

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

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➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Monday, Nov. 6, at 8 p.m., Brian Turner will visit Wabash College, read his poems, and answer questions from the audience in the Korb Classroom of the Fine Arts Center. This event is sponsored by the Wabash Veterans Fund and is open to the public. Book signing will follow.

2 If you are an artist, an art enthusiast, an appreciator of art, thinking of volunteering, someone wanting to join our board, become a member or guest artist, or simply not sure about Athens Arts, please come and see what we are all about! Athens Arts is scheduled to host their annual meeting on Thursday Nov. 9 at the Crawfordsville District Public Library from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is a meet and mingle from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. beforehand. Learn about how your contributions have made Athens Arts grow!

3 Boys will be boys, as the saying goes. And so can grown-up men be boys. The proof is in the Florida Man Games, an event scheduled to kick off on February 24 in St. Augustine, FL. The organizers of this first of its kind macho competition say: "From wrestling in the mud to running from actual sheriff's deputies, The Florida Man Games™ is where the bizarre meets brawn and sanity is optional! This isn't just a competition; it's a one-of-a-kind Floridian spectacle!"

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Christmas Parade Scheduled For Sunday December 3

The Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade is scheduled to be on Sunday, Dec. 3, beginning at 2:00 pm. The parade route travels through historic Downtown Crawfordsville, primarily along East Main Street turning South on Washington Street with commentary in front of the Montgomery County Court House.

The Christmas Parade is open to the public. There will be a trophy given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both the adult and youth division. Registration to participate is on the Chamber website: crawfordsvillechamber.com. Each organization must provide a Certificate of Insurance and all participants must sign a waiver.

A representative from each organization must attend a mandatory meeting to learn more details and rules about the parade. The meetings will be held on the 3rd floor

of Fusion 54 which is located at 101 W. Main St., Crawfordsville. The meeting options are Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 9:00 am or 3:30 pm or Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 9 a.m.

We appreciate the sponsors: Title sponsor is Hoosier Heartland State Bank, Santa Sleigh is powered by Acuity Brands, The Spirit of Christmas is Stevenson's Ace Hardware, and the Judges are Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power, Lakeside Book Company and Tri County Bank & Trust. The Sound Sponsor is Turn It Up Sound Productions.

The theme of the parade is "Home for Christmas". We look forward to seeing the floats and smiles on everyone while spreading cheer in our community. Questions about the parade or joining the Chamber can be directed to ssummer@crawfordsvillechamber.com or 765-362-6800.

Is It Time To Claim Healthcare As An American Value?



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 LWV, visit: www.lwvmtcountain.org or message to LWV, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

Though we speak of healthcare in the U.S. as a system, it's less a system, per se, more a situation. We have mega-industries sewn into a patchwork by (sometimes the same) mega-insurance companies hawking plans to employers. And, the

situation will only grow less competitive. Consulting firm Deloitte predicts that only 50 percent of companies will exist at the end of the next decade. As they bloat, mega-companies become home to divisions with goals at odds with each other. Insurance companies like CVS

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Multiple Fatal Vehicle Crashes Across Our County

Two separate vehicle crashes on Monday, in Montgomery County that resulted in a single fatality in one and multiple fatalities in another are currently under investigation.

Crash at Ladoga Road and County Road 500 South
Donna Bushong, age 67, of Crawfordsville had been driving a 2013 Chrysler Town and Country minivan northbound on Ladoga Road. A preliminary investigation indicates Bushong failed to stop at the stop sign and struck a 2006 Honda Civic that was driven by Delaney Baker, age 27, of Brownsburg. Baker had been traveling westbound on County Road 500 South. Susan J. Davis, age 80, of Pittsboro was a passenger in Baker's vehicle. Bushong, Baker and Davis were all pronounced deceased at the scene. An adult passenger in Bushong's vehicle was transported to Franciscan Health in Crawfordsville.

The crash occurred around 1:30 p.m. and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a crash at the intersection of County Road 500 South and Ladoga Road. Upon their arrival, deputies located two vehicles off the roadway.

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Facts Being Left Out In Conversations



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

Scattershooting while wondering whatever happened to Arlene Francis . . .

WHAT'S THE old saying about

those who live in glass houses? Most days we put out a couple of newspapers with a lot, I mean A LOT, of words. So I shouldn't be throwing any stones about mistakes.

Sometimes I just can't help myself.

Here are a couple of examples of things that got momentum on social media recently. Did you hear about the wife of Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Olena Zelenska? She reportedly went on a million-dollar-plus shopping spree in fancy-schmancy New York shops.

With her husband begging the U.S. government for money to fight the Russians, you can imagine that didn't set very well with a lot of folks. Social media went wild, people passionately screaming how wrong it was for her husband to be asking for

U.S. taxpayer dollars while his wife was buying stuff you and I couldn't afford in a lifetime.

Except it didn't happen. Then there's the one about NFL star Travis Kelce and musical superstar Taylor Swift. The two apparently are dating and Swift has gone to some of Kelce's KC Chiefs games. Out of that came the social media report that Travis' mom didn't like Taylor . . . and that set off big fireworks. Taylor's fans - called Swifties - verbally ripped Kelce's mom. How could anyone not like their beloved Taylor? It went on and on.

Did anyone stop and get the facts? Of course not. From all the quotes and videos this reporter found, Kelce's mom never said any such thing.

Or how about protests on college campuses today ripping Israel? No, I'm not talking about the lunacy that comes from Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Ayanna Pressley (and we could throw Indiana's Andre Carson in there as well), I'm talking about college professors, schools and students taking ill-informed stances regarding the Israel-Hamas war.

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 8:15 a.m.
SET: 6:47 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 44 °F
Low: 25 °F



Today is...

- All Saints' Day
- Prime Meridian Day
- National Author's Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1952 First large hydrogen bomb tested by the U.S. The bomb, codenamed Mike, was part of Operation Ivy and was tested in the Eniwetok atoll in the Marshall Islands.
- 1911 First bomb dropped from an aircraft. Prior to this, bombs were dropped using unmanned balloons. The first bomb launched from an aircraft was used by the Italians in the Italo-Turkish War.
- 1894 Nicholas II became Tsar of Russia. The last Tsar of Russia took over the reign of the empire after his father, Alexander III died. Nicholas was forced to abdicate in 1917 and was executed a year later along with his family.



Births On This Day

- 1935 Edward Said Palestinian/American theoretician
- 1871 Stephen Crane American journalist, author, poet

Deaths On This Day

- 1999 Walter Payton American football player
- 1972 Ezra Pound American poet

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Anticipation for Thanksgiving and the joy of preparing for the holiday season fill the air.



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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Don't go the grocery hungry. 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

In celebration of our beginning our 20th year as a media company, we're sharing some famous quotations about newspapers this month. "The newspaper is in all its literalness the bible of democracy, the book out of which a people determines its conduct" -Walter Lippmann

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What is black and white and read all over? Your favorite newspaper!

➔ OBITUARIES

Beverly Joan McCollum
Max E Bridwell



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OBITUARIES

Max E Bridwell

November 21, 1928, Saturday, October 28, 2023

Max E Bridwell, age 94 of Linden, passed away on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at Franciscan Health Crawfordsville. He was born in Linden on November 21, 1928 to Harry & Clara Bridwell.



Max graduated from Linden High School in 1946 and was a life-long resident of Linden. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1950 and proudly served his country during the Korean War. He was a paratrooper in the 101st battalion of the Screaming Eagles and was awarded the purple heart and 4 bronze star medals. After he served his country he worked at the Farm Bureau CO-OP as a fuel delivery driver for 26 years. He enjoyed fishing, playing horseshoes, watching Nascar races, and loved spending time at his lake house with this family and friends.



On October 17, 1957 he married the love of his life, Helen "Lavonne" (Wolf) Bridwell, who preceded him in death on July 14, 2023. He is survived by his niece, Pam Cross, brother-in-law, David Wolf; sister-in-law's, Vicki Sherwin and Jo Wolf; nephew, Jim Sunday; and several other nieces and nephews.

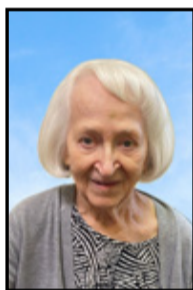
He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Lavonne Bridwell; and three sisters, Juanita, Ruth, and Judy.

There will be a Graveside service at the Oak Hill Cemetery Mausoleum, 392 Oak Hill Road, in Crawfordsville on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 2:00pm with Pastor Jeff Stedje officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given in his memory to American Cancer Society. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Beverly Joan McCollum

December 29, 1933, Saturday, October 28, 2023

Beverly Joan (Utterback) McCollum, age 89 of Crawfordsville, passed away on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at Bickford. She was born in Wallace on December 29, 1933, to the late Charles M. and Vera Maxine (Watson) Utterback.



Beverly graduated from Waynetown High School high school in 1952. She married James Hancock in 1955 and they later divorced. Beverly then married Jerry Bruton; he preceded her in death. She retired from RR Donnelley after 40 years of service in the art department. Beverly enjoyed bowling and euchre. She was a member of the Red Hats and Donnelly Club.

Beverly is survived by her son Roger (Kim) Hancock; two grandchildren, Derek (Amy) Hancock and Rachel (Scott) Wiedenhoeff; and 1 great-granddaughter Kira Hancock.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jerry Bruton; two brothers, Ramon Leon Utterback and Mike Utterback; and her son, Rodney Hancock.

There will be a private family service. Burial will take place at Indian Creek Hill Cemetery. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with Care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com

Southmont Senior High School To Host Indiana Bandmasters Association All Region Honor Band

Southmont High School is proud to announce that they will be hosting the Central-West Indiana All-Region Honor Band November 11th-12th. The band is composed of 102 students from 23 different area schools. The Schools include: Battle Ground Middle School, Benton Central High School, Crawfordsville Middle School, Delphi Community High School, EaSt Tipp Middle School, Faith Christian School, Frankfort Middle School, Greencastle

Middle School, Klondike Middle School, Lafayette Tecumseh JHS, McCutcheon High School, North Montgomery Middle and High School, North Putnam Middle and High School, North White, Parke Heritage Middle School, Seeger Memorial Jr/Sr High School, South Putnam Middle School, Southmont Jr/Sr High School, Southwestern Middle School, Wainwright Middle School, and Western Boone Jr/Sr High School. Students were selected from over 200 applicants this year. Mrs.

Wendy Higdon Rice will be the guest conductor for the weekend. Mrs. Higdon Rice is in frequent demand as an adjudicator, clinician, guest conductor and speaker around the country. She was recognized as the Outstanding Bandmaster in 2020 by Phi Beta Mu, Gamma Chapter. She is also a past recipient of the "Fifty Directors Who Make a Difference" Award from School Band and Orchestra Magazine. Mrs. Higdon Rice is the Director of Bands and Performing Arts Department Chair at Creekside

Middle School in Carmel, Indiana. Under her direction, the Creekside Wind Symphony was honored to perform at The Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in 2013. Her band has also been a featured performer at the Indiana Music Education Association Conference.

Students will rehearse all day on the 11th, followed by a short rehearsal Sunday and a free and open to the public performance on Sunday, November 12th at 4pm in the Southmont High School Auditorium.



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Counties Use High School Students As Poll Workers To Shore Up Staff

By Whitney Downard
Indiana Capital Chronicle

A state law allowing counties to hire high school students as poll workers fills gaps in election staff for several counties around the state — both large and small.

Under the Hoosier Hall Pass program, 16- and 17-year-old students can staff the polls, missing a school day for “a ‘live’ experience of democracy in action,” as touted by the Secretary of State’s (SOS) office.

Allen County Director of Elections Amy Scrogam said her office had roughly two dozen student workers out of 460 poll workers, with more waiting in the wings if shortages popped up.

“As soon as the legislation let us do it, we jumped on it because we thought it was a fabulous idea,” Scrogam told the Indiana Capital Chronicle about hiring students.

Bringing minors to the polls

In order to participate, students must have written approval from their principal as well as guardian approval. They must finish mandatory training and maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, according to the SOS.

In Allen County, finishing the training nets the student worker \$25 and successful poll workers will get another \$85 after election day — though poll worker compensation varies from county to county.

Students can work as either a clerk, assistant clerk or assistant judge, verifying voter information or assisting voters at the voting booths. However, the teens cannot be employed as inspectors tasked with overseeing ballot counts and managing polling locations.

An estimated 4.3% of Indiana’s poll workers were under the age of 18 in 2020, higher than its peer states and higher than the national average of 3%, according to an analysis from Tufts University.

According to the report, rural areas were less likely to recruit workers under the age of 25 despite their aging populations but highlighted one Indiana exception: Franklin County, where 70% of poll workers were under 25.

“Because elections happen everywhere, the opportunity to serve as a poll worker — especially when intention recruitment reaches young people — can be an excellent opportunity for youth to engage with and learn about the electoral process, including in rural communities,” the report said.

A boon to rural counties, but not all

For some rural counties with declining populations, their pool of once-reliable election workers are dwindling as they age.

“These are regulars that have been doing it for years. Several of them are getting up in age and will probably in the next couple of years not be doing it anymore. I kind of suspect that we’re going to have a

little bit of difficulty finding some (new poll workers) when that happens,” said Penny Waggoner, deputy clerk in Martin County.

Early voting is ongoing across the state and several counties utilize vote centers on Election Day to facilitate access.

To pull a sample ballot and learn more about voting in your area, visit indianavoters.in.gov.

This election cycle requires just ten poll workers to cover the four open precincts in a handful of Loogootee elections.

Waggoner said the county has utilized student poll workers in the past but doesn’t have any this year. But at least one former student worker returned to work the polls again as an adult — a plus for stabilizing staff numbers in future election cycles.

“That’s probably going to be one of the things that we’ll try,” Waggoner said about future recruitment efforts.

But not every county has found that workforce to be reliable.

None of the estimated 100 workers across 45 precincts in Boone County are students this cycle, and the current poll workforce is consistent enough that the department has never relied on teens, said Boone County Clerk Lisa Bruder.

“We really have an issue with that — younger kids don’t always show up. Whether it be they overslept ... (or) they can’t drive,” Bruder said. “A lot of them are in sports so then they can’t work the whole day.”

A few high school students who are 18 have worked the polls but “we usually have (enough) people that come back every year so we haven’t had to go looking,” Bruder said.

Experience for students
Still, election workers said that the experience paid off for students as well as their departments.

In Cass County, two of their 34 poll workers were students, said Sherrel Hudson, the county’s deputy of voter registration.

“One of them, I think

he’s leaning toward (a) political (career),” Hudson said. “So it’s been good for him. And I think the other one — it’s been eye-opening for her to see what we do.”

In the more populous Allen County, managing 89 election locations, everyone knows that Nov. 7 will be a long day. But the students seem to lift everyone’s spirits, Scrogam said.

“We’ve never had any disappointed students and everybody loves that they’re there,” Scrogam said. “All the workers and all the voters come in and I think they enjoy seeing the young students being active participants in the community.”

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CRAWFORDSVILLE PLAN COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that the Plan Commission of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to hear the request to amend the zoning map and rezone property from R-1, Residential to R-3, Residential for a multi-family residential development.

The property location: Northeast of Purple Heart Parkway Extension and US 231 S, South of 150 S, Crawfordsville, Indiana
(30.208 acres of Parcel No. 54-10-08-300-087.001-029)

The petition is on file and available for examination (and purchase at cost) in the Department of Planning & Community Development on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765.364.5152); office hours are 8:00-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m., weekdays except holidays.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to comment on the proposed request. Oral comments concerning the requests will be heard. Written comments and objections to the requests may also be submitted to the Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Crawfordsville, at the address above prior to the hearing and will be considered.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear or present evidence at the public hearing and is in need of reasonable accommodation, please contact the Crawfordsville Department of Planning & Community Development at the address or phone number above so accommodation can be made.

Department of Planning & Building Services
Megan Huckstep, Director, City of Crawfordsville

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR COURT
) SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY)
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE
OF ROBERT E. SMITH

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Montgomery Superior Court, Montgomery County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that Ryan Smith was this date appointed the personal representative of the estate of Robert E. Smith, who died July 24, 2023, and the estate will be administered without court supervision.

All persons who have claims against the estate, whether or not now due, must file 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 nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Crawfordsville, Indiana this 10/10/23

Karyn Douglas, Clerk
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CRAWFORDSVILLE PLAN COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to hear the request for a use variance from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to operate a self-storage business in an R-2, residential zoning district.

The property location: 605 W Market Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana
(Parcel No: 54-07-31-443-001.000-030)

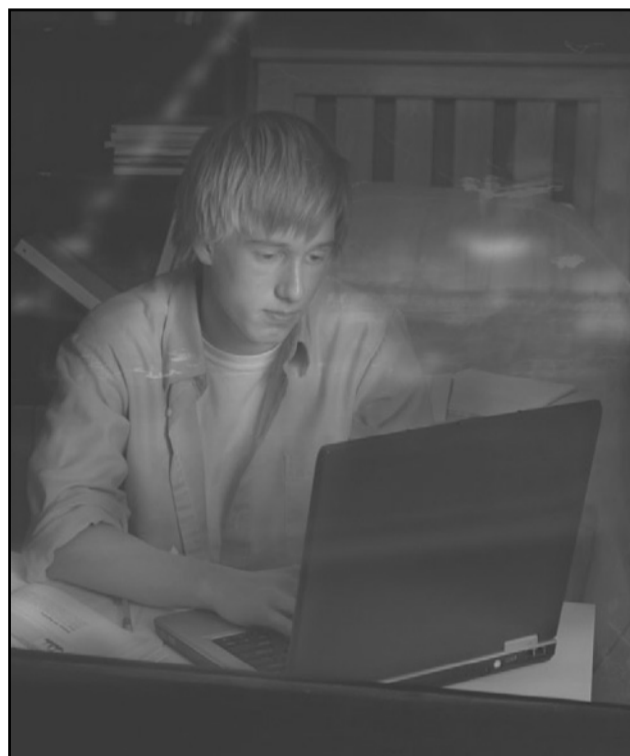
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The public is invited to attend the hearing and to comment on the proposed request. Oral comments concerning the request will be heard. Written comments and objections to the requests may also be submitted to the Director of Planning & Building Services, City of Crawfordsville, at the address above prior to the hearing and will be considered.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear or present evidence at the public hearing and is in need of reasonable accommodation, please contact the Crawfordsville Department of Planning & Building Services at the address or phone number above so accommodation can be made.

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MoCo Extension Homemakers Annual Arts And Crafts Show

The Montgomery County Extension Homemakers annual Shoppers Paradise "Holiday Expo" is celebrating it's 16th Arts and Crafts show on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Montgomery County 4-H Fairgrounds located at 400 Parke Avenue.

Shoppers will have an opportunity to browse local and out-of-town artists and craft booths along with a few commercial vendors for those one-of-a-kind handcrafted creations just in time for holiday gifting.

The Homemakers offer a large Bake Sale including homemade noodles, Rada cutlery and Nuts by the Pound, all reasonably priced.

This year food service is back with "Sunshine In A Box" a new local food and catering business. Operator Ashleigh Summers specializes in fresh home cooked comfort food, low carb and even gourmet meals delivered by herself to office, schools, factories and private homes. Ashleigh also offers catering services. Sunshine In A Box was awarded "Best Entree" at this year's Taste of Montgomery County. Come experience her eclectic menu while visiting the show.

The Montgomery County homemakers belong to the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association, founded in 1913. In it's 110th year it continues to build on its

rich heritage by working to strengthen Indiana homes and families.

The annual Arts and Craft Show is the members largest fund raiser of the year to help financially support many programs and projects locally and beyond, led by the membership. This includes but is not limited to; 4-H, Riley Cheer Guild, Ronald McDonald House, promoting literacy through the program "First Books for Kids", the Purdue Cancer Research Endowment Fund, Foods and Nutrition programs, volunteer community support and scholarships for continuing education, to name a few.

This year the homemakers will host a Local

"FOOD DRIVE" at the show with all donations to benefit the local Montgomery County "Fish Food Pantry".

Those wishing to donate may bring any of the following non-perishable items:

Canned fruits and vegetables, canned soups, canned: tuna, chicken or salmon, saltine crackers, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, jelly and cooking oil. Any donations will be greatly appreciated!

The show is one day, on one level, in one building and handicap accessible.

Everyone is welcome! Admission is Free! The members are very grateful for your support!

Witham Health Services Collaborates With Parkinson's Foundation

Witham Health Services Wellness Department is collaborating with the Parkinson's Foundation on Monday, November 20th from 10:00 to 11:00a.m. They will meet at Witham's main campus located at 2705 N. Lebanon Street in the community room

of North Pavilion, Entrance B. There will be a presentation on nutrition and information on the "Aware In Care" hospital safety kits for Parkinson's patients.

For people with Parkinson's disease (PD), staying safe while in the hospital is

paramount. Whether you are living with Parkinson's, work in a hospital, or

alongside the PD community, utilizing an Aware In Care kit to help people with Parkinson's advocate for their best care while in the hospital is important.

The hospital safety kit includes tools and information that will help people with Parkinson's and their families plan for the next hospital stay.

For more information or questions please call Witham Wellness Department at 765-485-8126

Congresswoman Houchin Releases New Op-ed On Dyslexia

"October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month and Dyslexia Awareness Month. It is a time for both awareness and action," – Rep. Houchin.

Congresswoman Erin Houchin, a member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee and the bipartisan House Dyslexia Caucus, released the following op-ed.

"As a lawmaker who happens to be a parent of a Dyslexic child, I find myself uniquely positioned to tackle this problem. I have worked on this issue in my own home, and both at the state and the federal level legislatively. I know this from a personal and a policy perspective," said Houchin.

The op-ed follows last week's introduction of the 21st Century Dyslexia Act to modernize Dyslexia identification to avoid the chance of the learning disability going unidentified in students.

The Op-ed is as follows; By: Congresswoman Erin Houchin

October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month and Dyslexia Awareness Month. It is a time for both awareness and action.

As a parent of a son with Dyslexia, I understand the

difficulties many children face. When my son began to struggle in school, our family felt frustrated and confused. Like many parents to children with learning disabilities, we navigated the complex network of specialists and started to do our own research. Teachers and educators, while well-intentioned, were also overwhelmed by what our son was experiencing. Understanding and action are far too difficult to come by.

Such difficulties have serious consequences. Falling behind in reading can affect students in the long term. Dyslexic students are more likely to face reduced graduation rates, lower income, and increased involvement in the criminal justice system. With as many as twenty percent of Americans suffering some degree of Dyslexia, this is a widespread, national problem. We have the potential, though, to mitigate these adverse results, reverse these troubling statistics, and bring positive change to people's lives.

As a lawmaker who happens to be a parent of a Dyslexic child, I find myself uniquely positioned to tackle this problem. I have worked on this issue in my own home, and both

at the state and the federal level legislatively. I know this from a personal and a policy perspective.

That is why I'm taking the initiative right now to contend for children with Dyslexia. We can do this in two ways, by raising awareness and by enacting legislation.

I proudly supported resolution H. Res 814 that recognizes October as "National Dyslexia Awareness Month." This effort was in conjunction with other members of Congress engaged in confronting Dyslexia, including Representative Bruce Westerman, who is the lead sponsor of the resolution in the House of Representatives. Awareness is a potent instrument that empowers educators and aids parents in their efforts to assist students.

Awareness is not enough, however. That is why I have also introduced legislation alongside another parent of a child with Dyslexia, Senator Bill Cassidy, to offer important policy solutions. The 21st Century Dyslexia Act, which we introduced in a bicameral and bipartisan fashion, would modernize how we screen for Dyslexia by removing it from the overburdened

"Specific Learning Disabilities" (SLD) section in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This legislation will also provide a definition of Dyslexia to better help educators and parents identify what Dyslexia is and how it manifests in different students. Adopting this change allows us to expedite the allocation of resources and essential support for students, preventing them from falling behind in the first place. While we are good at assisting diagnosed students, accelerating the process to reach that stage is paramount.

Literacy stands at the core of student success. It is central to how students begin to excel in other academic endeavors. Proficient early reading opens doors for our children to discover their God-given talents. We must contend for these students. I will persist in collaboration with advocates, parents, and partners nationwide to ensure that Dyslexia and other learning disabilities never hinder children from reaching their full potential. By raising awareness and making these policy changes, we can look forward to a brighter future for all American children.



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Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Retired Teachers Association Meeting

The October 9 meeting on Montgomery County Teachers Association was held at the Crawfordsville Public Library. President Kim Nixon called the meeting to order and led members with the Pledge of Allegiance. People celebrating October birthdays were recognized and guests were welcomed. Darlene Dusek gave the invocation.

Elisha McCulloh and her daughter Nicole Wilson were introduced as the Executive Director and Managing Director of Achaius Ranch. They gave a program about the ways in which they help people through therapeutic methods using horses. In the summer they have an eight-week program for youth ages 8-18. The Achaius Ranch Program is a 501 C 3 not for profit and its vision is to rescue horses and provide service to the community. Achaius Ranch is located near Ladoga and served over 100 people last summer through its many pro-

grams. It also offers riding lessons, birthday parties, fundraisers, and photo sessions.

In the business meeting, the minutes were accepted as read. Larry Manlove read the treasurers report which was accepted as read. The auditing committee reported that the treasury had been audited an everything was in order. Community Service chair Nancy Bowes read a thank you note from David Johnson for a donation to the Free Clinic. Member collected money during the meeting and \$103 was collected for the Crisis Shelter. Chairman Bowes noted that MCRTA is one of the retired teacher organizations that donate to many differ non-profit organizations and that we should be proud of the work we do in the county. She reminded members to turn in volunteer hours by December 31.

Member Concerns and Service chair Mary Lefebve reported that a thinking of you card was

sent out. She also asked members that Beverly Craft would love to hear from members as she has moved out of state. Membership Chair Kathy Steele reported that we have 109 paid members.

In old business, President Kim Nixon reported that she and Vice-President Steve Freese had attended the INRTA fall workshop. She reminded members of the benefits of joining the state organization in addition to the local organization. She also asked members to send in a reservation each month. She asked members if they would like to have a catered dinner for the Christmas luncheon. Karen Thada made a proposal that we hire Cindy Long as the caterer for December. Marilyn Spear seconded the motion which passed. They next meeting will be November 13th with Darlene Goodrich as the speaker.

The meeting was adjourned and door prizes were awarded.

Tips To Ease The Stress Of Holiday Tasks

(StatePoint) From greeting cards to seasonal to-do lists, there's a lot to write down and keep track of during the holidays. Use these tips and recommendations to reduce stress while you complete these important tasks:

- **To-do lists:** Whether you're listing the gifts you must buy for loved ones, the groceries you need to prepare a holiday feast, or the tasks you must complete before your guests arrive, writing and referencing a lengthy to-do list can be anxiety provoking. However, choosing the colors of your stationery and writing utensils wisely can ease these feelings and spur you to action. The colors in the G2 gel ink pen's limited-edition Harmony Collection were formulated to create an oasis of calm. Color psychology suggests that gray represents neutrality and balance, iris blue is meditative with a touch of magic, apricot orange balances energy and is relaxing, salmon signifies hope, health and happiness, grape connotes harmony, and rose pink inspires grace, gratitude and joy. Choose colors according to your mood,

then, keep your lists posted prominently, such as on your desk, or at eye level on the fridge, so you stay on top of tasks. After completing an item, cross it out for a sense of immediate accomplishment.

- **Calendars and planners:** Plans can change quickly during the hectic holiday season, so be prepared to adapt to evolving schedules, while keeping everyone in the family updated. When entering such seasonal events as holiday office parties, cookie swaps and school plays into your calendar or planner, be sure to use ink that erases cleanly, so you can revise repeatedly as needed. Pilot's FriXion line of erasable pens come in a variety of hues, making them a great choice for vibrant and easy color coding.

- **Gift tags:** Sometimes it's the littlest details that count the most. To ensure loved ones find their names clearly on all the items they receive from you this holiday season, be sure to use a rolling ball pen, such as the Precise Deco pen, to allow for clean lines, even on small gift tags. To personalize gift tags a bit, draw a cute little doodle

or cartoon specific to each gift recipient, such as their favorite seasonal symbols, animals or abstract designs.

- **Holiday cards:** The holiday season is the perfect time to catch friends and family up on the events of the past year. While all that note-writing is a beautiful way to stay connected to the people that matter most, it can lead to writing fatigue. To write and address your greeting cards with more ease and less stress, use a tool such as Dr. Grip, a wide body ergonomic pen with a comfortable rubber grip. Its smooth-writing ink dries quickly to help avoid smears, so your sentiments won't get muddled. To prepare envelopes in bulk, use a wet cotton ball to moisten the glue seal, then press firmly down on each envelope. Post your notes using fun, festive seasonal stamps.

For more seasonal tips and inspiration, visit powertotheopen.com.

As your holiday to-do list grows, you may be feeling a bit frazzled. Having the right tools on hand can help you complete all your tasks with ease.

ACLU Of Indiana Announces Christopher Daley As New Executive Director

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Indiana announced today that Christopher Daley, J.D., will lead the organization as its next Executive Director, beginning in January. The announcement comes after the ACLU of Indiana conducted a nationwide search following the retirement announcement of current Executive Director, Jane Henegar.

"Chris brings passion, commitment and decades of experience in advocacy and law to the ACLU of Indiana. He has been part of creating social change across civil liberties issue areas, including advocating for children in Indiana's foster system, trans rights, and criminal legal reform," said ACLU of Indiana Board President Tamara Winfrey-Harris.

"Chris has the unique experience and passion necessary to meet this moment where Hoosiers' civil rights and liberties are under increasing threats."

Daley grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana and completed his undergraduate studies at Indiana University. He spent time outside of Indiana, attending the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, and upon graduation co-founded and led the Transgender Law Center in California. Daley also spent time in Washington D.C. where he collaborated with organizations on criminal legal and immigration reform in his role as Deputy Executive Director at Just Detention International.

Daley has spent the last five years traveling across every region of

Indiana to advocate for children in Indiana's foster system in his role as the Executive Director of the Indiana Association of Resources and Child Advocacy (IARCA).

"I'm excited to do this critical work, protecting the constitutional rights and freedoms of all Hoosiers," said Daley. "I'm honored to have the opportunity to work with such an important organization, with an incredible team, and with our dedicated supporters, to build on the ACLU of Indiana's storied 70-year legacy and help shape our next chapter. Together, we will build a better Indiana, where 'We The People' means everyone."

Daley was selected after an extensive nationwide search and will begin in his role on January 2.



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own pharmacies. Non-profit hospitals use for-profit billing companies.

Before the ACA, working Americans who didn't have an employer large enough or didn't have the "right" job, lacked either employer-based insurance and an affordable private option. This list included, but was not limited to entrepreneurs running their restaurants, janitorial or trade companies; the "self-employed" such as clergy, hairdressers, or daycare providers; service industry workers such as ABA therapists, not to mention low-income positions at places Walmart (until recently) or Kroger, as well as people who work multiple part-time jobs, even teachers without support from national unions.

All of this bodes ill for Americans. While the popular narrative about U.S. healthcare is that it fosters cutting-edge research, treatments and therapies and that wait times are shorter here than in other nations, particularly those with a universal healthcare system, those claims don't reflect two outcomes. Are Americans healthier and living longer? Can they afford the care that the healthcare industry purportedly offers?

Here are some outcomes, and some data points, reported by Balancingeverything.org sourced from a diverse number of non-partisan organizations.

- The 30-day mortality for strokes is lower in the U.S. than in comparable countries, on average.

- Maternal mortality rates in the U.S. have risen over time and are much higher than in peer countries.

- Hospital admissions for diabetes and congestive heart failure were more frequent in the U.S. than average across comparable countries.

- More cesarean sections, which are higher risk, are performed in the U.S. than in comparable countries.

- Obstetric trauma during vaginal delivery is more common in the U.S. than in most comparable countries, especially when instruments are involved.

- Post-operative complications — such as pulmonary embolism or deep vein thrombosis — are more common in the U.S. than most peer countries.

- Post-operative sepsis is less common in the U.S. than in most peer countries.

- The U.S. has higher rates of reported medication and treatment errors than most comparable countries.

- The U.S. has higher rates of consultations missed due to costs than comparable countries in 2020.

Life expectancy in the U.S. has dropped compared to other developed nations. More people go bankrupt from medical bills in the U.S. In short, our healthcare options are failing to increase the length and quality of American lives, and they are bankrupting us. This year, companies are negotiating in healthcare with intense concern because they're seeing 20 percent-plus increases in 2024 healthcare plans.

It's not a new problem. Fifty years ago, the GOP and Dems wrote party platforms to address

the skyrocketing cost of healthcare and increasing chronic disease conditions, as well as shortages of maternal, infant and mental healthcare.

In 1972, the GOP called for "reasonable costs," pledging to balance demand for services and providers, and bragging about Nixon's proposal for "one of the most all-inclusive health programs in our history." The GOP promised to educate more providers and ensure more services in underserved rural and urban areas, such as MontCo in 2023. The GOP called for innovation, promising to increase "freedom of choice of medical providers" to lower inflation to curb costs. The GOP believed that the best way "to assure access to basic medical care for all our people" was employer-based insurance but also said the Federal Government needed to play a role, though they left it undefined.

"We oppose nationalized compulsory health insurance. This approach would at least triple in taxes the amount the average citizen now pays for health and would deny families the right to choose the kind of care they prefer. Ultimately it would lower the overall quality of health care for all Americans. We believe that the most effective way of improving health in the long run is by emphasis on preventive measures."

Calls for physical fitness and an "all-out assault against cancer" as well as "a new major attack on sickle cell anemia, a serious blood disorder afflicting many black Americans," as well as help for renal failure. They called for support for "comprehensive community mental health centers" and offered evidence that they'd already progressed in supporting these, especially leaning on private insurance to cover mental illness.

Fifty years later, the need for more physical fitness still contorts health experts. Processed foods, additives, mental illness, cancer, cardiovascular diseases and kidney disease are worse, though some treatments, such as treatments for some forms of cancer are better. Nevertheless, American life expectancy, as noted, is lower. Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health found a steep decline in U.S. life expectancy, with younger people dying at higher rates than other nations. Researchers concluded that the structure of our system focuses on rescue or acute care rather than an overall infrastructure focused on health, including clean water, air, safe homes, education and clean food. Meanwhile, spending per American on healthcare has risen disproportionately high since the Reagan years.

For their part, the Democratic party wrote, "Good health is the least this society should promise its citizens." The party called for "a system of universal National Health Insurance which covers all Americans with a comprehensive set of benefits including preventive medicine, mental and emotional disorders, and complete protection against catastrophic costs, and in which the rule of free choice for both provider and consumer

is protected. The program should be federally financed and federally administered. Every American must know he can afford the cost of health care whether given in a hospital or a doctor's office."

The Democratic Party proposed incentives to: bring healthcare back to rural and inner city areas, secure more consumer control over healthcare institutions and fund more research and preventative care for heart disease, hypertension, stroke, cancer, sickle cell anemia, occupational and childhood diseases. Because drug prices were already prohibitive, they called for generic brand drugs and use of anti-trust laws to keep prices affordable for those who need them. They also supported "drug abuse treatment and education, especially development of non-addictive treatment methods" and, finally, they supported family planning services for all without coercion and discrimination "regardless of sex, age, marital status, economic group or ethnic origin."

It's clear the '72 Dems were closer to today's LWV, whose stance reads: "The U.S. healthcare system should provide a basic level of quality healthcare at an affordable cost to all U.S. residents. Basic care includes disease prevention, primary care (including prenatal and reproductive health), acute long-term care, mental health care, as well as health promotion and education. Health care policy goals should include the equitable distribution of services and delivery of care, advancement of medical research and technology, and a reasonable total national expenditure level."

While the claim that the American healthcare landscape leads to better health is dubious, it's not surprising that the 1972 Republican party supported employer-based, competitive healthcare options. In the past, Republican principles were fiscal restraint and smaller government, so supporting employer-based, private insurance was consistent.

But over the past four decades, the deficits of the government increased under Republican presidential leadership and dropped during Democratic, as fact-checked by Politifact in 2019. During and post-pandemic, both parties supported larger budgets and government expansion. Presently the parties now differentiate less on fiscal policy and more on which big budget items to fund and which cultural values define the country. The question for citizens is whether the right to healthcare supports our "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" and while we're at it, if it improves our economy because preventative, universal healthcare just costs less than reactionary, sick care.

-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.

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Are their two sides to this issue? At least. The Palestinian people and Israelis have a long history of conflict and it's a fair debate if you want to argue the rights and wrongs from that region for the past couple thousand years. But nothing, and I mean nothing, justifies what the terror organization Hamas did on Oct. 7 - killing men, women, children and babies.

Never mind that a Hamas official walked off a BBC interview when he was asked why the terrorist group killed innocents. He started out saying that Hamas conducted a military operation and added he could "confirm and assure again and again that there was no command to kill any civilians." He added that Hamas "had no intention or decision to harm civilians."

But the interviewer, God bless him, kept pointing out the fact that civilians - a lot of them - were indeed killed. Hamas' own cameras recorded the atrocities.

What'd the official do? Ripped off the microphone and stormed out the door.

Did that slow down the campus protests? Not even close.

The sad truth is that we have become a soundbite society - forget the facts. The lessons of yesteryear are mostly lost. We've tossed God out of our schools, common sense out of the public square and facts from our arguments.

And we are worse off for it.

TODAY IS Nov. 1 and we're only three weeks and a day from Thanksgiving. I hope you don't mind, but this year we are giving our employees a little extra time off and we are not publishing a Thanksgiving or Black Friday newspaper. We'll be back on Saturday, just in time for Party Night in beautiful downtown

Crawfordsville!

FORGIVE THE old sportswriter in me, but the fact that the Colts are finding new ways to lose games is driving me nuts (OK, OK, it's only a short walk).

When rookie sensation Anthony Richardson went down with a season-ending shoulder injury, so did most reasonable expectations for the season. However, after the Colts beat the Titans on Oct. 8 to improve to 3-2, some of us started to think that perhaps all was not lost. Even after Jacksonville thumped us the following week to even the record at 3-3, we didn't give up. After all, Jax just seems to have our number, right?

But then came Cleveland and New Orleans, two very winnable games. And then came a flurry of turnovers and two losses . . . and very questionable play calling. Could anyone explain how two of the best running backs in the NFL get basically left out of the game plan when the outcome was still in doubt?

Sigh. Next up is Frank Reich's Carolina Panthers. If the Colts manage to lose that one, then could someone call Duke Tumatoo and ask for a 2023 version of Lord Help Our Colts?

SOME OF you remember Arlene Francis, right? She was an actress and entertainer who also was a regular on a slew of 1960s game shows - including What's My Line, the Match Game, Password and To Tell the Truth. She was pretty, witty and wise . . . to swipe a phrase. She passed away at the age of 93 in 2001.

-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.

CRASH

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The crash remains under investigation and is being investigated by crash reconstructionist with the Sheriff's Office. Anyone with information regarding the crash should contact Sgt. Jake Watson or Detective Jared Kirby at 765-362-3740.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Crawfordsville Fire Department, Walnut Township Fire, Ladoga Fire, Montgomery County Coroner and Froedge's Towing.

Sheriff's Office Investigating Fatality Crash On Interstate 74

Regina Shamp, age 64, of Indianapolis was driving a 2021 Hyundai Tucson and struck a deer. After striking the deer, Shamp's vehicle was stopped in the slow lane of Interstate 74, for westbound traffic. A short time later, a second crash reported at the same location. David C. Angeles, age 37, of Depauw was westbound on Interstate 74 driving a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado and he collided with Shamp's vehicle.

Shamp died at the scene and Angeles was transported to Franciscan Health in Crawfordsville with minor injuries. Alcohol and drugs are not suspected to be involved in the crash.

The crash initially occurred around 5 a.m. and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a car/deer crash on Interstate 74 at the 39 Mile Marker.

The westbound lanes of Interstate 74 were shut down until 8:15 AM.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office is investigating the crash and it remains under investigation. They were assisted at the scene by Crawfordsville Fire Department, Montgomery County Coroner and Froedge's Towing.

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