

➔ 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 Messy



Messy aka Missy is a senior 9 year old pit bull terrier that's been at the Animal Welfare League since 11/21/2018 (2,044 days = 5 years 7 months)! Messy is a staff favorite and SO deserving of a loving home! Let's find Messy a furrever home to retire to and enjoy the finer things in life like a nice comfy bed. Messy is not a messy girl. She keeps her kennel nice and tidy. Messy gets super excited for walks, but quickly gasses out and realizes life is more about smells and rolling around in grass. Messy is free spirited with a fun loving personality. Messy LOVES to be brushed, scratched, and will gladly sit for treats. Messy would thrive being queen of the castle (preferably as a solo companion with no other pets) in a loving home, possibly an older couple with a fenced in yard. A meet & greet of all family members/pets is required to ensure Messy is a good fit. Messy is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks (with signed waiver & 18 yrs. or older). If interested in fostering/adopting Messy (even short term to give her a vacation), please call the shelter 765-362-8846. AWL is open Monday-Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come snuggle cats in a community cat room, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!

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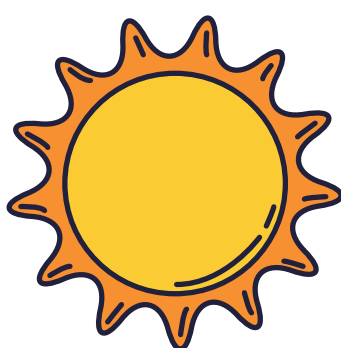
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By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am! Join us this week as we take a close look at . . .

### SWELTERING SUMMER WEATHER

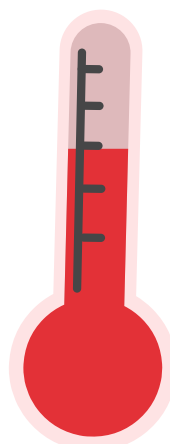


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That's the hottest temperature ever recorded in the great Hoosier state! That came about on July 14, 1936 on the south side of Renssalaer in Collegeville! (And by the way, the coldest temp ever recorded was a bone-chilling negative 36 that happened on Jan. 19, 1994 in New Whiteland.)

10.5

Summer rain showers hit their highest total inches downpour in the summer of 1905 in Princeton Indiana. (And on the flip side? The most snow that fell in one day was 33 inches on Dec. 23, 2004 in Salem. And just for the record, your intrepid news staff at The Paper did some digging – no pun intended – and found out that Santa still got around just fine that year!)



12

That's how many days we hit 100 or higher in Indiana – and that happened in 1936. That broke the record of 10 that was set just two years earlier. The third highest, nine, was set in 2012. That year was also the last time Hoosiers saw a 100-degree day (which happened on July 7 – almost 12 years ago to the day!)

85

That's the normal high for Indiana's daily temperature in July. For August it ranges from 85 at the beginning for the month and only goes down 2 degrees by the end. And for September – when summer ends and fall begins – the average high starts out at 83 on the 1st and wraps up the month 10 degrees cooler at 73.



99

We'll see you in September. Our next summer holiday is Labor Day. It happens on Sept. 2, 20 days before the end of summer. And the hottest Labor Day in Indiana history came in 1954 when the mercury hit 99! (The chilliest Labor Day was 47 degrees in 1988.)



All our statistics came courtesy of the National Weather Service

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Low doses of antidepressant medications can help hot flashes in some women.

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

"The press is the best instrument for enlightening the mind of man, and improving him as a rational, moral and social being."  
Thomas Jefferson

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 Hoosiers can submit their art and photos to serve as the background artwork for new durable cards for hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses for next year. From now through Aug. 2, Hoosiers are encouraged to submit up to two of their Indiana-based, nature and wildlife-themed artworks to DFWcontests@dnr.IN.gov. Four entries will be selected to be printed on licenses next year. The full list of contest guidelines is at events.IN.gov/event/DFWCardContest.
- 2 Boomers, get ready. The Indiana State Fair has some concerts coming sure to bring back a few memories. Among the artists on tap are Three Dog Night, Gladys Knight, The Turtles, Jay & The Americans, The Association, Badfinger ft. Joey Molland, The Vogues, The Cowsills and more. The State Fair opens this year on Aug. 2 and closes Aug. 18. Many concerts are on the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage. Go to IndianaStateFair.com for more details.
- 3 The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is inviting Hoosiers to give their feedback on how the state should spend federal grant money to grow Indiana's electric vehicle charging network. IDEM, in partnership with the Indiana Department of Transportation and Drive Clean Indiana, plans to apply for funding through Round 2 of the Federal Highway Administration's grant program. Hoosiers can visit GOEVIN's website, goevin.com through July 24 to learn more and complete an online survey.

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

How did the baby tell mommy it had a wet diaper?  
It sent a pee-mail.

➔ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Crawfordsville Investment Club will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. The program will be a discussion of volatility and total returns of various portfolio positions. Information of various investment funds is available in the Morningstar publication. The Crawfordsville Investment Club meets for educational purposes only. Visitors are welcome. For more information call (765) 362-2826.

Butch Says Your Dog Can Teach You Many Things!



BUTCH DALE Columnist

My wife and I have owned several pet dogs through the years. Each of us had dogs when we were children, and so it just seemed natural to always have a dog around the house during the years we have been married. Now I'll admit that sometimes a dog can be expensive, what with the cost of dog food, veterinary care ... and once in a while, collateral damage from them chewing on something they should not be chewing on! But our dogs have given us great companionship, love and affection. Right now we own three...Ollie (a Golden Doodle), Sofie (a Boston Terrier) and our newest arrival, Charley (a "teddy bear" mix of Shih Tzu and Bichon Frise), and we wouldn't trade them for anything! Our four children have also enjoyed our family dogs through the years, and they all own dogs today, too.

At age 75, my wife and I still work full-time. After a stressful day, it's nice to come home to our three little doggies, who are always so excited to see us ... each one acting as if we had been gone forever! I truly believe that a dog is man's best friend, and they are certainly not afraid to show it! Dogs can also be great teachers. Many years ago I read an article entitled "Things We Can Learn From a Dog." (the author is unknown) Here is the list:

- (1) Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride.
- (2) Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- (3) When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- (4) When it's in your best interest, always practice obedience.
- (5) Let others know when they have invaded your territory.
- (6) Take naps and always stretch before rising.
- (7) Run, romp, and play daily.
- (8) Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
- (9) Be loyal.
- (10) Never pretend to be something you're not.
- (11) If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- (12) When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

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## ➔ OBITUARY

### Julia Jean “Jolly” Cunningham

April 16, 1931 - July 1, 2024

Julia Jean “Jolly” Cunningham, 93, of Linden, IN died at Clinton House Healthcare Center, Monday morning July 1, 2024. Jolly was born in Chillicothe, MO April 16, 1931, the daughter of the late Price Clayton Owings and Julia Margaret Campbell-Owings and was a 1949 graduate of Chillicothe High School. Jolly came from a family of 14 children, 8 girls and 6 boys. She married Ivan R. “Pete” Cunningham at Chillicothe, MO November 16, 1949, and he preceded her in death on August 23, 2016. They were married for 67 loving years. Jolly was a member of Liberty Chapel in Montgomery Co. She was a full-time housewife that enjoyed fishing, hunting, horses, training bird dogs, gardening and Holiday family gatherings with her husband.



Surviving with her three daughters, Brenda Sutton (Leroy) of Long Lane, MO, Sandra Birge (Darrell) of Linden, IN and Martha Wedemeyer (Henry) of Roachdale, IN; by a son, Clayton Cunningham of Buck Creek, IN. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Wayne Cunningham; daughter-in-law Kathy Cunningham and son-in-law David Birge. Friends may call at the Hahn-Groeber Funeral Home, Linden from 12:00 PM until time of service at 1:00 PM Tuesday, July 9, 2024 officiated by Pastor Rob Wood. Interment to follow at Linden Cemetery. If friends desire, memorials may be made to the Clinton House Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Frankfort, IN. Hahn-Groeber Funeral Home of Linden is caring for the Cunningham family. Memories and condolences may be left at [www.hahngroeberfuneralhome.com](http://www.hahngroeberfuneralhome.com)

## Police Looking for Road Rage Suspects

A road rage incident occurred in Boone County recently and Whitestown police are requesting your help.

Around 4:30 p.m. on July 3, police say a semi ran off Interstate 65 North after the driver was shot. According to police, a black sedan being driven by a woman with a man riding along was brake checking multiple semis and causing traffic disruptions. Police say that it culminated in the semi driver being

shot. He was rushed to an Indianapolis trauma center by Whitestown Fire Department medics where his condition is stable but critical.

Police request that if the public has any information, footage or tips that would assist in the investigational process to please contact our Criminal Investigations Division at (317) 769-2677 or the Boone County Communications center at (765) 482-1412.



## Former County Auditor Honored



Jeff Dossett

Jeff Dossett has been included in Marquis Who's Who. As in all Marquis Who's Who biographical volumes, individuals profiled are selected on the basis of current reference value. Factors such as position, noteworthy accomplishments, visibility, and prominence in a field are all taken into account during the selection process.

Dossett is the owner and founder of Dossett Consulting LLC in Indianapolis, a firm he established in 2010. In this capacity, he serves as a financial services consultant for local county government on budgeting and revenue enhancements. He also prepares Title IV-D child support reimbursement claims for county clerks, courts and prosecutors. Moreover, Dossett is involved in preparing county cost allocation plans to assist with government reimbursement for administering grants. Instrumental in his role, he strives to help local government units become more effective in their daily operations. Looking toward future success as a business owner, Mr. Dossett envisions continued growth and the ability to expand into other states.

Before becoming a consultant, Dossett was a regional director for 39 DEGREES NORTH in Bloomington, marketing geographic information systems to local and state government agencies from 2011 to 2013. He also served as the Indiana state director of financial services at Maximus in Indianapolis between 2007 and 2010. Among other roles, Dossett found success as an auditor for Montgomery County, in Crawfordsville from 2005 to 2007. He has been in the financial industry since 1990.

Lending his professional expertise to his community, Dossett has served as

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an ombudsman for the Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve, a U.S. Department of Defense office responsible for developing and promoting supportive work environments for service members in the reserves. In his role, he worked with employers and service members to help them understand the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. Dossett was also called up when conflicts arose to mitigate and correct situations instead of having to pursue legal means. Among other contributions, Dossett has been active as a member of the Sons of the American Legion and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

In light of his success, Dossett was named as the Ombudsman of the Year for 2013-14. He also received a President's Volunteer Service Award in 2013, was recognized as the Marleen Sutton Clerk of the Year and as the National Republican County Official of the Year by the National Conference of Republican County Officials in 2005, and received an Outstanding Service in Election Administration Award in 2004. Dossett's people and leadership skills have been critical to his success.

## Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This Person?

**HINT:**  
 He was a long-time Linden farmer and township trustee, and all of his boys were outstanding athletes.

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## It's Hard Asking for Help



My dad doesn't like asking for help.

**CARRIE CLASSON**  
The Postscript

He told me this recently when he asked if I could help him put out the dock. His knee was bothering him, and the dock was pulled up on shore at a steep incline. The dock frame was rolled into the water and then the boards of the dock were laid into place. It was a good job for two people and two sets of hands, especially since my dad's knee is bothering him and he's been legally blind for a number of years.

My dad doesn't like asking for help, he told me. But lately he needs more of it than he used to. I know this embarrasses him. My dad is the kind of guy who can do a lot of things and solve a lot of problems. He built his house by himself—only getting assistance with the foundation and the roof. Everything in between, from the cabinets to the plumbing, he did himself. If I ask my dad how to solve a problem, he'll take a pause as he visualizes what will be needed. He may not get back to me for a day or two. But when he does, he's got it all worked out in his head. He must know that I have always admired him for the many things he can do and how well does them all.

But my dad turned 90 this year, and he's had some heart troubles. His eyes have been a problem for years, and now this knee is acting up. It takes a toll on him. I know he gets tired of it and worries he'll be able to do less and have to ask for more help.

"How does it feel, seeing your dad like this?" he asked me.

I didn't know how to answer, because it feels

good to see my dad whenever I see him, and I am glad I can help. Usually, I don't feel I can do much to help my dad.

And I'm not sure he realizes he has been teaching me by his example all his life, and those lessons have not ended.

When I see him ask me for help—knowing it is hard for him, knowing he wishes he did not have to do it—he is teaching me another important lesson. It's a lesson I need today. It's a lesson I will need more in the years to come.

It is hard to ask for help, but it shows wisdom to ask when you need it. Asking in the way my father does makes it feel like a privilege to be helpful. I hope I can be as gracious when I need help—tomorrow, and for the rest of my life.

We put the dock together in no time. The perfectly spaced boards were easy to slide into place because my father had built them in his woodshop, taking care they would not fit too tightly or have too much space between them. It felt good to stand on the newly assembled dock, ready for another summer of listening to loons, and keeping track of who is on their pontoon boat and watching the summer sun go down late at night, so far north.

I wish I'd had a better answer on the tip of my tongue when he asked me how it felt to see him asking for help. I wanted to say it made me admire him more. It made me hopeful that someday I might be as patient and dignified as my dad.

*Till next time,  
Carrie*

## Wolfsie Plays Chicken



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

Several years ago, The American Dairy Association ran a contest to find a recipe for the

best grilled cheese sandwich. I was very unhappy about the entire cheesy affair. I feel that when you try to make a better grilled cheese sandwich, it's no longer really a grilled cheese. Instead, it's a cheese sandwich with artichokes. Or it's a cheese sandwich that's grilled with honey-maple bread. Or peanut butter. The ingredients for a grilled cheese sandwich are simple:

American cheese, white bread, and butter.

Now, I have an issue with chicken salad?

Wherever you go, you think you know what to expect when you see this on the menu.

Chicken Salad: \$12.95

Don't fall for it. This is no paltry sham. It is a poultry swindle of gourmand proportions.

When I see the words chicken salad, I have a childhood vision: small bite-size pieces of pulled roasted chicken deliciously mixed in with real mayonnaise and succulent junks of celery to make the dish crunchy. That's it. Maybe a little salt and pepper. That's chicken salad.

So, what is chicken salad on most restaurant menus? It's slices of tough chicken lowered onto a plateful of soggy lettuce or spinach. That is not chicken salad. Allow me to say it again: THAT IS NOT CHICKEN SALAD.

I always have to explain this to a waitress who doesn't quite get it. Mainly because the restaurant doesn't serve real chicken salad.

"May I help you, sir?"

"Yes, do you have chicken salad?"

"Of course. What kind of dressing would you like on that?"

There's the first clue that we're not speaking the same language. You don't put goop on real chicken salad. It's already got

mayonnaise. You can slather blue cheese dressing on slices of chicken that have been plopped onto a garden of green things. But never violate real chicken salad.

"Miss, I don't want chicken SALAD. I want CHICKEN salad."

"Huh?"

"Look, how would you make egg salad?"

"I'd hard boil eggs, cut them up and then smooch them up with mayonnaise."

"Great. Tell the chef to do that same thing—only with chicken."

She was still confused...

"Suppose I ordered egg salad. Would you give me a big plate of lettuce with a hard-boiled egg in the middle of it?"

Her eyes lit up. It was finally sinking in.

I will admit that making the perfect chicken salad requires a certain deft touch to successfully combine these simple ingredients: chicken, mayo, and celery.

If you are reading this and own a restaurant, I hope you appreciate the free advice. I have always believed that staying on top of things is important.

Unless you are a slab of chicken.

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Join my wife Mary Ellen and me on an adventure to Iceland to experience the natural wonders of "the land of fire and ice" and search for the magical Northern Lights. The one-week trip begins on March 18, 2025. For further trip details (including the full itinerary) go to <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1232517> or call 1-800-581-8942. If you call be sure to mention our specific trip code: 1232517.

*– Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.*

## Wabash Ranked Third in Indiana



Photo courtesy Wabash College

**According to SmartAsset, the doors to Wabash College are affordable and rank only behind Purdue and Notre Dame in Indiana.**

Wabash College was named one of the three best colleges or universities in Indiana, according to SmartAsset, an online destination for consumer-focused financial information.

In identifying the state's best higher education institutions, SmartAsset used five categories: tuition, student living costs, scholarship and grant offerings, student retention rate, and starting salary for new

graduates. Wabash received a college education value index score of 74.58, which ranked the 192-year-old liberal arts college third in Indiana behind only Purdue (86.80) and Notre Dame (75.14).

Last month, Study Abroad Aide ranked Wabash 47th among the best national liberal arts colleges who offer great value for international students.

## ↓ BUTCH

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(13) Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

(14) Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

(15) Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

(16) On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

(17) When you are happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

(18) No matter how often you are criticized, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout. Run right back and make friends.

Good lessons for all of us!

Dogs are good for our hearts and souls. They satisfy our craving to love and be loved. If you have had a bad day at work, you know that when you arrive home, your dog will be waiting on you ... jumping up and down, barking

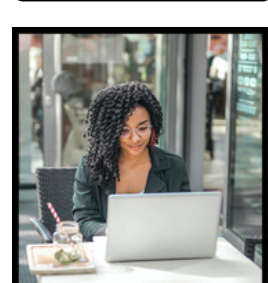
hello, and wanting to be petted. You forget about your troubles. If you are sick or not feeling well, your dog has the power to comfort you and make you feel better. They help to slow down your hectic life. Studies have shown that just petting a dog can actually lower your blood pressure. For many older people who have no family, a dog can actually give meaning to their lives ... a reason to keep going and not give up.

Our dogs are an important part of our family...thank you Ollie, Sofie, and Charley. Yes, even though you are sometimes naughty, we still love you! Good doggies ... here's your treat!!!

*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: Burrill Denhart**



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## Montgomery Medicine: Lyme Disease



**JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.**  
Montgomery  
Medicine

Summer weather means we have to start thinking about tick-borne illnesses like Lyme disease. Many people are aware of the association between tick bites and Lyme disease, but few know exactly what Lyme disease is or what causes it. There were 63,000 cases reported to public health agencies in the U.S. in 2022. It's estimated that there may have actually been up to 476,000 cases that year. Indiana has shown a steady increase from 23 cases in 2000 to 236 in 2022, with a peak of 314 in 2021. Montgomery County typically has 1-2 cases a year, while Hamilton County has been seeing 5-6 cases a year over the last few years.

Lyme disease received its name in the late 1970s when a number of children near Lyme, Connecticut developed arthritis. The actual disease has been described since the early 1900s. Lyme disease is found primarily from Virginia up through Maine on the east coast and also in Wisconsin and Minnesota, with sporadic cases elsewhere. When a case does occur in Indiana, the news spreads rapidly, sometimes inciting panic. We see about 85 percent of infections in the spring and summer with the remainder in the fall.

Ticks do not actually cause the disease though they do carry the organism that does, the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Spirochetes are bacteria that have a corkscrew shape. Another common misconception is that any tick can spread *B. burgdorferi* infection, when in fact only Ixodes (deer) ticks carry the organism. The accompanying photo shows a deer tick on a fingernail – they are very small.

The main hosts of *B. burgdorferi* during its life cycle are field mice and white tailed deer. Humans are innocent bystanders when we wander into deer habitat. The ticks lie in wait on the tips of grasses and shrubs and crawl onto us as we brush by. They crawl on us until they find a nice tender spot where



Deer Tick

they attach and begin to feed on our blood.

The risk of contracting *B. burgdorferi* is very small unless the tick has been attached and feeding for two to three days. Not everyone will develop clinically significant Lyme disease if they are infected.

Lyme Disease has three stages. The first two stages are termed “early infection” and the third is called “late infection.” The signs and symptoms are quite different during each stage.

Stage 1 consists of signs near the point of attachment of the tick. A characteristic rash usually develops called erythema chronicum migrans (ECM). The rash is red (erythema), lasts for a few weeks (chronicum) and tends to enlarge or migrate with time (migrans). Patients may also have fever, fatigue, and headache.

Stage 2 involves more generalized signs and symptoms. This stage can involve virtually any tissue, but signs and symptoms usually develop in the joints, nervous system, and heart. Two-thirds of people develop arthritis that can occur in various joints and may migrate from joint to joint. Weakness, as well as numbness and tingling, may occur in the nerves of the face and elsewhere. Infection of the heart can cause rhythm problems.

Stage 3 late infection can present up to a year after the organism invades the body. Approximately ten percent of people develop chronic arthritis, usually in the knees. They can also develop infections of the brain and spinal cord and severe chronic fatigue can also occur.

Testing for Lyme is not always straightforward. Antibodies against the organism may be found in the bloodstream, but can be falsely positive or negative. Therefore, it's important to not

test persons who don't have signs or symptoms of Lyme Disease. The CDC recommends that anyone with a positive test have it confirmed with a more specific antibody test called a western blot. People with neurologic symptoms may require a spinal tap to look for infection.

Treatment for Lyme disease is fairly straightforward. Most people are prescribed the antibiotic doxycycline. The length of treatment varies based on the stage and extent of infection. Some people with severe involvement, particularly heart problems, may require hospitalization.

Simple steps can be taken to reduce your risk of contracting Lyme disease. Even though Lyme disease is rare in Indiana you should consider covering up when you're around plants. This includes wearing a long shirt and pants and a hat.

You should apply insect repellent with at least 30 percent DEET before going outdoors and do a full body check for ticks when returning home. Always be on the lookout for the signs and symptoms of Lyme disease if you have found a tick attached to your body

Removal of ticks can be tricky. You need to get a fine pair of tweezers and grasp the tick's head as close to the skin surface as possible and pull slowly and gently upward until the tick lets go. You should then wash the skin with alcohol or soap and water. You should save the tick in alcohol in case it's needed for identification. If you can't remove the tick, call your health professional.

– Dr. John Roberts is a retired member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine.

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**CASEY WILLIAMS**  
Auto Reviews

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wheels add allure. Thin taillamps with LINCOLN spelled across the hatch lend sophistication. Touch in entry code on the pillar and go inside.

Ray Charles would not miss the infotainment screen that wraps pillar to pillar with a 11.1" touchscreen beneath. The portion in front of drivers displays a digital speedometer, safety system status (lane keep assist, adaptive cruise), and navigation. The right side can be configured by drivers. I selected media and trip computer. A "squircle" steering wheel is like a set of comfortable handlebars, but provides clear vision of the display. I know it sounds complicated, but is much more intuitive than the German luxury cars I've driven recently.

It's also saturated with luxury. Soft leather seats, inspired by the classic Eames lounge chair, are 24-way adjustable and come heated/ventilated up front, heated in the rear. A heated steering wheel and Panoramic Vista Roof add pleasures. Choose between four scents that range from summer field to evening embers. Crank up the 28-

speaker Revel audio system for a real delight. Safety is enhanced by automatic emergency braking, blind spot warning, lane keep assist, and rear cross path detection systems.

Adding to the technological onslaught is a hybrid powertrain that encompasses a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine and all-wheel-drive – good for a combined 310 horsepower and 30/31-MPG city/highway. That's not an overwhelming amount of power, but is plenty for a mid-size crossover and few will complain about the fuel economy. It feels smooth and torquey no matter the road. An adaptive suspension system controls untoward behavior, but maintains a wafting float over long highways and broken city pavement in the Lincoln tradition.

On a two-hour highway drive for my nephew's high school graduation party, I was driving the Nautilus, clicking through songs with Apple CarPlay, and watching the displays while enjoying the adaptive cruise control. Then, I noticed an icon on the left display change

from hands on a steering wheel to hands off, indicating Ford's BlueCruise system had activated, allowing me relax my arms and enjoy a soda while a sensor on the steering column watched me watching the road. Innovations seemingly never cease.

Lincoln pioneered FM radio, 8-track cassettes, and CD players. That's child's play compared to the swath of screens, wirelessly connected audio system, and hands-off cruising.

If you think of Lincoln as old, you clearly have not driven the segment-altering Nautilus Reserve. While the Nautilus starts at a reasonable \$50,415, our Reserve with all the technology came to a more luxurious \$69,845, putting it against the Cadillac XT5, Mercedes-Benz GLE, BMW X5, Acura MDX, and Lexus RX.

*Storm Forward!*

Send comments to Casey at [AutoCasey@aol.com](mailto:AutoCasey@aol.com); follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.

### Likes

- Pillar-to-pillar screens
- Hands-off BlueCruise
- 24-way adjustable seats

### Dislikes

- Misunderstood image
- Fluffy suspension
- Luxurious price

**2024 Lincoln Nautilus Reserve**  
Five-passenger, AWD Crossover  
Powertrain: 2.0-liter I4 Hybrid  
Output hp/lb.-ft.: 310/295  
Suspension f/r: Adapt Ind/Ind  
Wheels f/r: 21"/21" alloy  
Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc  
Fuel economy: 30/31-MPG  
Assembly: Hangzhou, China  
Base/as-tested price: \$50,415/69,845

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# FOR THE RECORD

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024, 8 AM

1580 Constitution Row -Room E109

CALL TO ORDER Board President John E. Frey

PLEDGE ALLIGENCE and PRAYER

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Claims: AP -\$4,928,735.68

Payroll -\$482,168.08

Minutes: June 24, 2024

Acknowledgement of Courthouse Appraisal: Letter of Engagement Terzo & Bologna, Inc. -\$6,500 - Current market value appraisal of Courthouse needed as one of the requirements for the bonding of the Montgomery County Courthouse Renovation Project.

Thomas K. Milligan Justice Center ADA Improvements Project Scope Change Request #1 -\$4,190 -Change order addresses modifications to the original contract for additional structural and architectural design.

PUBLIC HEARING -Proposed Lease County Courthouse Renovation Project -8 am

All persons interested shall have a right to be heard upon the necessity for the execution of the proposed lease, and upon whether the lease rental provided for therein to be paid to the Corporation is a fair and reasonable rental for the proposed Project.

### NEW BUSINESS

Underwriter/Placement Agent Engagement Relating to Potential Municipal Securities Transaction : Nucor Towers Water Project

Preliminary engagement agreement for a potential financing to support the Nucor Towers Water Project. This engagement will satisfy certain regulatory requirements and allow Stifel to begin to work with the County and the County's Financial Consultants Peters Franklin to provide financing, structuring, and market interest rate advice.

Approve Public Works Construction Agreement with Traffic Control Specialists = \$73,903.36

Approve Striping Quote & Contract-Highway department received 2 quotes. Indiana Sign & Barricade supplied a quote for the amount of \$79,084.02 and Traffic Control Specialists quoted \$73,903.36. Both quotes included the following roads to stripe:

- 475 W between 950 S & South County Line
- 400 N between 175 E & Old 55
- 500 S between 200 E & Ladoga Rd
- 500 S between 500 E & US 136
- Old 55 between 136 & Wingate

It is the highway recommendation to approve the quote and contract with Traffic Control Specialists for the amount of \$73,903.36

### ORDINANCES

Final Reading Ordinance 2024-14: Ordinance Creating 2025 Local Coordinating Council (LLC) Grant Fund -\$14,490

The fund shall consist of monies received by the Montgomery County Probation Department and

the Local Coordinating Council for support of the Juvenile / Young Adult Drug Screens \$2,240; Drug Court Incentives \$3,500;Emergency and Transitional Housing \$2,750;Drug & Alcohol Education & Intervention \$1,500; Juvenile Cognitive Behavior Program (MRT) \$3,000 and Veteran's Treatment Court Incentives \$1,500. The grant runs from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Introduction Ordinance 2024-15: Ordinance Creating A Redevelopment Non-TIF Fund

The Montgomery County Council has appropriated \$500,000 in the County General Fund and authorized these funds to be transferred to the Montgomery County Redevelopment Commission to be used to further economic development throughout the County.

### RESOLUTION

Resolution 2024-14: Approving Lease Entered Into Between Montgomery County Building Corporation and Montgomery County

The proposed lease upon which the hearing has been held is for a term not to exceed twenty (20) years, commencing with the completion of the Project (as defined in the lease) to be renovated by the Corporation, as set forth in the lease. The lease provides for a maximum annual rate of \$1,600,000 payable semiannually on January 1 and July 1 during the term of the lease, commencing with the completion of the Project or on July 1, 2026, whichever is later. Lease rentals will be payable from an ad valorem property tax levied and collected on all taxable property in the County. As additional rental, the lessee shall pay or cause to be paid all taxes and assessments against such property, as well as the cost of alterations and repairs, and shall pay rebate amounts to the United States Treasury. The lease requires the lessee to maintain insurance on the Project and to bear all cost of alterations and repairs. After the sale by the Corporation of its bonds to pay for the cost of the Project, including the acquisition of the site or sites therefor and other expenses incidental thereto, the annual rental shall be reduced to an amount equal to the multiple of \$1,000 next higher than the sum of principal and interest due on such bonds in each twelve-month period ending on any bond payment date (bond year), plus an amount not to exceed \$5,000, payable in equal semiannual installments.

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### ADJOURNMENT

\*Next meeting Monday, July 29, 2024 @ 8am\*

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY BUILDING CORPORATION

Annual Meeting

### AGENDA

July 8, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Community Meeting Room

Government Center – 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville

I. Roll

II. Minutes – April 1, 2024

III. Reports

A. Government Center Status

B. Government Center Bond/Lease Status

V. Old Business -- none

VI. New Business

A. Courthouse Renovation Project

B. Financing of Courthouse Project

C. Resolution 2024-1 Approval of Lease

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjourn

## SOUTHMONT SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

The South Montgomery Community School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet in executive session on Monday, July 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Corporation's Administrative Office located at 6401 South U.S. 231, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. This executive session will be held to discuss the following:

1. To discuss strategy for litigation that has been threatened in writing, as provided for in Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B).

Regular School Board Meeting

Corporation Board Room

Monday, July 8, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

Public Meeting

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

IV. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors.

V. Revisions to the Agenda

VI. Public Comments

VII. Consent Agenda:

(minutes, monthly claims, field trips/facilities usage, contributions/gifts and personnel

Minutes from previous meetings

Claims/Payrolls

Personnel:

-Approve the retirement of Mr. Mike Tricker, Director of Operations, effective July 9, 2024.

-Zach Higbee - Elementary PE Teacher Ladoga/Walnut Elementaries

-Linsey Hannum - Science Teacher - Southmont High School.

-Lindsey Ballinger - Sub Nurse for Maternity Leave - Southmont Jr./Sr. High.

-Sandra Johnson - Instructional Assistant - Southmont Jr. High School.

-Stephanie Acker - Instructional Assistant - Southmont Jr. High School.

-Extra Duty Recommendations: Bryce Adams, Spring Concessions - \$800.00;

Kelley Hopkins, IHSAA Softball Sectional Worker - \$100.00; Katy Yoakum,

IHSAA Softball Sectional Worker - \$120.00; Erin Barry, IHSAA Softball Sectional

Worker - \$40.00; Bella McIntyre, IHSAA Softball Sectional Worker - \$40.00. -

Desson Hannum - Varsity Football Coach - \$8000.00 (pd in teacher contract). -

Jeremiah Sparks - Varsity Assistant Football Coach - \$3500.00. -Mitchell Dehne

- Varsity Assistant Football Coach - \$3500.00 -Baylee Adams - Varsity Assistant

Football Coach - \$3500.00. -Bryce Adams - Varsity Assistant Football Coach -

\$3500.00. -Ken Dooley - Varsity Assistant Football Coach - \$3500.00. -Bill

Whalen - Varsity Girls Golf Coach - \$3000.00. -Dave Williamson - Varsity

Assistant Girls Golf Coach - \$1500.00. -Shelley Allen - Varsity Cross Country

Coach - \$3000.00. -Katrina Burris - Varsity Assistant Cross Country Coach -

\$1500.00. -Benjamin Razo - Varsity Boys Soccer Coach - \$4000.00. -Logan

Phillips - Varsity Assistant Boys Soccer Coach - \$1500.00. -Nathan Poynter -

Varsity Boys Tennis Coach - \$4000.00. -Joe McCutchan - Varsity Assistant

Boys Tennis Coach - \$1500.00. -Chris Cox - Varsity Assistant Boys Tennis

Coach - Volunteer.

-Michael Byrum - Fall Weights and Conditioning - \$1726.00. -Megan Shaw -

Varsity Cheerleading Sponsor - \$1500.00/Fall & \$1500.00/Winter. -Jennifer

Calder - JV Cheerleading Sponsor - \$750.00/Fall & \$750.00/Winter. -Angie

Williams - Varsity Girls Soccer Coach - \$4000.00. -Grace Armas - Varsity

Assistant Girls Soccer Coach - \$1500.00. -Erin Barry - Varsity Volleyball Coach -

\$5000.00. -Bella McIntyre - Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach - \$2000.00. -

Lauren Witherspoon - JV Volleyball Coach - \$1654.00. -Malik Gayler - JH Boys

Soccer Coach - \$1500.00. -Amy Reeves - JH Cross Country Coach - \$1000.00. -

Alison Burris - JH Assistant Cross Country Coach - Volunteer. -Jarrett Todd -

8th grade Football Coach - \$2500.00. -Jud VanCleave - 7th grade Football

Coach - \$2500.00. -Cole Thomas - 7th grade Assistant Football Coach -

\$2000.00. -Jennifer Hale - JH Girls Soccer Coach - \$1500.00. -Elliott Franklin -

JH Boys Tennis Coach - \$1500.00. -Josh Gray - JH Girls Golf Coach - \$1000.00.

Recommendation to liquidate the Coca Cola Trailer.

-Student & Adult Meal Pricing Recommendation, SY 2024-2025.

-Approval of Administrative contracts/days for 2024-2025 school year.

-Pre Bargaining will open up sometime after August 15, 2024.

VIII. Items for Action:

- MOU for the Ladoga Playground.

IX. Report from Superintendent:

X. Items for Discussion by the Board -NEOLA Board Policies Updates - 1st

reading. XI. Adjournment

Future Meetings: August 12, 2024 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room -

6:00 PM September 9, 2024 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00

PM September 24, 2024 - Regular Meeting (Budget) - Corporation Room - 6:00

PM

This meeting site is handicap accessible. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the Superintendent at the School Corporation office.

## SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

### CRAWFORDSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL

Mayor's Annual Budget Workshop

July 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

A quorum of the Crawfordsville Common Council will attend Mayor Todd D.

Barton's Budget Workshop regarding the city's 2025 budget scheduled for Monday, July 15, 2024, beginning at six o'clock p.m. in the City Building's Council Chambers, Second Floor, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

If you have any questions, please call Mayor Barton's office at 765-364-5160.

Also, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to

attend, hear, or present evidence at the public meeting on the above-

referenced matter and needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the

Crawfordsville ADA Coordinator so accommodation can be made. The ADA

Coordinator may be contacted at 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana

47933, Fax No. 765-364-1140, Telephone No. 765-364-5160. Brandy Allen, City

of Crawfordsville, ADA Coordinator; ballen@crawfordsville-in.gov.

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