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**TODAY'S VERSE**

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

**FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



One of our roving photographers caught Cameron and Cooper outside and having fun and the boys were nice enough to offer a smile! Got a great photo of your loved one? E-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com along with the pertinent info (and your contact information so we can reach you if we have questions).

**THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** The Animal Welfare League is hosting a Trickin' Jeeps and Trunk or Treat at Pike Place! Dress up your jeep in a fun Halloween style Saturday, October 21 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. This event is open to the public and will include raffles, prizes and a food truck. Trunk or treat will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$25 per jeep. This event is sponsored by Animal Welfare League, HCJC Lafayette and Jeeps of MoCo.

**2** Tickets are available now for the Rotary Jail Museum Ghost Hunts. Please pay attention to the date and time you select, some events take place just before or just after midnight. The Fan Meet & Greet with the Fourman Brothers from Paranormal Nightmare is a FREE event - we are only selling pre-purchase tickets for the Ghost Hunts on October 28 & 29. Night Tours on October 27 are \$10 at the door.

**3** Falls of the Ohio State Park will have a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the installation of the park's Lewis and Clark statue, sculpted by the late artist Carol Grende, Oct. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Interpretive Center. The event will include presentations in the auditorium by Mandy Dick, a reenactor of William and George Rogers Clark's sister, Lucy Croghan, at 11 a.m.; by Filson Historical Society historian Jim Holmberg on the Falls' connection to the Lewis & Clark expedition at 1 p.m.; and by Phyllis Yaeger of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Commission on the history of "The Handshake" statue. Visit (on.IN.gov/fallsoft-heohiosp) for more information.

**BTN**

By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

**\$3.2 Billion**

The City of Kokomo secured a second battery manufacturing plant for electronic vehicles, a \$3.2 billion investment from Stellantis and Samsung SDI that will also operate as a StarPlus Energy gigafactory with an anticipated 1,400 new, high-wage jobs.

**2,800 Jobs**

Combined, the two facilities plan to create 2,800 jobs for a total investment of \$6.3 billion, according to the governor's office. The first factory, announced in May of last year, is under construction and set to launch in early 2025. The second factory could start as early as 2027.

**\$37.5 Million**

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), a quasi-public agency, will commit up to \$37.5 million in conditional tax credits and up to \$2 million in conditional training grants, pending approval from the entity's board of directors.

**\$176.5 Mil In State Tax Incentives**

An additional \$22 million in conditional redevelopment tax credits based on investment plans and up to \$115 million in conditional structured performance payments are also available — a combined \$176.5 million in state tax incentives.

**\$262 Per Hour**

SBOA is tasked with auditing local government's finances at a cost that cannot exceed 80% of the market rate, or roughly \$262 per hour. The agency reported its full cost rate to be \$129 per hour, or 49% of the market rate in the last year.

**30 Percent**

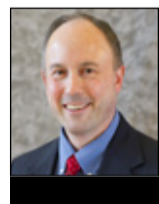
The influx of billions of dollars in federal relief funneled through the state to Indiana's counties, cities and townships has increased the workload for the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) by 30%, as the entity audits local budgets and implements federal spending requirements.

**\$5.7 Billion**

For 35 days in late 2018 and 2019 when Trump was in the White House and Republicans held congressional majorities, Republicans shut the federal government down over a \$5.7 billion impasse on funding for the Mexican border wall, something Trump had repeatedly insisted that Mexico would pay for.

**605,000 Hoosiers**

The brunt of any long-lasting impact of a government shutdown could be felt by hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers receiving supplemental food benefits, such as SNAP. Holcomb noted that employees would still get their pay but Hoosiers relying upon the safety net system don't have the same guarantee. "If you're looking at the 605,000 Hoosiers are getting SNAP benefits, we hope it's going to be baked in before the shutdown would occur . . . we can operate because the dollars mostly are already allocated for our state program," Holcomb said. "But that's not to say there won't be a disruption."



**JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.**  
Montgomery Medicine

John Roberts will not have a column this week but will be back and better than ever next week on his regular day.

**HONEST HOOSIER**

So is all the news about Taylor Swift good or bad for football?



**INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION**

Casey Williams.....A3  
Classifieds.....A3  
Carrie Classon.....A4

**THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

Say Cheese!

Are you a proud parent or grandparent? Got a great photo of your loved one? E-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com along with the pertinent info (and your contact information so we can reach you if we have questions). C'mon, let's show off as many bright and smiling faces as we can and make clear exactly why Montgomery County is such a great place to raise a family!

**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Smoking leads to face wrinkles. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween."  
-Erma Bombeck

**TODAY'S JOKE**

What do you call two witches trick or treating together?  
Broommates

**OBITUARIES**  
NONE

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



**The Daily Almanac**

Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 7:57 a.m.  
SET: 7:08 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures  
High: 56 °F  
Low: 46 °F

Today is...

- Global Cat Day
- National Liqueur Day
- World Food Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 1798 First Non-Italian to Win the Papacy since 1523. Karol Józef Wojtyła, the Archbishop of Kraków, won the papal elections that were held after his predecessor Pope John Paul I died after only 33 days in office. As Pope, Wojtyła took on the name of John Paul II.
- 1964 First Chinese Nuclear Test. Code-named Chic-1 or 596, the 22 kiloton uranium fission device was dropped at Lop Nur. With this test, China became the fifth nuclear power state in the World. The other four are the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, and France.
- 1923 The Walt Disney Company is Founded. A leader in the international entertainment industry, the company was created by brothers Walt and Roy as the Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio.
- Births On This Day**
- 1925 Angela Lansbury English/American actress, singer
- 1888 Eugene O'Neill American playwright, Nobel Prize laureate
- Deaths On This Day**
- 1793 Marie Antoinette Austrian wife of Louis XVI of France
- 1791 Grigory Potemkin Russian military leader, politician

**7 DAY FORECAST**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
46/56 COOL, BREEZY	46/63 PARTLY SUNNY	45/68 WARMER	53/67 P.M. RAIN CHANCE	49/60 SCATTERED SHOWERS	43/58 PARTLY CLOUDY	36/53 BREEZY AND MILD

# 1st And 2nd Place Tie! The World's Longest-Running Play Comes To Meyers Dinner Theatre!

The first place team of Jeff Cohee, Dick Baker, Steve Snyder and Bill Arnold scored eight-under-par along with the second place team of Steve Hoagland, Greg Rister, Gary Enquest and Fred

Phelps. Proxys went to Stephens and Steve House on holes one and fifteen respectively. Longest drive of someone 80 years old or older went to Dave Hart.

## Hole 'N' One!!!

The best feeling for a golfer might be watching the ball from tee box to green fly straight and true . . . and in the hole.

Well, for Dan Welliever, a former teacher and coach at Crawfordsville High School, that happened recently. Welliever recorded his first hole-in-one. The ace came on No. 13 at Coy-

ote Crossing in Lafayette. There was no word on what the yardage or club was, but the shot was witnessed by Alan Froedge, Bill Sheldon and Jack Phillips.

We're also not sure what day it was, but if it was Friday the 13th and happened on No. 13, we wonder if Welliever is superstitious!

Myers Dinner Theatre is excited to continue their 2023 Main Stage season with the murder mystery, Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*. This drama, the longest-running play in history, will open on Friday, October 20th, with seating for dinner at 6:00 p.m. ET and the meal at 6:30. This play, directed by Charles Burr, will run through Saturday, November 4th.

After a local woman is murdered, the guests and staff at Monkswell Manor find themselves stranded during a snowstorm. It soon becomes clear that the killer is among them, and the seven strangers grow increasingly suspicious of one another. A police detective, arriving on skis, interrogates the suspects: the newlyweds running the house; a spinster with a curious background; an architect who seems better equipped to be a chef; a retired Army major; a strange little man who claims his car has overturned in a drift; and a jurist who makes life miserable for everyone.

When a second murder takes place, tensions and fears escalate. This record-breaking murder mystery features a brilliant surprise finish from Dame Agatha Christie, the foremost mystery writer of her time.

This show will feature a couple of newcomers to the MDT stage. Cole Hintz (Sergeant Trotter) and Christian Fronckowiak (Christopher Wren) will make their MDT debuts. We also welcome Brett Frederickson (Giles Ralston), Kristina Swearingen (Mollie Ralston), Annie Heartney (Miss Casewell), Malcom Claeys (Major Metcalf), Charles Burr (Mr. Paravacini), and Donna Schulte (Mrs. Boyle) back to the MDT stage.

The *Mousetrap* opens Friday, October 20th and runs through Saturday, November 4th, with weekday matinee seating for meals at 11:30 a.m. ET, the meal at noon, and curtain at 1:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening performances will have seating for meals at 6:00 p.m.,



Photo courtesy of Meyers Dinner Theatre

**Mrs. Boyle (Donna Schulte) is not impressed with the accommodations Giles (Brett Fredrickson) and Mollie (Kristina Swearingen) Ralston have provided her at Monkswell Manor. She's dying to know how on earth they could make it up to her. Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* runs from October 20th through November 4th at Meyers Dinner Theatre in Hillsboro, IN**

meal at 6:30 p.m., and curtain at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees will have seating for meals at noon, meal at 12:30 p.m., and curtain at 2:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by phone at 765-798-4902, ext. 2, from our Facebook page, or by visiting the MDT website at [www.myersdt.com](http://www.myersdt.com).

Performance dates vary, so consult the online cal-

endar for dates and times. Theatre prices are \$49.50 for dinner and show, \$37 for students (ages 4-18), and show-only for \$35. Prices do not include taxes, handling fees, or gratuity for wait staff. Season tickets, group pricing, and bus parking are also available. Myers Dinner Theatre is located at 108 Water St Hillsboro and is handicap accessible.

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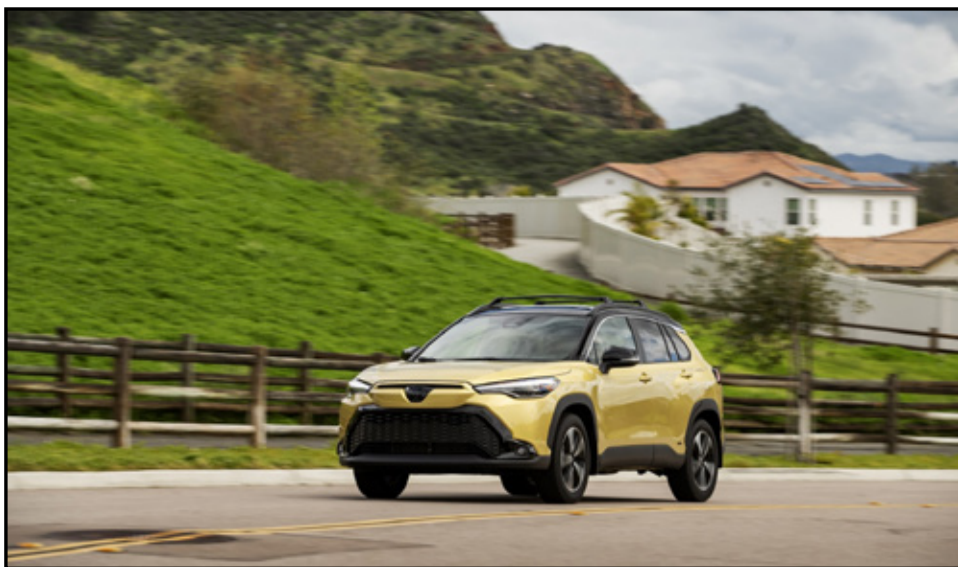
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## 2023 Toyota Corolla Cross XSE Hybrid Trades Well On A Best-Selling Name

Scroll through web pages from major auto-makers and you'll quickly realize compact sedans are in short supply. Haven't looked for a while? Good luck! Ford, GM, Chrysler, and Mitsubishi have all waved adios to a segment they once dominated. While the Toyota Corolla still sells in respectable numbers, its maker recognizes buyers are shifting to taller rides. So, to capitalize on the storied brand, and throw in some Prius DNA to a package buyers want, we get the 2023 Toyota Corolla Cross Hybrid.

It does kind of look like a tall Corolla wagon with its pinched nose, squinty headlamps, and narrow wrap-around tail lamps, but our XSE edition's dark badges, black body accents, and contrasting roof give it a devilish flair. I didn't know what to think of our car's Acidic Blast goldish metallic paint, but

it does look striking with the noir contrasts. Large 18" wheels fill hunky chiseled fenders nicely.

It was easier to slide inside the higher seats, but sitting behind the wheel, I could just as easily have been in a Corolla sedan. And, this generation feels appreciably more upscale with a thick leather-wrapped steering wheel, soft dash coverings, and intuitive touchscreen perched proud of the center dash. Even the gear selector and firm Softex-and-cloth seats seem more expensive. Luxuries like a power sunroof, JBL audio, dual-zone automatic climate control, and wireless phone charger confirm the XSE's premium position.

Toyota makes safety a priority in all of its vehicles, so the Corolla Cross comes with the latest crash avoidance technology: Automatic emergency braking with pedestrian recogni-

### 2023 Toyota Corolla Cross XSE Hybrid Five-passenger, AWD Crossover

Powertrain: 2.0-liter I4, Li-ion batteries  
Output: 196hp (combined)  
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind  
Wheels f/r: 18"/18" alloy  
Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc  
0-60 mph: 7.3s.  
Fuel economy: 45/38 mpg city/hwy  
Assembly: Huntsville, AL  
Base/as-tested price: \$27,970/\$36,337

tion, lane keep assist, blind spot warning, and rear cross path detection with auto brake. Radar adaptive cruise and lane centering steering assist drivers on longer highway drives.

Nobody does hybrids better than Toyota, so it's no surprise the Corolla

### LIKES

- Hybrid MPGs
- Comfy interior
- Cargo space

Cross comes stoked with excellence. The hybrid system combines a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine, continuously variable transmission, lithium ion batteries, and motors to put 196 horsepower to the road through standard all-wheel-drive. Fuel economy is rated a frugal 45/38-MPG city/highway. Use Sport mode to make the throttle most sensitive and to zip off 0-60 mph in 7.3 seconds. Even if not racing neighborhood teens, you'll feel the pep when skipping onto the freeway.

Some hybrids can whine and scream as they rev the engine and shift continuously variable transmissions, but the Corolla Cross feels smooth and refined. Batteries add torque,

### DISLIKES

- High-ish price
- Sleepy handling
- Frumpy styling (non-XSE)

which translates into surer acceleration without drama. The XSE's sport-tuned four-wheel independent suspension provides a good balance between ride comfort and firm handling. It can bounce some off some bridges, but just rumbles over rough pavement without a creak, squeak, nor rattle.

Toyota has sold more Corollas since its 1966 debut than Ford sold Model T's or Volkswagen sold Beetles. It's a global icon, but its genre is in decline. Almost nobody buys compact sedans and hatchbacks today, so Toyota made a smart move in creating an affordable crossover, imbuing all the efficiency, affordability, and durability for which Corollas



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are known. And if it stirs in a little Prius and Supra DNA, then all the better.

The base all-gas Corolla Cross starts at \$23,610. Hybrids rise from \$27,970 to our car's \$36,337 all-in. Also check the Honda HR-V, Chevy Trailblazer, Subaru Crosstrek, Kia Seltos, and Mazda CX-50. Storm Forward!

-Send comments to Casey at [AutoCasey@aol.com](mailto:AutoCasey@aol.com); follow him on YouTube @ AutoCasey.

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# Secret To Talking With Dogs Parke County Covered Bridge Festival Commences



**CARRIE CLASSON**  
The Postscript

It's no secret that I love dogs. I love dogs, and I don't have one right now because, traveling as much as my husband, Peter, and I do, having a dog makes no sense. We know this. We have discussed this. There are times I would like to have a dog so much it makes my heart hurt. And then I realize how easy it is to get on a plane without worrying about the welfare of a dog, and I know we have—at least for now—made the right decision.

And so my solution is to talk to other people's dogs.

I'm sure I'm not the only one who talks to dogs on my daily walk. I'd be surprised, however, if anyone was more enthusiastic about it. I am also (if I say so myself) very good at it. This is because I have a secret method for talking to dogs.

I start before the dog (and their person) have even met me on the sidewalk. I see them coming, and I make a little noise. It is my secret little dog call. It is a high little squeak, and every dog can hear it, and most of their owners cannot. This little noise

gives me my edge.

The dog is alert. "That person is talking to me!" the dog says. It looks at me closely. If it has ears that go up, they are at attention.

"What a sweet pup!" I then say, loud enough for the owner to hear. There is almost no one who does not like to hear they have a sweet pup.

I imagine every one of these pups has been something less than sweet at some time or another (maybe just last night), and the owner of that dog appreciates a total stranger—with no investment in the matter whatsoever—confirming their bias that this is an obviously special dog, a dog well worth any trouble they might have caused.

At this point, since the dog and I have already been having a conversation and the owner is now looking at me, most dogs figure I am "A Friend." If their owner was nervous around me or disinterested, some of them would pretend they were disinterested as well. But once their owner confirms that I am "A Friend," the dog almost always rushes over to become better acquainted.

I try not to hold them up too long. I don't stop runners because that seems

rude. But most people strolling along with their dog don't seem to mind me scratching their dog's ears and maybe getting a dog kiss.

If the conversation is going well, I sometimes learn the dog's name. Learning his name is Barney extends our meet-and-greet time because then I get to say, "Oh, Barney! What do you think of this weather?"

Barney is even more delighted because not only am I "A Friend," I am "A Friend Who Knows His Name!" which is the very best kind. This seems to work equally well in English and Spanish, in the city or hiking through the woods.

Then I say goodbye, and I always thank the owner for sharing their dog. I go on my way, and I am aware—right there on my walk—that I feel better than I did before I met that dog. My heart is lighter. My step is quicker. My day, even if it was good already, has just improved.

So that is my secret for talking to dogs. It is also the secret to being a little bit happier every day.

Till next time,  
Carrie

- Carrie Classon is a freelance writer and author and lives in New Mexico. Her columns appear each week.



**SPENCER DEERY**  
Guest Columnist

One of District 23's largest events starts today: The Parke County Covered Bridge Festival.

If you are from outside the area, come and visit and enjoy the county's many covered bridges, changing leaf colors and goods for sale from both vendors and community yard sales.

Thank you to the county's emergency personnel and others who will work tirelessly to make the festival happen over the next two weekends. As residents know, it's not an easy task to host this festival each year, but it's an important part of the county's economy. If you visit, I hope you will support the local small businesses and vendors you encounter.

I continue to work with local leaders to find more ways to help

both county budgets and everyday citizens benefit from the natural beauty and tourist attractions in Parke County.

### Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence

The National Domestic Violence Hotline reports intimate partner violence affects more than 12 million people every year and Indiana, sadly, is no exception.

This issue should be addressed year-round, but we recognize October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month to raise awareness of the signs of abuse and help share the resources available to support survivors.

This year, I supported two new laws to help protect victims and prevent domestic violence offenses. One new law will help victims make arrangements for their safety by requiring individuals arrested for domestic violence to be held for at least 24 hours before they can be released on bail. A second new law makes it

a crime for certain individuals to use electronic devices like Air Tags to track an individual without their knowledge.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or click here to locate a certified domestic violence help program in a county near you.

### Deadline Approaching

The deadline to apply for the Indiana Senate Republican Caucus Internship Program is quickly approaching. Applications should be submitted by Oct. 31.

Paid spring-semester internships are available in our communications, information technology, legal, legislative, page and policy offices.

- Spencer Deery is an Indiana State Senator serving District 23 which includes Fountain, Parke, Vermillion, Warren and portions of Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties.

## Meeting Notes

### Crawfordsville Plan Commission Meeting

October 17 at 5 p.m.  
Common Council Chambers

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

II. Presentation of Minutes

A. August 15, 2023

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

A. (SUB 0032) Lantz McElroy of Arbor Homes requests a primary subdivision plat approval for a new 182 lot residential subdivision known as Hawkview Subdivision located 720' south of Purple Heart Parkway on the east side of US Highway 231

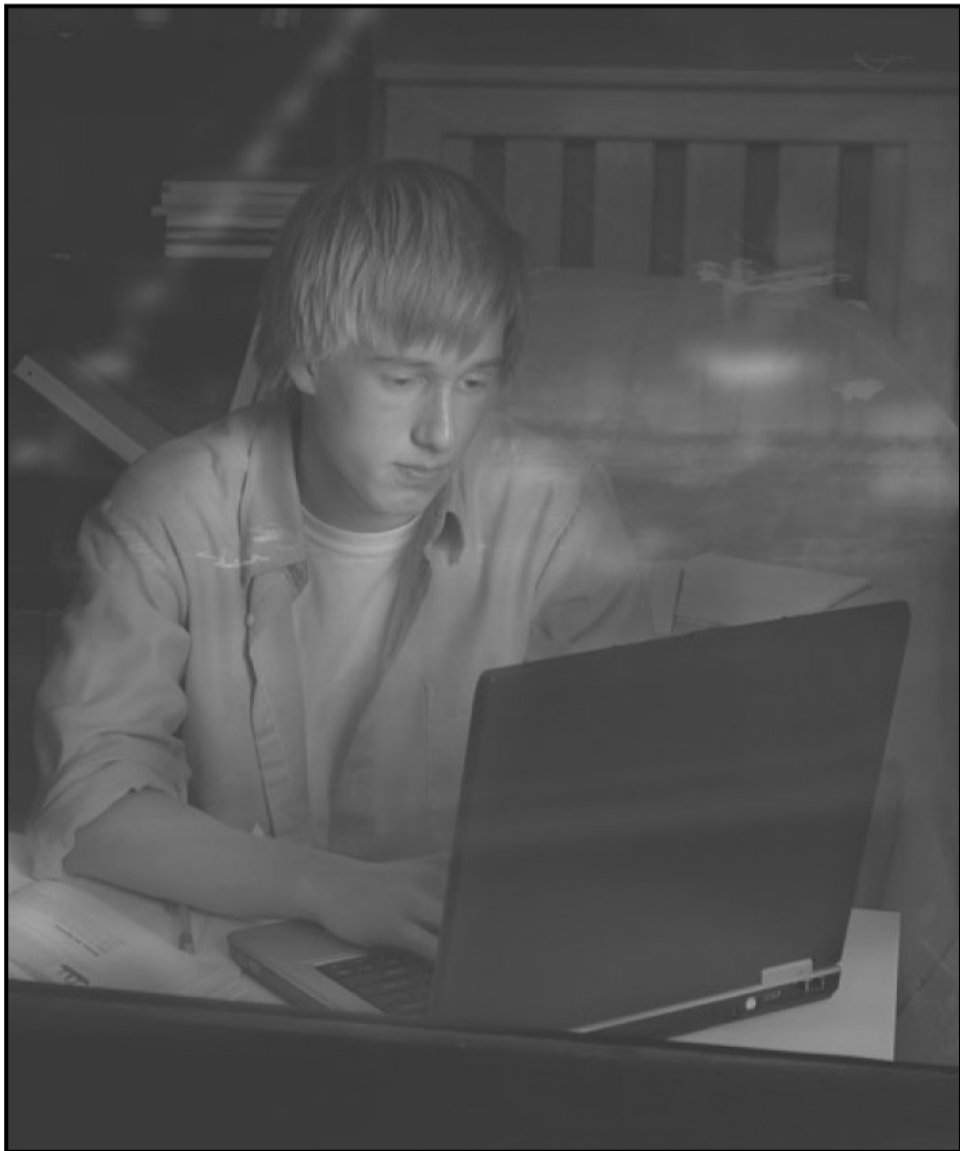
South (Parcel No. 54-10-17-500-002.000-029)

V. Miscellaneous

A. Informational Update by City Administration

B. Next regularly scheduled meeting: November 21, 2023 at 5:00 PM

VI. Adjournment



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