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THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The Indiana Department of Transportation announces a speed limit reduction on U.S. 136 between Pittsboro and Brownsburg. The speed limit change will be from 55 to 45 miles per hour beginning on or after Monday, November 20. It is intended to enhance safety in the area. At this time, the work is not expected to cause delays or restrictions in the area, weather permitting. INDOT encourages drivers to be mindful of worker safety, with workers likely using ditches to replace the signs. This includes slowing down, avoiding distracted driving and being mindful of the potential for workers on the side of the road.

2 Hoosiers will find some relief when it comes to purchasing ingredients for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner this year. Indiana Farm Bureau's annual Thanksgiving market basket survey shows that Hoosier shoppers can expect to spend approximately 10% less at the grocery store than in 2022. According to this year's pricing survey, Hoosiers are paying an average of \$54.64 for a Thanksgiving dinner for 10 people, or \$5.46 per person. Indiana's market basket price also is approximately 11% lower, 66 cents less, than the U.S. average price of \$6.12 per person.

3 What's that in the waters of Pawleys Island, South Carolina? Even the experts at the Marine Resources Research Institute in Charleston don't have an answer. They admitted that they are "stumped." But the news anchors at a local TV station appear to have determined it is a "sea slug" of sorts.

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HAPPY WINNERS!

Photo courtesy of Dianne Cooksey

Dianne Cooksey entered The Paper's selfie contest and won tickets to the 2023 Christmas Gift & Hobby Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, Dianne, second from left, said that she and her friends had a blast at the show and that they love the Paper of Montgomery County! Awww, thanks Ladies! They are, from left, Stacy French, Dianne Cooksey, Dawn Leedy, Sherree Servies, Annette Kenner and Cheryl Overfelt.

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:32 a.m.
SET: 5:32 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 68 °F
Low: 39 °F

Today is...

- International Day for Tolerance
- National Fast Food Day
- World Philosophy Day

What Happened On This Day

- 2001 Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone released. The film version of the popular book by the same name written by author J. K. Rowling starred Daniel Radcliffe as Harry Potter and followed Potter's first year at Hogwarts, a school for magic.
- 1965 Soviets launch Venera 3. Part of the Venera program, it was the first space probe to land on another planet - Venus. Unfortunately, due to technical issues, it was not able to send any data back to Earth. The first space probe to send data from another planet to Earth was Venera 7.
- 1940 Warsaw ghetto sealed. The largest Jewish ghetto in Nazi-occupied Poland, the Warsaw ghetto, was created in October 1940 by a German decree.

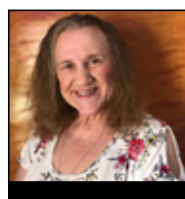
Births On This Day

- 1952 Shigeru Miyamoto Japanese video game designer, created Mario, The Legend of Zelda
- 42 Tiberius Roman Emperor

Deaths On This Day

- 2006 Milton Friedman American economist, Nobel Prize laureate
- 1960 Clark Gable American actor

Ballard Baby Leads Karen To A Good Story



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

Found a most darling tombstone (perfectly formed cemented one with a little girl walking atop the stone) at Oak Hill for little Cecil May Ballard (thanks to

R&S Fine for the photo) who was born in Crawfordsville August 20, 1895 and passed away four years, two months and four days later in Lebanon. A simple cold developed into a severe case of croup. Nothing - nothing - could be done by several skilled physicians who were called in to care for the little one - the Master was calling for the Little Angel to come be with him!

The Ballard family had only been gone from our city for six months and at the burial here, all her neighborhood folks stood around her little white casket, spreading it with flowers galore, all weeping because they were broken-hearted over the death of the bright, cheerful little gal they had all loved so!

Cecil May's parents were



Photo courtesy of Karen Zach

Emerson Etheridge and Ella (Clodfelter) and besides little Cecil, they were parents of another daughter, Ella Maurine who married Knowlton Kelsey at her parents' home with her Uncle Tilghman performing the ceremony. Ella attended Northwestern University and she and Knowlton lived in Huntington where she taught and he followed her father's profession. They adopted a daughter, Kathleen and were parents of a son, David Ballard Kelsey.

Emerson was born in Putnam County, February 27, 1865 joining his older brother, Tilghman E., the boys raised near the small town of Wheaton until Emerson was 14 when they moved with the family to Greencastle, graduating from the HS there, both going on to Asbury (DePauw). The boys

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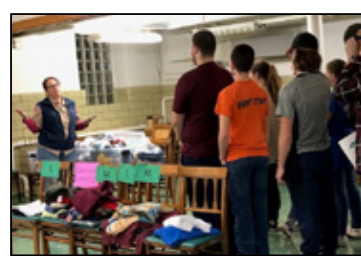


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Scouts receive instructions for setting up the Stuff-a-thon.

VMHMC Christmas Drive Activities

Montgomery County CARES! This is an obvious statement throughout the calendar year, yet becomes most profound during the holiday season. It is at this time that community members wrap their arms around those in need.

Never has this been a truer statement than when describing the Volunteers for Mental Health Christmas Gift Lift. Somehow, the annual rite serves over 300 adults nearly every Christmas season. The leaders, coordinators, and sometimes ringmasters, are

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HONEST HOOSIER

Turkey day in a week. What are you thankful for?



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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Keep up-to-date on vaccines that are recommended for your age group. 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. "I'd love to rise from the grave every ten years or so and go buy a few newspapers."
-Luis Bunuel

TODAY'S JOKE

What's the difference between a publisher and a gorilla?
It's been definitively proven that gorillas can communicate with humans.

OBITUARIES

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



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34/67 SUNNY AND MILD	39/68 SUNNY AND MILD	50/55 LOOKING DAMP	29/49 SUNNY AND CHILLY	31/54 SUNNY	34/50 MAINLY CLOUDY	46/54 POSSIBLY WET
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Duke Energy Offers More Than \$425,000 In Energy Bill Assistance To Help Hoosier Families Facing Financial Hardship

To help lower energy costs for low-income families this winter, Duke Energy Indiana is making more than \$425,000 in financial aid available to eligible customers through the company's Share the Light Fund®.

"The assistance we offer through the Share the Light Fund will help community members who may struggle to pay their electric bills as the temperatures dip," said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana. "Customers with past-due utility bills or in need of ongoing assistance can take advantage of these funds to get the help they need."

Duke Energy works in partnership with the Indiana Community Action Association to distribute funds to qualifying customers to pay energy bills, deposits and reconnection/connection charges.

"As the weather gets colder, the cost of heating a home and keeping the lights

on can become a significant burden for families who are already struggling to make ends meet," said Ed Gerardot, executive director of the Indiana Community Action Agency. "These funds can provide much-needed relief for our neighbors in need, helping ensure they can stay warm through the winter."

Eligibility for the Share the Light Fund is based on income, family size and the availability of resources. Customers can receive up to a \$300 credit annually on their account. Individuals should contact their local community action agency to see if they are eligible. Click here to find a listing of service providers by county.

Duke Energy offers a number of other tools and resources to help customers take control of their energy use and save money. To learn more about these programs, visit duke-energy.com/HereToHelp.

Southmont Musical This Weekend!



Photo courtesy of Southmont

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is a fictional comedic musical which follows delightfully quirky adolescent middle school students in a spelling bee. Chip (Easton Hutson), Marcy (Abigail Saylor), Coneybear (Lillian Davis), Olive (Clair Simpson), Schwartz (Jolie Hoenshell), and Barfee (Zoe Albertson) have made it to the Putnam county spelling bee finals which is hosted by Rona Lisa Paretti (Violet Shaw), and Vice Principal Douglas Panch (Jordan Endicott). When students inevitably get an answer wrong, Michelle Mahoney (Avery Hannum) comes to the rescue with a juice box and a hug to escort each student off stage. In the end, these wonderful characters learn the art of teamwork, the value of friendships, and how to pronounce each other's names correctly. Show is Friday night at 7, Sunday at 7 and 2:30 Matinee on Sunday. Visit <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/78156> for general admission tickets!

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BBB Tip: Shopping For Sports Team Merchandise? Research The Business First

When shopping for team jersey or other sports memorabilia, watch out for fakes. Scammers know that authentic game-used and/or autographed items can fetch big bucks – especially for items commemorating big games. When shopping online, it can be hard to trust that a seller or product is genuine. Follow these tips when buying sports memorabilia:

1. “Game-used” items are highly sought after. Buyers prize items that saw action on the court or field as valuable parts of sports history. Consumers should be aware that there is a significant difference between “game-used” and “game-issued.” For example, a game-issued jersey was designed for the player to wear, but it may not actually have been worn. There’s nothing wrong with selling that game-issued item—unless the seller scuffs it up and tries to pass it off as game-used for a higher price.

2. Autographs are even trickier. With the use of autopen, manufacturers can reproduce ink signatures hundreds of times. Again, there’s nothing wrong with selling autopen-signed items as long as they’re not misrepresented as personally signed by the player and priced accordingly. Buyers also need to watch out for online listings that describe items as “hand-signed” without specifying whose hand-signed it. That could be technically correct but still highly misleading.

3. Outright forgeries can be the hardest to spot, and this issue has plagued collectors for decades. If you don’t have time to become an autograph authentication expert but still want to make purchases, here are some steps you can take.

How the scam works - an example:

Victims of this scam typically find fake sports merchandise through a social media ad or a quick web search. These online scam stores have great photos and cheap prices, making them look believable. Victims report that, at first, the purchase seems normal. The site charges their credit card and sends a confirmation email. However, weeks pass, and the jersey never arrives. The anticipation of having a keepsake of a favorite team is suddenly dashed when the victim tries to contact customer service. They quickly find that neither the company nor the product exists.

One disappointed fan reported the following to BBB Scam Tracker: “This company advertised selling collector’s items of sports merchandise in special boxes. Each box was supposed to have a certain number of team-related items like a jersey, signed football or mini helmet, etc. I paid 69.99 for the top box of Chicago Bears items. What I actually got was a cheap no-brand jersey, an NFL keychain, and a face mask. I went to the website to ensure I didn’t misread anything, and the site was not work-

ing. We did not expect to be scammed out of items and not get what we paid for.”

How to avoid sports merchandise scams:

1. Be wary of deals that seem too good to be true. If the price of an item, collectible or not, is significantly less than what it is on other well-known retailers’ sites, this is a red flag that it might be a scam.

2. Research the company before you purchase. If the company is unfamiliar, check BBB.org to see if they have a BBB Business Profile or BBB Scam Tracker to see if anyone else has reported them as a scam. Look for contact information on the website, such as a phone number or brick-and-mortar address, as well as a robust social media presence to help determine if the company indeed does exist.

3. Never wire money or use a prepaid debit card as payment. Scammers often request both payment types, and once the money is gone, there is no way to get the money back. Instead, make online purchases with a credit card and only on secure (https) websites.

4. Double-check COAs: Certificates of authenticity (COAs) are the norm for memorabilia purchases, especially for costly items—so it’s likely that scammers will try to provide fake ones. A valid COA should state the qualifications and complete contact information of the issuer. Before you trust a COA, ensure it contains full and correct details on who issued it, and then make sure they’re a legitimate and reputable authority. If investing in a less expensive purchase that is not offered with a COA, the buyer should still request a written representation from the seller about the authenticity and origin of the item. It is also essential to establish and get a written statement about the item’s physical condition before you purchase it.

5. Take extra care at charity auctions: Some scammers target charities by providing “donations” of fake memorabilia. When considering a bid for an item at a charity auction, be vigilant and watch out for suspicious price valuations and shady authentications. When in doubt about an item, consider donating to the charity rather than an auction purchase.

6. Seek a money-back guarantee: If possible, work with a dealer who can guarantee a full refund of your purchase if you ever discover it’s a fraud. Check all terms and conditions of the sale, especially limitations, before buying the item.

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.

Tire Pollution: Scourge of Road Traffic, Regardless Of Drivetrain

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: What kinds of pollution do automobile tires cause?

Tire wear pollution was in the news recently after a group of Native American tribes in the Pacific Northwest asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to investigate a possible link between tire pollution and declining populations of wild coho salmon there. The tribes blame the chemical 6PPD, which has been used in motor vehicle tires for over six decades to make them more durable. It is also widely used in other rubber products such as footwear, synthetic turf and playgrounds. While it might make rubber stronger, 6PPD can react with ozone pollution in the air to form a by-product called 6PPD-quinone. Stormwater runoff containing 6PPD-quinone inevitably runs off into streams and other water bodies during rain, when aquatic organisms are exposed to it. Concentrations of 6PPD-quinone in storm water in the Pacific Northwest were found to be lethal to coho salmon after only a few hours of exposure.

6PPD isn’t the only bad stuff coming off tires. Another is microplastics, also used to strengthen the rubber in tires but linked to a wide range of toxic effects that can make their way up the food chain to our dinner plates. Another major consequence of tire wear and tear is the release of airborne pollutants. When tires roll over roads, they generate friction, which leads to the production of tiny particles and chemical compounds that can become airborne. These pollutants can include fine particulate matter (PM2.5), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

Particulate matter from tire wear is an especially concerning pollutant because it can be inhaled by humans and animals, causing respiratory problems and other issues. Fine particulate matter can also contribute to the formation of smog and haze, reducing air quality in urban

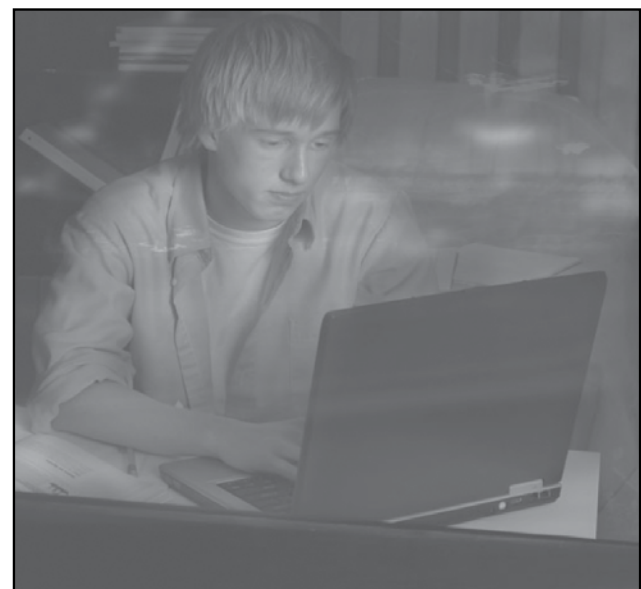
areas. VOCs and PAHs emitted from tire wear can react with other pollutants in the atmosphere to create ground-level ozone, a key component of smog. Ground-level ozone is harmful to human health and can cause respiratory issues, especially in vulnerable populations, such as children and the elderly.

Tire wear and tear also pollutes water, and not only in salmon habitat. When it rains, the water washes tire particles into stormwater drains and eventually into rivers, lakes, and oceans. The runoff can contain not only microplastics but also a variety of chemicals used in tire manufacturing and those generated during tire wear. These chemicals may include heavy metals, such as zinc and cadmium, which can have toxic effects on aquatic life and disrupt ecosystems. Furthermore, the leaching of chemicals from tires into water bodies can lead to long-term contamination of aquatic environments.

Tiremakers are working on more durable and eco-friendly tire materials that emit fewer pollutants. To wit, low rolling resistance tires can help improve fuel efficiency and reduce both tire wear and associated pollution. Meanwhile, we can all help by getting maintaining our vehicles regularly and making sure the tires are inflated to recommended levels. Getting out of our cars altogether and walking, biking and taking public transit are also great ways to reduce reliance on cars and all the environmental evils they cause.

CONTACTS: After Salmon Deaths, EPA Takes Aim at Toxic Chemical Issuing from Car Tires, <https://e360.yale.edu/digest/epa-tire-chemical-salmon-6ppd>; Road Hazard: Evidence Mounts on Toxic Pollution from Tires, <https://e360.yale.edu/features/tire-pollution-toxic-chemicals>; Can tires turn green? <https://cen.acs.org/environment/sustainable-tire-market/101/i17>.

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Healthy Vs. Nutritious



MONICA NAGELE
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Is it healthy? That’s a question many of us ask ourselves when selecting what to eat. Some of us analyze everything we put into

our mouth, basing it on the statements on the food packaging and claims we see on the internet. Food producers and marketers also throw “healthy” around to try to get you to buy their products. This can make the simple act of eating, a necessity to live, frankly quite stressful.

So what is a healthy food? Healthy used as an adjective to describe the food we eat, describes food that is beneficial to our health and would contribute to improving or maintaining a person’s overall health. While the word unhealthy used to describe food means the opposite, food that is harmful or may promote a poor state of health. So, in simple terms, healthy food is good for our health and unhealthy food is bad for our health. But still, what defines a healthy food?

If we look at pizza, for example, it’s often considered an unhealthy food. Pizza in its most basic form is bread with some tomato sauce topped with cheese, none of which are detrimental towards our health. Yes, eating too much fat can be problematic, so let’s assume pizza is only eaten occasionally and in moderation. Then why is pizza considered unhealthy?

Let’s look at the nutrition of pizza. The crust of pizza is a product from white flour so doesn’t provide many nutrients but does provide our body with energy, the small quantity of tomato sauce provides some vitamins and minerals, and cheese provides

calcium and protein.

What if instead of looking at food as being healthy or unhealthy, we question if it is nutritious. Really the overarching reason to eat is to provide our body with nutrition.

Determining if a food is nutritious is much easier to define. Nutritious foods would ideally be a nutrient dense food, which is a food that is high in vitamins, minerals, healthy fats, lean proteins, and complex carbohydrates while also being low in calories. A calorie dense food would not be considered nutritious because it is low in nutrients and high in calories.

Fruits and Vegetables are definitely nutritious foods, they provide our body with important vitamins and minerals. Lean meats or plant proteins are a nutritious food, providing us with the very crucial nutrient protein, while being low in fat. Whole grains are important to provide us with fiber and B vitamins. Finally, low fat dairy is a great source of Calcium and Vitamin all nutrients we need for bone development, muscle contraction and supporting our immune systems.

The cheese pizza described above currently has minimal nutrition. But if we swap the crust out with whole grains, add tomatoes, bell peppers and mushrooms for more veggies, and top it off with chicken for a good lean protein source. We now have a much more nutritious food.

We eat for enjoyment and to provide our body with nutrients, but aren’t always sure what food is best to choose. Instead of always looking at food as being healthy or unhealthy think about what can be added to the plate to make a more nutritious meal. There is always more room for veggies on my plate.

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also had two sisters, Hattie and Mattie. Emerson knew exactly what he wanted and where he was going, thus after graduating from DePauw with the class of 1885, he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in Greencastle on the first day of March the next year. Two days later he and brother TE went into practice together in C'ville.

Tilgham Ethan was born in a log cabin (Nov 11, 1850) in Boone County. He married Tilghman's wife's sister, Evelyn Clodfelter and had a partner for some time with their brother, Marion under Ballard and Clodfelter. His path to the law wasn't as straight as brother EE's, though, as TE attended three various colleges, taught for a few years and then self-studied for the bar exam. Somewhere in there, he also became a preacher.

Sons of William Sanford and Patience Brown Ballard, their father born in Shelby County, Kentucky met and married Patience in Putnam County, both extremely religious, giving preference to the Universalist denomination. William and Patience eventually moved to Crawfordsville to be near their sons. They were both well-read and William Sanford had a huge library of his own with good books, current and religious reading. Many talents from these exceptional parents came to these brothers presenting a wide range of interests and both became exceptional writers, TE concentrating on religious work, tallying quite a statewide reputation for his religious thoughts and knowledge. He was a firm believer that God is Love and we should live in harmony and not listen to the fire and brimstone. Besides the articles, he published a religious newspaper, The Key to Truth (Chapman: Portrait and Biographical Record of Montgomery ... p 400).

Together the Ballards began the Ballard Publishing Company featuring law books, some published by other writers and some of their own (Ballard's Indiana Law of Real Property as well as one from that in Kentucky and Ohio which expanded into a national one that became a series) receiving exceptional endorsements from others in their profession. TE also practiced in the US Court of Appeals and would not

take on a case unless he was convinced the cause of the client was just. He was very much into the temperance issue, moving from the Democratic party to the Prohibitionist one where he was their party choice for many positions. Often standing alone on an issue, he deplored the shallowness and duplicity of other politicians. He felt the government should be an agency to "establish the Kingdom of Heaven!" (Brook Indiana Reporter 28 Dec 1923 p 1). He with four other ministers took part in a rotating discussion on endless punishment which lasted four or five days in each place presented. It was tough on his health, but even after bowing out of the rotating lecture, he was always in demand for his elocutionary powers. His daughter, Evaline taught English in CHS; his son Ray was a minister and his daughter Mary Anne taught music in Chicago at his death in 1923.

Emerson passed away a dozen years later from pneumonia and heart disease. Besides his lawship and writings, he was a state renowned lecturer on one of the same topics his brother so loved (prohibition). He like his brother was in demand as a speaker and especially at commencements as he had quite a way of making the graduate realize just who they were and where they were going. "His remarks were always sparked with short, sharp truths." (Huntingburg Independent 5-20-1916). Interesting that he was the presiding officer of four Masonic bodies at one time as well as Knights Templar and Order of Eastern Star. His death occurred in August 1935.

Certainly, I appreciate my little lady who introduced me to her parents and uncle as they were very interesting folks and rest with our little sweetie in Oak Hill Cemetery. I sure enjoyed writing about them as I hope you enjoyed reading this!

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the volunteers who populate VMHMC's Board, but they are supported and fueled by the kindness of community donations and volunteerism.

Again, this season, Montgomery County's youth will shine in these volunteer efforts. Southmont FCCLA, coordinated by sponsor Jessica Barnhart, will roll up their sleeves on two occasions: to create toiletry kits, and then to stuff sacks with completed orders from wish lists. The Scouts of First Christian Church will also be providing valuable service to this program. Student members of the VMHMC Board, Jessica Bradley and Evelyn Zachary, will lead these efforts.

Students seeking to serve others at North Montgomery will join the efforts by wrapping hundreds of gifts and helping deliver them to local agencies. Libby Allen, Student Council advisor, will coordinate her students and others at North Montgomery. Also serving as a VMHMC Board member, Ms. Allen, will be supported by student board members Clauddia Smedley and Ryan Hopper.

Crawfordsville's student board members, Hayden Jeffries and Kristen Thompson, will employ their leadership skills throughout the activities including children's activities at Crawfordsville's festive Downtown Party Night on November 25.

Individuals in this caring county will help purchase frequently-requested gifts or donate monetary funds to purchase additional special requests.

Frequently-requested gifts include: sweat pants and sweat tops, hooded sweat shirts (with zippers or without), plain colored t-shirts, cardigans, socks, jeans, and small fleece throws. Nice extras include: Coloring books and colored pencils, large-print crossword puzzles, nail care and polish, hair-brushes, combs, razors, cologne, and jewelry.

Working within its budget as a United Way partner agency, VMHMC purchases large quantities of toiletry items and constructs a kit for each of the recipients.

Donation LOCATIONS

- Chase Bank 200 S Washington St, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
- CrossWay Covenant Church 101 E Main Street, New Market, IN 47965
- First Christian Church of Crawfordsville 211 S Walnut St, Crawfordsville
- Fusion 54 101 W Main St, Crawfordsville
- Gregg's Corner Market 100 W Washington St, Waynetown
- HHSB Crawfordsville East 1400 Darlington Ave. Crawfordsville
- HHSB Crawfordsville South 1661 S US Highway 231 Crawfordsville
- HHSB Ladoga 4123 E. Main St. Ladoga
- HHSB Linden 100 N. Meridian St. Linden
- HHSB New Ross 101 S. Main St. New Ross
- HHSB Roachdale 108 N. Indiana St. Roachdale
- Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance 100 Walter Remley Dr Crawfordsville
- New Hope Chapel of Wingate 105 W Main St, Wingate
- Quest for Balance Wellness 2886 US-231, Crawfordsville
- R.P. Home and Harvest 1601 US-231, Crawfordsville
- Teachers Credit Union (Everwise) 1570 US-231, Crawfordsville
- Tri County Bank 224 E Main St, Crawfordsville
- Tri County Bank 101 E South Blvd, Crawfordsville
- Youngs Chapel Christian Church 4527 N 200 E

Donation collection containers are found throughout the community at local banks, businesses, and churches.

Though the containers and their contents will be pulled at the end of Thanksgiving week to be matriculated into the VMH inventory of goods, one may still donate by e-mailing dbw@vmhmc.org for pick-up. VMHMC actually accepts donations throughout the calendar year.

Tax-deductible monetary donations may be mailed to VMHMC, Post Office Box 491, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

Those wishing to volunteer for Christmas Gift Lift events may do so through the POINT app or by checking for VMHMC events on the YODEL Community Calendar.

Whether a donation takes the form of a bundle of clothing, a cash infusion, or the gift of time, each gift is precious to VMHMC because it helps the group continue to help bring the Spirit of Christmas to adults in our community who most need it each year!



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Southmont FCCLA members create toiletry kits in an assembly line fashion.

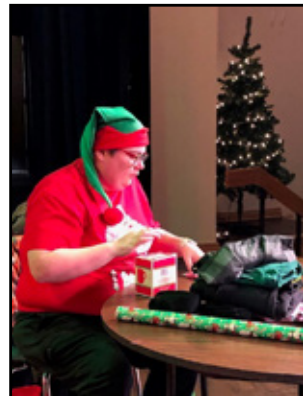


Photo courtesy of VMHMC
Libby Allen puts the work into wrapping.

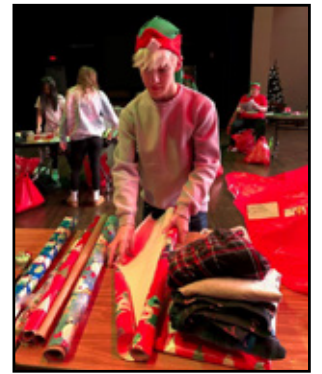


Photo courtesy of VMHMC
Ryland demonstrates professional wrapping techniques.



Photo courtesy of VMHMC
Santa's service-minded elves greet donors at Downtown Party Night.



Photo courtesy of VMHMC
Stuffed sacks await delivery to facilities.

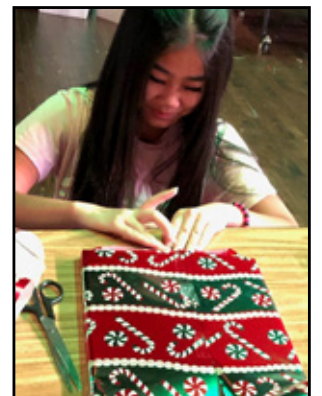


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A student wrapper matches the pattern to create a pretty gift, inside and out!



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Stuff-a-Thon workers looking for the perfect gift to match the wish list of a recipient.

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