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TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Meet Draka



Draka is a 2 year old female American Pitbull Terrier available for adoption with AWL. Draka is currently in foster care with an AWL employee. Here's what Draka's foster mom has to say about her: "When Draka first arrived at the shelter, she was very sick, anxious, and stressed. Her and I quickly grew a very strong bond, and I could not let the shelter environment get the better of her. Draka has been living in my home for about a month, and she has absolutely flourished. She has put on a healthy amount of weight, and she has developed the goofiest, most loving personality. Draka does not get along with cats, so a home without cats is required. She is also dog selective, so meet and greets with slow introductions can be done." If interested in adopting Draka, please fill out adoption application (link below) and call the shelter (765-362-8846) to schedule a meet and greet.



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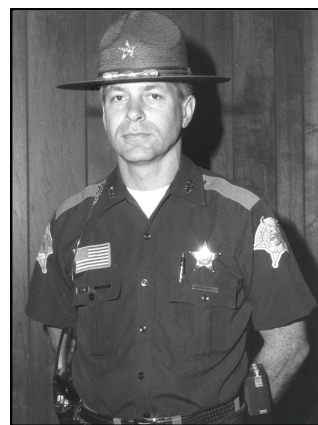
Deputy Butch Gets a Headache



BUTCH DALE Columnist

When I was a deputy sheriff, every so often there were some shifts in which there wasn't much going on... no accidents, no crimes, no suspicious activities, etc. During those shifts, I served court papers and patrolled the countryside and small towns. However, most of the time, I was very busy, as there was normally only two of us officers on duty to cover the entire county from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m.

At that time I also worked at the library from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. before I started my police shift at 7 p.m. One



day I was extremely busy at the library, on the go helping people during the entire seven hours. I had developed a severe headache. I swallowed a couple of aspirin and prayed that my nine-hour police shift would be trouble free. It was not to be.

As soon as I went on duty, the dispatcher said a woman had called in to report that her neighbor had threatened to shoot her dog. Although I had never handled her complaints previously, I knew that she had called our department numerous times in the past to complain about anything and everything. Then when the dispatcher told me the neighbor's name, I knew there would be trouble. He was a nincompoop. No common sense. Big mouth. Big temper. I had dealt with the guy and his wife many times before. Neither one worked. They would rent a place, never pay the rent,

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Plant Native to Save Money, Time



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

April is an unofficial Earth month, not just the month that hosts Earth Day, so topics on the return of life after winter always feel appropriate. This week, we chat about our landscaping and gardens.

Not everyone gardens, but most of us have lawns, and with weeks of 60 or 70 degree days in February and March, as happened this year, the crocuses tease us into believing spring is early. Onion grass threatened to choke the mower as early as March 15, even before the daffodils blinked their innocent cyclop eyes, yellow and white.

Spring life cascades. Tulips and tulip trees blossom until the dogwoods, cherry and apple trees take their turn. It's tempting to begin the landscaping early, but well-informed gardeners traded memes on social media, educating the rest of us to let our yards alone through early May, giving insects a chance to emerge.

Now that April's cotillion of fresh color is bursting into May you'll notice that certain flora take over fast, as if those species lack a natural predator. These are either non-native vegetation, imported by Americans who migrated here or "aggressive" plants, said local gardener Dianne Combs, a member of the gardening association and founder of Dianne's Wild Garden, a local Facebook blog. Combs has gardened for decades, managing the gardens for her church and donating vegetable and landscaping plants to local people and organizations.

Combs redesigned her front lawn into a decadent pollinator garden starting almost two decades ago, long before biologists and conservationists preached about the threats from imported plant life and grass lawns. Her home on West Market is skirted with several dozen species of herbage she's picked up at local garden centers and cultivated, which is why her hydrangeas are a mix of native and non-native. Walking around her gardens, you'll spot bloodroot, English primrose, hellebore, roses, lilies, wild geranium, jack-in-the-pulpit, a non-invasive clematis, false indigo and

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What was it Pogo said . . .



TIM TIMMONS Two Cents

Do you remember Walt Kelly's cartoon Pogo? In 1970, Kelly used Pogo to talk about how the earth is being polluted

and penned the now-famous line, we have met the enemy and he is us. I'm not really thinking about the environment today, but after reading a couple of recent stories, Pogo's sad line came to mind.

I HARDLY ever care about

Hollywood stars and celebrities. Don't get me wrong. I love movies. Really love movies. I mean really, really love movies. But as for the big shots on screen, I have little to no opinion. I have met a few and some were nice, some not so much - you know, just like the rest of us. But I'm also old enough to know that all I'm seeing is an image they wish to portray during an interview. My Grandpa used to say if you want to know who someone really is, look at

their calendar and checkbook. What they spend their time and money on tells a lot. So when it comes to celebrity news, I don't bother with most of it. But some recent news caught my eye. It seems Chris Pratt - he's the guy who played the main character in Guardians of the Galaxy and starred in a couple of those Jurassic dinosaur flicks - and his wife Katherine

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you want to get more exercise, consider getting a dog and walk it regularly.

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

"Sometimes the strength of motherhood is greater than natural laws." Barbara Kingsolver

TODAY'S JOKE

What type of weather does a balloon hate? Pop up showers!

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Two local churches in Crawfordsville, New Life Apostolic Church and St. Stephen the First Martyr Orthodox Church, got donations of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and the opportunity to receive CPR training from Franciscan Health. It was part of 33 total defibrillators that were donated. Since 2006, the Kathryn Weil Center (now Community Education, a part of Community Health Improvement Department at Franciscan Health) has been partnering with North Central Health Services (NCHS) to implement the Revive & Survive Program. The program awards not-for-profit organizations located in Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren, and White counties AEDs for their facilities.

THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 Someone is awfully close to losing \$50,000. That's because a Powerball ticket purchased at Love's Travel Stop in Demotte for the Nov. 11 drawing is set to expire on Thursday, May 9. The \$50,000 Powerball ticket that matched four out of five white balls must be claimed no later than 4:30 p.m. ET on May 9, at the Hoosier Lottery Prize Payment office located at 1302 N. Meridian St. in Indianapolis. All Hoosier Lottery Draw game prizes must be claimed within 180 days of the drawing. The winning Powerball numbers for Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, are: 1-12-14-24-57 with the Powerball of 7.
2 Toyota will locate assembly of an all-new battery electric vehicle in Princeton, Ind., investing \$1.4 billion. The investment will provide new plant infrastructure, including a new battery pack assembly line at the facility, to support production of the all-new battery electric SUV at Toyota Indiana. To support its growth, Toyota plans to create up to 340 new jobs by the end of 2025. The company already employs more than 7,500 associates in southwest Indiana to support production of the Toyota Sienna, Highlander, Grand Highlander and the Lexus TX.
3 Speaking of investments, the Indiana Technology & Innovation Association said that Hoosiers need to continue to prioritize innovations - especially after the announcement that Amazon Web Services plans to invest \$11 billion to build a data center campus in north central Indiana and create at least 1,000 new jobs. "The momentum we've seen in recent months with several global, technology and innovation-fueled enterprises choosing Indiana to locate operations and invest is setting the stage for Indiana's next chapter," said ITIA Executive Director Jennifer Hallowell. "To embrace this opportunity, we must continue to prioritize innovation and entrepreneurship at all levels and ensure we're creating the strongest ecosystem to attract world-class companies and help our own Hoosier entrepreneurs succeed. We're excited to welcome AWS to Indiana and work together to propel Indiana forward."



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Lunch With The League Friday to Feature Sam Lovold

If you see someone in overalls out along Sugar Creek Trail helping a class of college kids identify mustard garlic or burning bush that might be Sam Lovold. Or, you might find him in your neighbor's backyard helping them with an eroding hillside or maybe testing their garden soil.



Sam Lovold

On Friday at noon in Fusion 54, come meet and hear Sam Lovold, Program Coordinator for the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District, speak about his work. As the May Lunch with the League speaker, he will provide information about the SWCD programs that engage the public in efforts to preserve and protect natural resources. Sam's job has lots of parts including overseeing the cooperative Invasive Species Management Area known as CISMA.

Invasive species cause considerable damage to our native fauna and the animals who depend on a healthy landscape to survive and thrive especially during our current changing weather patterns. The work to bring back more native plants by eliminating some of the invasives has led to many innovative projects in our area. Come and learn how you can be part of these group-shared removals. Mr. Lovold not only can identify invasive species, he can instruct on how it can best be removed. He will answer questions at the end of his presentation. Another major part of Lovold's job is helping coordinate and administer, Community Growers of Montgomery County. This relatively new organization is growing rapidly and

during the past two years has sponsored the popular downtown "Backyard Garden Walks" that give the community the chance to see the work of all kinds of gardeners from beginners to long-term growers. These free sessions give the public the chance to meet other gardeners and to ask questions about getting started or developing practices. This is but one of Community Growers' programs to help urban gardeners and small farmers. Community Growers brings together backyard growers, small farmers, and anyone else wanting to learn about growing opportunities and be able to share information, coordinate resources, and enjoy fellowship.

This Lunch with the League program is the third of three about the work of the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District. Please visit their website for a full calendar of their programs and learning opportunities. Bring your lunch on Friday at noon and join Sam Lovold as he discusses opportunities for you to learn more about preserving the land and landscape. Maybe you'll be inspired to join in.

Lunch with the League is a free program in the public interest sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County.

Tri-County Bank Named Five Star Member of IBA



Photo courtesy Tri-County Bank

From left, Steve McLaughlin, Chuck Dixon, Amber Van Til, Marilyn Wehrman and Jeff Ehrlich.

Tri-County Bank has been honored as a Five Star Member of the Indiana Bankers Association. The award was presented on April 10 by Amber Van Til, president and CEO of IBA, in recognition of Tri-County's involvement with the association throughout 2023.

The Five Star Membership designation recognizes those IBA-member banks who demonstrate outstanding commitment to the Association in five areas: Political awareness, issues advocacy, life-long

learning, IBA volunteerism and Preferred Service Provider utilization.

"We very much appreciate the dedication of Tri-County Bank as a Five-Star Member," Van Til said. "Our association is strong, thanks to our supportive members who strive to grow stronger communities."

The Indiana Bankers Association supports Indiana banking through issues analysis, professional education and products and services that enhance member banks' abilities to serve their communities.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This Person?

Hint: This 1966 Darlington grad has worked for the Sheriff's department for almost 20 years!

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National Day of Prayer Tomorrow

The public is invited to participate in the National Day of Prayer observance in Montgomery County. Anyone is invited to attend the event which will be held on Thursday at noon on the steps of the Montgomery County Courthouse.

This year's theme is: LIFT UP THE WORD -

LIGHT UP THE WORLD. The key verse is from 2 Samuel 22:29-31: For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.

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Wabash Student Gets 'Dream' Scholarship

Austin Pickett was recognized by the Independent Colleges of Indiana with a "Realizing the Dream" scholarship, one of 29 first-generation college students statewide to be honored.

ICI spotlights students from Indiana's private, non-profit colleges and universities who are the first in their families to attend college and are successfully advancing toward degree completion.

"Receiving this scholarship is such a big honor for me, as it allows me to continue on my educational journey," said Pickett, a native of Veedersburg. "I will continue to receive an amazing education at this fantastic institution and take advantage of experiences I never thought I would have when growing up in rural, western Indiana. I am grateful for the

opportunity this scholarship has provided me, and I hope to inspire other first-generation college students to achieve great things."

A political science major with minors in history and black studies, Pickett received a \$4,000 scholarship from ICI, which was made possible by a grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

As part of the award, each recipient honored an inspirational teacher or mentor who also received a \$1,000 professional development grant. Pickett selected Renee Howell, an English teacher at Fountain Central Jr./Sr. High School.

Pickett is a member of the Little Giant football team, the Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse initiative, and the Writing Center. He is a member of Phi Delta



Theta fraternity, the Student Senate, the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies and the Sphinx Club.

"Many first-year students need some time to adjust to college life, but Austin was active and involved from day one, and has remained so," said Greg Redding, Dean of Students and Associate Professor of German.

"We are impressed by his ability to balance commitments to athletics, Greek life, and campus clubs and organizations, while also achieving at the highest level in the classroom."

ICI has honored Indiana's first-generation college students with the "Realizing the Dream" scholarship for more than 30 years.



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get kicked out . . . and then rent another place. I had served eviction notices to the couple at least seven times. No money for rent, but they always had plenty for beer and cigarettes. As I drove down there, I started to feel a migraine coming on.

I decided to speak to the moron neighbor first. He came to the door, holding a 12-gauge shotgun. "Did you threaten to shoot your neighbor's dog?"

"Yes, Sheriff, that dog keeps coming in our yard and peeing on my wife's flowers. We are sick and tired of that little mutt."

"Now listen up . . . you are not shooting any dog. Hand over that gun right now," I wasn't going to fool around.

"You can't take my gun!" he protested . . . I stared him right in the face.

"You have exactly 10 seconds to give me that gun or you are going to jail. Do you understand?"

He begrudgingly handed over the shotgun.

"Sheriff, tell them there people to keep that

trouble-making, no-good, mangy cur in their own yard!"

"You know what would be a better idea?" I asked. "I will likely be serving you another eviction notice soon.

Why don't you and your wife just move out of state? I'll provide the map and chip in with gas money. You don't have the brains God gave a possum!"

I placed the shotgun in the trunk of my patrol car, took two more aspirin, a swig of Diet Pepsi, a shot of Pepto-Bismol and marched over to the other house.

A lady answered the door.

"Are you the person who called us about your dog?"

"Well, officer, I try not to call the Sheriff's department all the time, but my husband always insists."

"OK, sure, where is he at? Bring him here so I can talk to him." Just as I said that, I spotted her husband peeking out from a nearby room, and I motioned him over,

"Come here. We need to have a serious talk."

Her husband was a little pip-squeak with beady eyes. I was sick and tired of dealing with both of these families. After telling off the neighbor, it was now time to let this guy have it, too. My temples were throbbing as I began, "Now listen up. Your neighbor is not going to shoot your dog. I have his gun. If he threatens to shoot your dog again, I will arrest him. But you have got to fix your fence and keep your dog on your property. Do you understand?"

The man never said a word, never nodded yes or no, just stood there staring at me. His wife elbowed my arm, trying to interrupt, but I was not done. "You are the one who makes your wife call us all the time . . . for stupid stuff that doesn't amount to a hill of beans. Can't you get along with people?"

Still no response. His wife elbowed me again.

"You are wasting our time. We have important calls to go on, not piddly crap that normal people should be able to work

out among themselves."

He just stood there silently, as his wife tried to get my attention again. "And furthermore, if you continue to have your wife call us, I might just find some excuse to arrest you . . . AND your numbskull neighbor.

Then the both of you can fight it out in jail!" Still silence. But their little pooch wagged his tail and barked in agreement.

Well, I was done. I know I shouldn't have laid into him like that, but at least I got it out of my system.

I then turned to his wife, "OK, lady, now what did you want to tell me?"

"Officer Dale, I think you should know . . . my husband is stone cold deaf. He didn't hear a word you said."

You know folks . . . some days you just can't win.

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 35 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

**Answer:
Connie (Clark) Dale**

Rep. Genda Provides Update



MARK GENDA
Guest Columnist

According to a report by Health Affairs, about 28% of emergency trips in a ground ambulance result in a potential surprise bill. These bills can place a significant financial burden on patients, often leaving them with overwhelming expenses they may struggle to pay.

To protect Hoosier patients, I supported a new law that will require health insurance companies to reimburse for ambulance services that are not part of a person's coverage plan. Going forward, those who use an out-of-network ambulance service will be protected from having to pay more for that service than their in-network rate plus either their deductible or copay.

Out-of-network ambulance providers must now accept either the patient's in-network rate plus their deductible or copay, or the 400% of the Medicare rate for those services.

Currently, there is no set time frame in which an ambulance service must receive payment from health plan providers. Under this new law, service providers must receive payment within 30 days of the claim being filed.

House Enrolled Act 1385 goes into effect July 1. Click here to learn more about new laws signed by the governor.

Rep. Mark Genda represents House District 41 which includes portions of Montgomery, Clinton, Boone and Tippecanoe counties.

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black-eyed susans, just to name a few. This time of year, she's often out pulling up creeping charlie (dead nettle) and yanking dandelions. While she trimmed back the black-eyed susans, explaining these are an example of an aggressive-but-native plant. The English primrose is not native, she said, but she planted it to honor her mother, who was born in the U.K. The primrose, like some other non-native ornamentals, require more resources to grow in Indiana.

Why does Combs educate homeowners to landscape with more native greenery? Like our local Soil and Water Conservation District officials, Combs wants folks to know the myriad reasons to feature native horticulture in our lawns. She references Doug Tallamy, professor of agriculture and natural resources at the University of Delaware and founder of Homegrown National Park, a collaborative conservation project. His organization hopes to transform 50 percent of green lawns on private properties into biodiverse ecosystems. Combs first heard him at Wabash College years ago and still watches his YouTube videos.

"To start," Combs said as she settled on her portable gardening seat in the middle of her burgeoning garden, "when you park your car anymore, do you worry about parking under a tree? Because we all used to check that." She credited Tallamy for pointing out that even five years ago, anyone on an average day could

predict that parking under a tree would likely have their windshields paved with bird poop. But in the past 50 years, one-third of the American population of birds are gone, which biologist Peter Marra said is a barometer of our "environmental integrity." The loss of birds disappearing en masse is akin to the death of the canary in the coal mine.

Something is wrong.

"If our birds are disappearing, then we're cutting the legs off beneath us," Marra said. "We're destroying the environment that we depend on." When we gut natural wetlands, woodlands and wildlands to create more lawns, we eradicate biodiversity, which makes our soil and ecosystems healthy and resilient. When we landscape with invasive, non-native species, we turn to pesticides, including the neurotoxic nicotinoids, and synthetic fertilizers, taking a sledgehammer to the ecosystem.

"We're apex creatures," Combs said as she made a triangle of her arms over her head. We're at the top of the chain. "At the bottom is good soil."

While talking, Combs swatted gnats even as a bumble bee nearly touched down on her head. Her yard buzzes with life.

Combs ran through the chain of life. If we have healthy soil then we grow healthy plants, which if they're native feed the bugs upon which birds feast. Local insects cannot feed on and help control foreign

plants. So they die.

We've lost almost 50 percent of insects on the planet, Tallamy reported in the 2023 YouTube video "You are the future of conservation," published on the Native Plant Channel. These insects serve multiple functions, not just food. Many, like butterflies, bees and wasps, pollinate. So, when non-native plants begin to take over, biodiversity drops. Biomass no longer fully enriches the soil as it decomposes.

Many non-native plants require more water, more fertilizer and later as we fight to take back control, more pesticides and work. Planting native species saves money and time on watering. Fertilizers, particularly nitrogen-based types, increase human dependency on the fossil fuel industry because they're derived from petroleum products, contributing to carbon emissions affecting the climate. They're made using the Haber-Bosch process, "a method developed over 100 years ago to create ammonia by heating and pressurizing nitrogen from the air over a hydrogen source (typically from natural gas or coal)," according to the International Fertilizer Organization.

The Montgomery Soil and Water Conservation District offers a list of the most wanted (to be removed) plants: winter creeper, burning bush, the stinky Callery Bradford pear, most honeysuckles, garlic mustard and stilt grass. Purdue lists 126 such species, including crown vetch, several privet

species, vinca major or large leaf periwinkle, sweet autumn clematis, and more. (Go here to find the full list: <https://www.entm.purdue.edu/iisc/invasiveplants.html>) Nearly any plant that contains the name of another country, continent or region is non-native.

For those of us who can't hire a professional landscaper to help us plan and redesign our yards to save water, and reduce fertilizer and fewer pesticides, we can follow Combs' example. As we learn which plants to remove, we can root out the most insidious, replacing with cultivars that complement our local ecosystems.

To learn more about local conservation, join Lunch with the League at noon Friday at the Fusion 54 for part three with Montgomery County's SWCD.

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Annual Plant Sale & Garden Show Saturday

Plants, Plants, Plants and much, much more! The Master Gardeners of Montgomery County Plant Sale & Garden Show will be held in the 4-H Building on the 4-H grounds at 400 Parke, Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine. You will not be disappointed. There will be hundreds of plants to choose from to beautify your landscape, patio and home. All which have been locally grown by the Master Gardeners and local wholesale nursery suppliers.

Indiana grown, sweet strawberries and a large variety of patio type tomatoes will be available along with sweet and hot peppers and eggplants. We will also have a large selection of herbs for your culinary needs.

For your landscape and flower beds, we will have

Native, perennial, and annual plants which grow best in our area. There will be such a large assortment of house plants and succulents, too many to list, you will have to come see for yourself. The plant sale is the main and sometimes only fundraiser the organization has each year. With monies raised, it helps fund projects and educational opportunities for all of Montgomery County in the horticultural area such as gardens at local schools. In addition, we award a scholarship yearly to a high school senior who is going into the Agriculture or Horticulture field of study. We are currently working on a Monarch Waystation along with the ongoing Seed Library at Crawfordsville District Public Library and several preschool garden projects. Thru

out the year, we will be presenting programs for the public to attend in the gardening/horticulture arena.

Our Master Gardeners will be there to answer your gardening questions. This year eleven (11) vendor booths will be on premise to accentuate your plant buying. Those attending are Abby's Garden Parties, Bit of Wild, Booth Machinery, Wildflower books by Dan, Harry's Microgreens, Margie's Glass Creations, ProGreen Garden Center, The Homestead Bakery (food truck), The Plant Pub, Walnut Fork Crafts, and Yund Outdoor. The vendors will have available homemade bakery items, specialty plants, plant crafts, microgreen kits, terrarium kits and outdoor landscaping and machinery. Five (5)



Master Gardeners of MONTGOMERY COUNTY

non-profit organizations serving Montgomery County and surrounding areas will be present, Crawfordsville District Public Library (library information), Friends of Sugar Creek (information on Sugar Creek and a kayak raffle), HHSB (fresh popped corn for all), Indiana Lyme Connect (information on Lyme Disease and ticks), and Montgomery County Soil & Water District/Community

Gardeners (information on soil & water conservation). Nucor Steel will be giving away free trees in the 4-H barn.

So, come prepared to spend time browsing all our plants and shopping with our vendors. Future events the Master Gardeners will be hosting are June 8 Native Plant Jamboree and October 4 our annual Plant

Exchange/Swap. To learn more about Master Gardeners of Montgomery County please visit our Facebook page on our Facebook Page Master Gardeners of Montgomery County (Indiana) at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1057241328869063> or email montcoinem@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA) IN MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR COURT 2
) (SS:
MONTGOMERY COUNTY) CAUSE NO. 54D02-2310-GU-000041
IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF)
WILLOW RAIN SCHAAF,)
A minor child)

NOTICE TO JACOB GARVER

Jacob Garver, who is the father of the minor child herein, Willow Rain SchAAF, is hereby notified that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian has been filed by Petitioner in the Montgomery County Superior Court 2, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

If Jacob Garver seeks to address the requests set out in said Petition, or contest any allegations made therein, he must file a motion in the above-named Court, or appear at the final hearing set for May 23, 2024, at 3:00 PM.

If Jacob Garver does not file a motion to contest or object to any of the requests made in said Petition, or appear at the final hearing set for May 23, 2024, at 3:00 PM, then the above-named Court will hear and determine the issues set forth in said Petition in his absence.

Nothing anyone else says to Jacob Garver relieves him of his obligations under this Notice.

Witness my hand this 24th day of April, 2024.

Leah L Denbo
CLERK, MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR COURT 2
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HEARING ON PROPOSED CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Civil Town of New Ross of Montgomery County Indiana, that the Town Council will consider at 105 State Street, New Ross, Indiana at 5:30pm on Thursday, May 9, 2024, the reestablishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund under the provisions of Indiana Code 36-9-15.5 for the purposes as follows:

For all uses set out in I.C. 36-9-15.5-2
The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$0.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The proposed fund will be levied beginning with taxes due and payable in the year 2025.

Taxpayers appearing at such hearing shall have the right to be heard thereon. The proposed tax rate for the Cumulative Capital Development Fund is subject to certification by the Department of Local Government Finance. Within 30 days after the date of the adoption of the cumulative fund by the Town Council, the Town of New Ross will publish a Notice of Adoption.

Upon publication of the Notice of Adoption, 25 or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Adoption setting forth their objections to the proposed fund.

Taylor Norton
Clerk-Treasurer
Town of New Ross
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City of Crawfordsville, Indiana
Notice to Taxpayers of Hearing on Proposed Cumulative Capital Development Fund under I.C. 36-9-15.5

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana that the Crawfordsville Common Council will consider the reestablishment of a Cumulative Capital Development Fund under Indiana Code Section 36-9-15.5 for all uses set out under that statute at its regular meeting place, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, City Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, at 6:00 P.M., on the 13th day of May, 2024.

The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$0.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation payable in the year 2025, continued until reduced or rescinded. Taxpayers appearing at the meeting will have a right to be heard. The proposed reestablishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund is subject to approval of the Department of Local Government Finance, who will require a Notice of Submission to be given to taxpayers by publication. After the publication of the Notice of Submission, 50 or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than 30 days after publication, setting out their objections to the proposed levy. If accommodations are required to attend this meeting, please call 765-364-5150.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2024
Fiscal Officer Crawfordsville Common Council
Karyn Douglas, Clerk Treasurer Adopting Body
PL4877 4/24 5/1 2t hspaxlp

City of Crawfordsville, Indiana
Notice to Taxpayers of Hearing on Proposed Cumulative Capital Fire Fund under I.C. 36-8-14

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana that the Crawfordsville Common Council will consider the reestablishment of a Cumulative Capital Fire Fund under Indiana Code Section 36-8-14 for all uses set out under that statute at its regular meeting place, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, City Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, at 6:00 P.M., on the 13th day of May, 2024.

The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$0.333 per \$100 of assessed valuation payable in the year 2025, continued until reduced or rescinded. Taxpayers appearing at the meeting will have a right to be heard. The proposed reestablishment of the Cumulative Capital Fire Fund is subject to approval of the Department of Local Government Finance, who will require a Notice of Submission to be given to taxpayers by publication. After the publication of the Notice of Submission, 50 or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than 30 days after publication, setting out their objections to the proposed levy. If accommodations are required to attend this meeting, please call 765-364-5150.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2024
Fiscal Officer Crawfordsville Common Council
Karyn Douglas, Clerk Treasurer Adopting Body
PL4878 4/24 5/1 2t hspaxlp

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Montgomery County, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids for the construction of:

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 2024m1 CCMG CAPE SEAL PROJECT
VARIOUS ROADS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY
I.V.MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA

Sealed proposals will be received at the Montgomery County Commissioner's Office, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville IN, 47933 by 4:00 P.M. (local time) on Friday, May 24th, 2024. All proposals will then be publicly opened and read aloud during the County Commissioner's meeting, which begins on Tuesday, May 28th at 8:00 A.M. (local time). Any proposals received after the above designated time will be returned unopened.

The proposed construction will include type 3p single chip seal and microsurface for cape seal, and all incidental work required, as more fully specified in the Contract Documents and Plans.

All proposals shall be for complete construction only and must be submitted on State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 together with the proper forms included in the Contract Documents, the entire set of which shall be filed intact as a bid. The bid envelope must be sealed and have the words "MONTGOMERY COUNTY 2024-1 CCMG Project" legibly written on the front.

The contract documents are available at www.questcdn.com. This contract is QuestCDN project number 9084465. A contractor may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to be a plan holder. To be considered a plan holder for bids, a contractor must register with QuestCDN.com and purchase the contract documents in digital form at a cost of \$22.00. Registering for all prime contractors and subcontractors is recommended as plan holders will receive automatic notice of addendums and other contract document updates via QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration or downloading digital project information. Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of drawings and Contract Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of drawings and Contract Documents.

SECURITY: Any person, firm or corporation who submits a proposal MUST file with their bid a CERTIFIED CHECK, BANK DRAFT, CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER issued by a financial institution insured by an agency of the United States in the amount of five percent (5%), made payable to the Treasurer of Montgomery County. In lieu of the above, any person, firm or corporation who submits a proposal and has a principal place of business in the State of Indiana MAY file with their proposal a BID BOND in the amount of five percent (5%), made payable to the Treasurer of Montgomery County.

Proposals may be held by the Board of Commissioners for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the public opening.

The successful Contractor will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, each, within ten (10) days after award of the contract and a two (2) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of thirty percent (30%) of the contract price prior to completion and final payment of the contract.

No Contractor may withdraw his proposal within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to ask for clarification for any bid submitted. In comparing bids, consideration will not be confined to price only. The successful bid will be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, however the Board of Commissioners reserves file right to reject any proposal, to waive technicalities or irregularities therein, to delete any bid item or items and to award a contract on the proposal that in their judgment is most advantageous to Montgomery County.

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners
John E. Frey, President
Jim Fulwider, Vice President
Dan Guard, Member
PL4879 5/1 5/8 2t hspaxlp

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 Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54D01-2308-MF-000791 wherein U.S. Bank National Association was Plaintiff, and Tamara Bouissey, was Defendant, 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 12th day of June, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. 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.

The South 47 1/2 feet of Lot Numbered 10 as the same is known and designated on the recorded Plat of Peter H. Patterson's Addition to the Town of Pleasant Hill, now Wingate, as the same appears of record in Deed Record 7, Page 122, in the Office of the Recorder of Montgomery County, Indiana. Also, the vacated street pursuant to Ordinance No. 2005-1, 2005 dated May 3, 2005 and recorded May 12, 2005 as Instrument Number 200503023.

More commonly known as: 208 S Main Cross St, Wingate, IN 47994
Parcel No. : 54-04-22-111-013.000-012
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

Ryan Needham
Sheriff of Montgomery County
Doyle & Foutty, P.C.
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Coal Creek Township
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Street Address
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208 S Main Cross St
Wingate, IN 47994
MANNER OF SERVICE: Sheriff

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY CRAWFORDSVILLE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission will receive bids for the purchase and sale of a certain parcel of real estate located in Crawfordsville, Indiana: 3.75 acres within Parcel Nos. 54-07-20-300-011.008-028 and 54-07-20-300-011.009-028 along Concord Road in the Crawfordsville Commerce Park. The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission shall convey its rights, title, and interest in the subject real estate to the successful bidder by Warranty Deed. The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission makes no warranties or representations with respect to the subject real estate or title to the same.

The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission may establish a minimum bid for any particular parcel and reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any particular parcel of real estate. Any bid submitted by a trust (as defined in I.C. 30-4-1-1(a)) must identify each: (A) beneficiary of the trust; and (B) settlor empowered to revoke or modify the trust.

An Offering Sheet that more fully discloses and describes the subject parcels of real estate will be available for inspection and copying by prospective purchasers at the Crawfordsville Planning Department office located at 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, beginning May 7, 2024.

The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission will open and consider offers to purchase the property at a meeting to be held on May 21, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the Crawfordsville City Building—Council Chambers located at 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Offers to purchase may be delivered, in writing, to the Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission at any time before the meeting.

The commission may reject any bids and may make awards to the highest and best bidders. In determining the best bids, the commission shall take into consideration the following factors:

- (1) The size and character of the improvements proposed to be made by the bidder on the real property bid on.
- (2) The bidder's plans and ability to improve the real property with reasonable promptness.
- (3) Whether the real property when improved will be sold or rented.
- (4) The bidder's proposed sale or rental prices.
- (5) The bidder's compliance with subsection (d)(3).
- (6) Any factors that will assure the commission that the sale or lease, if made, will further the execution of the redevelopment plan and best serve the interest of the community, from the standpoint of both human and economic welfare.

PL4881 5/1 5/8 2t hspaxlp

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CRAWFORDSVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to hear the request for a development standard variance from the lot and yard requirements of the City Zoning Ordinance and a development standard variance from the floor area requirements of the City Zoning Ordinance in an R-2, residential zoning district.

The property location 207 Woodlawn Place, Crawfordsville, Indiana (Parcel No: 54-07-32-443-113.000-030)

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

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

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

Department of Planning & Building Services
Megan Huckstep, Director, City of Crawfordsville
PL4883 5/1 1t hspaxlp

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 Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54D02-2206-MF-000449, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper was Plaintiff, and Michael Reinken, et al., were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 12th day of June, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, 600 Memorial Dr., Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana:

LOTS 42 & 43, AS THE SAME ARE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE RECORDED PLAT OF SHERWOOD FOREST, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN DEED RECORD 182 PAGE 413 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA

More Commonly known as: 2946 W Shore Dr, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
Parcel No. 11-35-222-060.000-025
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

"Subject to all lines, encumbrances and easement of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 54D02-2206-MF-000449 in the Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana."

Plaintiff Attorney: Brian K. Tekulve
ATTORNEY NO. 30882-49
Law Office of Gerald M. Shapiro, LLP
4805 Montgomery Road, Suite 320
Norwood, OH 45212
(513) 396-8100 Fax: (847) 627-8805
btekulve@logs.com
Sheriff of Montgomery County
Union Township
2946 W Shore Dr
Crawfordsville, IN 47933
Street Address

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The property location 709 Prospect Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana (Parcel No: 54-10-05-442-041.000-030)

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

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Department of Planning & Building Services
Megan Huckstep, Director, City of Crawfordsville
PL4884 5/1 1t hspaxlp

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CRAWFORDSVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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The property location 503 E College Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana (Parcel No: 54-10-05-112-144.000-030)

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

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Department of Planning & Building Services
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bought a house (i.e., mansion) in Brentwood and then decided to tear it down and build a new home on the site. The internet lost its mind. A little background is in order. Apparently the house (i.e., mansion) was built in the 1950s by a well-known architect. Some people call it historic, but as far as I could read, there's no historical marker or registration. Seems Pratt and his wife liked the location but not the structure, so the plan was to build a farmhouse-style mansion – whatever that means. (Hey Chris – if you want to spend a few million on a farmhouse, I'll bet we have a bunch in Indiana you could grab!) OK, so why did all this catch my eye? Because of the reaction. I spent a little time (THERE'S 10 minutes of my life I'm not getting back) reading about the so-called outrage. Pratt and his

wife (the daughter of Maria Shriver and Arnold Schwarzenegger) got called every name in the book and a few new, creative ones. They were threatened. Like most of this stuff today, it was vicious. Why? Let's reiterate. The National Register of Historic Places hadn't tagged the property as worth preserving. Far as I know, it wasn't included on the route celebrity bus tours take. Heck, I'm willing to bet that half the idiots who responded have never laid eyes on the property. But noooooo, that's not the world we live in today. The world we live in today has tossed civility out the window. Wait, that's wrong. It's taken civility, dragged it out of the car and stomped the bloody hell out of it. There are a few facts that don't seem to matter. Pratt and his wife bought the property

on the open market – which means that if the property meant so much to these loudmouths they could have as well. But they did not. Pratt and his wife paid good money (\$12.5 million is the report) to become the new owners. Help me remember. Doesn't that give them the right to do with the property what they will, assuming they don't violate any laws? If they love the location and don't love the dwelling, don't they have every right to build something else? Didn't they buy it? And what place do you, or I or thousands of idiots on the internet have telling them otherwise? Well, friends, you know the answer. You and I wouldn't think of doing that. The internet idiots? Different story. The same thing happened to Kristi Noem, the governor of South Dakota. In an upcoming book she

wrote, she explains that she shot and killed her dog. Seems it had a behavior problem and then it killed a farmer's chickens. She apologized to the farmer and put the dog down. She wrote that it was not a pleasant task, but that's life on the farm. Yes, she lives on a farm. The Internet idiots went ballistic over her killing a poor puppy – although the fact that her name pops up as a potential running mate for Donald Trump probably helped fan the flames. Help me think here. If a dog gets into someone else's henhouse and kills some chickens, aren't the odds pretty good that someone is going to shoot that dog? It'll either be the farmer coming out to investigate what's causing the ruckus or it'll be the dog's owner. Hasn't it been that way for, oh, I don't know, decades? It seems that when

people do things, things that they have every right – even an expectation – to do, it's open season on them if the internet idiots disagree. And it'd be easy to just stop right there. They are the snowflakes. We're the older generation, fueled by experience and common sense. But we can't stop there. Enter Pogo. They are we and we are they. We're all in the same canoe, and folks, it just doesn't matter which end of the canoe the hole's in. The canoe has a leak. We're taking on water. Rapidly. Pogo said it. It's us. The genie has floated out of the bottle, the toothpaste has oozed out of the tube. We're not going back from the self-centered, socialistic mess our country has become. Until something dramatic changes everything, you and I are out of touch, out of date

and painfully out of patience. The liberals are just as out of touch and patience. An election isn't going to fix it. In fact, I'm betting that no matter who wins, it's going to get worse. The answer – the only answer that makes sense to this old scribe – starts at home, spreads to the neighborhood, the area, the town and so on. We all need to talk more, share some coffee, have some tolerance and either get on the same page, or agree to disagree. When you think about it, what other choices do we have . . . that anyone can live with?


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

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Sen. Deery Provides Updates



SPENCER DEERY
Guest Columnist

On Tuesday I visited a classroom at Turkey Run Elementary School to see how funding I advocated for is allowing teachers to use a robot to better coach special needs students.

Shortly after I was elected to the Senate, I learned how another school in Parke County, Rosedale Elementary School, was finding success using this evidence-based approach to teach autistic children social skills.

I wanted to give more schools, especially the rural schools in our Senate district, the ability to offer this service. I immediately began working to convince my colleagues to include more funding for the grant program in the 2024-25 state budget. Those efforts were successful, and it was a special experience on Tuesday to see the results of my Senate service start to benefit the lives of some of our state's most vulnerable students.

My visit to Rosedale was in December of 2022. At that time, eight school corporations had access to a total of 13 robots. Today, as a result of the funding increase, 28 school districts and 74 schools share 80 robots and every elementary school in Parke County now has one.

Autistic children can often get overwhelmed interacting with an adult, but many respond well to the teacher through these robots that are operated by the teacher using an iPad.

The student will eventually be weaned off of the robot, and receive only in-person instruction — but it's an effective tool to get them started. The robot also can be operated by an aide, allowing the lead teacher more time to work directly with other students. This makes it easier for our rural schools, which often struggle to recruit the personnel they need, to reach more students.

The robots currently help teach only social skills, but curriculum is being developed to use the same robot to also teach reading and math.

Meeting Parke Heritage Middle School Students

This week, I also met with sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from Parke Heritage Middle School. During my visit, I answered questions about what it's like to be a senator and challenged them to people they can, and

serve their community in whatever way they are called to do.

Property Tax Reform
It's the time of year when we feel the pain of property taxes. Although it's true that Indiana has the eighth-lowest median property taxes in the nation and our system is ranked No. 3 in the country for the most taxpayer friendly system, I know that means nothing to those of you who are seeing tax bills rise and your incomes stay the same.

While local officials are responsible for determining property-tax rates, I have supported recent efforts to reform our state's property-tax system including laws to:

- Provide homeowners over \$110 million in temporary property-tax relief in 2024;
- Expand eligibility for the property-tax deduction and property-tax credit for senior-citizen homeowners;
- Expand the definition of a homestead so more property is eligible for the 1% tax cap; and
- Give counties options to limit how much property taxes increase for moderate-income homeowners who have lived in their home for 10 years.

But I know more work is needed, and I will continue to advocate for more property-tax reform.

DNR Awards Grants for Historical and Cultural Projects

On Tuesday, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources announced it has awarded several communities and organizations grants from the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Fund to assist with historical and cultural projects.

In Senate District 23, the following communities and organizations received grants.

- The Ouitatenon Preserve, Inc. received \$99,024 for an archaeological survey and investigation of target locations in the preserve.
- The Parke County Commissioners received \$100,000 to rehabilitate the Melcher Covered Bridge near Montezuma.
- The Parke County Historical Society received \$20,511 to help rehabilitate the Parke County Historical Museum.
- The Wabash Economic Growth Alliance, Inc. received \$100,000 to rehabilitate a vacant corner building in downtown Attica

for its offices, business incubator offices, co-working, and rental office space and a cafe.

Appealing Your Property Tax Assessment
Property owners across the state are beginning to receive their spring property tax bill in the mail.

While Indiana has one of the lowest property-tax rates in the nation, homeowners may notice an increase in property taxes this year that could be due to a variety of reasons based on location. If you would like to dispute the assessed value of your property, you can file an appeal with the county to have the value reviewed. After an appeal is reviewed locally, a property's assessed value could be appealed to the state.

Thanks to a law I supported, a homeowner's assessed value cannot increase as a result of an appeal, it can only decrease.

State Sen. Spencer Deery (R-West Lafayette) represents Senate District 23, which includes Fountain, Parke, Vermillion and Warren counties, and portions of Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties.



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