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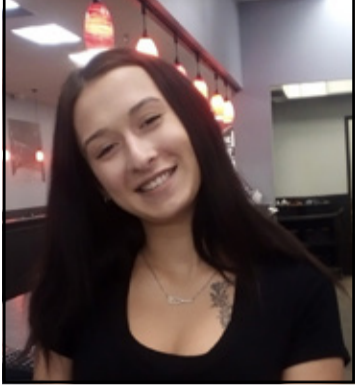
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TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 43:18-19 Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. (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!

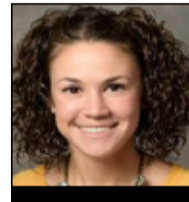
THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 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 Nightare 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 Public CISMA Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 2036 E Lebanon Rd Crawfordsville. This meeting is for anyone with concerns about invasive species in the county or who would be interested in volunteering.

4-H Leadership Starting Strong



ABBY MORGAN
Purdue Extension Office

Without missing a beat, the Indiana 4-H program is starting off another great year! 4-H is year-round program that annually starts October 1st and ends on September 30th. In Montgomery County, we are kicking off our 4-H program year with our 8th annual Spooky Science program on Monday, October 23rd from 6:00-7:00 pm in the beef barn.

We already have 4-H clubs that have started meeting, including our Junior Leader Club. So what is Junior Leaders and how are they different from our other community and project-based clubs? Junior Leaders is for youth currently in grades 7-12 that are seeking additional leadership opportunities. These youth serve in variety of leadership roles, serve as mentors, and participate in different community service projects throughout the year.

The club is organized and led by the youth officer team, with each meeting having a different theme, activity, or community service aspect.

The Montgomery County Junior Leader officer team this year is Miranda Crowe (President), Kylee Reeves (Vice President), Cole Rhoads (Secretary), Rachel Rhoads (Treasurer), Social Media Coordinator (Grace Simpson), and Natalie Rhoads, Lennon Woods, Kale Vaught, and Savannah Crowe (Council Members). For the club's kick-off event, the officer team planned pumpkin painting and an ice cream social. This year there were 37 members in attendance for their first meeting! Thank you to Oak Hill Tree Farm for your generous donation of the pumpkins! If your child is looking for a unique way to be more involved in the community and enhance their leadership skills, I would highly encourage them to consider joining 4-H and the Junior Leader program. The next Junior Leader meeting is Monday, November 13th at 6:30 pm in the Exhibit Hall at the Montgomery County 4-H Fairgrounds.

To enroll in Montgom-



Photo courtesy of Abby Morgan

ery County 4-H, please visit <https://v2.4honline.com> or visit the Montgomery County Extension office at 400 Parke Avenue, Crawfordsville. The program fee for enrolling in 4-H is \$15 per child and mini 4-H (grades K-2) is free. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension office at (765)364-6363.

- Abby Morgan is the 4-H Youth Development Educator at the Montgomery County Purdue Extension Office. She can be reached at asweet@purdue.edu or 765-364-6363.

Joseph Belton Never Returned Home Alive



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

Recently, I was honored to write one of my Around The County articles about James Cameron Fullenwider who died from wounds received in the Battle of Thompson Station and whose government stone was placed by his great grand-nephew, Dave Fullenwider, Waveland Presbyterian Cemetery board member, Jim Thomas and 33rd Indiana historian, Chris Walker, History Professor at Indiana Wesleyan.

Brown Township sent and lost many to the Civil War, including today's subject, Joseph Belton. Sadly, little is known about this man. For one, there is no birthdate for him. He is found in only two census records - from these we can glean he was probably born in late 1834 or early 1835 in either PA or OH. It seems fairly obvious that he lost at least his father but was close to his brother, Samuel, whom

I don't believe ever married. Sam was quite a bit older than Joe (24 years and thought I had found Joe's father but found proof later definitely his brother) and was born in PA but imagine Joe's birth occurred in Ohio with his parents having been born in PA. Although I was frustrated I didn't find his parents, I'm not the only one - hard to find! I suspicion Israel Belton who passed 19 Nov 1852 and Elizabeth Pacey both born in England (Lincolnshire) who married there at Heckington 18 August 1817, came to America on the Sarah Ralston to Philadelphia 18 March 1824 with Eliza, 11, a male with name beginning with "G" or "S" age 9; Mary 5; Caroline 3 and John age 1 are probable to be but found no specific records as such. Just hints such as in Sam's 1900 census record it states both parents were born in England. In 1850 the family (Joe working as an apprentice blacksmith elsewhere in the county) is in Stark County, Ohio with Ann and Jane with them. In 1870, Elizabeth age 78 is still in Stark County, Ohio with daughter Nancy age 40. There is more proof when we



Photo courtesy of Karen Zach

talk about Joe's letters below.

Joe married Mary Elinor Hamilton in Columbiana County, Ohio 16 October 1856, Mary one of the oldest of ten children born to William Wallace and Isabel McKnight Hamilton. They lived in Ohio (Alliance, then New Lisbon) but were in Waveland by 1859, having a small farm and he using his blacksmith skills quite extensively with his brother, Sam. Hiram Pratt, long time barber in Waveland noted several times that he had purchased beef from Sam and

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 8:01 a.m.
SET: 7:04 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 64 °F
Low: 52 °F

Today is...

- Rainforest Day
- New Friends Day
- International Gin and Tonic Day



What Happened On This Day

- 2005 Trial of Saddam Hussein Begins. The Iraqi Special Tribunal started the trial of deposed President of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, and 7 other defendants for crimes against humanity. Hussein, who was the fifth President of Iraq was found guilty and was executed by hanging a year later on December 30, 2006.
- 1950 Battle of Chamdo (Qamdo) Ends. Also known as the Liberation of Tibet in China, the war between China and Tibet began on October 6, when Chinese military forces under the leadership of Deng Xiaoping entered the country from Sichuan.
- 1914 First Battle of Ypres. Part of the Battle of Flanders during the First World War, the First Battle of Ypres was fought in the Belgian city of Ypres. It was fought between German forces on one side and the Belgian, French and British troops on the other.
- Births On This Day
- 1962 Evander Holyfield American boxer
- 1946 Philip Pullman English author
- Deaths On This Day
- 1745 Jonathan Swift Irish author
- 1682 Thomas Browne English author

HONEST HOOSIER

Here's a piece of advice. Don't tell your wife that you were pushing her buttons on purpose because you were looking for mute. Just saying.



INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Indiana Municipal Power Agency To Host Ribbon Cutting For Ladoga Solar Park: The IMPA President and CEO Jack Alvey, Trey Barton of the Office of Congressman Baird and Dianne Powell of the Office of Senator Todd Young are to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Ladoga Solar Park. The Ladoga Solar Park is to have an output of 0.6 megawatts and is located at 747 N. Cherry St in Ladoga. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25 at 1 p.m.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you work the night shift, put on your sunglasses before going out into the sun until you get home and go to bed. Simplify large tasks into smaller ones. 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

"I sometimes feel that I'm impersonating the dark unconscious of the whole human race. I know this sounds sick, but I love it!"
-Vincent Price

TODAY'S JOKE

What kind of car does Frankenstein drive on Halloween night?
A monster truck.

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

70 NOT AS COOL, SCT'D RAIN	54/78 BREEZY & WARMER	56/77 P.M. RAIN & STORMS	52/58 MUCH COOLER, BREEZY, FEW SHOWERS	48/58 BREEZY, STRAY SHOWER	46/56 FEW RAIN SHOWERS	43/58 STILL COOL
WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE

➔ Meeting Notes

**Board Of Public Works
And Public Safety Meeting**

October 18 at 10 a.m.
I. Approval of the minutes from October 4, 2023.
II. Approval of the claims for the week of October 9, 2023 and October 16, 2023.
III. Old Business
IV. New Business
· Stacy Sommer, Chamber of Commerce, with the 2023 Annual Christmas Parade route
· Sue Lucas, Crawfordsville Main Street, with requests in regards to Downtown Party Night, Saturday, November 25
· Discussion of an agreement between the City and Biddle Construction
· Change order request for the Frances Wooden Project
· Crawfordsville Police Department requesting a - Transfer from Category to Category
· 2024 Holiday Schedule
· A request to surplus a 1997 GMC Sierra truck-Crawfordsville

Street Department
· An agreement with ADS Environmental Services for a Wastewater flow study
· Barry Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer, with work order requests
1. 910 Tuttle Ave, owned by Remling Properties LLC c/o Chad E Monroe and Carrissa L Brashears
2. 912 Tuttle Ave, owned by Teresa Goodnight
3. 203 S Water St, owned by Malcolm Tanner
4. 1511 Southside Dr, owned by Serena Smith
5. 1606 Edgewood Dr, owned by Joshua Osterhout
6. 1000 E Market St, owned by GS Investment Property Inc
7. 406 S Walnut St, owned by John Deck c/o David Kellams
8. 807 Shady Lane, owned by Patcon Properties Inc
V. Departments Heads
VI. Adjournment

Thousands Of Additional Donations Are Needed To Replenish Red Cross Blood Supply

Gift cards, chance at \$5K for those who come to give
Since announcing a national blood and platelet shortage a month ago, thousands of donors across the country have rolled up a sleeve to help rebuild the American Red Cross blood and platelet supply. As that generosity continues, the Red Cross is working around-the-clock to ensure patients have access to lifesaving transfusions and must collect 10,000 additional blood and platelet donations – over and above expectations – each week over the next month to sufficiently meet hospital needs. Donors of all blood types are urged to book a time to give now, especially those with type O blood or those giving platelets. Don't wait – patients are counting on

critical care.

Haven's Story
This is something that an Indiana mother, Laura knows firsthand. In 2021, her four-year-old daughter, Haven was diagnosed with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Throughout her treatment, she required multiple blood and platelet transfusions, "There are so many different reasons someone needs a blood transfusion, and it's always about somebody else until one day it's a shocking wake-up call and it's you." Haven has been in remission since June of this year.
To request an Interview with Laura, contact: Matthew Kline at (317) 766-4806.
To make an appointment, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit

RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
To encourage more blood and platelet donations, the Red Cross is offering new incentives to donors over the next month. All who come to give Oct. 21-Nov. 9 will receive a \$10 gift card by email to a restaurant merchant of their choice to enjoy lunch on the Red Cross. They'll also be automatically entered to win a \$5,000 gift card. There will be three lucky winners – one chosen at random each week. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Lunch.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines don't affect donor eligibility
As cold and flu season quickly approaches, the Red Cross is reminding

donors that they can still give blood or platelets after receiving a flu vaccine, so long as they are feeling healthy and well on the day of their donation. Likewise, there is no deferral or wait time for those receiving the updated COVID-19 vaccine.

How to donate blood
A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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AI And Robotics Revolutionizing Recycling



Dear EarthTalk: How are AI and robotics combining to revolutionize recycling?

A survey conducted by the Carton Council of North America in 2018 showed that 94 percent of Americans support recycling. That same year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reported that the recycling rate was only 32.1 percent. Why is this the case?

Local governments are responsible for creating recycling programs. Cities that have invested in recycling infrastructure, education and incentive programs, like San Francisco and Los Angeles, claim recycling rates of over 70 percent. Contrarily, cities with smaller budgets and staff and contamination issues have eliminated curbside recycling altogether. (Chesapeake, VA and Pembroke Pines, FL are two examples.)

The adoption of single-stream recycling, where various recyclables are placed in a single container, has significantly increased household participation. But it has also contributed to a 25 percent contamination rate of recycled material. Contamination occurs when non-recyclable items are mixed with recyclables, making it challenging or impossible to sort and safely process these materials. Common contaminants include non-recyclable plastics

(bubble wrap, trash bags, cling wrap, etc.) and food residue.

Contamination is more than a mere inconvenience. In 2016, China received over 16 million tons of plastic, paper and metals from the U.S., 30 percent of which was contaminated and later dumped in the Chinese countryside and waterways. In 2017, China passed the National Sword Policy, banning the importation of materials that the U.S. had previously sent in for recycling. As a result, U.S. recycling facilities have had to make substantial improvements in the quality of their recyclables.

How does AI play a role in improving recycling? The 1990s saw the introduction of optical sensing and computational intelligence to distinguish between various types of plastic and paper. These systems typically achieved 80 to 95 percent purity, with human workers tasked to manually remove contaminants. Enter artificial intelligence! Recycling requires rapid identification of objects with diverse shapes, sizes and orientations on conveyor belts. AI-driven systems demonstrate near-100-percent accuracy by relying on image analysis of attributes, including color, opacity and form. A vast dataset of recyclable material images, collected globally and meticulously annotated, are regularly updated to improve reliability.

One company, AMP Robotics, has pioneered in the AI-recycling industry since 2014. Equipped with a powerful network, their 1,800 pound 'pick-and-place' robots are twice as efficient as human employees, identifying and sorting 80 items per minute. Now recycling facilities equipped with artificial intelligence robots are able to sort greater quantities of trash while reducing operating costs.

Perhaps we can even stop contamination at the point of disposal, right at home. CleanRobotics has created a receptacle named TrashBot that uses imaging, AI algorithms, and robotics to detect and sort waste as it is being thrown away. This prevents contamination and makes the sorting process easier down the line.

-CONTACTS: TrashBot uses AI to sort recyclables, <https://techcrunch.com/2022/08/12/trashbot-uses-ai-to-sort-recyclables/>; Rise of the Recycling Robots, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/kenrickcai/2020/11/12/rise-of-the-recycling-robots/?sh=6d1f70d565f9>; Why the Current U.S. Recycling Programs Are Inefficient, <https://gwchronicle.com/1783/opinion/why-the-current-u-s-recycling-programs-are-inefficient/>.

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BBB Tip: Celebrate Halloween On A Budget

Consumers are gearing up to celebrate Halloween. The National Retail Federation expects people will spend \$10.6 billion, up from \$10.1 billion in 2022. Among Halloween celebrants, 67 percent plan to buy candy, 51 percent plan to purchase decorations, and 47 percent will get costumes.

Those numbers can seem daunting for a single day, especially when watching the family budget. However, there are ways to keep the fun stylish and on budget. Better Business Bureau recommends the following tips this Halloween:

Look around your home. Check your closet. There are probably hidden surprises to help you throw together a killer costume! Getting creative will not only help save money but will save space, too.

Rent a costume. If the idea of spending money on buying a costume isn't quite appealing because you will only wear it once, consider renting. Renting a costume leaves room in the budget.

Research rental companies on BBB.org, check the store policy regarding trying on costumes, inspect the condition of the outfit, and read the rental agreement carefully before signing anything.

Buy in bulk. It may seem counter-intuitive, but buying more can save you money! Buying in bulk lessens the cost per item. Budgeting can be especially handy on a night like Halloween,

especially considering that there might be more trick-or-treaters this year. Factory-wrapped candy will last a long time, even if you have leftovers. And let's be honest, leftovers are pretty tasty, even after Halloween.

Always check the return policy. Seasonal shops carry unique items for a short period in a temporary location or online. When shopping a seasonal vendor, understand the store's return policy before making a purchase.

Remember: Buying a bunch of stuff with the intent of simply returning it after October 31 is considered fraud.

Shop smart online. When shopping from an online website, the first step is ensuring the URL starts with "HTTPS" and includes a lock symbol. The S in "HTTPS" stands for secure. Look up the website's privacy policy and contact information. If it is not clearly listed, or they only have an email as the point of contact, take that as a big red flag and shop elsewhere.

Also, be sure to use your credit card instead of your debit card, as credit cards not only provide additional protection but it's also easier to dispute a fraudulent charge.

Seasonal stores. If you decide to shop from a seasonal store, ask whether or not they will be open after the holiday, how long they plan to stay open, and if they will accept returns after Halloween is over. If they plan to close up shop on

November 1 or refuse returns after, either consider shopping elsewhere or take more time to be sure that item is exactly what you want before making the purchase.

More tips for seasonal "pop-up" stores: 1) Ask the owner if there is a website in case you have to contact them later. 2) Save every receipt. 3) Use a credit card to dispute problem charges with the card's issuer. 4) Make sure you are clear on what items are FINAL SALE.

Attending a special event or visiting a haunted house. Before purchasing tickets, research the group offering the experience and make sure that there are no complaints about the company hosting the event. 1) Check out the company at BBB.org. Read what previous customers have to say, and see how the business responds to complaints. 2) Check BBB Scam Tracker and see if other consumers have filed a report about the event host. 3) Search the business online by adding the word "Complaint," "Reviews" or "Scam" after their name for different search results.

For more information and to learn how to protect yourself, Google "BBB 10 Steps to Avoid Scams". If you spot a scam, whether you have lost money or not, report it to BBB's Scam Tracker at BBB.org/ScamTracker and the FTC at Report-Fraud.ftc.gov. Your story can help protect consumers from similar scams.

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Fountain North Johnson wrote about working as a blacksmith with Sam and Joe Belton, making carriages and wagons. Sam became quite active in the local Masons, a member until death. Joe was active in protecting the town, serving as head officer, major for the local militia (11th) but then joined (8 January 1864 Co H) the 40th Indiana as a private in the regular service, his majorship meaning nothing in the regular Army.

His letters to Mary when he was in the army gave glimpses into his earlier life. As per above (1870 census) if Elizabeth is his mother (he speaks of Nancy and several of the other children of hers and Israel's thus it is likely this is the correct parentage) he is fairly insistent that if something happens to him that Mary takes their children and goes to live with "Mother." Mother especially wanted Frank to come to her, as an educated woman, she could teach Frank individually, but Mary could read and write just fine, too and she certainly had other plans.

Little touches of humor are in his letters "I expect Nancy often thinks of me when she has something good for dinner for she was always grumbling at me for being so hard to please. Well, I'm not so hard to please as I was." He asked sister Jane to also help with Frank's schooling and that he would try to compensate her later for it.

In almost every letter to his "Dear Wife," he tells her he will likely get a furlough and that his doctor was trying hard to do that (as he was in the Joe Holt Army Hospital in Jeffersonville, Indiana for several months). He was still waiting at his death but a few days before had

told her his bowels were bad, couldn't even get out of bed, and his kidneys failing and that he was being examined for a discharge. A couple of times he apologized to her - he was occasionally a bit bossy but can you imagine the times? In one letter he admits that he made a mistake in joining. He promised when returning he would do everything in his power to make her happy. Trying to keep things light, he tells her of the books he has read and that he read the daily news aloud to the whole hospital ward and that for several weeks when he was feeling fairly well he was assigned medicine duty but was so tired after getting it all doled out then starting all over again.

Not sure he even saw his youngest (Carrie who was born 2 Nov 1864 married Arthur Kleiser, having two wonderful daughters, Mildred and Wanetah) he thanks Mary for telling him of Belle "writing to him" but said the only thing better would be to see Miss Belle herself. Another son was born as well as another child lost young, Willie 1858-59. Son Frank later owned several businesses in town, marrying local gal, Jessie Herley, then Emma Garland and having one son, Rupert. Joe often said to kiss the children for him. Bet he would have been so happy to see them grow up and enjoy his close to a dozen grandchildren.

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Statehouse Spotlights To Support Israel 'Moving On'

By Whitney Downard
Indiana Capital Chronicle

A dozen spotlights illuminating the night sky around downtown Indianapolis in the colors of the Israel flag will 'move on' from the Statehouse, a rare and possibly first-of-its-kind display that appeared Monday morning.

Gov. Eric Holcomb said on X, formerly known as Twitter, that the spotlights and the Israeli flag over the Governor's Residence in Indianapolis "symbolize our state solidarity ... with our friends and allies in Israel."

On Tuesday, he said the symbols also paid tribute to the Israeli victims of the Hamas invasion earlier this month and the spotlights "are moving on to a different location."

"We'll look for other ways to assist but that was a good couple of days (of) paying tribute," Holcomb said.

A spokesperson for Holcomb's office said the

display would be dismantled Tuesday evening and said they "didn't have an anticipated cost."

The office didn't immediately respond to an email asking if the lights were donated or paid through another entity.

Holcomb said a number of people had called for the show of support, including Attorney General Todd Rokita, but his actions also included discussions with Israeli leaders and other state executives.

"I just had six governors in the State of Indiana over the last couple of days and, of course, we talked about this war," Holcomb said. "... we'll work with folks who are advocating in a number of ways to pay tribute to victims."

Other governors, from Maryland and South Carolina, have similarly lit up their state buildings or residences in blue and white.

Rokita sent a letter to the governor's office

last week noting that the Israeli Embassy has asked states to illuminate their Capitol buildings in blue and white.

"Lighting the Indiana State Capitol would not only be a meaningful gesture to our Jewish community in Indiana, but it would send a powerful message of unwavering support to our friends in the Middle East," he wrote in a letter posted on X.

Holcomb didn't expound upon the precedent for the spotlights, which hasn't occurred in recent history during other global conflicts or major events.

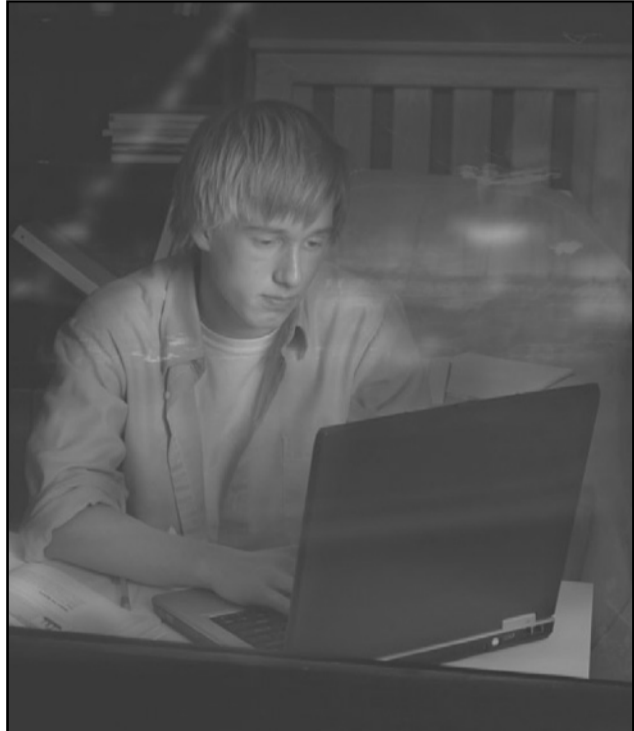
"It won't be a precedent until I decide to do it again," Holcomb said.

Shortly after the attacks, Holcomb recognized the death of Israeli mayor Ofir Libstein of Sha'ar HaNegev regional council, who visited Holcomb in August. According to the post, Libstein died while exchanging gunfire with infiltrators.

Hamas, a terrorist organization, led a three-pronged attack on Oct. 7 by air, land and sea, kidnapping at least 150 civilians in an assault that killed more than 1,400 people, according to the Associated Press.

An Israeli retaliation has killed more than 2,700 Palestinians, many of whom were trapped in Gaza after Israel cut off water, power and fuel. The Rafah crossing from Gaza to Egypt, the only escape route for many trapped civilians, remains closed as Israeli bombings continue, blocking humanitarian aid.

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