

TODAY'S VERSE

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

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THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 VMHMC is looking for volunteers for the Downtown Party Night on November 25. They will be located on the second floor of Fusion 54 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feel free to drop off a donation, get a free candy cane and check out some reindeer games for the kids as well! For more information, please visit; vmhmc.org!

2 MCCF will award the final round of grants for 2023 on Thursday, November 30, 4 p.m., here at our building, second floor. We invite you to attend. I will have a press release ready that day listing the fifteen awards. We appreciate all you do to promote the good work of the grant recipients and the generosity of our donors.

3 Greater Indiana, in partnership with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Air and Waste Management Association Indiana Chapter, proudly presents the 2023 Indiana Environmental Conference and Winter Technical Meeting. The event is scheduled to take place on December 6-7 at the Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel.

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State Legislative Breakfast With Secretary of State As Special Guest

The Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a State Legislative Breakfast at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Hoosier Heartland State Bank Success Center, 1623 S. US Hwy 21, Crawfordsville.

We are pleased to announce that Secretary of State Diego Morales will be speaking in

addition to the panel which consists of State Senators Brian Buchanan (District 7) and Spencer Deery (District 23) along with State Representatives Sharon Negele (District 13), Jeff Thompson (District 28), Mark Genda (District 41), and Beau Baird (District 44.) for updates with time for questions and answers.

The State Legislative Breakfast is sponsored by Lakeside Book Company and will include a light breakfast



DIEGO MORALES

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Words Without Deeds Are Dead

A Reflection On Land Acknowledgment For Thanksgiving



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.lwvmontco.in, or message to LWV, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

Two maples along Dry Branch Drive scream, "Red in the morning" for anyone up and driving or walking nearby. Their blood red leaves cling to branches when autumn's wind and rain have denuded most other trees.

This time of year proves the persistence of living things - persimmons, the last of the hardy figs,-- people braving the supermarkets, Pam's Promise volunteers putting together pies to raise funds to house women and children. On

the local county chatter sites, good people are asking where they can volunteer or donate for community meals.

Thanksgiving marks the official start of Christmas anticipation. The national narrative behind it insists we give it respect in its own right, but the old myth has "tolled farther and farther away from the facts of what we have done," to quote Kentucky farmer and writer Wendell Berry. In The Hidden Wound, Berry calls attention to the romanticization of our history and "the wishful insinuation that we have done no harm" specifically against black and Indigenous Americans.

We might better celebrate the holiday and our history if we understood what "has brought [us] to reside on the land, and to

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What Is There To Give Thanks For?



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

It's easy not to be thankful. We live in a world, in a time, where there are so many things wrong. I could list a litany of things I

believe are askew - and yet the only thing that list would do is cause some folks consternation. Granted, a lot of us are in agreement - after all, we're like-minded people. But even the staunchest among us would admit that there are some pretty deeply divided opinions out there today.

We can get back to that debate next week.

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HONEST HOOSIER

Tomorrow, take a look around the table and say an extra prayer for those who aren't there. We're tremendously thankful for the time we did have with them!



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MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Thanksgiving:

As you know, government offices will be closed Thanksgiving Day and most will be closed on Black Friday. The Paper will also be closed those two days and will not publish either day. We will be back on Saturday as usual.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Keep electronics (TVs, computers, video games, cell phones) out of kids' rooms to promote good sleep behaviors.

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. "A newspaper is not just for reporting the news as it is, but to make people mad enough to do something about it!" -Mark Twain

TODAY'S JOKE

Do zombies read newspapers? Sure. The headlines!

OBITUARIES

None

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



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The Daily Almanac

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Today is...

- Blackout Wednesday
- Go For a Ride Day
- Humane Society Anniversary Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1995 Toy Story released. Produced by Pixar, the movie which follows the adventures of human-like toys, was the world's first feature-length computer-animated movie.
- 1986 Mike Tyson wins fight against Trevor Berbick. The victory won Tyson the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight championship and made him world's youngest heavyweight champion at the age of 20 years.
- 1963 John F. Kennedy assassinated. The 35th President of the United States was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald, while traveling in a motorcade in Dallas, Texas.

Births On This Day

- 1984 Scarlett Johansson American actress, singer
- 1890 Charles de Gaulle French general, politician, President of France

Deaths On This Day

- 1963 C. S. Lewis Irish author, poet
- 1718 Blackbeard English pirate

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Meeting Notes

North Montgomery School Board Meeting

Monday, November 27 Regular School Board Meeting 6 p.m.
480 W 580 N Crawfordsville

1. Executive Session - 4:30 e .m.

1.1 I.1 Where Authorized by federal or state statute. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (1)

1.2 With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction. (A) to receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct; and (B) to discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee, a student or independent contractor who is: (1) a physician; or (2) a school bus driver. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 {b} (7)

2. Call to Order
2.1 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (please stand)

3. Public Comment
3.1 Public Comment

4. Consent A.9.enda
4.1 Minutes
4.2 Monthly Claims
4.3 Personnel, Extra-Curricular, Field Trips, Facilities Usage, Contributions, Gifts, Superintendent Stipends

4.4 Other
4.5 Consent Vote
s. Lester B, Sommer

5. H1onorary Board Member

5.2 Spotlight
6. Action Items

6.1 Approve Revisions to Policy 2266 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities

7. Other
7.1 Update on Campus Projects

7.2 Discussion on Electric Bus Grant
8. Adjournment
8.1 Adjourn

200,000 Pounds Of Poultry Products Donated To Hoosiers This Year

Gov. Eric Holcomb, Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Don Lamb and the Indiana State Poultry Association recognized the generosity of Indiana's poultry producers at the 76th annual Governor's Poultry Presentation at the Indiana Statehouse. Over the past year, Indiana poultry farmers and businesses have donated 200,000 pounds of duck, turkey and chicken and 172,000 dozen eggs to Hoosiers in need.

In addition to the 200,000 pounds of poultry protein, Indiana farmers and businesses have donated \$340,000 to organizations fighting food insecurity.

"Hoosier generosity is second to none, and our poultry producers are always quick to assist their neighbors," said Gov. Holcomb. "It was an honor to be apart of this annual donation event and to recognize these outstanding businesses going above and beyond in their communities."

For decades, Indiana's poultry producers have been working to address food insecurity in their local communities by providing protein to food banks across the state. Some of the main products that were donated over the course of this year include eggs, chicken, duck and turkey.



Photo courtesy of ISDA

The seventeen-member board of the Indiana State Poultry Association with Gov. Eric Holcomb, ISDA Director Don Lamb and ISPA President Becky Joniskan.

The strength of Indiana's poultry sector was also recognized during the ceremony as Indiana is one of the top poultry producing states in the country. According to the USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service, Indiana ranks No. 1 in duck production, No. 2 in egg production, No. 4 in turkey production and is home to high quality broiler chicken production as well.

The poultry industry is a substantial economic driver for the state contributing more than \$15 billion in total economic activity. Additionally, this sector employs more than 12,500 Hoosiers.

Indiana State Poultry Association (ISPA) members continually give back to their local communities throughout the year. According to ISPA President Becky Joniskan, the large poultry donations come from farming families in small communities across Indiana that these producers call home.

"Indiana's poultry farmers show their care and concern for the communities within which they operate and to all Hoosiers through their generous donations," said Joniskan. "Whether through direct financial contributions or donations of eggs, duck, turkey, or chicken prod-

ucts, they model the spirit of giving throughout the year, and especially at Thanksgiving."

Today's items on display were donated to Second Helpings, a hunger relief agency, in Indianapolis. This ceremony marks an annual tradition that dates back to the late 1940s. Organized by ISPA, one of the oldest poultry organizations in the nation, it was designed to recognize the strength of Indiana's poultry industry, as well as the annual donations made by its members, who are responsible for more than 95% of the chicken, duck, turkey and eggs produced in Indiana.

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Less 'Aggressive' Legislative Session Coming, Statehouse Leaders Say

By Stacey Baschwit
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Moderate your expectations for the next legislative session, say Indiana's lawmaking leaders: more tweaks and fine-tuning, and fewer overhauls.

They're not taking on gambling expansions, water fights or costly initiatives during the shorter non-budget session, which begins in January and must end by mid-March.

"We've had three aggressive sessions — three years, in which we've accomplished a lot," GOP House Speaker Todd Huston said Monday at the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's annual legislative preview. "... We'll probably take a pretty measured approach on what we address."

That could include some more action on truancy and reading, after lawmakers last session mandated that schools teach the "science of

reading" over other less-effective measures.

But don't expect sweeping changes to career-focused education initiatives or to housing, they said, after last year's massive plan to "reinvent" high school and revolving loan fund for housing development infrastructure.

"We need to allow things to be able to be implemented," Huston said, although lawmakers could "fine-tune" some policies. Republican leadership will introduce fewer priority bills to signal that they're of the "less is more" opinion right now," he added.

A quiet session? Huston and other legislative leaders said they're also not taking on new and controversial subjects like expanding gambling or regulating large water transfers.

Advocates have for several years wanted to legalize i-gaming but it's unlikely to go anywhere this year.

Former Shelbyville

Rep. Sean Eberhart agreed to plead guilty to a federal felony charge this month for supporting legislation benefiting Spectacle Entertainment in exchange for future employment. Another former senator and a casino executive were both sentenced in 2022 for gambling-related election finance schemes, per the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

GOP Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray said Eberhart's case "makes gaming really hard to engage in" and indicated that it could limit legislation for several sessions.

"It taints the Statehouse, it diminishes the confidence that people have in the integrity of the Statehouse, it causes an awful lot of problems and it makes it particularly difficult to engage in that kind of policy," Bray said.

Bray and Huston said they hadn't spoken with federal investigators and had no information on

whether the ongoing investigation would involve more lawmakers.

And they're not taking action on water, although some local units of government have bucked the Indiana Economic Development Corp's (IEDC) plans to pipe millions of gallons of water daily from the Wabash Alluvial Aquifer to a massive high-tech development in Boone County.

Tippecanoe County on Monday approved a nine-month moratorium on large water withdrawals, reports WFYI. Several other communities have passed symbolic rejections.

"The project is a fantastic project that promises to be really ... transformational for Indiana," said Bray, who said lawmakers haven't "spent as much time on water as some other states ... because we have had a lot of water, and we do have an awful lot of water."

"We're not going to take any other steps until

we have an opportunity to study, to make sure that there's ample water for the projects that we're trying to bring into the state of Indiana and we understand just how much is too much to take away from a particular community," Bray continued.

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce said it's working on one such study, as is a contractor hired by the IEDC but now under Indiana Finance Authority oversight.

Chamber pushes non-budget priorities

The chamber, however, had plenty of suggestions for lawmakers in its annual list of priorities.

It said they should focus on child care by streamlining regulations, allowing child care workers to qualify for care vouchers and skills training, and look at subsidy data.

The organization also recommended building on recent career-focused

education bills, increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates, expanding the scope of practice for low-level health care professionals, banning union-only project labor agreements, raising the business personal property tax exemption and requiring local governments to recognize state-level diverse business certifications.

And it doubled down on some previously unsuccessful initiatives, including an increase to the state cigarette tax and adding driving privilege cards for people who have immigrated without legal permission.

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'Opt Outside' Over Thanksgiving Holiday

For Hoosiers looking to get outside the day after Thanksgiving, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will offer free admission to all Indiana State Park properties on Nov. 24 as part of Opt Outside Day.

In addition to the 24 state parks, participating properties also include Lieber State Recreation (SRA); Raccoon, Deam Lake, and Starve Hollow SRAs; Brookville, Hardy, Mississinewa, Monroe, Patoka and Salamonie lakes, and the two off-road state recreation areas, Redbird and Interlake.

"There's nothing like going for a hike the day after Thanksgiving to work off the turkey and fixings from the day before," said Dan Bortner, DNR director. "The benefits of opting outside go beyond the quality memories created with family or the mental perks of spending time in nature. Hoosiers can also win fun prizes that will keep them connected with Indiana DNR year-round."

Those who participate in Opt Outside Day will enter in drawings for 2024 DNR annual entrance passes, Outdoor Indiana subscriptions, Smokey Bear materials, gift cards, and DNR-staff-led outdoor experiences. To participate, you can do one, two, or all three of the following to increase your chances of winning prizes:

1. Share your photos.



Photo courtesy of DNR

Post photos of your adventures at Indiana State Park properties on DNR social media. More details are at on.IN.gov/optoutside.

When posting photos, use the hashtag and tag the DNR or the property you are visiting in your post.

2. Opt Outside Scavenger Hunt. Download and complete the form at on.IN.gov/optoutside and email it to SPContests@dnr.IN.gov to be entered in a separate drawing for prizes and experiences.

3. Check in at a DNR State Park property with the Indiana State Nature Passport. Checking in

at any DNR State Park property listed in the Indiana State Nature Passport Program at visitindiana.com/explore or completing the Opt Outside Scavenger Hunt and entering the special Nature Passport Scavenger Hunt PIN will enter you in a drawing for a 2024 annual entrance pass and an Outdoor Indiana magazine subscription. The special PIN for the scavenger hunt will be posted in the same location as each property's usual Nature Passport PIN.

To view more DNR news releases, please see dnrc.IN.gov.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a resolution adopted on October 9, 2023, the South Montgomery Community School Corporation sold its General Obligation Bonds of 2023 (the "Bonds") in a principal amount of \$3,000,000 and with a final maturity of January 15, 2027 to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated.
 Dated this 18th day of November, 2023.
 South Montgomery Community School Corporation
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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the South Montgomery Community School Corporation has preliminarily determined to issue bonds in one or more series in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 to fund the proposed renovation of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corporation, including site and athletic improvements and the purchase of technology, equipment and buses.
 Dated: November 22, 2023
 /s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
 South Montgomery Community School Corporation
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**Notice of Public Hearing
 Crawfordsville Common Council**

Please take notice that on 13 November 2023, the Crawfordsville Common Council passed a preliminary resolution declaring that certain property in the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana as an economic revitalization area. Council Resolution No. 22-2023 is available in the City-Clerk Treasurer's office and the Montgomery County Assessor's office. This resolution declared the Common Council of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana (the "Council") has been requested by International Paper Company, (the "Applicant") to designate the property on Englewood Drive (Parcel 54-07-33-200-005.000-028) (the "Real Estate") as an Economic Revitalization Area (an "ERA") under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 (the "Act"); the Council has prepared a simplified description of the Area or maps and plans that identify the Area, which are available for inspection in the City Clerk Treasurer's Office and Montgomery County Assessor's Office; the Area is located within the Council's jurisdiction under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-2; the Applicant plans to replace mainline conveyors to accommodate increased production (the "Improvements"). These personal property improvement costs are described in an Application and a related Statement of Benefits submitted by the Applicant to the Council (collectively, the "Application"); the Council has reviewed the Application; the Applicant has requested that the Council approve rehabilitation or redevelopment of personal property tax abatement for ten years; and the improvement of the Area described in the Application will be of public utility and will be to the benefit and welfare of all citizens and taxpayers of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana ("City"); and based on the foregoing, the Council hereby finds that (1) the Area is within the City, and (2) the Area has become undesirable for, or impossible of, normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development, cessation of growth, or deterioration of improvements or character of occupancy, age, obsolescence, substandard buildings, or other factors that have impaired values or prevent a normal development of property or property use. The Council makes the following findings: 1. The estimate of the value of the redevelopment or rehabilitation is reasonable for projects of this nature. 2. The estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed described redevelopment or rehabilitation. 3. The estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed described redevelopment or rehabilitation. 4. The other benefits about which information was requested are benefits that can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed described redevelopment or rehabilitation. 5. The total benefits are sufficient to justify the granting of the deduction. The Area is hereby declared to be an "economic revitalization area" under the Act. 6. The Statement of Benefits is hereby approved and the Real Estate described hereinabove is hereby designated as an ERA pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1 et seq. 7. That the Council has considered the factors set forth in I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-17 and the Applicant is granted a ten-year personal property tax deduction schedule as set forth in the Abatement Schedule. The Council fixes 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2023 in the City Council Chambers, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, for the public hearing of remonstrances and objections from persons interested in the Project. At this hearing, the Council will take final action relative to this preliminary resolution and finally determine whether the Real Estate should be designated as an ERA and whether the ten-year personal property tax deductions should be granted as set forth in the Abatement Schedule. A copy of this preliminary resolution and the final resolution shall be filed with the City Clerk Treasurer and Montgomery County Assessor. 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 765-364-5160 or ballen@crawfordsville-in.gov.
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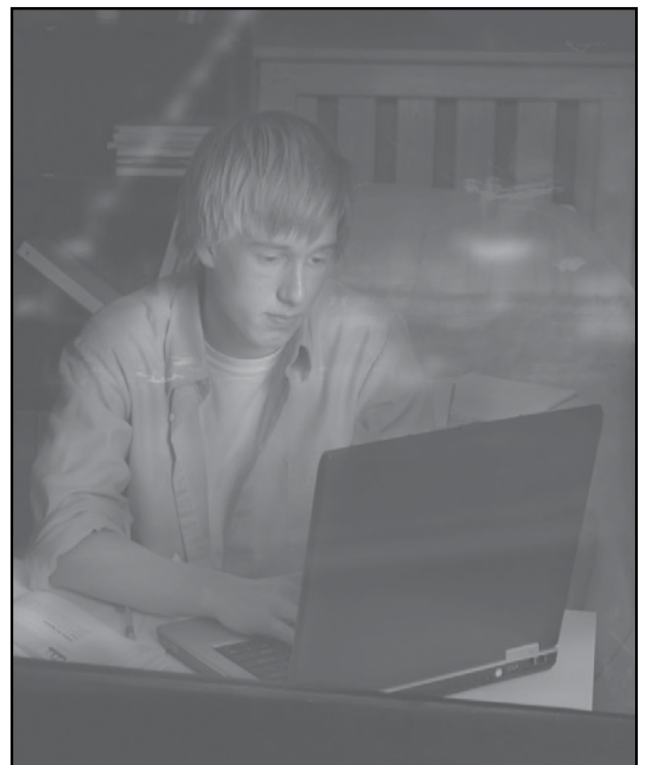
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| | 2 | Fire Fighting | \$19,487.26 | \$38,195.31 | \$11,000.00 | \$46,682.57 |
| | 4 | Rainy Day | \$1,879.78 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,879.78 |
| | 5 | Township | \$60,707.27 | \$7,608.02 | \$13,838.76 | \$54,476.53 |
| | 6 | Township Assistance | \$44,897.81 | \$14,316.52 | \$5,319.96 | \$53,894.37 |
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE DISCONNECTION/RECONNECTION FEE FOR THE TOWN OF LINDEN, INDIANA WATERWORKS UTILITY

Property owners, ratepayers and other interested parties in or served or to be served by the waterworks of the Town of Linden, Indiana ("Town") are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held by the Town Council of the Town, at the Linden Town Hall, 302 East Water Street, Linden, Indiana 47955, commencing at 7:00 p.m. on December 19, 2023. The purpose of the hearing is to consider an increase in the disconnection/reconnection charge for the users of the Town waterworks. At the hearing, interested persons may be heard concerning the water rates and charges. The proposed ordinance, which was introduced by the Town Council at its meeting on November 14, 2023, will be effective after adoption and implemented as soon as practicable. The new disconnection/reconnection rate is attached as Appendix A. The complete text of the proposed ordinance is available for examination and copying at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer at the Town Hall of the Town of Linden, 302 East Water Street, Linden, Indiana 47955 during normal business hours and will be available at the public hearing.
 Following the adoption of the ordinance, users located outside the Linden corporate boundaries may be entitled to petition the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission under section IC 8-1.5-3-8.3 to review and adjust rates and charges imposed on the users if a petition under IC 8-1.5-3-8.2 with respect to the ordinance has not been filed.
 Water Rates and Charges: See Appendix A, attached.
 All other rates and charges of the Linden Waterworks will remain unchanged.
 On December 19, 2023, the Town Council shall consider, and may take action on, the proposed ordinance.
 Janet Heide Clerk-Treasurer
 Dated: December 19, 2023
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Terre Haute Symphony Welcomes Angela Brown For A Symphony Christmas

Celebrate the holiday season with a treasured Wabash Valley tradition! The Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Artistic Director, David Bowden, will take the stage for its annual holiday concert, A Symphony Christmas, on Saturday, December 2nd at 7:30pm at Tilson Auditorium. Music-lovers of all ages will enjoy holiday favorites such as Sleigh Ride, Festive Sounds of Hanukkah, selections from The Nutcracker plus an audience singalong! The performance will feature Angela Brown, world-renowned soprano, singing Sweet Little Jesus Boy, O Holy Night, My Simple Christmas Wish and more. Tickets are going really fast, so make plans soon to attend this festive musical celebration! Additional tickets will be released for purchase after November 20.

"I am excited to begin the holiday season with the Terre Haute Symphony under the direction of my dear friend and musical collaborator, Maestro David Bowden," said Ms. Brown. "It is such a beautiful opportunity for me because we have performed on many musical occasions throughout my career. I'm going to have lots of family and friends in the audience and I can't wait to make new friends in Terre Haute during this festive season."

The concert will open with Leroy Anderson's Bugler's Holiday, first recorded in 1954 by the composer. Bugler's Holiday is performed by a trio of trumpeters with orchestra. This work is one of Anderson's best known and has been performed worldwide. Anderson also has ties to Terre Haute and was initiated as an honorary member of the Gamma Omicron chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia at Indiana State University in 1969. Samantha Johnson-Helms, THSO Principal Clarinet, opens the second half of the program as soloist in Celebrate Hanukkah!

Angela Brown personifies the ideal soprano: sheer vocal power; luxurious finesse; and shimmering, high pianissimos. Her debut as Aida at the Metropolitan Opera catapulted her onto the world's prestigious stages and headlines in the New York Times read: "At last an Aida," and CBS Weekend News proclaimed: "the future of opera has arrived!" Angela has been featured on six continents on stages such as the Lincoln center, National Opera of Paris, Capetown (South

Africa) Opera, Hamburg Opera, the Metropolitan Opera, and more. Angela has graced the stage in roles such as Aida, Addie Parker (Charlie Parker's Yardbird), Amelia (Un ballo in Maschera), Elisabetta (Don Carlo), and Leonora (Il Trovatore). To learn more about Angela, visit her website, angelambrown.com.

"Angela Brown is a mesmerizing artist – dramatic, charismatic, with an amazing voice," said Bowden. "This is a terrific opportunity for local audiences to hear one of the great artists of our time perform with our outstanding local professional orchestra."

This concert is proudly sponsored by First Financial Bank, Ross Elliot Jewelers, Robert L. Cowden, Laney Meis, Bill Fenoglio & Stephanie Salter.

Supper at the Symphony

The THSO is pleased to host Supper at the Symphony prior to A Symphony Christmas! Come to the concert early and enjoy a delicious three-course dinner served in the McKee Family Heritage Ballroom of Tirey Hall, right down the hall from Tilson Auditorium. The cash bar opens at 5:00pm, and dinner is served promptly at 5:30pm. Dinner reservations are only \$25 per person. Entrée choices include Roast Turkey, Roast Pork, and Vegetable Lasagna. All entrees are served with mashed potatoes with gravy and homestyle green beans. All guests will enjoy mixed greens with mandarin oranges, sugared almonds, green onions, celery, and rice wine/orange vinaigrette to start and a pumpkin roll with caramel sauce and spiced whipped cream for dessert. Reservations can be made at www.thso.org or by calling the THSO office at (812) 242-8476. Reservations close at 12pm on Tuesday, November 28.

Concert Conversations
Join Artistic Director, Dr. David Bowden, as he discusses the repertoire performed on the concert during Concert Conversations in the McKee Family Heritage Ballroom in Tirey Hall on the campus of Indiana State University before the concert at 6:45pm. FREE to all concert ticket holders!

Concert Tickets Patrons can purchase concert tickets by visiting www.thso.org or calling the Hulman Center at (812) 237-3737. Ticket prices for adults

are \$19, \$48, and \$60. Student and youth tickets are \$5, \$11, and \$15. Prices do not include facility and venue fees.

ISU Student Tickets

ISU students receive FREE tickets to THSO concerts! Students can show their student ID at the Tilson Auditorium ticket window starting at 6:30pm before a concert to receive a free ticket. Only 100 tickets are available for ISU students. Students can get their tickets in advance by visiting the Hulman Center box office.

Accessible Entrance

An elevator is available for patrons who need accessible entry at the rear of Tirey Hall. Patrons can be dropped off behind Tirey Hall in the alley between Fairbanks and Tilson for direct access to the elevator or enter through the ground level at the front of Tilson Auditorium via the downstairs lobby. Signage will be posted at the venue with directions to the elevator.

Parking

Free parking is available in the Indiana State Parking garage located at 750 Cherry Street between 4 PM and 11 PM on December 2nd. Enter the parking garage on Cherry Street. The parking garage is located across the street from Tilson Auditorium. Check www.thso.org for additional parking, street closings, and travel suggestions related to A Symphony Christmas.

Travel Updates

On December 2nd, many downtown roads will be closed from 1pm to 10pm for the Light Your Way Parade during Miracle on 7th Street. Please plan to arrive at A Symphony Christmas early to allow time for parking.

Street Closures:
• Wabash Avenue from Third to Ninth Street
• Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth from Ohio to Cherry Street

The ISU Parking Garage at 8th and Cherry is available for THSO patrons beginning at 4pm. To avoid street closures:

- Take 11th Street or 13th Street North to Chestnut
- Turn left (West) on Chestnut
- Turn left (South) on 8th Street
- Turn right (West) on Cherry and enter parking garage located at the corner of 8th and Cherry from right lane.

State Gets Data Security Settlement

The state announced it has obtained \$690,000 as part of a multistate settlement with a global financial services corporation to resolve allegations of negligent internal data security practices.

"We have taken this action because companies must be held accountable for protecting Hoosiers' data privacy in accordance with our laws," Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita said. "Our team will continue standing up for hardworking families and defending their interests and rights as consumers."

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC — better known simply as Morgan Stanley — allegedly compromised the personal information of its customers with a poorly executed plan of decommissioning its computer devices and a failure to erase unencrypted data in certain of those computer devices.

As far back as 2015, Morgan Stanley failed to properly dispose of devices containing its customers' personal information by hiring a moving company with no experience in data destruction services. Morgan Stanley failed to properly monitor the outside firm's work — which involved decommissioning thousands of hard drives and servers containing

sensitive information of millions of its customers. The computer equipment, some of which contained customer data, was sold via internet auctions. Morgan Stanley learned of problems when a downstream purchaser discovered the data and called the company.

In a second incident, a records reconciliation exercise undertaken by the company during a decommissioning process revealed that 42 servers, all potentially containing unencrypted customer information, were missing. During this process, the company learned that the local devices being decommissioned may have contained unencrypted data due to a manufacturer flaw in the encryption software.

An investigation found that Morgan Stanley failed to maintain adequate vendor controls and hardware inventories — and that had these controls been in place, both data security events could have been prevented.

Indiana is one of six states — which include Connecticut, Florida, New Jersey, New York and Vermont — entering into agreements with Morgan Stanley. The company has agreed to pay \$6.5 million in total and to adopt a series of provisions that better protects the per-

sonal information of its consumers going forward, including:

- Maintaining a comprehensive information security program that includes regular updates that are necessary to reasonably protect the privacy, security, and confidentiality of personal information;
- Maintaining an incident response plan that documents incidents and actions taken in relation to the incidents;
- Maintaining a written policy that governs the collection, use, retention, and disposal of consumers' personal information;
- Encrypting all personal information, whether stored or transmitted, between documents, databases, or elsewhere;
- Employing a manual process and automated tools to keep track of locations of all hardware that contains personal information;
- Maintaining a vendor risk assessment team to assess and monitor that their vendors comply with Morgan Stanley's data security requirements.

As part of their work protecting consumers from illicit business practices, cybersecurity threats, data privacy violations and ID theft, Rokita's team has now obtained nearly \$1 billion in settlements for Hoosiers.



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seek to understand [our] place within that history” (Northwestern University) – past and ongoing.

Most of us will carve our turkeys, or tofurkeys, and scoop sweet potato casserole – marshmallow or pecan crust? – on lands stewarded by Miami, Potawatomi, Lenape, Piankashaw, Kickapoo, Wea, Wyandotte and Shawnee tribes until a series of disingenuous, inequitable, and broken treaties, as well as active military and civic efforts, pushed tribes west. From 1795 to 1846, presidents, governors and military leaders made and reneged on shoddy treaties and now only a fraction of the native people of Indiana live here. Only one tribe, the Pokagon branch of the Potawatomi, has recognition, and the state has refused to recognize another, the Miami tribe.

Untended wounds fester rather than heal, which is why organizations from churches to event organizers have taken steps to acknowledge the history from past to the present moment. You may have heard about land acknowledgments, brief statements that situate the organization or event in its honest position in that place and time. For example, the Church of the Brethren, passed a paper at their 2023 annual conference to repudiate the “Doctrine of Discovery” – a justification of divesting native people from the right to their land, which was born out of papal bulls in the 15th century that the Supreme Court codified in its 1823 Johnson v. M’Intosh. – the Church of the Brethren acknowledged that its properties are on stolen land and called to investigate to which First Nation People restitution should be made, as well as determine that restitution.

Land acknowledgements nod to the authentic history, admitting people were pushed off their homeland, that they stewarded the land with practices that protected the soil, water, air and living beings on the land, and that some form of reconciliation is needed. It’s step one of many, a declaration of intent to action, to a holistic, healthy relationship to our land and to our neighbors. It invites us into stewardship and unity with the land and its first caretakers.

“When we talk about land, land is part of who we are. It’s a mixture of our blood, our past, our current, and our future. We carry our ancestors in

us, and they’re around us. As you all do,” said Mary Lyons (Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe)

Should you, your kith and kin want to make a land acknowledgement during this holiday season, the Native Governance Center encourages the following steps.

Start with self-reflection: Asking what makes this land acknowledgment? (If you’re hoping to inspire others to take action to support indigenous communities, you’re on the right track. If you’re delivering a land acknowledgment out of guilt or because everyone else is doing it, more self-reflection is in order.) What is my end goal?

Next, do your homework. Put in the time necessary to research the following topics to consider and put into your statement.

▣ The indigenous people to whom the land belongs.

▣ The history of the land and any related treaties.

▣ Names of living indigenous people from these communities. If you’re presenting on behalf of your work in a certain field, highlight indigenous people who currently work in that field.

▣ Indigenous place names and language.

▣ Correct pronunciation for the names of the Tribes, places and individuals you’re including.

▣ Use appropriate language. Don’t sugarcoat the past. Use terms like genocide, ethnic cleansing, stolen land and forced removal to reflect actions taken by colonizers.

▣ Use past, present and future tenses. Indigenous people are still here, and they’re thriving. Don’t treat them as a relic of the past.

As the Center notes, “Land acknowledgments shouldn’t be grim. They should function as living celebrations of indigenous communities.”

Finally, just as the saying “Words without deeds are dead,” consider the action that will accompany your statement. You might ask what can one family, one individual, do realistically?

If possible, “build real, authentic relationships with indigenous people. In addition to normal employment and family obligations, indigenous people are working to heal their traumas, learn their languages and support their nations.” Don’t be afraid to reach out and ask what you can do, the Native Governance Center encourages.

If you can’t learn from

Native Americans in your community, learn about the lives of the Native Americans. Read M. Scott Momaday, Leslie Marmon Silko, Joy Harjo, Sherman Alexie, Muriel Rekeyser, Louise Erdrich, Natasha Trethewey, Joseph Bruchac. Watch shows like Reservation Dogs, movies like “Killers of the Flower Moon,” and “Smoke Signals,” among others. Don’t translate “Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee” or any one tragedy or tribe’s story as the story that explains every tribe and time across this huge continent.

Remember and understand displacement and how that plays into land acknowledgment. Land acknowledgment is complicated. Remember that the United States government displaced many tribes from land before treaties were signed.

Consider donating to or purchasing handcrafted arts of native people, especially local tribes.

Miikii (Give) to the Miami Nation of Indiana here: <https://www.miami-indians.org/take-action>

Finally write your statement. Here’s a script that could be adapted: “As we gather and celebrate Thanksgiving / Christmas today, we would like to acknowledge the following people whose land we are on today – the Miami and Potawatomi.

Lenape, Piankeshaw, Kickapoo, Wea, Wyandotte and Shawnee tribes who lived in the territory of Indiana and were pushed out on the Potawatomi Trail of Death, in wars, and in broken treaties. We acknowledge their connection and desire to live and care for these lands even today. We thank the leaders of Miami Nation of Indiana and the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Tribe for telling their histories. We will seek ways to support their work and help thrive locally as indigenous people among us.”

Happy Holidays!

–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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For now, how about if we simply focus on what this holiday is all about – gratitude?

Some of us are going to wake up tomorrow to a house full of wonderful smells, of some hustle and bustle. We might see on the television a parade that takes us back to a simpler time. We might recall it as a day when kids (like us) ran rampant through the house while moms and dads and grandmas and grandpas watched – and so long as we didn’t go too crazy, gave us a little leeway.

Today, we’re those grandmas and grandpas and maybe realize they weren’t so much being lenient as they were recording those images in their mind so they could replay them over and over later on.

The kids have become the elders. The elders memories. Sweet, wonderful memories that we’ll cherish – especially over the next few days. Why? Because it is a perfect time to look back. I have no idea what year it was, but the first Thanksgiving I can remember included

one set of great-grandparents and two sets of grandparents and sitting in front of a small, black-and-white television set, watching the floats roll by and knowing that Santa and his lovely bride would be coming soon.

What I wouldn’t give to go back and see that family again – to be able to ask questions. To share a hug.

To say thanks.

Many of us were lucky that way. We grew up blessed.

Friends, we live in a season today that I don’t believe we’ve seen before. Truth to tell, I don’t know what that means. I’ve heard and read some folks call this the end times. Is it? No idea. That’s WAY above my pay grade. But for certain, it is a different season.

Perhaps, and this is just one vagabond reporter’s opinion, it is even more important to be thankful right now. No, no, not thankful for the strife, the contention.

Just thankful for what we do have.

Be that plenty or be that sparse.

Look around. You know what that means in your life.

In mine it means faith, family and much more, I hope you know that you are all included when I count my blessings. You invite the little newspaper that could into your home each week and we get to share a little time together. You have no idea how much all of us here appreciate that.

So tomorrow, let’s try to lose the dismay and just be thankful.

Happy Thanksgiving!

–Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

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catered by Francis & Mount. The event is open to the public. The cost to attend the event with or without breakfast is \$10 for Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce members and \$15 for non-members.

Space is limited so please register to attend online at Crawfordsville-Chamber.com by Friday, Dec. 1. For more information regarding the breakfast or the chamber, please contact Stacy Sommer at ssommer@crawfordsville-chamber.com.

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