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THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Monroe Lake will once again kick off the new year with its First Day Trail Run and Walk at Fairfax State Recreation Area in Bloomington, on Monday, Jan. 1 at 3:30 p.m. This is an untimed, noncompetitive run/walk. Participants complete a 3.7-mile, 2.9-mile, or 1.3-mile course before ringing in the new year by tapping the bell as they cross the finish line. Advance registration is \$15 per person and available online only through Dec. 30 at bit.ly/monroefirstday. Same-day registration, cash or check only, will be available at the Bay View Shelter inside Fairfax SRA from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

2 The Paper has an immediate opening for someone who is good with computers and creative to help build our daily pages. The job pays between \$12 and \$15 an hour, depending on experience. If interested, please send resume to timmons@thepaper24-7.com.

3 Looking for something to do on Dec. 9? Then you might want to head over to Russellville for the Second Annual Russellville Small Business Market Holiday Showcase. Things kick off at 10 a.m. and wrap up around 4 p.m. There will be more than 50 vendors offering a variety of items, as well as plenty of things to do for both grown-ups and little ones. Santa will even make an appearance and photo prints will be available for a low price.

MCCF Announces Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Recipient

The Montgomery County Community Foundation is pleased to announce that Campbell Mason has been named the 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar for Montgomery County. He is a senior at Crawfordsville High School and the son of Keith and Rebekah Mason.

Each Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides for full tuition, required fees and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment for four years. The scholarship is for undergraduate students studying on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university. Lilly Endowment Community Scholars may also participate in the Lilly Scholars Network (LSN), which connects both current scholars and alumni with resources and opportunities to be active leaders on their campuses and in their communities. Both the scholarship program and LSN are supported by grants from Lilly Endowment to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) and Indiana Humanities.

"I am tremendously fortunate to be named this year's Lilly

Endowment Community Scholar," said Mason. "I am extremely thankful to the Montgomery County Community Foundation and Lilly Endowment for believing in me and investing in my education, as well as for their kindness throughout the entire application process. This scholarship is an incredible opportunity, and I am grateful for the opportunities in my life that it will open. It is the highest honor to be named this scholar in such a great community. I couldn't have done it without my principals and administrators, dedicated teachers, coaches, friends, and family who supported me throughout the process. It is my current goal to attend the University of Notre Dame to pursue a degree in Economics. Once again, I am humbled and so incredibly grateful for this life-changing opportunity, and I would like to thank everyone involved at the Montgomery County Commu-



CAMPBELL MASON

service at their church (ME in New Market - obit) being sick for some time, Robert died in July the next year with chronic nephritis, uremia and arteriosclerosis (Death Record). Both were active in the church and Robert in politics serving eight years as county superintendent of roads (Republican) and wondered if Bonwell Corner on Road 700 S where it connects to US 231 was named to honor him or perhaps they had land there? At the time of his passing at age 80 he was on the Crawfordsville City Council. I think that's amazing! An interesting bit of information on Robert is that he was one of 17 charter members (New Richmond Record 13 March 1913) of the Henry Clay Lodge 288

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Meet The Horse Folks

One of my all-time favorite pictures in the hundreds on the Montgomery County INGen-Web page hubs and I do is that of Robert Allen Bonwell, his wife, Linda Jane "Jennie" Malsbary and their two children, son Earl J. and daughter, Opal. It called my pen so here ya' go - enjoy!

Robert Allen was born in Warren County July 28, 1853, son of James A. (born in Brown County, Indiana) and Jane (Sayers) Bonwell and farming and horses was in his blood. At age 29, he married 23-year old, Jennie, daughter of John Vernon Malsbary and Sarah Elizabeth Johnson, Jennie born 3 April 1859 in Montgomery County (according to FindAGrave but pretty sure it was in Jackson Township, in Tippecanoe County near the small town of Sugar Grove). She was one of a decade of children, Robert's family about half as many. These two celebrated their 50th anniversary at their home at 1009 W. Wabash Crawfordsville in the Spring of 1932. Sadly, the next year same season Jennie passed while she was attending the home coming



Photo courtesy of Karen Zach

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FISH Reaching Out To Help Those In Need

By Linda Cherry
President of FISH

What a joyous month this has been! Generosity has shown itself in so many ways. The food donations connected to Thanksgiving show an appreciation for what we all wish to enjoy with family and friends. The financial donations will see us into the new year and the leanest months

We want to make a special request for towels, blankets and queen and king sheets. If new linens come to your house over the holiday, please consider donating those that will most likely stay on the linen closet shelf. Thanks to all those who find these resources and drop them off at First Baptist Church. Our food pantry always needs

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A Small Town Christmas In Waveland

Waveland Strong will host their Small Town Christmas event on December 9, 2023 at the Waveland Fire Department, from 5-8 PM.

A chicken noodle dinner will be served. Free-will donations are always appreciated.

Get your picture taken with Santa! Take a hayride around town to see the Christmas lights after stopping by the hot chocolate bar. Children will be able to write letters to Santa and make a craft. Take a chance with the 50/50 raffle.

There will be a Silent Auction held throughout the evening. Gift certificates, gift baskets, shirts, hats, custom woodworking pieces, wreaths, pet goodies, and different types of seasonings are just a few items up for auction! Proceeds will go to Waveland Strong.

Waveland Fire Department is raffling off a Traeger Timberline Pellet Grill Series 1300. Raffle tickets are \$10 each. Drawing will be held at the event.

Proceeds from the dinner and the grill raffle will go to Waveland Fire Department. Brown Lucky Leaf 4-H club will receive proceeds from the Hot Chocolate Bar and the 50/50 raffle.

Come enjoy an evening in Waveland!

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:54 a.m.
SET: 5:23 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 53 °F
Low: 33 °F



Today is...

- Letter Writing Day
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- National Cotton Candy Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1941 Attack on Pearl Harbor. The Imperial Japanese Navy attacked the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The attack was the impetus for the U.S.'s entry into World War II.
- 1787 First state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. Delaware became the first state to ratify the United States Constitution. Because of this, it is sometimes called the First State.
- 1732 Royal Opera House opens its doors. The popular performing arts venue in Covent Garden, London houses the Royal Opera and the Royal Ballet.



Births On This Day

- 1956 Larry Bird American basketball player
- 1949 Tom Waits American singer-songwriter, guitarist, actor

Deaths On This Day

- 1985 Robert Graves English author
- 983 Otto II, Holy Roman Emperor

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Exercising at least five days a week can cut sick days in half. 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.



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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE Community Forum:

Mayor Barton will be hosting his December Community Forum on Thursday, December 14th from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Mayor's Office. This will be the Mayor's 127th community forum. This event is open to the public to come ask questions, discuss concerns, and learn more about anything regarding the city.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year."
-Victor Borge

TODAY'S JOKE

Did Rudolph go to school? No. He was Elf-taught!

OBITUARIES

None

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



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WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

42 A.M. FLURRIES, CHILLY WED	33/53 BRIGHT, BREEZY, MILD THU	42/56 BALMY AND BREEZY FRI	52/60 BREEZY, BALMY, RAINY SAT	37/39 WINDY, RAIN TO SNOW EAST SUN	26/42 SUNNY, SEASONAL MON	29/45 MILD TUE
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➔ Meeting Notes

Southmont Schools Board Of Trustees Regular School Board Meeting

Monday, December 11 - 6 p.m.
AGENDA
Executive Session
Notice is hereby given that the South Montgomery Community School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet in Executive Session on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office, 6401 S. US 231, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1

(A) where authorized by federal or state statute, (C) for discussion of the assessment, design and/or implementation of school safety and security measures, plans and systems.
Executive Session
Notice is hereby given that the South Montgomery Community School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet in Executive Session on Monday, December 11, 2023 immediately following the regular meeting at the Administrative Office, 6401 S. US 231, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 to receive information about and interview prospective employees.

- Public Meeting
I. Call to Order
II. Pledge of Allegiance
III. Roll Call
IV. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors. We will be recognizing Student and Staff of the month.
V. Revisions to the Agenda
VI. Public Comments (All Items) **Any person wishing to speak needs to sign in and will receive 3 minutes maximum**
VII. Consent Agenda: (minutes, monthly claims, field trips/facilities usage, contributions/gifts and personnel) Minutes from previous meetings
Claims/Payrolls Personnel:
-Approve resignation of Arianna Wright, Science Teacher - Southmont Jr. High School - effective May 24, 2024.
-Bobbi Harden - Instructional Aide - Southmont Jr. High School.
-Dana Hunt - Spring Play Assistant Director - \$750.00.
-Aaron Charles - Corporate Sponsorship stipend - \$2430.00.
-Jason Kelsey - JH Wrestling Coach - 1/2 stipend - \$1000.00.
-Mike Haslam - JH Wrestling Coach - 1/2 stipend - \$1000.00.
-Desson Hannum - Winter Weights Program - \$1726.00.

-Extra Duty Recommendations: Kelley Hopkins, IHSAA Sectional Volleyball Help - \$40.00; Ashley Hammond, IHSAA Sectional Volleyball Help, Fall Supervision, Regional Football Help -

\$80.00; Kathryn Yeakum, IHSAA Sectional Volleyball Help, Fall Supervision, Regional Football Help - \$350.00; Erin Blaydes, IHSAA Sectional Volleyball Worker, IHSAA Sectional Football, IHSAA Regional Football - \$255.00; Raymond Jones, IHSAA Football and IHSAA Regional Football Help - \$120.00; Melissa Norman, IHSAA Sectional Volleyball, IHSAA Sectional Football, IHSAA Regional Football Help - \$160.00; Tiffany Collisi, IHSAA Regional Football Help - \$40.00; Deryk Bengel, IHSAA Sectional Football Help - \$40.00; Jamie McCormick, IHSAA Regional Football Help - \$40.00; Cheryl Politz, IHSAA Regional Football Help - \$40.00; Sharon Barr, IHSAA Regional Football Help - \$40.00.

-Approve Wrestling Overnight Trips:
-Calumet HS Varsity) and LaPorte HS (JV) - Leave December 8 and return on December 9.
-Coaches Association Team State Rochester HS - Leave January 5 and return on January 6.
-Culver Academies - Leave January 19 and return on January 20.

-IHSAA Semi-State New Castle HS - Leave February 9 and return on February 10.
-IHSAA State Ford Center Evansville - Leave February 16 and return on February 17.
-Rescind Trent Smaltz, Ladoga Clark Township Public Library Board.

-Appoint Jay Prosser to the Ladoga Clark Township Public Library Board.
-Add eLearning Day, April 8, 2024 to the 2023-2024 school calendar.
-Change Fall Break to October 21-25, 2024 on the 2024-2025 school calendar.

-Approve Teacher Contracts.
-Approve Administrative Contracts.

-Donations made to Southmont High School in the amount of \$8595.01.

- VIII. Items for Action
1. .
IX. Report from Superintendent
X. Items for Discussion by the Board 1.
XI. Adjournment.

Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau Receives \$15,000 From 2023 Valero Benefit For Children

Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau received a charitable grant of \$15,000 from the Valero Benefit for Children this year, thanks to the Valero Texas Open golf tournament and associated events.

"We are so grateful for the support that Valero is providing to the youth of Montgomery County. This funding will support vital programs that are helping youth in Montgomery County grow into responsible adults. This funding will support mentoring, education and so much more for our youth," said Karen Branch, Executive Director of the Youth Service Bureau.

The Youth Service Bureau provides 10 different programs that all work to support youth and prevent delinquency. The programs are Court Appointed Special Advocates, the Alternative School for High School students, Youth as Resources, Teen Court, REINdear, Child Abuse Prevention Council, Drug Free Montgomery County Coalition, Inspire, JUMP mentoring and the Nourish Backpack program. Serving nearly 4,000 youth annually, the YSB has been in operation since 1971.

Due to the incredible generosity of Valero's business partners, donors and sponsors, \$23 million in net proceeds from the



Photo courtesy of MCSYB

Brent Schlote, Karen Branch, and Dustin Whitley.

Valero Texas Open will be distributed to agencies across the United States, supporting the work of hundreds of charity partners like the Youth

Service Bureau. For more information, please visit the YSB website at www.mcysb.org or call Karen Branch at 765-362-0694.

Feed The Fam Community Christmas Dinner

At Feed The Fam we view the community as our entire family. Which is why it's a perfect fit for us to be the new host for the Community Christmas Dinner scheduled for Christmas Day December 25th from 11-1 at the Masonic Temple Cornerstone at 221 S Washington st.

The venue will be decorated with all the festive trees, lights and decorations of the Yule time

season.

A full dinner menu is planned for all to come and enjoy with friends, family and other community guests. Can't make it to the dinner for lack of transportation? That is not a problem, we will deliver meals to our community family within Montgomery County. Our goal is to see no one doesn't have a nice meal for Christmas. If you would like a

meal delivered or know someone that may enjoy a nice meal call +1 (765) 376-1002 Although all are welcome, we want to be prepared with enough food and are asking to please call and rsvp with the size of your party at +1 (765) 376-1002. We will welcome all walk-in.

None of this can happen without the generosity of local businesses and community members.

Lithonia lighting step up in a big way and donated 60 turkeys, Arni's Pizza with the use of their ovens. We need other businesses to step up and donate funds for everything already purchased. Please contact Michael Patton at 765-363-1806 to make your commitment.

Our hope is that our fam here in Montgomery Co has an enjoyable Christmas.

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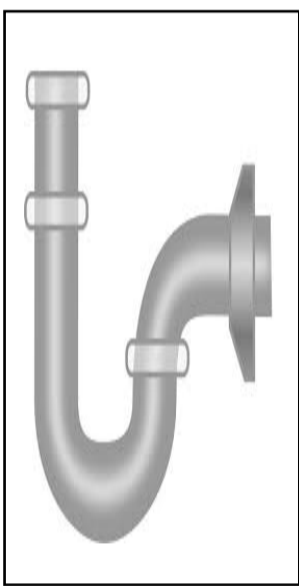
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Chambers Places Economy At Forefront Of Campaign

Will bring 'empathy and understanding' to social issues

By Whitney Downard
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Education, health care and China will be prongs of his campaign for governor but Brad Chambers is banking on experience in his first foray into elected office with an emphasis on business and the economy.

After two years as the unpaid Indiana Secretary of Commerce, he stepped down with a goal to succeed outgoing and term-limited Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb. With his entrepreneurial background, Chambers remains focused on the state's economy and still doesn't consider himself a politician — a stance he acknowledged would need to change if he won.

"I think there's enormous potential in this state and I don't think we're maximizing that potential," he told the Indiana Capital Chronicle Tuesday. "It's a very, very difficult decision to leave a private life ... to enter public life."

"But I believe that's, in some ways, what the founding fathers wanted: people that cared and had experience to serve. This is not a career change; for me, this is service."

Chambers founded his real estate business, Buckingham Companies, as a student at Indiana University in 1984 and now commands a portfolio exceeding \$3 billion as the company's president and CEO. Though Chambers has a bipartisan record as a political donor, he hasn't run for office until now.

For Chambers, having a state that falls in the middle of the pack or, worse, below average in education, wages or economic growth is frustrating.

"It frustrates me that Indiana's average wage is below the U.S. average and it's been that way for a long time. There's been a lot of great governors that have worked on that and we cannot stop working on that," Chambers said. "We have this great product I call Indiana and it frustrates me that it's average or below average in any metric... We need to aspire for more, be bold and be confident in this great state."

How he would fare against the competition

Chambers entered an already crowded race in August, following announcements from: U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Fort Wayne businessman Eric Doden, former Attorney General Curtis Hill and the devout Jamie Reitenour — all of whom are running in the May Republican primary.

But he said he felt compelled to enter the race because none shared his views or priorities.

"I believe that the number one job of a governor is to grow the economy and I think I'm uniquely qualified for that," Chambers said. "... I didn't see that the (five) other people have my unique background and laser focus on growing the economy of the future and lifting Hoosiers up through higher wages. I think economic stability, economic prosperity is fundamental to quality of life."

"When people are economically prosperous and they're stable, guess what happens? Government can get smaller."

Aside from that contrast, Chambers said he trusted voters to differentiate him from the rest of the contenders.

"I believe that voters are smart and they're going to filter through the noise and nonsense and they're going to laser in on the things that they believe in and the person they believe that can deliver the most," Chambers said.

He pointed to his two-year tenure with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) as evidence of his ability to deliver upon promises, saying that he had to assess the global economic landscape and Indiana's role in it to enable the state to compete.

"And I think the results speak for themselves," he said.

Under Chambers, the IEDC reported \$22.2 billion in capital investment, surpassing a 2021 record of \$8.7 billion, and created over 24,000 new jobs with an average hourly wage of \$34.71.

"I under-promised and overachieved in my two years at the IEDC from an economic results perspective and I think that's what voters want. They don't want promises broken," Chambers said.

Another key part of his IEDC legacy is the controversial LEAP District in Lebanon and its related water war.

Leaving social issues to lawmakers

Chambers' role as secretary also put him face-to-face with the most powerful members of the Senate and House when crafting economic development bills and pushing for funding. Indiana's gubernatorial role is relatively weak in favor of the legislature, meaning that any administration must work closely with lawmakers to advance their policy priorities.

Health care, especially its affordability, is something that Chambers said he'd like to tackle with a special emphasis on rural health care access and the dwindling number of mental health professionals.

"It is not acceptable that moms need to get an ambulance and drive from Auburn to Fort Wayne to have their baby; it's not acceptable that in rural areas you don't have access to maternal health care," Chambers said. "(There are) lots of challenges in health care but lots of opportunities too."

"Let me be clear: the results that we put on the board over the last two years could not have happened without a great partnership not only with the governor but also the legislature. And I'm very proud of that," Chambers said. "I feel that that's a relationship that can be built upon and strengthened even further as we tackle other challenges."

Chambers characterized himself as a "conservative Republican ... with conservative Republican beliefs," but didn't have the same appetite for social issues — whether it's

"Don't Say Gay" bills, banning abortion or discussing marijuana legalization — as legislators.

"The legislature is going to lead on those issues. I'm going to lead on economic issues," Chambers said, emphasizing that conversations needed to be had with "empathy and understanding on both sides."

"... I would like to focus my four years on growing the economy and lifting people up economically and making sure that Indiana is perceived to be a great state with a great quality of life," Chambers continued. "I think it is or I wouldn't be running for governor."

On the road, he said he heard more from Hoosiers about the economy, struggles with inflation or property taxes than social issues.

"That's where I'm going to stay focused," Chambers said. "I also think that while social issues are important and they have a role in our conversation ... but I think there's a tone, a focus that I'm going to have around those issues. One of empathy and understanding."

Chambers said key issues included curating Indiana jobs to keep college graduates, addressing the educational system and prioritizing public safety.

A preview of what's next

Chambers' campaign intends to continue releasing detailed policy proposals, with Tuesday's "Combating China" plan following up on online safety and public safety plans. Next on the docket would be education, though Chambers declined to share details ahead of its release.

"We'll have a full rollout of that educational plan," Chambers said. "I'm a business guy, business guys have plans and strategies and I think you can tell that's the way we want to approach this."

Having details, rather than broad statements, is a priority for Chambers.

"We're not just putting out sound bites; we're putting out actual material and detailed policy proposals," he continued. "Education is soon to come out and it'll address all of those questions."

But Chambers did emphasize the importance of tracking outcomes when it came to education and its role in building Indiana's economy for the years to come.

"Economic development starts in third grade and if we have an increasing number of kids that can't read, that's not good for the Indiana economy," he said. "I think we need to have a forward-looking educational system that's more focused on individualized education and not a backward-looking educational system."

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Native Plants: The Heroes Of Firescaping

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: What is firescaping and what's the connection with native plants?

Firescaping involves designing a landscape to fireproof a property while maintaining aesthetic appeal. By thoughtfully choosing and arranging plants and construction materials, the likelihood of igniting a fire, along with its potential severity and the speed at which it spreads, can be significantly reduced.

A firescape design often involves multiple zones. Zone 0, also known as a 'noncombustible zone,' is the perimeter region zero to five feet away from the home. Anything within this region should be incombustible. This most frequently means putting pavement, bricks or rocks around the border of the home to prevent any groundfires from being able to make direct contact. In addition, avoid planting vegetation beneath decks or balconies as fire and heat tends to climb upward.

All vegetation should be kept at least 10 feet away from homes for optimal fireproofing, and trees should always be kept at least 15 feet away from chimneys and powerlines. When choosing the placement of trees, consider their size at maturity versus their size at the time of planting. Additionally, the crowns of trees should be kept at least 10 feet

apart via pruning. This helps avoid fire laddering, whereby flames ignite lower branches or shrubs, initiating upward movement before spreading to adjacent trees.

Zone 1 is the 'lean, clean, green' area within 30 feet of a home. Certain plants, such as junipers, conifers and other evergreens should not be planted in this region because they contain oils, resins and waxes that make them flammable. Other characteristics of incendiary plants include those containing dry or dead twigs and needles and those having strongly aromatic terpenoid leaves.

Instead, choose plants that are less 'woody', have higher moisture content, and are ground covers. Deciduous trees and shrubs, as well as succulents and some perennials, are better-suited options. Furthermore, many native plants possess evolutionary adaptations, such as deep root systems and fire-resistant bark, which make them resilient to wildfires. Incorporating a variety of native plants fosters biodiversity, which in turn promotes plant health. Diverse and healthy native ecosystems create natural firebreaks and slow the spread of fires.

The organization of vegetation and structures also play a vital role in firescaping. Incorporating materials like concrete, stone and brick in the construction of driveways, walkways, patios

and fences establishes effective firebreaks while offering both functional and aesthetic value. Though bare dirt can also serve as a noncombustible fuel break, it is not recommended due to the potential of soil erosion. Buffering, or creating separation between distinct layers of ground covers, shrubs and trees, limits a fire's ability to climb and intensify. Adding water features in firescaping introduces a dynamic element that can act as a natural firebreak. Ponds, streams or other water sources can serve as barriers, hindering the progression of wildfires by creating a moisture-rich environment. Finally, removing dead vegetation is a critical component of firescaping as it eliminates potential fuel sources for fires, disrupting the continuity of combustible material.

-CONTACTS: Q&A with the Authors of Firescaping Your Home: A Manual for Readiness in Wildfire Country, <https://www.hachettebookgroup.com/qa/timber-press-post-firescaping-qa/?lens=timber-press>; Firescaping, <https://firesafemarin.org/create-a-fire-smart-yard/firescaping/>.

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Operation Christmas Child Volunteers Send Christmas Joy To Children Overseas

Area volunteers are celebrating the collection of gift-filled shoeboxes that will send a message of joy to children around the world: God loves you, and you're not forgotten!

This year, tens of thousands of volunteers contributed to Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, by packing shoeboxes filled with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items. The global Christmas project will deliver these gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 100 countries, including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster. Each shoebox

is an opportunity to share the message of the Gospel and bring hope to children in need around the world.

Although drop-off locations have closed, there is still time to share hope and love with children overseas by packing a gift-filled shoebox online. Shoeboxes built online go to some of the hardest-to-reach areas in the world. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child visit samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Operation Christmas Child will celebrate its 30th year of ministry!

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Knights of Pythias which was chartered on Jan 16 in 1891 and was a member well over 50 years. Their beautiful daughter here in the picture was a well-known woman in the New Market area having married Walter Saylor. She had taught at Fairview school a few years before her marriage. The Sayers had three sons: Robert, Charles and Ralph and one daughter, Barbara. Likely many of you reading this will have known at least one of these if not all (I knew half). Opal Elizabeth Bonwell Saylor passed at age 86 in July 1974.

Earl was born near New Richmond 14 March 1884 (obit) and died age 86 in 1970. My favorite story I found about Earl was that after he had attended an entertainment the day after Christmas in 1900 on the 3rd day of 1901, he put an ad in the New Richmond Record saying that whatever party took his overshoe by mistake to please leave it at Claypool and Fry's store, "where I have also left his for right-ful exchange!" Too cute!

Earl loved his horses and was found to win in shows: example in a very large (about 5,000 in attendance) annual (so bet he went often) Waynetown Horse Show in June 1935 (Lafayette Journal-Courier on the 7th) the horse he entered won a first!

Of course along with horses can come accidents as found in October 1900 (Record 4th) when Earl with the Rough Riders Club was thrown from his horse with fairly severe injuries falling on his face into the gravel. He had facial cuts and a scalp wound thought to be from the heels of his horse. He was obviously tough as he didn't even miss a day of school!

Earl farmed but involved in politics like his Dad, serving multiple terms as trustee and commissioner. Also, as his father, he belonged to the K of P, Masons, the New Market Methodist Church (as his parents) and Masons. At age 24, he married Ruth Hoss, daughter of Frank and Charlotte (Bowers) Hoss, who was born in St. Joseph, Ill. She was extremely involved in DAR, OES, the New Market Methodist Church, Women's Clubs, her family and home. Earl and Ruth were parents of two sons, Robert and David. R&E were married 58 years before she passed in October 1968, he following in July 1970. They are buried at the Masonic (Oak Hill Grant Avenue) Cemetery.

I didn't know the New Market Bonwell brothers, Robert or David well, but knew Wilda a bit (great wife of David who had a wonderful antique store, The Stables - thanks NP for reminding me as I enjoyed this at least once). Their son Dennis and wife Kay had three children (Michelle, Marc who I remember being in our son's class and being a good baseball player, and Megan).

David and Wilda had horses and if you went through New Market you saw them - always so beautiful and lively. This is definitely a lovely picture and these four people (and those after) were indeed a good, clean, God-loving family!

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volunteers. We present-ly use five volunteers for each shift of three hours. Coverage is needed thirty minutes before opening for stocking and for organization and thirty minutes after to finish with clients that come in at the end of our open hours after their work. We are open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3-5 and Wednesday 9-11. Steady experienced volunteers add to our clients' comfort and increase quality of communication. Please consider if you would like to assist those in need to put together meals with what we have available.

Sometimes the ability to use a food new to you may not be obvious. Discussions of support solving life problems outside of food often occur among volunteers and clients when trust is established.

We know that many churches are doing special holiday drives. If your organization is making a special collection let us know the kinds of foods that you are gathering so that we do not use funds to make those purchases.

Please CALL (765) 362-3474 if your collections are of specific foods.

Over 200 families had a special Thanksgiving because of your generosity but life is more than one meal. The needs continue to be great.

As the new year approaches we need to review and revise our organization. We have new directors starting in January and we have some people going off the board. The term is three years. Officers are elect-

ed in January. We also want to review church representatives who act as communicators between our organization and the church families who support us. Both directors and representatives need to attend our six meetings a year or as many as they are able to promote better communication. We are looking for interested community members who would like to serve as directors or church representatives. Having interested up-to-date communicators of our progress and needs helps us to be efficient and effective. If you are interested in participating, please send a note to our PO Box 261 - attention Linda Cherry. We meet the third Thursday in January at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall at the rear of St. Bernard Church. We welcome people who want to help and be a part of our progress.

Our organization has the need for strong muscles two days each month. The third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. the truck load of government commodities comes. Items vary from month to month but there is always a heavy load. This month it was 3,200 pounds. Most products are dry and canned foods.

The second day we need help is the first Wednesday at about 11 a.m. This is a two pallet load of free food we bring from a distribution site north of us.

Special thanks to all those who provide help and support. A big holiday thank you to all our volunteers. Together we make our community better.

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nity Foundation for their belief in me. I aspire to use this further education to bring positive change back to Montgomery County."

Campbell has been involved in many different clubs and organizations throughout his high school career, including National Honor Society, Student Council, Spanish Club, and the CHS Recycling Club. He has also volunteered his time as a peer tutor, member of the Montgomery County Mental Health Task Force, and regularly helps deliver meals to the elderly through Meals on Wheels.

A talented athlete, Campbell has many accomplishments as a four-year member of the CHS varsity swim team. He is a two-time qualifier for the state finals and is serving as captain his senior year. Campbell also competes as a member of the Sugar Creek Swim Club, where he is also a captain. When he's not in the pool Campbell enjoys playing pickleball with friends, going to the gym, and spending time with his parents and grandparents.

To be considered for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, students must be a resident of Montgomery County, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.85 on a 4.00 scale, and be in the top 10% of their graduating class at an accredited Montgomery County high school. Campbell, along with 19 other local applicants, participated in a highly selective review process

that evaluated academic achievement, student activities and leadership, and two essay responses. Finalists were also required to appear before the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Community Foundation for two interviews. Concluding the process, the scholarship committee narrowed the field of applicants and submitted the finalists' names and applications to Independent Colleges of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) for final selection of the recipient.

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are: 1) to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; 2) to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and 3) to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, non-profit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.

Lilly Endowment created the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program for the 1998-99 school year and has supported the program every year since with grants totaling in excess of \$505 million. More than 5,200 Indiana students have received the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship since the program's inception.

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