10, 2023 at the Garrison on Old Fort

Harrison at 6002 North Post Road in Lawrence, IN. Tickets will be available for purchase soon at imvhof.com.

Inductees in the IMVHOF are honored at the organization's memorial building at 5360 Herbert Lord Road in Lawrence, Indiana. The free-standing building is the only known memorial of its kind in the nation and is open seven days a week from 9 am to 5 pm.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the IMVHOF, you can do so by mailing a check or money order made payable to IMVHOF to P.O. Box 269098, Indianapolis, IN 46226. Online donations can also be made at www.imvhof.com.

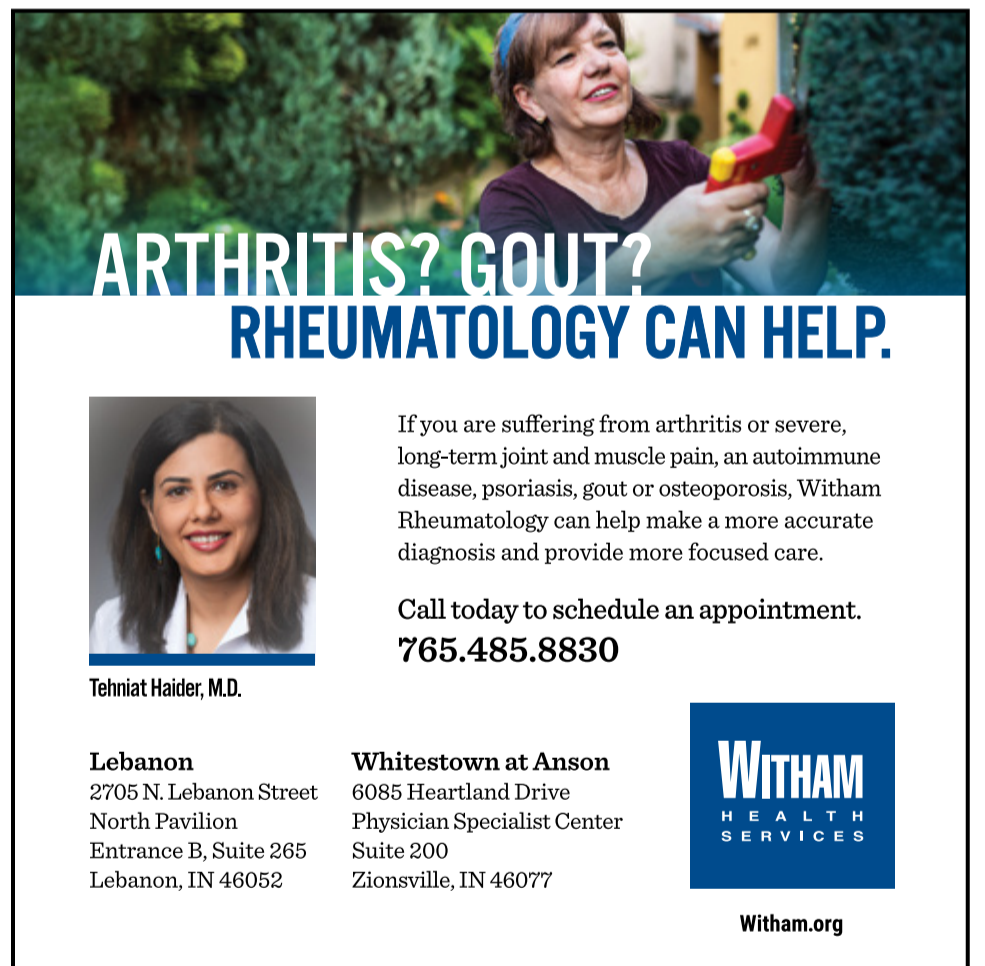


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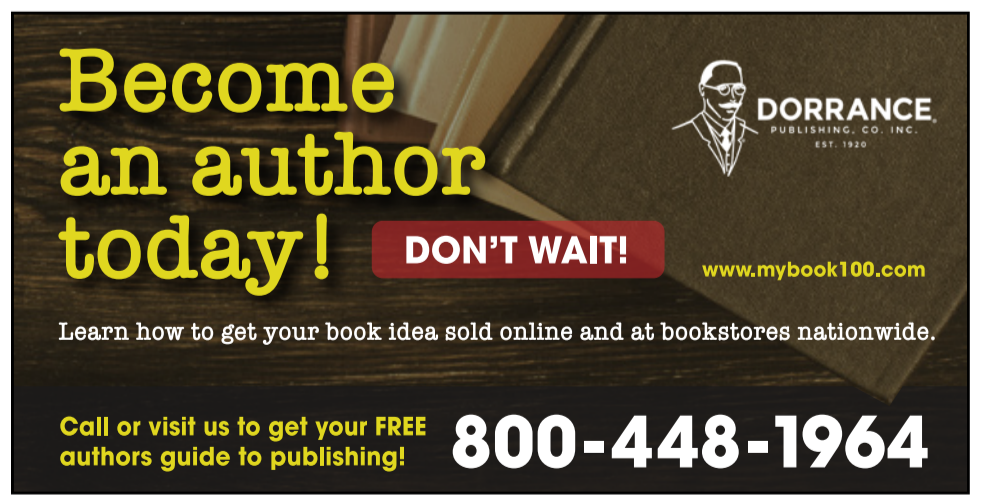


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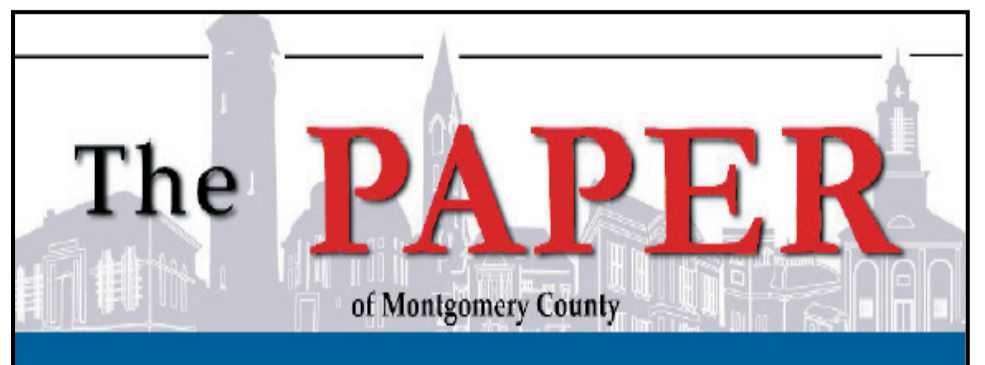


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**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given the Taxpayers of Montgomery County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of Montgomery County will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the 2023 Budget Order from the DLGF at the regular Council meeting on October 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Meeting

Fund	Fund Description	Dept #	Department Description	Account	Account Description	"Additional Amount Requested"
1217	County Elected Officials Training	0000	Shared by several departments	21001	Travel Expenses	\$8,000.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	11851	SRO Officer	\$40,000.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	22030	Uniforms	\$10,000.00
1170	Public Safety LIT	0005	Sheriff	44523	Vehicle Purchase	\$776.22
9131	JCAP Grant	0005	Sheriff	24205	Supplies - Grant	\$80,000.00
4911	Pretrial Diversion	0009	Prosecutor	44542	Special Equipment	\$15,000.00
4936	Dog Tax - County Share	0061	Council	31220	AWL Add'l Funding	\$2,000.00
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	12055	Group Life Insurance	\$15,000.00
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	13000	Wellness Center	\$28,750.00
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	30036	Phones	\$21,000.00
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	30037	Cell Phone Costs	\$19,500.00
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	30230	Attorney Fees	\$48,000.00
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	30500	Equipment Repairs	\$8,022.50
1000	County General	0068	Commissioners	32112	Vehicle Lease	\$17,000.00
8002	Mace Drain SWIF Grant	0068	Commissioners	47101	Capital Improvements	\$466,200.00
8950	ARP CSLFR 21.027	0068	Commissioners	30050	Contractual Services	\$229,016.91
2500	County User Fee Fund	0235	Probation	21919	Incentives	\$1,100.00
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9115	SIPP Grant	0610	Health Department	24202	Supplies	\$10,000.00
9146	Sharps Disposal Grant	0610	Health Department	30094	Bio Hazard Disposal	\$3,000.00
4899	RDC Nucor TIF 1 General	0701	Redevelopment	30160	Other Services & Charges	\$875,000.00
8001	TS SWIF Grant	0701	Redevelopment	47101	Capital Improvements	\$3,000,000.00
TOTAL:						\$4,897,871.96

The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

This will be considered a work session for the Board of Commissioners in conjunction with the scheduled Council meeting.
Dated this 09/22/2023
Mindy Byers
Auditor, Montgomery County

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DOB 11/26/2022

**NOTICE TO PUTATIVE FATHER
DEREK DITFIELD**

NOTICE TO Putative FATHER Derek Dittfield, who has been named the putative father of Brinlee Rae Dewey, a child born to Madison Dewey on 11/26/2022, or who claims to be the father of the child is notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Montgomery Superior Court, Crawfordsville, IN. If FATHER seeks to contest the adoption of the child, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above named court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice. If FATHER does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, the above named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. FATHER'S consent will be irrevocably implied and he will lose his right to contest either the adoption or the validity of his implied consent to the adoption. FATHER will lose his right to establish his paternity of the child, by affidavit or otherwise, in Indiana or any other jurisdiction. Nothing MOTHER or anyone else says to FATHER relieves FATHER of his obligations under this notice. Under Indiana law, a FATHER is a person who is named as or claims that he may be the father of a child born out of wedlock. For purposes of this notice, FATHER is a putative father under the laws in Indiana regarding adoption. This notice complies with IC 31-19-4-5 does not exhaustively set forth FATHER'S legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes.

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NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
In the Montgomery County Superior Court No. 2
In the Matter of the Estate of Ann G. Yount, Deceased
Estate No.: 54D02-2308-EU-000071

Notice is hereby given that Donna L. Hughes was on August 18, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Ann G. Yount, deceased, who died on the 19th day of July, 2023.

All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Crawfordsville, Indiana on August 18, 2023.
Karyn Douglas
Clerk of the Montgomery Superior Court No. 2

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**Notice of Public Hearing
Crawfordsville Common Council**

Please take notice that on 9 October 2023 the Crawfordsville Common Council will conduct a public hearing on a request for a waiver of non-compliance under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1 for previously granted real property tax deductions filed by BD Fortunes, LLC. The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on that date in the City Council Chambers, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 for the purpose of hearing evidence, remonstrance, and objections from interested persons and to thereafter take final action on the request. Any person wishing to comment or present evidence is invited to attend. The Crawfordsville Common Council previously designated BD Fortunes' property an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) and granted the company's request for real property tax deductions under IC § 6-1.1-12.1. BD Fortunes, LLC has now requested the council waive the company's non-compliance by its failure to timely file its Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form CF-1. The real property improvement and costs are described in an Application and a related Statement of Benefits submitted by the Applicant (collectively, the "Application"). The Common Council previously prepared maps and simplified descriptions of the Area, copies of which are available for inspection at the County Assessor's office. A copy of the Application is available for inspection at the Department of Planning and Community Development—Second Floor, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. A copy of this Notice is also being filed with each taxing unit that has authority levy property taxes in the geographic area where the Area is located. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any person wishes to attend, hear, or present evidence at the public hearing and needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Mayor's Office at 765-364-5160 or ballen@crawfordsville-in.gov.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the school corporation known as South Montgomery Community School Corporation (the "School Corporation") that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the School Corporation will meet at 6401 US Hwy 231 S, Crawfordsville, Indiana, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. (Local Time) on October 9, 2023, to consider the following additional appropriation of the bonds (the "Bonds") which the Board has determined to issue. The Board considers such additional appropriation necessary to meet the need existing at this time:

An appropriation in the amount of \$3,000,000 from the proceeds of the Bonds, including all original issue premium and all investment earnings thereon, to be deposited in the School Corporation's Construction Fund (Fund #2301) on account of the 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") in the School Corporation, including the incidental expenses necessary to be incurred in connection with the Project and the issuance of Bonds on account thereof. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of Bonds by the School Corporation.

The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy, and a need for such appropriation exists by reason of the inadequacy of the present buildings to provide necessary school facilities in the School Corporation.

Taxpayers of the School Corporation appearing at said meeting shall have the right to be heard in respect to the additional appropriation.
Dated this 27th day of September, 2023.

Jerry Kinkead
South Montgomery Community School Corporation
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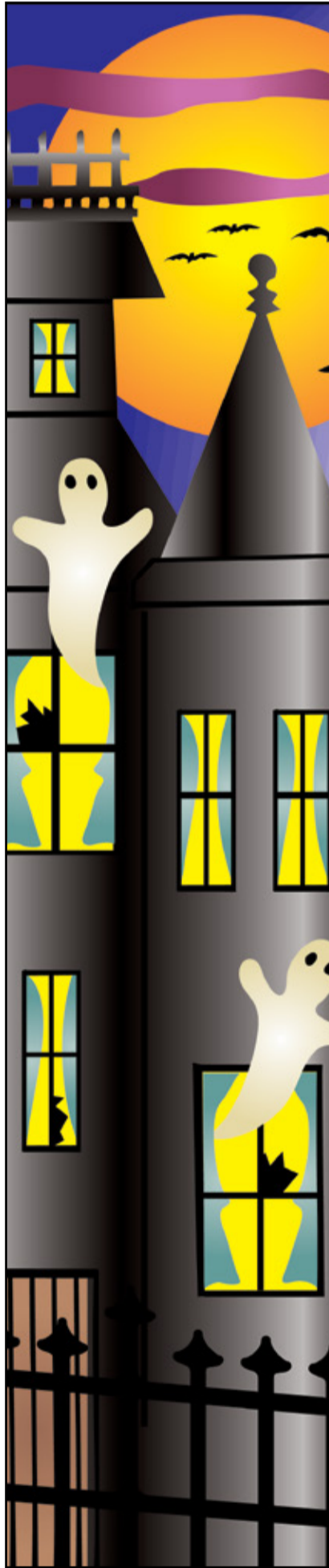


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We're having our fun and frivolous Halloween Writing Contest and the entries are being accepted now.

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Four winners will be selected and those stories will be published, along with the author's name and photo, in October. If the judges select any stories as honorable mentions, those will be published on our web site.

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 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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low-income households after the pandemic because they had more social support.

Whereas middle-class families might face one to five in the course of a year, for families in poverty one stressor instigates a spiral where they may face three or more stressors in a single week. Without a large support network, they remain in poverty longer and face more obstacles to move into the middle class.

What are some of the life stressors that catapult people into crises? Two psychologists, Holmes and Raye, compiled 43 of these into their Social Readjustment Rating Scale (SRRS). Below are some of them (combined) to give you a sense of the list.

- Divorce or marital separation from spouse
- Detention in jail or other institution
- Death of a close family member, spouse or friend
- Personal injury or illness
- Being fired
- Getting married or reconciling with your mate
- Pregnancy
- Major change in finances, including unexpected expenses
- Major change in work - new job, promotion, demotion, new line of work, retirement
- Child leaving home or taking in a family member
- Increase in interpersonal conflict with close family members

Created in 1967, the SRRS doesn't include the pandemic, which sapped the entire world, even as these stressors continued in people's lives. Three years after the onset of the pandemic, both programs and people's social networks have been drained, while payouts like the child tax credit and, this month, student loan payments resume. As these fade, our community may continue to see an uptick in requests for money, food and clothing donations because babies keep being born, people marry, get sick, divorce, get jobs, lose jobs.

Most middle-class households may realize how a pregnancy or marital reconciliation strains a household, though they can imagine the impending disaster of an expensive car repair, divorce or job loss.

If you have someone to turn to while you adjust to an unexpected pregnancy, if you can get a small loan or free short-term childcare from a friend or family when something like a broke down car snarls your transportation, it can be hard to imagine that others don't feel free to ask their own networks. If your job lets you flex hours or work from home when you have sick kids, it's easy to forget the strict demands of a factory or service job, where points are taken for lateness or too many days off.

The stark difference between the haves and have-less often comes down to the amount and kind of aid different economic classes can access.

That aid comes from the peripheral services about which Mayor Todd Barton spoke in a recent interview with the League of Women Voters while talking about the "problem" of too much subsidized housing.

"I'm in two different worlds. Literally, every day I have meetings with employers who are saying, 'Look. We need workers. We've got 100 openings, or we've got 50 openings. What can we do to take people who are not able to work and transition them, give them the skills or upskill them or whatever we need to do to transition them [into work]?' " Barton said. "I have

that world, then I have what I consider very high numbers of vouchers or subsidized housing. How do you reconcile those two things?"

What frustrates him is a seeing connection between job openings and housing subsidies and no solution.

He's lived here 40 years and says he's witnessed a generational cycle of poverty. "My focus now is, if this is generational, how do we really focus at school age to equip young people to be successful so they don't get caught in the same cycle, or trapped in the cycle? How do we empower them so that they can break free of the cycle of poverty?"

Data and studies bear out what Barton hopes will work: helping young people in order to break the cycle. Just after WWII the U.S. experienced a two-decade economic boom, yet the U.S. maintained a stubbornly high amount of poverty, particularly child poverty, compared to other developed nations. It continues to the present, according to BYU's 2022 Ballard Brief.

But here's where solutions come in. The American Economic Review found that "even a \$1,000 raise in a household's annual income could result in a 6 percent increase in math and reading scores." A study published in Educational Leadership found that "most low-income households cannot afford to pay for extra educational support for their children. Since this early childhood education intervention is largely unattainable for those in poverty, a gap in literacy levels and test scores begins to be observable in kindergarten for many students."

One thousand dollars more in a low-income household makes a difference and it didn't specify what that money must be used for. It may go toward affordable childcare, early childhood education, or tutoring. It may also alleviate other deficits - food, utilities, housing, healthcare, clothing and personal hygiene, all of which are necessary for dignity and wellness, which a child needs along with a low-stress home, in order to optimize learning. Anything that alleviates emotional or physical deficits is powerful in elevating people out of poverty.

When poverty is intergenerational, as it is for nearly 11 percent of Americans, according to the Ballard Brief, and when children grow up in poverty, as 38 percent of American children do, parents and communities pass down unwritten social rules. One such rule is how often or how much a financially strained person can ask for help. The higher up the economic ladder a person is, the less tolerant they are of repeated requests for help.

The longer a person lives in their social class, the more its class-level social-emotional component defines how a person acts, as Ruby K. Payne discusses in Bridges Out of Poverty. Each class follows its own etiquette around capital such as money and influence. In Evicted, Matthew Desmond writes that low-income individuals may have middle-class family, but they know not to ask for money or aid too many times. They'll be seen as taking advantage or not being self-sufficient enough.

Unable to lean on networks, people solve their problems creatively - side hustles, gig work, multiple part-time jobs, or spreading their requests for help around, so as not to ask too much of any one person. Like everyone else, they tend to hold their cards close about how

they handle their money, but because it was a gift or aid, others feel entitled to see, even dictate, how to use the aid, which robs them of the dignity, respect and privacy we all expect.

For all the hand-wringing about the complexities of poverty, there are effective solutions, even well-publicized ones, but many people are not receptive to them. Why? We have cultural narratives we repeat until we accept them. One such narrative is that only those who work, the elderly, children and the disabled should get aid. Everyone else needs to try to prove they're working and thrifty. This is the age-old "self-sufficiency" or "deserving" poor idea.

A particularly pernicious American narrative that prevents us from investing in effective solutions, which tend to require more universal implementation, is the nanny state idea. Framing government programs as controlling, mismanaged, or socialist usurps the possibility of solving the problem.

Non-profits may model working solutions but almost none have the reach to meet the need. If we are going to elevate another generation of Americans into the middle class, it'll take a multi-pronged campaign, the likes of which we saw after WWII, when policies to encourage college and home ownership alleviated the financial strains on Americans. Those policies - tax breaks on interest paid for home mortgages and student loans, homestead tax breaks and capital gains tax breaks, among others - continue to this day, and are a kind of "hand-out" that the middle class still enjoys, as Matthew Desmond documented in Poverty, by America. Unfortunately, a whole generation of U.S. minority populations were denied access to those programs. Redlining and whites-only clauses prevented minorities from buying homes. They lost the ability to pass generational wealth to their children, as did anyone else who didn't use these supports.

The peripherals that come with subsidized housing - food security, childcare, education from the earliest ages through college, mental and physical healthcare, and job training - must be met before people can climb into the middle class. Each is part of a complex web of components with doable, proven solutions: housing first programs, subsidized childcare, free early childhood education and union-based training programs for skilled work.

We need a top-down vision and a bottom-up commitment to discover and implement what will work in our community. Of course, we'll have to stop caterwauling about paying taxes, tell our leaders about programs that are working and vote for and work with leaders to put them in place. When we ask "why isn't the mayor or governor or president doing x?" are we pushing community-wide responsibility onto someone else? What happens when no one is there for us? That's a bleak force that keeps breaking like waves on some human beings. If we don't want it for ourselves, we could strengthen our entire community a form of prevention.

-The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the League, visit the website www.lwvmontcoin.org; or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.

TIM From Page A1

I'll bet it wouldn't be that hard.

But the facts are that the Democrats and the Republicans aren't talking about cutting. They are talking about slowing the rate of spending a little.

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Instead of finding ways to fix the problem, their brilliant solution is to let the problem continue to grow, only more slowly.

And we are going along with it.

In the meantime, what's dominating the politicians' time? Oh, the Democrats are frothing at the mouth to find ways to send Trump to prison and the Republicans are frothing on their own at the idea of impeaching Biden - something that will never happen because the Democrats control the senate.

Frankly, why should we care what Trump or


Biden do? Wouldn't we be better off spending our time looking for answers to out-of-control national spending? If this were a forest fire, it would be engulfing more than half the continent with zero percent contained.

Maybe we should stop listening to polls (after all, when have they been correct?) and start looking for someone who might really throw politics to the wind and restore some fiscal sanity to Washington and the country.

Winter's coming. It's going to get awfully cold, especially if we can't afford to feed the furnace.

-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.

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