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TODAY'S VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:6,7
Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: For we walk by faith, not by sight



Happenings

Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023

BASKETBALL
(Boys Freshman) North Montgomery at CHS 6 p.m.
(Girls Varsity) North Montgomery at CHS 6 p.m.
(Boys Varsity) North Montgomery at CHS 7:30 p.m.
(Boys JV) South at Western Boone 6 p.m.
(Girls Varsity) South at Western Boone 6 p.m.
(Boys Varsity) South at Western Boone 7:30 p.m.
(Girls JV) South at Western Boone 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 18, 2023

NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS
North Montgomery School Board meeting at Central Office, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023

GOVERNMENT
Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission at City Building, 8:30 a.m.
Crawfordsville Plan Commission at City Building, 5 p.m.

WABASH
Wabash College basketball at Catholic University Holiday Classic, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023

GOVERNMENT
Crawfordsville Board of Zoning Appeals at City Building, 7 p.m.
County Commissioners at Government Center (US 231 North), 8 a.m.
Special Solid Waste Management District Meeting at Government Center (US 231 North), 8:30 a.m.

NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS
North Montgomery H.S. Choir Concert at NMHS, 7 p.m.

WABASH
Wabash College basketball at Eastern University, 2 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22, 2023

NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS
North Montgomery Schools, end of second semester

Monday, Dec. 25, 2023

GOVERNMENT
City, County buildings closed
CRAWFORDSVILLE SCHOOLS
Winter Break
NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS
Winter Break
WABASH COLLEGE
Offices closed

Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty – I'm 65 and Working; Can I Collect Ex-spouse Benefits?



Social Security Matters
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Dear Rusty: I turned 65 earlier this year, and I still work full time. I was divorced four years ago after 38 years of marriage, but my ex-husband has been collecting Social Security for at least 10 years now. Can I start collecting Social Security and still work full time? And can I collect my ex-husband's amount if it is more than mine (and what is the best way to achieve this)? When I went to my local SSA office, they said they had no way of knowing that.
Signed: Working Divorcee

Dear Working Divorcee:
Although you are eligible to claim Social Security at age 65, because you are working full time you may wish to wait a bit longer to do so. That's because Social Security has an "earnings test" which applies to anyone who collects benefits before full retirement age, and you have not yet reached yours. The earnings test imposes a limit on how much you can earn before SS takes away some of your benefits. If you exceed the annual earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024), Social Security will want back \$1 in benefits for every \$2

you are over the limit and you will need to repay that, usually by having future benefits withheld. If you significantly exceed the limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible to receive SS benefits until you either earn less or reach your full retirement age (FRA) of 66 years and 8 months. So, if your earnings from working will significantly exceed the annual earnings limit (which changes yearly), it's likely that your wisest move would be to wait longer to claim your Social Security. As a bonus for doing so, your monthly payment will have grown and will be higher when you claim later. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach FRA. Regarding benefits from your ex-husband, you cannot collect his instead of yours. What you may be able to do, when you claim your own benefit, is to get an additional amount which brings your monthly payment up to 50% of his. In order for that to happen, you would need to satisfy the following criteria:
• You are not currently married.

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Six Steps to Avoid Package Theft

The Better Business Bureau reminds us that the rise of online marketplaces and expedited delivery services is convenient for many consumers nationwide, allowing shoppers to search for the perfect gift for friends and family. Unfortunately, purchasing and having the item delivered to the proper address does not guarantee you will receive it. According to a Security.org study, approximately 79 percent of consumers experienced package theft in 2022. Package thieves, also known as "porch pirates," often take advantage of an opportunity and may frequent a neighborhood or community multiple times before moving on to another. They will often target houses that provide a quick in-and-out route, especially if the porch or area where packages are delivered is within 25 feet of the street and is easily visible. As a crime of opportunity, preventing or discouraging package theft can be accomplished in several ways, depending on the location of your residence, type, and community. For instance, preventing package theft at an apartment complex in the middle of the city differs from a suburban residential community. However, consumers can use specific strategies to discourage the act no matter where they live. **BBB provides the following tips to prevent package thieves from affecting your plans:**
Check with neighbors. Sometimes, your package may not be stolen simply at the wrong address. Before filing a report or contacting the sender,

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

When foods carry healthy labels like "low sugar," we often eat more of them and end up eating more calories.

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

"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."
Norman Vincent Peale

TODAY'S JOKE

What did one Christmas tree say to the other Christmas tree?
"I wish Christmas would last forever because there would be no September!"

THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

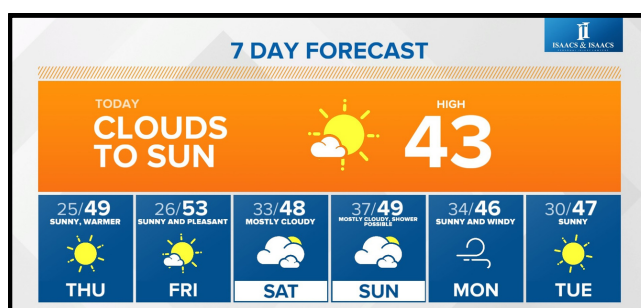
It's the holiday season and what better way to get in the mood than to listen to some wonderful Christmas music! Where can you go to find it? Well, your friends at Montgomery County's friendliest newspaper suggest you check out the North Montgomery High School Choir! They'll be performing in concert at North Montgomery High School on Wednesday at 7 p.m. See you there!

THREE THINGS

You Should Know

- There will be a free jazz piano concert featuring Luke Gillespie at 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Eve at Freedom Baptist Church near Waveland. Gillespie, an acclaimed performer and educator of jazz piano, is a professor of jazz piano at Indiana University's Jacob School of Music. Freedom Baptist Church is located just minutes west of the intersection of US234 and US47, between Crawfordsville and Waveland. The program is free.
- The annual United Way fund drive is in its final hours and is pushing to hit the goal of \$375,000. The money is needed to support 19 non-profit agencies serving Montgomery County and your help is important. Every penny counts - and can not only benefit those in need but can help you at tax time! Won't you please consider a gift where a gift is most needed? Go to www.umontgomery.org or mail a check to United Way in Montgomery County, PO Box 247 Crawfordsville, IN 47933.
- State Sen. Spencer Deery seemed happy at some recent news out of Purdue. "The return of commercial air service at the Purdue University airport may be long overdue, but that doesn't mean it was easy to get done. This would not have happened without Tippecanoe County's ability to get local leaders, university leaders and state elected officials working in harmony. We also need to thank the State Budget Committee for approving \$3.6 million in funding for runway repair and rehabilitation during a meeting in September. This service will help our community continue to grow in smart, sustainable ways that will lead to even more air service and economic prosperity in years to come. Tippecanoe County's best days are still ahead of us."

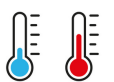
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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset

RISE: 8:03 am
SET: 5:23 pm



High/Low Temperatures

HIGH: 49°F
LOW: 40°F



Today is...

- Boston Tea Party Day
- National Chocolate Covered Anything Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1773 Boston Tea Party. Considered as one of the key events in the American Revolution, the Tea Party occurred when protesters in Boston, a territory controlled by the British, dumped heavily taxed British tea into Boston Harbor.
- 1707 Last eruption of Mount Fuji. The highest volcano in Japan erupted for the last time in what is known as the Hōei Eruption. The eruption lasted for 17 days.



Births On This Day

- 1775 Jane Austen - English author
- 1485 Catherine of Aragon

Deaths On This Day

- 1988 Sylvester - American singer-songwriter, pianist, producer
- 1980 American businessman, founded KFC

How to Safely Dispose of Used Medical Sharps During Holiday Travel

It doesn't matter if you are traveling by plane, train, car or staying home this holiday season, it's important to know how to safely dispose of used medical sharps. Millions of people in the United States use needles, lancets and syringes – otherwise known as sharps – to puncture the skin and dispense medication to help manage short- or long-term chronic conditions like diabetes, arthritis, cancer or autoimmune diseases. For both existing sharps users and people using sharps for the first time, disposal can be confusing, especially while traveling. An easy-to-use online tool can help sharps users navigate safe disposal.

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INDOT Receives Funds to Explore Expansion of Passenger Rail in Indiana

Indianapolis - Chicago Corridor selected through FRA's Corridor ID Program

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announced Friday that the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will receive up to \$500,000 to support the assessment and potential development of the Indianapolis - Chicago passenger rail corridor through the [Corridor Identification and Development \(Corridor ID\) Program](#). "This is a first step toward expanding passenger rail in Indiana," said INDOT Commissioner Mike Smith. "Receiving this funding allows us to gather essential information to make more informed decisions going forward." INDOT put forth its application in the spring. The federal funds will go toward preliminary work in preparation for a Service Development Plan. The plan would be comprehensive in nature and include information about necessary track

improvements and facilities, operating costs, ridership statistics and state support that would be necessary to begin sustainable service. There are no state matching funds required for this stage of the program. Other corridors selected for Corridor ID funding in Indiana include:

- Chicago - Fort Wayne - Columbus - Pittsburgh (Midwest Connect Corridor), applied for by the City of Fort Wayne
- Louisville - Indianapolis, applied for by the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA)
- Daily service on the Cardinal long distance route, applied for by Amtrak

The Corridor ID Program is a comprehensive intercity passenger rail planning and development

program that will help guide intercity passenger rail development throughout the country and create a pipeline of intercity passenger rail projects ready for implementation. Stay Informed Get updates on INDOT projects and programs via:

- Facebook: [facebook.com/indianadepartmentoftransportation](https://www.facebook.com/indianadepartmentoftransportation)
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- TrafficWise: [511in.org](https://www.trafficwise.com/indiana)
- Mobile App: [iTunes App Store](#) and [Google Play store for Android](#)

About the Indiana Department of Transportation
 INDOT continues to solidify the Hoosier State as the Crossroads of America by implementing Gov. Eric J. Holcomb's \$30 billion Next Level Roads plan. With six district offices across the state, INDOT was recently ranked #1 in the United States for infrastructure in CNBC's 2022 "America's Top States for Business" ranking. Learn more about INDOT at in.gov/indot.

Baird Votes No



Baird said the bill did not protect Americans from their own government.

Hoosier Congressman Jim Baird, the representative for Montgomery County, voted against the Conference Report to the 2024 National Defense Authorization Act on the grounds that it failed to protect the American people from spying by their own government and included measures that allow taxpayer dollars to fund abortion procedures. "Nobody in Congress is a bigger supporter of the military than I am," Baird said. "I was proud to support the House version of the NDAA in July. Unfortunately, this legislation has been watered down to include provisions that allow the Federal government to violate our right to privacy and spy on American citizens. Moreover, I'm disappointed that this legislation failed to include important

provisions that prevent our tax dollars from funding abortions and gender reassignment surgeries. It is unacceptable that the House passed an NDAA that fails to uphold our promises to our military personnel and the American people." In July, Congressman Baird voted for the House version of the NDAA, which would have ended many of the Left's most radical proposals. This includes ending Biden's taxpayer funded abortion travel fund, ending taxpayer funding for gender reassignment surgeries, and dismantling powers that allow spying on American Citizens. The legislation also included important provisions that protected service members who were discharged for refusing the COVID-19 vaccine and created an Inspector General for Ukraine aid accountability.

Fire Investigators Want Help

Indiana State Fire Marshal investigators seek information from the public about any suspicious activity near the Rod & Gun Steakhouse in Rosedale, Ind., which was destroyed by a Monday evening fire. The historic eatery near the Wabash River west of Rosedale was once known as a hideaway for gangsters and politicians during the Prohibition Era. The fire resulted in a near-total loss for the current owner, who noted a significant amount of memorabilia was lost during the fire. The original club burned in 1970 and a new building was built on the same site. The Otter Creek Fire Department arrived on the scene at 2525 E. Lambert Ave. just after 10 p.m. Monday to find flames coming through the roof of the building. The fire grew so large that more than a dozen departments responded. Fire investigators reported the current owner called 911 after noticing the fire from an upstairs apartment in the building. The fire patterns indicate the fire likely started in a van adjacent to the house, although the actual cause of the fire remains under investigation. Due to the somewhat remote location of the business, investigators are hopeful somebody may have witnessed activity in the area while driving by. Anyone with information is asked to call the Indiana Arson hotline at 1-800-382-4628.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Montgomery Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 54C01-2304-MF-000317, wherein PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, was Plaintiff, and Megan L. Winschief, was/were Defendant(s), requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 10th day of January, 2024, at the hour of 10:00am or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana.

Lot numbered 11 as the same is known and designated in Stow S. Detchon's Third Addition to the Town of New Richmond, in Montgomery County, Indiana.

More Commonly Known As: 114 West Washington Street, New Richmond, IN 47967

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Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

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For The Record

Crawfordsville Schools

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation Board of Education – Regular Meeting Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Mollie B. Hoover Elementary - 1301 S. Elm St., Crawfordsville, IN 47933 AGENDA

- Roll Call
- CHARACTER COUNTS Corporation – Pillar of Responsibility
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Spotlight on Excellence
 - CHS Academic Letter sponsor and recipients b. CHS Wrestling Team
 - Building Principal Report - Principal Marci Galinowski - Mollie B. Hoover Elementary
- Consent Agenda: Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Voucher, and Surplus Items
- Old Business
- New Business a. Consider Choir Trip - Music in the Parks - Kings Island - CMS/CHS Choir Representative b. Consider Policy 8550 Service Animals - Public Events (First Reading) c. Classified and Non-CBA Pay Rates Revised d. Consider Classified Handbook e. Consider Substitute Handbook f. Consider Consumer Price Index Amendment for SSC Agreement g. Resolution for Transfer From Rainy Day Fund h. Consider the name of the new community preschool

- Personnel a. Consider Christina Eldrenkamp Resignation - CMS Life Skills Teacher b. Consider Sindy Torres Resignation - Nicholson Teachers Aide c. Consider Rebekah Mason Resignation - Nicholson Special Education d. Recommend Debbie Brading - CMS Life Skills Teacher e. Recommend Lisa Kidd - CHS Teachers Assistant f. Recommend Hayden Stevens - CMS Physical Education Teacher g. Recommend Madison Dossett - CMS Front Office Secretary h. Recommend Grant Bailey - CCSC Speech Therapist (Fall 2024) i. Recommend Javan Callison - CHS Math Teacher (Fall 2024) j. Recommend Sara Stout - Hose Life Skills Assistant k. Recommend Taran Hatch - Nicholson Life Skills Aide X. Change of Position a. Renae Tebbe (Bronnenberg) from CHS Receptionist to to CHS Administrative Assistant b. Emily Fullenwider from CMS Guidance/Assistant Athletic Director to CHS Administrative Assistant c. Emily Daley from CMS Administrative Assistant to CMS Guidance/Assistant Athletic Director
- Business Manager Report
- Assistant Superintendent Report
- Superintendent Report
- Other
- Board Member Communication
- Patron Comments
- Adjournment

Purdue football reaches mountain top in 2000s



KENNY THOMPSON Columnist

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part 9 of a series celebrating 100 seasons of Purdue football at Ross-Ade Stadium.

Joe Tiller's turnaround of the Purdue football program reached its zenith in 2000 with a Big Ten Conference tri-championship and the school's second Rose Bowl berth. Two other Tiller teams came close to reaching the Big Ten mountain top again but cruel fate at Ohio State in 2003 and Kyle Orton's injury in 2004 proved too much to overcome. By the end of the decade, Tiller was retired and the Boilermakers went into yet another decline with athletic director Morgan Burke's second coach-in-waiting hire, Danny Hope, not coming close to Matt Painter's success in men's basketball.

Best Ross-Ade games of the 2000s

Oct. 7, 2000: Purdue 32, No. 6 Michigan 31 – Given a second chance by the Boilermaker defense, Travis Dorsch atoned for an earlier miss by kicking a 33-yard field goal with four seconds left.

Purdue overcame a 28-10 halftime deficit by amassing 530 total yards, the most allowed by Michigan in school history. Touchdown runs by Steve Ennis and Montrell Lowe brought the Boilermakers within 28-23 going into the fourth quarter. Drew Brees brought Purdue within 31-29 with 6:45 to play on a 10-yard touchdown pass to John Standeford.

Brees became Purdue's career passing leader, surpassing Mark Herrmann to become the first Boilermaker to throw for more than 10,000 yards.

Oct. 28, 2000: No. 16 Purdue 31, No. 12 Ohio State 27 – Dorsch wasn't the only Boilermaker to make the most of a second chance. Brees had thrown a seemingly backbreaking interception in the fourth quarter that set up the go-ahead touchdown for the Buckeyes. Told by teammate Ike Moore on the sideline "if you break it, then fix it," Brees threw a 64-yard touchdown pass to a wide open Seth Morales with 1:55 remaining.

Nov. 18, 2000: No. 17 Purdue 41, Indiana 13 – The Boilermakers earned a Rose Bowl berth for the first time in 34 years, easily wrapping up a share of the Big Ten championship. Montrell Lowe rushed 38 times for 208 yards and four touchdowns. Brees rushed for a touchdown and tossed a 13-yard TD to Tim Stratton.

Nov. 22, 2008: Purdue 62, Indiana 10 – "I can now ride off into the sunset and feel like the job is done." Those were among Joe

Tiller's final words to Purdue fans, who watched the winningest coach in school history (87-62) go out with the largest margin of victory in Ross-Ade Stadium history. The Boilermakers scored on their first 10 possessions, with Curtis Painer throwing for 448 yards and five touchdowns. Kory Sheets scored three times to set the Purdue single-season rushing TD record with 16.

Oct. 17, 2009: Purdue 26, No. 7 Ohio State 18 – The Buckeyes were denied a chance to tie the Big Ten record of 17 consecutive road victories by a Boilermaker team that was 1-5 coming into the game. All-American defensive end Ryan Kerrigan sacked Terrelle Pryor three times and forced him to fumble twice. Joey Elliott threw two touchdown passes to Aaron Valentin, and Carson Wigs kicked four field goals. Fans rushed the field and a few picked up souvenirs from head coach Danny Hope: his Purdue hat, whistle and a black raincoat.

Top players of 2000s Ross-Ade

Tim Stratton – The first winner of the John Mackey Award given to the nation's best tight end, Stratton caught 204 passes for 2,088 yards and 15 touchdowns in his career. Stratton was a three-time first-team All-Big Ten selection, joining Bob Hadrick (1963-65), Chuck Kyle (1966-68) and Rod Woodson (1984-86) as the only Boilermakers to accomplish the feat.

Travis Dorsch – The 2001 Ray Guy Award winner as the nation's outstanding punter, Dorsch earned All-America honors as a kicker as well. He was the first player in Big Ten history to earn first-team all-conference honors as both a punter and a kicker.

Stuart Schweigert – After winning Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors in 2000, Schweigert went on to set Purdue's career interception record with 17. The safety was a first-team All-Big Ten selection in 2001 and 2003.

John Standeford – The Monrovia native left Purdue as the Big Ten career leader with 266 receptions and 3,788 receiving yards.

Taylor Stubblefield – Departed Purdue as the NCAA record holder with 316 receptions and a consensus All-American in 2004. Stubblefield's career 3,629 receiving yards fell just shy of teammate John Standeford's school record. He did set a school record with 16 receiving touchdowns as a senior.

Kyle Orton – The only Purdue quarterback to start four consecutive bowl games, Orton passed for 8,918 yards and 61 touchdowns. Orton went on to play for Chicago, Denver, Kansas City, Dallas and Buffalo from 2005-2014. He passed for 18,037 yards and 101 touchdowns.

Dorien Bryant – The speedy wide receiver set 10 records during his Boilermaker days, most

notably 6,219 all-purpose yards. He caught 292 passes for 3,548 yards and is among Purdue's all-time greats with 2,125 kickoff return yards.

Dustin Keller – The last member of Purdue's 2003 recruiting class, the Lafayette Jeff standout molded himself into an NFL first-round draft pick at tight end. Once bound for Toledo before accepting a scholarship offer from Joe Tiller, Keller was Purdue's team MVP in 2007. His career numbers include 135 receptions for 1,732 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Anthony Spencer – The defensive end from Fort Wayne led the nation as a senior with 26.5 tackles for loss. Spencer had 21 career sacks and was a first-round draft pick by the Dallas Cowboys in 2007.

Kory Sheets – The running back found the end zone often during his career, setting school records for career rushing touchdowns (58), total touchdowns (54) and rushing touchdowns in a season (16). Sheets became the sixth Boilermaker to rush for 1,000 yards, piling up 1,131 as a senior in 2008. His 3,341 career rushing yards are second to Mike Alstott.

Noteworthy Purdue safety Dillon Thieneman earned his first Freshman All-American honor late last week from The Athletic. Thieneman and Michigan State punter Ryan Eckley were the only Big Ten Conference players selected to The Athletic's first team.

The Big Ten's Freshman of the Year was a three-star recruit from Westfield, Ind., who started right away and put up big numbers," The Athletic stated. "Thieneman ... finished fifth in the conference in tackles with 106 and tied for second nationally in interceptions with six. His 74 solo tackles broke a Purdue freshman record previously held by Rod Woodson." ... Purdue sophomore point guard Braden Smith scored a career-high 27 points in the fourth-ranked Boilermakers' 92-86 victory against Alabama in Toronto on Dec. 9. Zach Edey and Smith combined for 62 points, the most by a Purdue duo since Glenn Robinson (44) and Cuonzo Martin (29) combined for 73 points against Kansas in the 1994 NCAA tournament. Staking an early claim for All-Big Ten honors, Smith is averaging 13.2 points, 7.2 assists and 5.9 rebounds while shooting 45.5 percent from 3-point range (15 of 33). Edey passed Robbie Hummel for 10th place on Purdue's career scoring list. With 1,781 points, next up for Edey is Walter Jordan at 1,813 points.

- Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.



About that 'clear path' in the Ukraine war



BRIAN HOWEY Columnist

INDIANAPOLIS – Two years after the American Continental Congress had declared independence, George Washington's army settled in for its third bitterly cold winter encampment at Valley Forge. Things looked bleak in 1778. In 1863, two years after the Civil War began, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee disheartened the Union army with a spectacular victory at Chancellorsville, Virginia. A few days later more than 100 people were killed during anti-war riots in New York City. And in World War II, it wouldn't be until May 1943 that the allies turned the tide against Nazi Germany in North Africa. The Soviets defeated the Nazis at

Stalingrad as winter began. It would be another six months before American, British and Canadian soldiers stormed the beaches at Normandy, breaching Hitler's Fortress Europe. It would take U.S. victories in previously obscure places such as Monmouth, N.J., Gettysburg, Vicksburg, and Normandy that the tides of great wars shifted; that ultimate victory could even be fathomed. It's been a little less than two years since Russian tyrant Vladimir Putin made the unilateral decision to invade Ukraine, unleashing his genocidal armies to bomb civilian targets, power plants during the long winters, and commit wave after wave of atrocities using rape, drones and missiles against apartment buildings, schools, churches and hospitals. In doing so, U.S. intelligence estimates are that Russia has lost 87% of its invasion force and two thirds of its tanks. Now further U.S. funding for Ukraine is being held up in Congress, with Republicans insisting that \$111 billion the Biden administration has requested for Ukraine and Israel also including

funding to "fix" the porous southern border. "We stand at a real inflection point in history," President Biden said with Zelenskyy at his side at the White House on Tuesday. Failing to approve more aid would give Putin, "the greatest Christmas gift they could possibly give him." While the new Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson said, "We stand with him against Putin's brutal invasion," he accused the White House of failing to articulate a "clear path" to Ukraine's victory. Zelenskyy reportedly spoke to U.S. senators entirely in English, with one GOP senator telling PBS reporter Lisa Desjardins the gesture was "poignant." Desjardins writes that there were a few times Zelenskyy had to look up definitions of words used by senators. "One word he didn't know: Stalemate." But that is where Zelenskyy and Ukraine find themselves after two years of war. "The U.S. assesses that Russia believes it is helped by a military stalemate with

Ukraine that saps Western support for Kyiv, making its war easier to win," Politico reported of a U.S. intelligence assessment. A new Pew Research Center survey (Nov. 27 to Dec. 3, 2023, among 5,203 members of the Center's nationally representative American Trends Panel), finds that: 48% of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents say the U.S. is giving too much aid to Ukraine, while about half say that the U.S. is providing the right amount of support (29%) or not providing enough (18%). In December 2022, Zelenskyy described the states at a joint session of Congress as a hero. "It will define whether it will be a democracy of Ukrainians and for Americans – for all," he said. "This battle cannot be frozen or postponed. It cannot be ignored. There is a lot to unpack here. First, there is a crying – no, screaming – need to address the U.S.-Mexican border. There hasn't been comprehensive immigration reform since President Reagan

was in office. It needs to be bipartisan. It needs to be comprehensive. To suggest that this can be done on the fly and within days while Ukraine and Israel writhe in crisis, is not good governance. Second, it is nearly impossible to articulate a "clear path to victory" at the two-year mark. Gen. Washington couldn't do it in 1778, President Lincoln and Gen. U.S. Grant couldn't in July 1863, and President Roosevelt and Gen. Eisenhower were unable to fathom how long it would take Berlin and Tokyo to fall in early 1943. Third, Ukraine cannot defeat Russia without air power, just as the U.S. wouldn't have won D-Day or the Battle of the Bulge without it. "Who controls the skies controls the war's duration," Zelenskyy said at a press conference. Johnson said in a letter to President Biden last week, "President Biden must satisfy congressional oversight inquiries about the administration's failure thus far to present clearly defined objectives and its failure

to provide essential weapons on a timely basis." Providing "essential weapons" on a "timely basis" is the path toward "clearly defined objectives." Everyone involved from Kyiv to Washington to Brussels must up their game. Fourth, if we abandon Zelenskyy and Ukraine to Putin, it will be just a matter of years until NATO and the U.S. will be spending blood and treasure to fend off Putin's expansion. These are lessons to be learned after his repeated incursions into Georgia, Chechnya, Crimea and now Ukraine over the past two decades. Finally, U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz has faded as an advocate for her homeland. She was hyper-involved for the first few months after the invasion, before tangling with Zelenskyy's chief of staff. She subsequently announced she wouldn't seek reelection in 2024, essentially becoming a lame duck at the very time House Republican support for Ukraine began to evaporate.

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OBITUARIES

Jessie Lou Stewart

Nov. 20, 1932 – Dec. 13, 2023

Jessie Lou (Walters) Stewart, 91, was welcomed to her heavenly home on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville. She was born on November 20, 1932, the daughter of Homer Laurence and Louise (Paddack) Walters.



Jessie graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1950. She married Alan Stewart on August 22, 1952 at Trinity Methodist Church, spending over 54 years together until his passing on February 24, 2006. She worked at RR Donnelly in cost/payroll department, was the co-owner of Stewart Bishop Chuck Wagon and was the owner of Stewart's Cafeteria at Nucor Steel, until her retirement in 1997.

Jessie was a longtime member of the New Ross United Methodist Church, Bryon Cox American Legion Aux. and Roachdale VFW Aux. She was a volunteer at Hendricks County Hospital in Danville, IN and Golden Girls of New Ross and Mace Churches. Jessie organized and located 80 veterans of 151st Combat Engineers of the Korean War and started annual reunions in 1997.

Her faith in God and love of family and friends were everything to her. Jessie had a great sense of humor and a laugh that could fill a room. She enjoyed traveling, watching IU and Pacer basketball, playing cards and reading.

Jessie is survived by her daughter, Marta (Mick) Sweek of Crawfordsville; son, Steven Stewart of Crawfordsville; daughter-in-law, Debbie Stewart of Plainfield; grandchildren, Chris (Jamey) Craig, Erika (Jeremy) Johnson, Michael (Susan) Stewart, Jessica (Greg) Thomas, Nathan Stewart, Morgan Halupka and Austin Fleming; and great-grandchildren, Gabrielle and Marissa Craig, Emily and Brandon West, Zachary Hutchison, Bryor and Elliot Johnson, Boone Fleming, Alan Stewart and Ezra and Wyatt Thomas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alan; parents; son, Rev. Dr. Larry Stewart; and brother, James Walters.

Donations may be made in Jessie's memory to the Montgomery County Community Foundation, PO Box 334, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or New Ross United Methodist Church, PO Box 95, New Ross, IN 47968.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at New Ross United Methodist Church, 108 State Street in New Ross from 11:00 am until the time of the service at 2:00 pm. Burial will follow at New Ross Cemetery. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.



OBITUARIES

Terence R. Willis

July 16, 1948 – Dec. 13, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Terence R. Willis, our beloved dad and grandpa, who left this world on December 13, 2023, for his eternal life in Heaven. He was 75 years old.

Terry was born on July 16, 1948 in Crawfordsville, Indiana to Juanita Willis. Terry served in the Army both stateside and in Germany from 1967-1969.

After Terry finished in the army, he returned home to Montgomery County where he found the love of his life in Sally Jean Fine. They were married on July 31, 1971 and had 41 happy years together before her death. He embraced not only his love for Sally, but also for her four children, whom he loved dearly and cared for as if they were his own.

Terry worked for Mid-States Steel and Wire for over 28 years, before retiring from Acuity Brands after over 10 years of service.

Terry had many joys in life. He loved to hunt, search for morel mushrooms, fish, golf with his buddies, and he was the fiercest Euchre player we know. He loved to watch IndyCar, Nascar and NFL, rarely missed a college football or basketball game, followed the Cubs closely - even through the long losing years and had a deep love for old Westerns... especially anything with John Wayne in the starring role (and at the absolute loudest volume level the TV could go!).

Terry was an active member of the American Legion, The Fraternal Order of Eagles and The Moose Lodge in Crawfordsville. He leaves behind a host of friends at each establishment who will miss him dearly.

Terry's greatest love of all though was his family. He was so very proud of each and every one of us. His home became our family hub after Sally Jean passed. His grandchildren were constantly in and out of the house. His children often stopped by to eat lunch, grab a beer or drop off a home cooked meal for him. It was a home away from home for all of us, and we will be forever grateful for him always leaving his doors unlocked for us.

Terry was preceded in death by his mother Juanita, his loving wife, Sally, and his son, Gary West. He is celebrated and honored by his 3 remaining children, Elizabeth (Jim) Halfhill of Lexington, KY, Lori (Neal) Miles and Charley (Kathy) West of Crawfordsville, his daughter-in-law, Phyllis West, sister-in-law, Susie Stump, and his uncle, Tom Willis, all of Crawfordsville. Terry also is deeply loved and mourned by his 10 grandchildren and their spouses, his 24 great grandchildren, and 6 great, great grandchildren. What a beautiful legacy he is leaving behind!

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Montgomery County Shriners Transportation Fund or the charity of your choice. Cremation was chosen with a graveside service on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 1:00 pm in Oak Hill Cemetery North in Crawfordsville. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.



Photo courtesy DeAntha Wright-Thornburg

Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton told those in attendance that the city's drainage and building codes are so specific anything built will have to meet quality criteria.

Mayor talks apartment complex plan with residents

By
DeAntha Wright-Thornburg
For The Paper

Residents of County Road 150 South filled the City Building Conference Room on Thursday. The afternoon meeting was Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton's Community Forum, where each month he meets with the public at different locations around the city to discuss any issues or concerns in our community.

Thursday's conversation centered around the upcoming ordinance changing zoning classification for real estate located near CR 150 South and Northeast of the Purple Heart Parkway Extension.

The Crawfordsville zoning board recently met and approved the 30.2 acres from R1 to R3, a multi-family residential development.

The forum was a civil exchange of questions and answers detailing the responsibilities and procedures of city governments vs. the duties of any outside developer petitioning to build within the city limits.

Jared Grable of Global Construction Management LLC has presented a concept drawing of plans to build a 400-plus multi-family apartment complex north of Purple Heart Parkway Extension and US Highway 231. On Dec. 11, the city council voted to move forward with the rezoning on the

first reading of the ordinance.

Residents voiced their concerns about the increase in traffic, lack of privacy, increased noise and other environmental issues.

Their biggest concern was the lack of privacy and increased crime in the area. Barton assured residents the plans were only on the drawing board and that nothing had been approved.

The rezoning of the property is the first step in a very long process of building to completion. Barton said, the city's drainage and building codes are so specific it will be a quality complex. He emphasized to those gathered that there would not be subsidized housing.

Those leaving the forum found it to be informative and helpful. Putting to ease the minds of many by explaining the process and procedures, which take a very long time for such a development of this magnitude to happen.

Barton assured the residents there are checks and balances in place to get a quality product. If they have concerns, reach out by email or listen to his podcast to stay updated on the city's many projects happening.

He advised he plans to meet again with Global Construction Management LLC, Engineer, and owner Jared Grable in the upcoming weeks to review the project.

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INCLUDE YOUR INFORMATION The Paper of Montgomery County is asking churches to send us church news by noon on Thursday. Information can be e-mailed to: news@thepaper24-7.com

The following is a listing of church services and various programs that organizations around Montgomery County have sent The Paper. If you would like to have your church information included in this free listing, simply e-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com by Monday for the Wednesday Print Edition.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday's schedule will include Sunday School at 9:30 and morning worship at 10:30 followed by a pitch-in dinner. After dinner there will be a special service in which Pastor Roe will step aside and Bro. Keith Harris will become the pastor. Meetings will continue with the Danfords Monday through Thursday at 7 each evening. The public is invited to all the services anytime but especially during our revival with the Danfords. The location is 5113 S 200 W, Crawfordsville. Or just five miles south of Crawfordsville on State Highway 47. For more information call 866-1273 or visit www.faithbaptistville.com.

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THE SANCTUARY AS WELL AS THE DRIVE-IN PARKING LOT ARE OPEN FOR WORSHIP HELD AT 10:00 AM. TONY THOMAS WILL SPEAK ON "HOW TO MAKE YOUR LIFE MORE EFFECTIVE FOR CHRIST". HIS TEXT IS FROM 1 PETER 5:1-14.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:00 AM. COFFEE & DONUT FELLOWSHIP IS AT 8:30 AM THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE NEXT FELLOWSHIP IS DECEMBER 3.

THE WORSHIP SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE.

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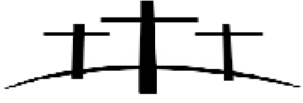
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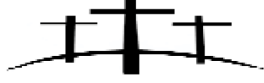
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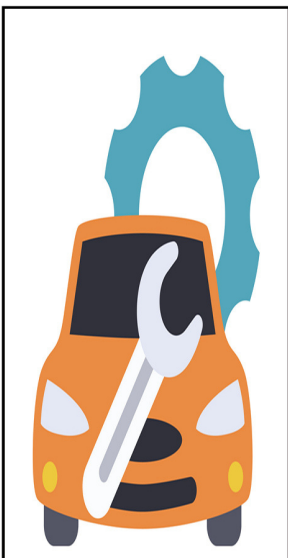
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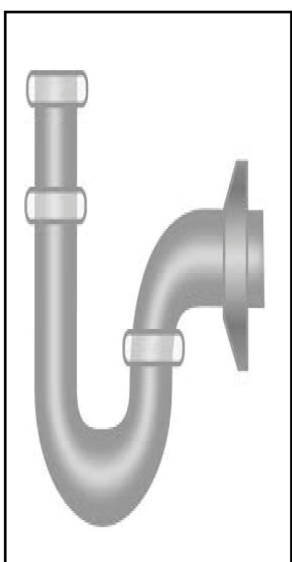
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Indiana home sales finished 8 percent below 2022 in November with 5,870 closings; this year-over-year gap tightened into single digits for the first time since March. Monthly pending sales dropped just 1 percent behind last year (5,375 versus 5,440 in '22) as falling mortgage rates and more homes for sale helped stabilize statewide sales, according to data released by the Indiana Association of Realtors. Indiana's median sale price remained consistent from October to November at \$240,000, 3 percent above 2022 but down more than 6 percent from this year's mid-summer peak of nearly \$257,000. Homes sold in just over two weeks (15 days from listings to pending) for 95.4 percent of their original listing price. 6,657 new listings were added to Indiana MLSs in November, also 3 percent ahead of 2022. Total inventory

also rose for a seventh straight month, with 13,241 homes available as a daily average through November. "November is typically a slow month for real estate and these numbers are consistent with this year's market," said Lynn Wheeler, IAR president for 2023. "Mortgage rates and home prices are higher today than they were last autumn – but sales were falling faster to close out 2022 as homebuyers were reeling from rates that had doubled in just ten months." But with the thirty-year rate falling nearly a full percentage point in the last six weeks, Wheeler is optimistic about a buyer rally to start 2024. "We got off to a strong start in the first quarter of 2023 because rates had dropped and the inventory of homes for sales had grown," she explained. "We're seeing the same trends today." But Wheeler added that 2023 saw a "roller coaster" of mortgage rates rising and falling nearly two percentage points through the year,

stifling the rebound as rates increased and inventory tightened in March. "Most buyers are also sellers, and the up-and-down climate caused many homeowners to put off any plans to move this year," she finished. "2024 can be different if there's more confidence in rates continuing to improve and more listings hit the market to meet demand."

- November's 5,870 closed sales bring the 2023 year-to-date total to 70,786, 14 percent below 2022.
- Year-to-date listings grew to 86,374 with 6,547 homes newly listed in November, 12 percent below the first eleven months of 2022.
- Listings fell sharply from October to November (-18 percent), while closed sales dropped 8 percent month over month – within seasonal expectations.
- Year-over-year sales continued to hold up better in rural counties (+1 percent vs. November '22) with a more

- affordable median sale price (\$176,000), compared to the state and suburban counties (-11 percent) – with Boone County (+28 percent) as a notable suburban exception.
- Urban core counties (-12 percent) fell short of the statewide trend, including Marion (-10 percent with 899 closings in November).
- In addition to Marion, other counties with at least 250 sales included Allen (359 closings, down 18 percent year-over-year), Hamilton (411 sales, -16 percent), Lake (386, -16 percent) and St. Joseph (254, virtually unchanged from last November's 255 closings).
- Among Indiana's largest metropolitan regions, only Evansville outpaced the state sales trend: Indianapolis-Carmel (-11 percent), Fort Wayne (-17 percent), Evansville (-7 percent).

The MIBOR REALTOR® Association region saw sales fall 11 percent behind November 2022 with 2,223 closings at a median sale price of \$292,000 (+5 percent above 2022).

THEFT

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check with your neighbors and see if the delivery service may have dropped off your package at the wrong address. Many delivery companies will take pictures of your package in the designated location – be sure to check for the photo and verify it is at the right spot.

Don't leave unattended packages. When possible, do not leave delivered packages unattended for long periods. If you are expecting a package, attempt to schedule its delivery when you know you will be home. Ask your neighbors if they mind holding on to packages delivered if you plan to be gone for an extended time.

Ship to store. If purchasing an item from a retailer with a physical location near your home, consider shipping it there instead. Retailers will require proof of purchase or identification before releasing packages they have received, and this is a sure way to avoid porch pirates.

Use a security camera. Installing a home security system with cameras or a camera-enabled doorbell is a great way to deter package theft, especially when highly visible. Consider including a sign that specifically states that the residence is under surveillance. Even if a package is stolen from your porch, the video evidence will help law enforcement track down the thieves (but be wary of the risk of internet-connected devices and research before you purchase).

Require a signature. Many delivery companies

include the option to require a signature before leaving a package, letting you take physical possession of the item as soon as it is delivered. While this option works well for those often at home, especially for expensive items, it may create difficulties in receiving packages if your schedule and the delivery service differ. Be sure to check with the delivery company on their policy for packages that are not signed for; they may return it to the sender after a certain number of attempts.

Consider a package receiving service. Some major retailers, such as Amazon, offer secure package-receiving locations away from your home that you can access with a key or code. Some independent businesses also specialize in this service, allowing you to designate a different delivery location for your packages and the ability to pick them up on your way home. If you fear your package being stolen, file a report with your local police department and the delivery company. Depending on your delivery service, they may offer insurance or other policies to reimburse you for your losses. 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 ReportFraud.ftc.gov. Your story can help protect consumers from similar scams.

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SHARPS

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disposal rules wherever they are. An option like SafetyIsThePoint.org helps people learn how to safely discard their used sharps and find disposal locations across the United States. People who use sharps can often dispose of them at home or on the road. It's as simple as 1-2-3:

1. Place used sharps in a strong, plastic container like a laundry detergent or bleach bottle.
2. When the container is 75% full, seal it tightly with duct tape and label it "do not recycle."
3. Place the sealed container in regular household trash.

family members and friends ahead of travel, so they know what to expect. Learn more about the rules of safe sharps disposal this holiday season at SafetyIsThePoint.org.

Commonly Used Medical Sharps

- Needles – fine, slender, hollow pieces of metal, typically attached to syringes, used to inject medication under the skin or withdraw fluid from the body
- Lancets, also called "fingersticks" – often used by people with diabetes to get drops of blood for testing

- Auto injectors, including epinephrine pens – syringes pre-filled with fluid
- Auto injectors, including epinephrine pens – syringes pre-filled with fluid medication designed to be self-injected into the body
- Infusion sets – tubing systems with needles used to deliver drugs to the body
- Connection needles – needles that connect to a tube used to transfer fluids in and out of the body designed to be self-injected into the body

Disposal rules are different in every state, so it's important to confirm local disposal regulations. To help travelers comply with local regulations, SafetyIsThePoint.org includes a clickable map and ZIP code finder that explains disposal rules by location, as some states legally prohibit disposing of sharps in the trash or recycling containers and require sharps to be transported to a collection center in an approved sharps container. Free printable resources and a step-by-step guide for at-home sharps disposal are available on the website for sharps users, health care providers, patient educators and advocates. The resources can also be downloaded and sent to

I have used household sharps. Now what?

- 1 Place used household sharps in a strong plastic container like a laundry detergent or bleach bottle.
- 2 When container is 75% full, seal it tightly with duct tape and label it "DO NOT RECYCLE."
- 3 Place the container in the regular household trash.*

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*California, Massachusetts, Oregon and Wisconsin legally prohibit disposing of sharps waste in trash or recycling containers and require all sharps to be transported to a collection center in an approved sharps container.

Thank You For Reading The Paper



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• The personal benefit you are entitled to at your FRA must be less than 50% of your ex-husband's FRA entitlement.

If the above are true, when you claim your own SS retirement benefit you will also get a "spousal boost" to bring your payment up to what you're entitled to as an ex-spouse. The amount of the spousal boost, if you claim Social Security at your FRA, will be the difference between half of his FRA entitlement and your FRA entitlement. If you claim your benefit before your FRA, not only will your own benefit be reduced for claiming early, but the amount of your spousal boost will also be reduced (benefits claimed before FRA are always reduced).

Whenever you decide to claim Social Security, you will be automatically deemed to be filing for benefits from your ex-husband as well (you shouldn't need to apply separately). You've already satisfied the basic criteria of at least 10 years married to get benefits from an ex-spouse and, if you satisfy the above criteria as well, you will be entitled to a spousal boost when you

claim. But your current earnings from working full time will likely affect your eligibility to collect Social Security benefits at this time, so waiting until your full retirement age to claim may be your best choice. If you will only slightly exceed the annual earnings limit you can consider claiming earlier, as long as you are comfortable with receiving a permanently reduced amount, and the prospect of not getting benefits for a number of months if you exceed the earnings limit (the number of months you will go without benefits depends on how much you exceed the limit by).

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