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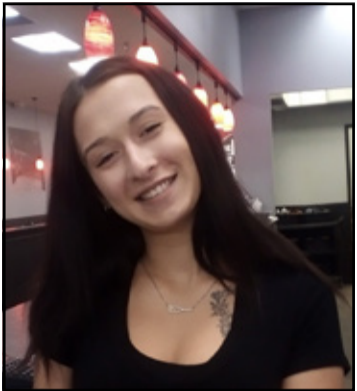
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TODAY'S VERSE

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (NIV)

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 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

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 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.

Montgomery County Commissioners Launch Comprehensive Plan Update Process

Montgomery County Commissioner, John Frey is pleased to announce the County has launched an update process for its Comprehensive Plan.

"Comprehensive plans provide overarching guidance for decisions that directly impact the future of our county. There is great value in undertaking a comprehensive planning process, and often the process itself is as informative as the final product," emphasized Frey.

Through the Comprehensive Plan update process, we recognize and anticipate changes in the future and respond through a clear and direct-action document. It is important that the plan remains current on the makeup of the County and accurately reflects the issues that impact Montgomery County's quality of life, workforce,

community character, and sets the foundation for a bright future.

The current Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2019 and communicates our county's goals and objectives, provides a blueprint for future land use, and serves as the basis for zoning, and the guide for a vibrant future. The Montgomery County Commissioners appreciate that our county has evolved since 2019 and we need to evaluate and update our current comprehensive plan to address changing priorities and needs.

To kick off the update process, the County is launching a community survey. It touches on many of the plan's topics and asks residents their ideas about the County's assets, opportunities, and challenges now and in the future. The

survey is available on the County's website, montgomerycounty.in.gov. Paper copies can be requested from the County Administrator's office.

Most importantly, the comprehensive plan is a document based on input from the community and expresses what makes Montgomery County a great place to live and work. Public participation will be a vital component of the planning process to ensure residents' voices are heard and the plan echoes the community values. The community survey is an opportunity for public input into the process and will be open until November 1, 2023. Additional in-person public input opportunities will be provided prior to finalizing the plan. The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MontgomeryCo2023>



Photo courtesy of Karen Zach

Chris Walker, Jim Thomas and Dave Fullenwider.

About James Cameron Fullenwider



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

James Cameron was the eighth child of Eleazer and Lavinna (Allen) Fullenwider's eleven children. He was a graduate of the Waveland Academy and was attending Wabash with

a bright future, until war broke-out. He, like so many from his home area of Brown Township joined-up. In fact, the brother closest in age to James was Robert Allen who was in some

large battles of Murfreesboro and Corinth, enlisting in the 40th Indiana. The next younger, Chalmers went with the 55th Indiana, Co G, on a 100-day tour. The fourth born, third son, Joseph Newton entered the 40th in 1863 and was in several tough battles, as well (Buzzard Roost, Resaca...). The Fullenwidens gave about all they could, including one son's life.

James Cameron at age 23, who like most of the Fullenwider's was tall for the times (5'10"), unlike most I've known he had light complexion and light hair. He enlisted at Indianapolis Sept 16th in 1861 for three years. He did some work

in the commissary but was then off in the thick of the fighting.

It was on March 5, 1863 when James Cameron and about 2500 other Federal soldiers fought against approximately 1,000 Confederates. Through a deluge of mud, the troops managed to conquer the large hill overlooking Thompson's Station but panicked as they viewed the mass of gray in town. Col. John Coburn didn't give his men retreating orders but that they did right into the hands of Nathan Bedford Forrest who had come-up behind them. A Confederate

➔ See KAREN Page A5

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:39 a.m.
SET: 7:36 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 77 °F
Low: 59 °F



Today is...

- National Drink Beer Day
- Read a Child a Book You Like Day
- National Good Neighbor Day

What Happened On This Day

- **1995** Israel and PLO Sign the Oslo II Accords. The Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, also known as the Taba Agreement, divided Gaza and West Bank into 3 areas, and gave limited control over some of these areas to the Palestinians.
- **1980** Carl Sagan's Cosmos: A Personal Voyage Makes its Debut. The widely popular 13-episode science television documentary series was broadcast on Public Broadcasting Service
- **1937** 1924 First Flight Around the World. On April 6, 1924, 4 teams of pilots from the United States Army Air Service set out from Seattle, Washington in an attempt to circumnavigate the world.

Births On This Day

- **1968** Naomi Watts English/Australian actress
- **1909** Al Capp American cartoonist

Deaths On This Day

- **1991** Miles Davis American trumpet player, composer, bandleader
- **1891** Herman Melville American writer

HONEST HOOSIER

Hey media junkies, here's a fun fact. On this date in 1951, CBS opened sales to the first color televisions. However, less than a month later, they dropped them. Hey, who needed living color anyways?



INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Community Event:

Come join us at our annual Harvest Festival! Bring the whole family for fun and yummy fall food. Start your holiday shopping early with local artisan vendors! The event is to take place at the Davidson Greenhouse & Dispensary; 3147 E Ladoga Rd. Crawfordsville. On Saturday September 30th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday October 1 from noon to 4 p.m.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Chill out – people who are aggressive appear to be at greater risk for heart attacks and strokes. 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

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."
-Winston Churchill

TODAY'S JOKE

The boss is a bit old-fashioned. He just got his first cellular phone. The other day he was shopping when his wife called. She asked if his phone was working OK. He said it was, but then asked - "How did you know I was at the store?"

OBITUARIES

None

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



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7 DAY FORECAST

60/75 WET START, ACT OF NATURE, SOME REVERE!	59/77 CLOUDS, SCT'D SHOWERS & STORMS	58/80 BRIGHTER	58/83 SUNNY & WARM	57/83 SUNNY & WARM	59/85 SUNNY & WARM	59/85 SUNNY & WARM
WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE

Meeting Notes

Board Of Public Works And Public Safety

September 27 at 10 a.m.
 I. Approval of the minutes from September 20, 2023.

II. Approval of the claims for the week of September 25, 2023.

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

a. Kiley Cornelius with a wastewater bill adjustment 407 B E Market St. - Marta Corey

b. Gary Bell with Veterans Day Parade requests

c. Agreement with RJL Solutions for marketing and advocacy services

d. Discussion of an

agreement between the City and Wills Fencing plus

e. Opening quotes received for the Crawfordsville Street Department Post-Frame Building Construction

f. Barry Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer, with work order requests

•301/303 W. North Street, owned by Dan Malek

•408 Binford Street, owned by Aundrea Ellingwood

V. Departments Heads

VI. Adjournment

Union Township Trustee Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER – President Dennis Hohlbein

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 13, 2023

III. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2024 Budget Adoption

V. OTHER BUSINESS (For Information Only - No Board Action Necessary)

VI. NEXT MEETING

A.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Witham Health Services For October

October 1

• Breastfeeding Support Group – is held weekly on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the VIP Dining Room.

• Individualized Breastfeeding Support is available with a Lactation Consultant. To schedule an appointment and for pricing, call 765-485-8411.

• Alzheimer's Support Group – Tuesday, October 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the VIP Dining Room.

• Cancer Support Cooking for Wellness – Tuesday, October 17th at 1:00 p.m. in the South Pavilion Wellness Center.

• Cancer Support Group – Monday, October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the North Pavilion Conference Rooms. Parking is Parking Lot and exterior door is marked 39.

• Grief Support Group – Tuesday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the VIP Dining Room

October 2

• Diabetes Self-Management Class – Call the Diabetes Education Department at 765-485-8120 for individualized class, scheduling and pricing.

• Rock Steady Boxing

1 & 2 - held weekly at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.

• Rock Steady Boxing 3 & 4 - held weekly at 9:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.

• Silver Sneakers – held weekly at 11:15 a.m. on Mondays for those 65 or older at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.

• Tai Chi for Health 2 - Seven week sessions, held weekly at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.

• Tai Chi for Health 1 - Seven week sessions, held weekly at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.

• Fight Smart – Designed to reduce the risk of any chronic disease you may be facing. Held weekly at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and another class on Thursday's at 9:00 a.m. at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion

Wellness Center. Class is Free through the Community Foundation Grant.

• Restorative Yoga – is held weekly on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.

• Flow Yoga – held weekly on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.

• Gentle Yoga – Gentle Yoga is held weekly on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm and Saturdays at 10:00 am at the Witham South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.

• Yin Yoga – is held weekly on Thursdays at 6:00 pm at the Witham Health Services South Pavilion Wellness Center. Please call the Wellness Department at 765-485-8126 for more information on scheduling and pricing.



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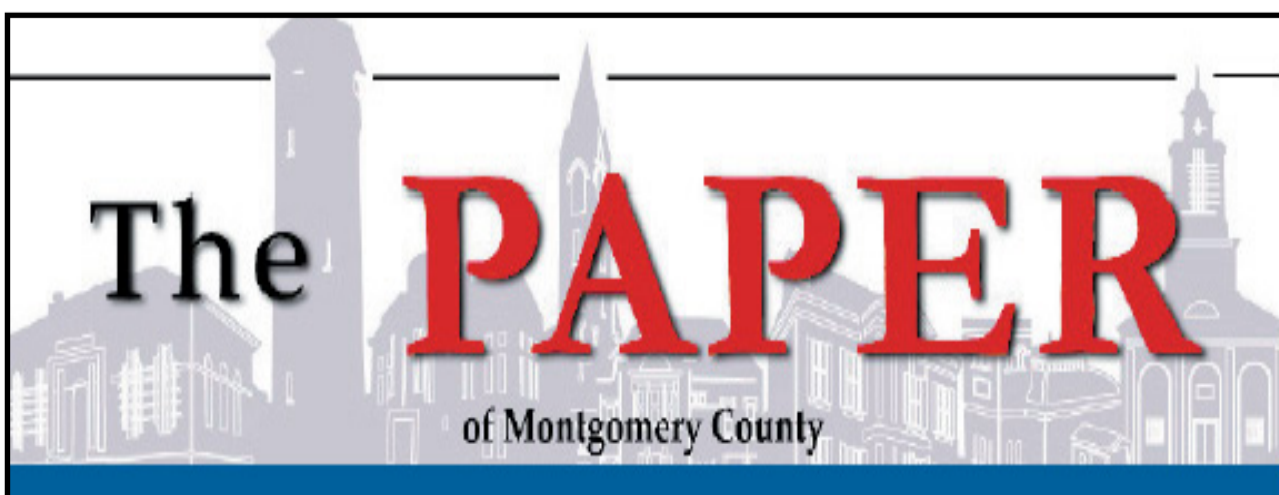
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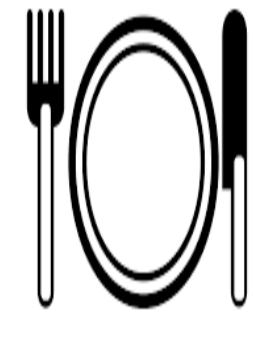
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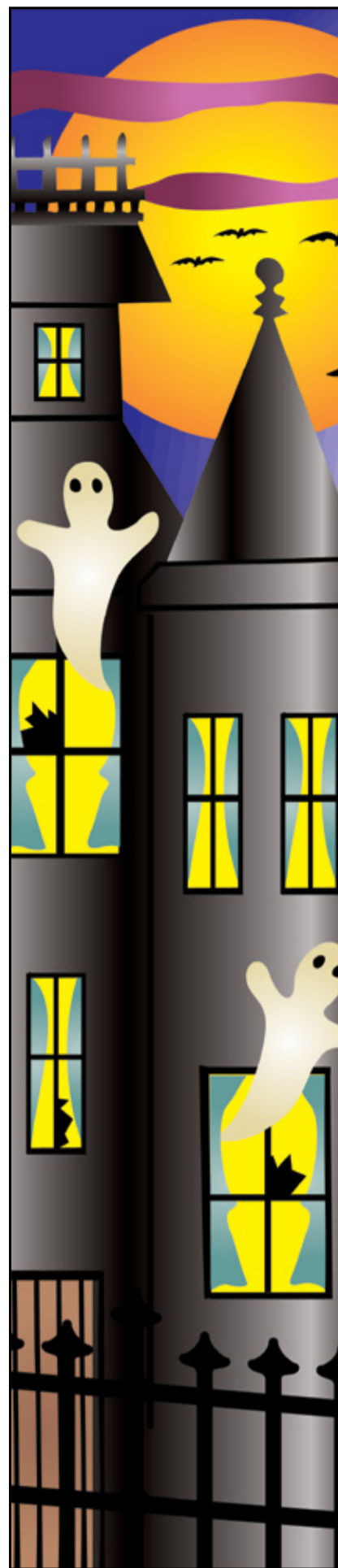
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Halloween Writing Contest

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Here's how it works:

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)

Do not exceed 750 words

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Why Do Environmentalists Hate Fracking?

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Dear EarthTalk: Why do environmentalists hate fracking so much?

Fracking, short for hydraulic fracturing, is a method of extracting natural gas. It was invented in the 1940s, but gained popularity in the past two decades, particularly in the U.S. This is because most conventional natural gas reservoirs that can be extracted using traditional methods have been depleted. In 2001, 25 percent of U.S. natural gas was extracted via fracking. By 2022, this grew to almost 80 percent.

Let's delve into the fracking process. Initially, a deep shaft is drilled into the ground, typically hundreds of meters, until it reaches shale rock formations where natural gas and petroleum are trapped in small pockets. Then, a horizontal hole is created throughout the shale. In an typical fracking operation, some four million gallons of fracking fluid—freshwater, sand and numerous chemicals—is driven through the hole using high-pressure pumps to fracture the rock and release the natural gas. After the natural gas is collected, the used fracking fluid, known as flowback, is removed and stored in an underground well.

Flowback fluid is extremely poisonous. It consists of hundreds

of chemicals, including lubricants, acids and disinfectants, as well as numerous toxins and carcinogens, such as benzene, radium and heavy metals. The water used cannot be recycled, exacerbating water scarcity. The true toxicity remains unknown due to drilling regulations allowing the concealment of chemicals as Confidential Business Information.

Nonetheless, the impacts are evident. Livestock and pets die due to wastewater exposure; marine wildlife suffer when the fluid enters water bodies. A series of ProPublica reports showed a link between fracking and drinking water contamination in Pennsylvania, Colorado, Ohio and Wyoming. An experiment in West Virginia revealed severe harm to vegetation, killing most plants and half the trees in the tested area.

Fracking emissions, such as methane, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and particulate matter, are linked to severe health issues like nausea, migraines, birth defects, low birth weights and weight gain. A study in Yale's Environmental Health Perspectives reported that young Pennsylvania children (ages two to seven) residing near fracking sites faced a two to threefold higher risk of being diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia compared to those living farther away.

Fracking is much more

polluting than conventional drilling, which does not require the use of fluids to crack rock layers. "As much as eight percent of the methane in shale gas leaks into the air during the lifetime of a hydraulic shale gas well—up to twice what escapes from conventional gas production," Robert Howarth of Cornell University estimated. To put this into perspective, methane exhibits a greenhouse gas potency 105 times greater than that of carbon dioxide.

Let's hope scientists find new ways of making renewable energy more accessible so society can begin moving away from natural gas and other fossil fuels.

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State Warns Consumers To Be Aware Of Romance Scams

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita urges Indiana consumers to be on the lookout for romance scams approaching the holiday season.

"Online dating is a popular route for a lot of people these days in their search for true love," Rokita said. "In some cases, innocent people are connecting with scammers who lie and cheat them out of their hard-earned money instead. Protecting Hoosiers from fraudsters is one of my office's top priorities."

In romance scams, perpetrators prey on unsuspecting matches by creating fake profiles to take advantage of victims online. They go to great lengths to pose as prospective romantic partners with similar interests to lure people into providing

gifts, money, or personal information.

Just this year, a Westfield resident lost nearly \$100 million to a romance scam. This type of dupery can happen even in Indiana. According to the FBI, victims of romance scams lost \$1 billion in 2021 alone.

Here are a few warning signs that someone might be more interested in your money or personal information than a relationship:

- Your new romantic interest sends a picture that doesn't look realistic. Rather, the person looks more like a model from a fashion magazine.
- The relationship is moving fast, and the other person quickly professes their love for you.
- The person attempts to isolate you from friends and family.

•The person requests inappropriate photos or financial information that could later be used against you.

•The person can't meet you in person or communicate on facetime.

•The person asks you for money to buy their ticket to visit you, help pay for medical expenses (for them or a family member) or invest in a business.

•The person tells you how to pay. He or she requires specific payment methods that are hard to recoup, such as a wire transfer, preloaded gift card, cryptocurrency, or money transfer app.

If you ever suspect a scam of any type, file a complaint at indianaconsumer.com or call Rokita's office at (800) 382-5516.

The Next PACT Act Deadline: Health Care Enrollment For Veterans Who Deployed To Combat Zones

Until 11:59pm local time on 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. This special enrollment period gives Veterans who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones an opportunity to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits.

VA encourages all of these Veterans to visit VA.gov/PACT or call 1-800-MYVA411 to learn more and sign up for VA health care before the deadline. Veterans who are enrolled in VA health care are proven to have better health outcomes than non-enrolled Veterans, and VA hospitals have dramatically outperformed non-VA hospitals in overall quality ratings and patient satisfaction ratings. Additionally, VA health care is often more affordable than non-VA health care for Veterans.

This special enrollment period is a part of the PACT Act, the largest expansion of VA health care and benefits in generations. Since President Biden signed the PACT Act into law on August 10, 2022, more than 378,000 Veterans have enrolled in VA health care and more than 4.4 million enrolled Veterans have been screened for toxic exposures.

"Are you a Veteran who deployed to a combat zone but never enrolled in VA health care? If you left active duty between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013, you should sign up now," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "Even if you don't need this care now, you may need it in the future – and once you're in, you have access for life. But don't wait – the deadline is September 30 – so go to VA.gov/PACT and apply today."

VA is executing a nationwide outreach campaign to ensure that as many Veterans as possible enroll before September

30. In total, there are 1.78 million Veterans in this cohort, and 1.37 million of them are already enrolled in VA care. This month alone, we have sent letters, emails, and – for the first time in VA history – texts to the approximately 400,000 remaining Veterans encouraging them to apply. Thus far, this campaign has resulted in a 119% jump in this year's enrollments from this cohort since August 15, 2023. This is a part of the largest outreach campaign in VA history, which has one goal in mind: ensure that all Veterans – and their survivors – get the health care and benefits they deserve under the PACT Act.

More information on eligibility for the special enrollment period can be found at VA.gov/PACT. For more information about how the PACT Act is helping Veterans and their survivors, visit VA's PACT Act Dashboard. To apply for care or benefits today, visit VA.gov/PACT or call 1-800-MYVA411.

Brown County Ranks Third Among Nation's State Parks For Fall Foliage

Brown County State Park, Indiana's largest, ranks third on New York Travel Guide's recently published list of its 15 best state parks for fall foliage.

To compile the list, the guide compared more than 600 parks in three categories, including reviews of fall colors, fall photography popularity, and each park's overall rating.

Last December, Brown County State Park ranked sixth on a list of most beautiful state parks in the country according to a study done by Travel

Lens, which also ranked the park 13th among the country's "most Instagrammed state parks." In 2021, the park was added to the National Register of Historic Places, and it is a fixture on various "best of" rankings for its mountain biking trails.

The park comprises nearly 16,000 acres, most of them heavily wooded.

"Come experience and watch the fall colors explode over the rolling hills of southern Indiana's hardwood forests in Brown County State

Park," said Terry Coleman, director of Indiana State Parks.

More about Brown County State Park is at on.IN.gov/browncountypark.

For ideas of other Indiana state park properties to go for fall colors that might be less populated, see on.IN.gov/stateparks. For those who prefer free entry with fewer amenities for fall foliage viewing, see on.IN.gov/dfwproperties, on.IN.gov/forestry, or on.IN.gov/naturepreserves.

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soldier wrote that, "the carnage continued for five hours – hand to hand combat quite common" (American Battlefield Trust).

It was in this carnage that Sgt. James Cameron Fullenwider was severely wounded (along with 84 others, 13 killed and 407 captured in the 33rd alone – Wikipedia). As a Prisoner Of War, James Cameron was taken to a Confederate Hospital where he passed away, the specific date in question. One of his Civil War papers notes he died on the 12th, my choice since it was a few days after the battle, another the 18th (from wounds received on March 5th) yet another notes March 16th (these two I think are too late) in Columbia (Maury County, Tennessee), all agreeing that he died "of wounds received in action at Thompson's Station on March 5th." Fascinating fellow with the multiple death dates but suffice to say it was due to the March 5th battle.

It is unknown (100% sure) where JCF was buried, as Chris Walker, PHD (in history) of Indiana Wesleyan states that as far as he could find, none from that battle were returned

home, yet he has a quest to preserve and honor those who earned it and lucky for our young Waveland fellow, he felt James Cameron Fullenwider's life deserved to be set in stone. Chris became interested in the 33rd because he had two Bartholomew County, Indiana ancestors in it, both luckily returning home after imprisonment (Libby, one of the worst) and heavy fighting (Peach Tree Creek where they were wounded), but he and his father began making sure they and other 33rd members had a stone, dad being too old now to go with him but at this point. Chris has been in or in contact with people in 12 different states in order to have government stones put in for over 100 of the 33rd. He has worked on this project with monument companies, American Legion members, other historians and folks in charge of various cemeteries as was this case.

Chris contacted Jim Thomas on the Presbyterian Cemetery board (where JCF's parents are buried) who in turn contacted Waveland resident and local historian, Dave Fullenwider, (see the pic of the three prepared to work and the finished



Photo courtesy of Karen Zach

product-thanks Dave) James being Dave's second great grand uncle and together they worked to discover a good place to mark the young soldier's grave. Dave and Jim got out the burial plat maps and they decided a place for the stone would be next to his parents (stone shown here) and among so many of the soldier's other relatives. Rest in Peace, James Cameron Fullenwider and thank you for your ultimate sacrifice and those who have now marked your life in stone!

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Halloween-themed House

We're looking for some of the spookiest and most fun Halloween houses around Montgomery County.

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