

TODAY'S VERSE

1 John 4:20 If a man say, "I love God," and hateth his brother, he is a liar. For he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

Meet Echo



Echo is a 6 year old male white shepherd available to foster to adopt from The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) since 8/31/24. Echo loves going out for walks, playing fetch, and will gladly sit for treats. Echo is looking for his best friend. Could that be you? AWL is open Monday - Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come say hi, snuggle cats, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!!

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Ask Rusty – Husband Upset about His Wife's Survivor Benefit



Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:

This is a matter that I find particularly irksome. My wife – a retired teacher – was told that, should I predecease her, she is not eligible to get survivor benefits from my Social Security payments. I'm sure there is some arcane, bureaucratic justification for this, but I think it unconscionable. Is this true and if so, what sort of major miracle would be required to alter that?

Signed:
Disgruntled in Texas

Dear Disgruntled:

If your wife was a teacher in a school district (which includes all Texas school districts) that exempted her from paying into Social Security, then any Social Security surviving spouse benefit she becomes entitled to from you will be affected by a provision called the Government Pension Offset (GPO). The GPO will reduce her Social Security survivor benefit by two-thirds (67%) of the amount of her (non-covered) teacher's pension, which can (and often does) eliminate her surviving spouse benefit. The GPO affects teachers

in about 15 states who have opted not to participate in Social Security.

For information, this is similar to what happens to a spouse who has also earned a Social Security retirement benefit – their survivor benefit is offset by their Social Security retirement benefit, and only the excess (if any) is paid. The GPO is actually a bit more generous, in that your wife's survivor benefit is only offset by 2/3rds of her non-covered teacher's pension, whereas the offset is 100% for other surviving spouses who have earned SS retirement benefits as well. This is a provision that has been law since 1977, affecting all those who have a pension earned without contributing to Social Security. Its premise was to better equalize the way SS benefits are paid to everyone.

How can that be altered? Well, the only way is by Congress changing Social Security law. There have been numerous attempts

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What to Know About RSV

(NAPSI)—You may remember the old saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." That's never been more true than it is right now about good health and older adults, especially when it comes to protecting yourself during what is commonly known as respiratory disease season (fall through early spring).

Last year saw the devastating effects of an increase in COVID, flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and pneumonia on the wellbeing of older Americans. Fortunately, most people had access to vaccines for all but RSV last year. And in good news for

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WTIU to host 7th Annual Conference on Aging

WTIU Public Television is hosting a free, virtual conference to explore, explain and navigate some of the issues of growing older. The seventh annual WTIU Conference on Aging will be held on Zoom every Wednesday at noon from Oct. 2 to Nov. 27.

WTIU is pulling together area experts and resources to help participants find the answers to many questions associated with getting older. Attendees will learn what to ask, who to ask, and how to make wise decisions now that keep their options open as they age.

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Traffic Stop Leads to Arrests

What might have been a simple traffic stop ended up in a high-speed chase that resulted in an arrest and multiple charges.

Monday, Montgomery County's Sheriff's Deputy Caleb Berry clocked a Nissan Altima at 93 mph on Interstate 74 heading west. When Berry tried to pull it over, the car sped off. Crawfordsville Police set up Stop Sticks near the 34 mile marker but they did not stop the car. It exited on U.S. 231 and eventually turned on Smith Avenue, pulling into the Heritage Products Parking lot.

Three occupants fled on foot and were caught by officers from the Sheriff's Department and CPD.

Robert E. Turner III was identified as the driver and charged with resisting law enforcement in a vehicle, resisting law enforcement, possession of stolen property, reckless driving, criminal recklessness, dealing marijuana and identity deception.

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Meet a Beautiful Lady with a Beautiful Name



Hannah Parthenia Truax

This pretty lady lived a couple of decades here about three miles south of Crawfordsville on a farm but was born in Owen County (near Gosport) and spent many years in Windfall (where she rests eternally) in Tipton County which is where most of her children were born.

Besides being beautiful, her name is as well (Hannah Parthenia Truax) born 5 May 1828 to James Allison and Mariah (Baldwin) Truax, oldest of their eight children (her father having a total of 11, as Mariah passed at age 35). His family hailed from Monmouth, NJ in the late 1600s and his grandfather (Benjamin Philip Truax and his father-in-law, William Pittman) fought in the American Revolution. They were also very active in the Tonoloway Baptist Church in PA. Hannah received her beautiful middle name, Parthenia from William Pittman's daughter who married Benjamin Truax. Ben's son, William and wife Alice Coombs were James Allison Truax's parents and although

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Do you have high blood pressure? Try following the DASH diet (Google DASH diet).

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

"There are no regrets in life. Just lessons."

Jennifer Aniston

TODAY'S JOKE

Did you hear about the accident involving dinosaurs? It was a Tyrannosaurus Wrecks!

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

United Way in Montgomery County, along with the Chamber, Leadership, the Foundation, Wabash College and the City of Crawfordsville, announced the Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Community Day of Service. This year's event is scheduled for Sept. 25 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Be sure to mark your calendars and watch for the official registration and more event details to come soon! In addition, there will be a Red Cross blood drive that day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third floor of Fusion 54. Call (800) 733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 Indiana University has achieved a significant milestone, officially awarding 1 million degrees to students across the globe. The millionth degree was conferred among a batch of degrees earned during the summer 2024 term.
- 2 More than 600 people showed up for this year's decade-old Florida Python Hunt recently. According to Florida Today, Pythons swallow any critters in their path that look like lunch and "they spread deadly parasitic diseases to our native snakes." Thus the need for the hunt, which engages the state's citizens to join in the annual Everglades conservation. The annual event gives citizen hunters an opportunity to win as much as \$10,000 in prizes and to "increase awareness about invasive species in the state and the threats they pose to Florida's ecology."
- 3 Lithium-ion batteries can store large amounts of power in small cells and are quick and easy to recharge. They also can catch fire or explode. The Tulsa Fire Department recently posted a video showing just how easy and dangerous a lithium-ion battery can be. The fire department explained that when its energy "is released uncontrollably, it can generate heat, produce flammable and toxic gasses and even lead to explosions."

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Art League Annual Walk Tomorrow

By Kathy Steele
 For The Paper

Are you ready to be bedazzled? On Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. you will be able to stroll our beautiful, historic downtown to see the art creations of 34 local artists. A variety of art media including oil, acrylic, watercolor, bead work, pottery, photography, mixed media and sculpture will be on display. You will love the beauty of nature in some art and laugh at the fantasy spirit of witch houses.

Grab a cup of coffee or an energy drink and view the works of art with family and friends. The work will remain in the windows for two weekends. Brochures and maps will be available at the Carnegie Museum, the Crawfordsville District Public Library and in most downtown locations. Montgomery County is fortunate to have so many talented artists who are willing to display their art.

A great place to park and start your tour is at the Crawfordsville District Public Library where members of The Art League of Montgomery County have a display of 104 pieces of art in the Mary Bishop Memorial Art Gallery. Going north on Washington Street, the Farmers' Market will be active with our local farm goods and crafts including Evan Ratcliff's hand-crafted and restored radio flyer wagon and Olive Ratcliff's 4-H photography project. Amy Westphal will have her hand-thrown pottery at A Second City Café. Judith Lynn Smith enjoys showing nature in her artwork which will be located at In His Time Books and Gifts. Next door, at Creek Jewelers, you can see Mary Lou Dawald's whimsical clay potheads, which are suitable for inside and outside plants. Healthies will display Anne Viray Siphimalani's outstanding beadwork jewelry. Alicia MacIsaac has focused on art after her retirement from teaching. Her paintings at Heathcliff reflect moments of solitude, discovery, and fun. Karen Patton and Don Gould works are featured at the Taylor, Chadd, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter office. Karen Patton paints scenes that give her pleasure and peace. Don Gould has welded car parts into his sculptured art. Carol Baird has a display of watercolor nature pieces at CK & Company. Be sure to continue down Washington Street to Crossroads Furniture to see a collection of colorful, original pieces

by artists Eleanor Brewer and Bobbie Smith.

Go back to Main Street where you can continue your art exploration. Of course, you may need to get a couple of pieces of candy from Miss Sugar Ray Chocolatier while you are viewing the mixed media art of Lizzy Cook. At Merle Norman Cosmetics Studio you can view the book plates designed by Leslie Warren that were used to illustrate the children's book Abuela's Sombrero written by Julie Bergfors. Toni Ridgway-Woodall considers herself as a visual storyteller and you see for yourself at Whimsie.

You need to head east on Main Street to see the incredible nature photography by David Henthorn at Henthorn, Harris & Welliver. At the Marie Canine Plaza turn north on Green Steet to see the creative art by Campbell Washer at The Small Shop on Green. As you return to Main Street you can view the reflection photographs taken by Kenn Clark at Top Line Athletics. Next door, at DES Engineering, you can see the brightly colored paintings by our local artist Alice Harpel. Crawfordsville High School students Joselyn Cortex-Tapia and Trinity Reams have very personal pieces in the windows of the former Athens Arts Gallery. They both have said that art reflects their lives. During the week you can see a display of bright and cheery sunflowers photographed by Kathy Steele in the art gallery inside Tri County Bank.

A trip to the Jerry Smith Studio on South Green Street will provide a treasure trove of works by the very talented and award-winning artist Jerry Smith. The China Inn will have a display of photographs from John Zimmerman who delightfully snaps photos of nature, people, and objects of interest.

As you walk back to the south side of Main Street you will be treated to an incredible multi-media, witch house display by Roberta Bowman. Roberta makes these houses out of found objects, cardboard, holiday decorations, lace, beads, flowers, fabric, and lots of glue, paint and very innovative ideas. Just plan to spend a few extra minutes at this display at Nogginz Haircare Co. You will love it. If you need to take a break, you can sit and enjoy the Crawfordsville Alley Mural in the alley of the Montgomery County Community

Foundation. Pat Paris has two framed watercolor pieces in the window of Milligan's Flowers and Gifts along with more jewelry pieces by Anne Viray Siphimalani. This is a great place to start your holiday shopping.

If you are ready for a coffee break, you can stop in the Joshua Cup while enjoying the creative multi-media work by Nina Cunningham and paintings by Lori Stewart. Peek in the window of Sugar Creek Eyecare to see one of Kathy Steele's favorite photographs of a small child and a dog. It will warm your heart. Marsha Castello gets inspiration from the world around her. She loves animals, children, and color. You can see her work at Bush Design Co. Lakin Wilcox Photography has unique pieces by Kathleen Norton. Her work will encourage you to see the joy in art and get inspired. Photographer David Bethard loves landscapes, birds, and animals. Please take some time to soak up the beauty that he conveys with his photos at PRKD Properties. Will and Liam Bernhardt have photographs in the Bearded Comics & Collectibles windows. This is the second year that this father and son team have participated in the Art Walk.

You might think that you have seen it all, but there are four more places where you can experience some incredible exhibits. Who knew we had so much talent in this community. First, stop by the Carnegie Museum and view the "Home" Community Art Exhibit. This is a collection of art by

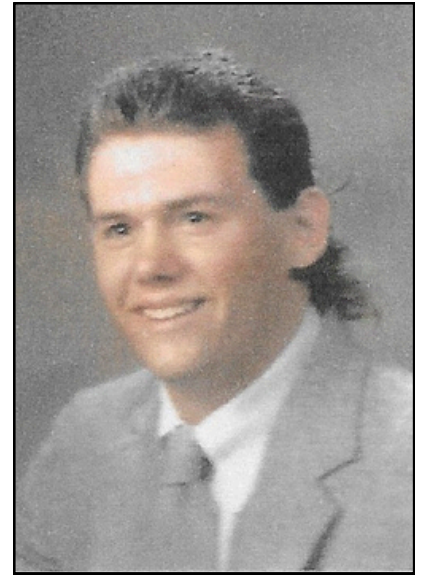


local artist describing their perception of "Home." Second, The Created by Artisan Gallery at 301 E. College St. will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This art gallery contains art from a variety of local artists. Third, the Wabash College Fine Arts Center has an exhibit by renowned artist and former art professor at Wabash College, Gregory Huebner. Fourth, The First Christian Church at 211 S. Walnut St. has an exhibit by Quinton Nannet. Quinton recently spent 14 months in New Zealand where he used photography to capture the beauty of his adventure.

The Art Walk is sponsored by The Art League of Montgomery County with the goal of supporting artists and encouraging arts and crafts in the community. The Art League appreciates all the downtown business owners who were willing to participate by offering a space for local artist to display artwork during this time. We thank the artists for sharing their art and for taking the time to set up the art in the windows. If you are interested in becoming an Art League member, you can find brochures available at the library or contact betsystrain@gmail.com

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1990 Southmont grad?

HINT:
 He has been a Crawfordsville police officer for many years.

Answer on Page A3

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to change the GPO law over the years, none of which have been successful. Indeed, there is a proposed law – H.R. 82 – The Social Security Fairness Act – which was introduced in Congress last year. That proposal, to eliminate the GPO (and a sister provision called the Windfall Elimination Provision), has essentially made little Congressional progress, short of a few committee hearings, and the outlook for passage at this point is about zero.

I'm afraid I can't be optimistic that the GPO will be repealed, as Congress is more keenly focused on

resolving Social Security's looming solvency issue, set to come to a head in less than a decade.

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The conference will include the following nine sessions: Creative Movement for Seniors on Oct. 2; Nutrition for Seniors on Oct. 9; Medicare on Oct. 16; Planned Giving on Oct. 23; Social Security on Oct. 30; Senior Living 101 on Nov. 6; Advanced Care Planning on Nov. 13; Art and Aging on Nov. 20; and Navigating Difficult Situation on Nov. 27.

Learn more about the conference and register at wtiu.org/aging. The conference is open to anyone, even if they

live outside of WTIU's broadcast area.

The seventh annual WTIU Conference on Aging is made possible with support from presenting partner Bloomington Health Foundation; supporting partners Community Cars Auto Group, Cook Medical, and Hickory Audiology; and contributing partners Bell Trace, City of Bloomington Commission on Aging, Jill's House Assisted Living with Memory Care, and Simplified Eldercare.

Unity Celebration Sept. 21 at Pike Place

About Humans United for Equality:

Its mission is to more fully develop an awareness and understanding of the ways that diversity and equality make our community stronger and our lives richer. You can follow them on Facebook or visit their website at www.huemoco.org to find out more information!

Local non-profit group Humans United for Equality invites the community to the 6th annual Celebration of Unity. This free event will be Saturday, Sept. 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Pike Place in downtown Crawfordsville.

This family friendly event will be an excellent opportunity for community members to learn more about one another and to celebrate how diverse Montgomery County is. There will be many children's activities, such as balloon animals, multicultural games, crafts, pinatas, and bounce houses. Kids can learn about the cultures of other people by visiting booths representing Mexico, Poland, Colombia, China, and Guatemala.

Various local organizations will be present, including the Youth Service Bureau, Cummins Behavioral Health, the Carnegie Museum, and Recovery Coalition, along with about two dozen other booths.

All games, crafts, entertainment, and

activities will be free of charge. Complimentary grilled hot dogs will be provided by Hoosier Heartland State Bank. Food will also be available for purchase from Hungree's, Norvell's and Jesus Kettle Corn. Enjoy performances by local children from the Dance By Deborah performance dance troupe, Crawfordsville Choirs and North Montgomery Choirs. Also performing will be the Purdue Baile Folklorico Club and Wabash Mariachi Los Pequeños Gigantes.

In the event of poor weather, the Celebration of Unity will be held at the Crawfordsville Boys and Girls Club.

This event has been made possible by HUE members and community volunteers, as well as the following sponsors: City of Crawfordsville, Wabash College, Random House, Hoosier Heartland State Bank, Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies at Wabash College, Nucor, Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, and First Christian Church.

CHS Senior Leon Burnett Advances in National Merit Scholarship

Leon Brumett, Crawfordsville High School, is among 16,000 high schoolers who are semifinalists in the 70th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 6,870 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$26 million that will be offered next

spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

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Police found more than 270 grams of marijuana in the car along with nearly \$2,000 in cash. Police also determined that the Altima was reported stolen from Berkley, Ill.

The two others, both 17-year-old juveniles, were processed and released to their guardians. However, Sheriff Ryan Needham said in a release that charges against all three will be sent to the Montgomery County

Prosecutor's Office. Needham also reported that his department is continuing the investigation. They are working with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department because a vehicle matching the Nissan's description was reported to be involved in two separate robberies in Indianapolis before the arrests were made in Crawfordsville.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer:
Tony Bowen

PUBLIC NOTICES

Montgomery County Plan Commission Notice of Public Hearing Preliminary Plat

The Montgomery County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 4:00 pm to consider a Preliminary Plat for Conkright Minor Plat. The meeting will be held in the community room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

Petitioner: Robert & Julie Conkright
Purpose of Request- Preliminary Plat
Location – 3299 W Black Creek Valley Rd
Crawfordsville, In 47933

The request is to hold a public hearing to consider the Preliminary Plat of Conkright Minor Plat.

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed Plat. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Montgomery County Plan Commission may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written comments or objections with Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov) prior to the public hearing. All such written comments or objections will be considered by the Plan Commission. A copy of the proposed Plat is on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Department office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765-364-6490), office hours are 8:00-4:30 weekdays except holidays.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone intending to attend the public hearing needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Montgomery County Commissioners Office, 1580 Constitution Row Crawfordsville, IN 47933, 765-361-2623

This notice dated: June 10, 2024
Marc Bonwell
Building/Zoning Administrator
Montgomery County, IN
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To consider a Re-zone of Real Property in MONTGOMERY COUNTY

The Montgomery County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 4:00 pm to consider a re-zone from Agricultural to R-2 Residential of a property in Montgomery County. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

Petitioner: Dwight Alex Miller
Purpose of Request-
A request to re-zone a 6 acre parcel from Agricultural to R-2 for a residential subdivision

Location: 4850 Block of Fall Creek Road
Parcel ID: 54-11-16-500-007.000-018

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed re-zone. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Montgomery County Plan Commission may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written comments or objections with Montgomery County Building/ Zoning Administration ATTN: Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 or by email at (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov) prior to the public hearing. All such comments will be considered by the Plan Commission. A copy of the proposed re-zone is on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Administration office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765-364-6490), office hours are 8:00-4:30 weekdays except holidays.

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this year, for the first time ever, there is a vaccine approved by FDA for preventing RSV in older adults.

The Problem
RSV is a serious respiratory virus whose full toll on seniors is just now being recognized. Each year, RSV results in up to 160,000 hospitalizations among people aged 65 and over and leads to as many as 10,000 deaths in older people in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

It can also prove serious for anyone with chronic conditions such as asthma, COPD, heart or other lung problems, certain autoimmune conditions and those receiving chemotherapy or radiation treatments. It is easily spread from contact with a contaminated surface as well as through the air (when someone infected sneezes or coughs), so anyone at any age can get it.

A Solution
RSV vaccines are now approved and available throughout the U.S. and the cost is covered fully for Medicare beneficiaries. These vaccines can truly

protect your health across your lifespan as they are now available for adults aged 60 years or older, as well as for infants through maternal immunization.

What Else You Should Know
It is always a good idea to review your health plan. When contacting Medicare, make certain that you are contacting the actual government agency itself. Only government agencies can use the .gov ending and the best number to use to reach trained Medicare experts is 1-800-633-4227. It's easy to remember—it's 1-800-Medicare.

The National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP) created a resource outlining the five things to know about RSV to help get the word out about this important opportunity to protect the health of older adults. English and Spanish versions can be found at <https://www.nanasp.org/vaccines>.

It's a good idea to talk to your pharmacist or healthcare provider about whether you should get the RSV vaccine, and any other recommended vaccines.

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FOR THE RECORD

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
 MINUTES
 CONSENT AGENDA: Approved
 Approval of Claims: AP - \$1,253,958.60
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 Minutes: August 26, 2024

NEW BUSINESS
 Open Bridge Scour Bids
 Bids were opened from Milestone, Morphy and Conexco for the Bridge Scour Maintenance Project for nine Bridges as identified in the 10 year bridge maintenance plan. The engineers estimate is \$700,000. The Cum Bridge Fund will be used to pay for the project.

Bids were: Milestone: \$1,199,395
 Morphy \$2,348,440
 Conexco \$623,700

The bids will be reviewed by staff.
 Open Courthouse Renovation Project Bids
 Bids were opened from Spencer, Brandt, Berglund and Kelly.

Bids were:
 Spencer \$ 4,676,000
 Brandt \$ 5,311,000
 Berglund \$ 4,966,297
 Kelly \$ 4,586,000

The estimated costs:
 Interior cost: \$909,680
 Exterior cost: \$4,145,816
 TOTAL: \$5,055,496
 Bids will be reviewed staff and the architect.

ORDINANCES
 Ordinance 2024-19: An Ordinance Amending the Fair Housing Policy Approved.

Montgomery County has previously adopted a Fair Housing Policy. The County is in the process of applying for grants from the State of Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). OCRA has identified necessary amendments to the County's Fair Housing Policy to comply with grant eligibility requirements regarding equal access to housing in Housing and Urban Development programs.

Ordinance 2024-20: An Ordinance Amending Drug Free Workplace Policy Approved.

Montgomery County has previously adopted a Drug Free Workplace Policy and the County is in the process of applying for grants from the State of Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). OCRA has identified necessary amendments to the County's Drug Free Workplace Policy to comply with grant eligibility requirements. The amendments identify prohibited drugs and the process to report violations.

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'Lord's Closet' Making Difference for Needy

By DeAntha Wright Thornburg
 For The Paper

What do you call several ladies who spend their Friday mornings unpacking, inspecting and sorting through bags and bags of clothes, stacking hundreds of items neatly on tables?



Photo courtesy DeAntha Wright Thornburg

Some jokingly refer to them as the Closet Ladies. A small group of volunteers at New Market First Baptist Church come together to give a gift of "kindness." Every two weeks, the 'Lord's Closet' is free and open to the public.

In 2013, a family in the community lost everything in a fire, said Melinda Rhoads. At that time, now-retired minister Wallie Nichols stood in the pulpit and commented – I wish we could do something. We don't have anything to give. Rhoads stepped up and volunteered to start a 'free' clothes closet for the community.

What is known as "The Lord's Closet" began after that in a 12 x 15 basement area. As donations grew, it soon had to expand its

Melinda Rhoads (in purple top) and Kari Haniford sort through clothes in preparation for Saturday's donation from 9 a.m. to noon at New Market First Baptist Church. Bev Haniford, barely visible in bottom left, was helping as well.

space. The Lord's Closet operates in the basement section of New Market First Baptist Church. Every item is free; if you give a clothing donation, what you might take is free.

The most needed items are children's clothes, winter coats, and boots. Rhoads said there is always a need for gently worn kid's clothes. We are seeking as many kids' coats, boots, and shoes as possible. There is a need to help the community.

Items, T-shirts, stained, torn, worn, without buttons, or zippers,

anything inappropriate is donated to Goodwill to be recycled. Clean, unstained donations are needed. Kids' clothes, shoes, winter boots, gloves and coats are needed most. Ladies' and men's clothing shoes are also accepted.

A distribution of Kid's Coats will be announced in mid to late October. Please do not leave any clothing donation at the church without first contacting church personnel at (765) 866-0083. Your gift of kindness will keep a child warm this winter.

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at first it didn't seem like Hannah Parthenia would be relation to the Alamo Truax's who had come to MoCo very early and were not from the same areas, it does indeed go back two generations from HP's Benjamin, his father being LaRue Jacob (1705 New Jersey - 1774 Bedford Co PA) who was the son of Phillip and Sarah Larue, direct ancestors of the Alamo Truax family.

Hannah Parthenia married her love, Nathan Smith, a farmer, in Owen County 19 March 1847. They lived there with their family in the 1850 census, he 24, she 22 with their first child, Mary. In 1860, they were in Tipton County having added two more daughters, Elizabeth and Laura, plus Daniel "Put" nam and (James) Lafayette. Sadly, Nathan passed away before the next census, 6 August 1868, not quite 43 years old, buried in (Brookside Cemetery) Windfall. He was the son of Daniel Yeager and Mary Ann (Polly) Crum Smith. Nathan's brother, Noah married Elizabeth, HP's sister, both living into their late 80s. Nathan attended the IU preparatory school when he was in his late teens. The family were bent on good education as HP had a good one, too, and I can't figure how, her being alone at that point, but so did their offspring!

Besides the children mentioned above the Smiths had added Nathan Franklin "Frank", Leela and William "Guy" whom

was just a tyke when Nathan passed away, having been born in January of that year. She did an amazing job of raising these children. They had also had one son Goodrich who lived just three months born the last day of 1854 and died 11 April 1855. He, too, is buried at Windfall.

They lived in southern Indiana until the kids were all grown and then Hannah and Put moved our way (about 1885) while many of her other children went

west. Mary married Ananias Graham and moved to El Paso, Texas, later marrying a Young having one daughter. Elizabeth married Andrew Whaley moved to Boliva, Missouri, birthing two daughters (she by the way was stunningly beautiful). Leela died in Omaha, Nebraska 24 Aug 1898 on her way to California. Put remained with his mother until the time of or about the time of her passing, but moved to San Gabriel, California where he passed in Sept 1941. Mainly, he would live in hotels or YMCAs, was a tailor but did much work with shut ins and the sick in Christian Churches wherever he lived.

Lafayette went to California early in life and as far as I know, died there in Riverside early May, 1904. Really could find little about him.

Frank also went to California (by the way not long before her death, their mom went on a trip out west, making rounds to all their homes to see

them one last time). He was born in Windfall 21 Feb 1861 and passed away in Santa Monica 21 Oct 1925 his son, Harlan Yager Smith (Col in the Air Corps during WWII, joining SAR on John Sweetser also of the family. Frank was an English teacher. Louella lived into her 80s as well passing in San Jose, California but buried back in Anderson, Indiana. She married Mifflin Harkins and was the last of Hannah Parthenia's children to pass away. She was the mother of at least a daughter and son.

The last Guy mentioned above passed away fairly young, age 49 passing of cerebral meningitis in Reno, Nevada - had at least two sons. He was a piano tuner and sold pianos, as well. This lady loved to leave her last home of Crawfordsville (sure thankful she got her picture taken while here by one of our best photographers, Nicholsons and Sarah sent the photo to share) and see her family whether it was in Reno, California, or southern Indiana, and she raised them well, all alone, never remarrying but joining Nathan at her death in their old town of Windfall! Rest In Peace sweetie!

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Back in the Day with Butch Dale



During World War I, women could not join the military and fight, but they helped out in other ways. Many women in Montgomery County joined the American Red Cross. They practiced their nursing skills and even marched together in drills while proudly carrying their American flags.

Harvest Season Here; Stay Safe on Roads

Harvest season is officially under way for Indiana's 94,000 farmers, which means more slow-moving farm equipment will be on Indiana's rural roads and highways. To keep Hoosiers safe this year, state agencies are asking motorists to be alert and patient, as they share the road with farm equipment this fall.

"The fall is an exciting time for all Hoosiers as the temperatures cool and the leaves turn colors. And Hoosier farmers share that excitement as they prepare to begin harvest," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "While traveling rural roads and highways this fall, remember to watch for large farm equipment moving between fields as they work to harvest the crops, and be sure to know the proper steps to safely navigate around."

In 2022 four vehicles were involved in crashes with farm equipment in Indiana which resulted in one death, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Moving farm equipment can be one of the most dangerous parts of a farmers job," said Don Lamb, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. "When motorists know how to safely navigate around

farm equipment, our roads are safer. By working together, farmers and everyday Hoosiers can ensure they arrive safely to their destination."

Farm equipment during harvest season could include tractors, combines, grain carts, grain wagons and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the road, and often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

The following list includes several safety tips for motorists approaching large farm equipment:

- Farmers will pull over when they are able to let motorists pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so.
- Be alert. Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the road.
- Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.
- Do not try to pass a slow-moving vehicle on the left without ensuring that the vehicle is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over for you to pass when it is

actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.

- Avoid tailgating, as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road.
- Allow plenty of time to get to a destination, be aware of alternate routes and avoid distractions.

"When you see farmers out working and moving from field to field, please be patient as they work to harvest their crops which are needed to help feed our communities and the world," said Doug Carter, Indiana State Police Superintendent. "Let's all work together to help ensure everyone's safety on our roadways."

For a list of safety tips, visit isda.in.gov. Click here for a video message created by Hoosier Ag Today, in partnership with Keystone Corporative. The following organizations will be working together to share this important safety message during planting season: Hoosier Ag Today, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Transportation and Indiana State Police.

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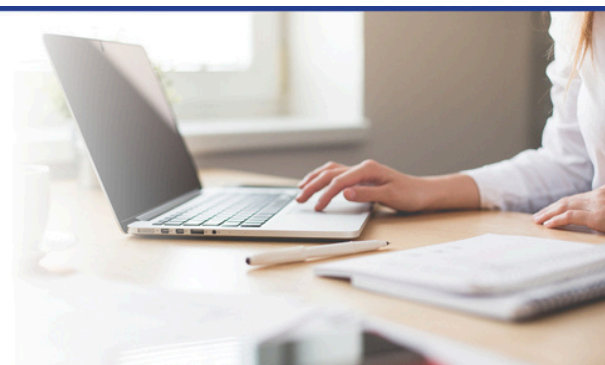
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Boilers Look to Extend Irish Misery; History Says They Can



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Before the season, just about everyone but the most optimistic Purdue football fan

had Saturday's game against No. 18 Notre Dame in Ross-Ade Stadium chalked up as a loss.

Then Northern Illinois took a \$1.4 million check home along with a 16-14 victory from Notre Dame Stadium. Suddenly a ray of hope exists that maybe the Fighting Irish can be had.

The Boilermakers, 14-26-2 at home in the series, historically have been known to pull a surprise or two against their other in-state rival. The best run against Notre Dame in Purdue history came under College Football Hall of Fame coach Jack Mollenkopf.

Starting with 1959, the first win against Notre Dame in Ross-Ade Stadium, Mollenkopf's teams reeled off five home victories in six tries. The only loss, in 1961, was a 22-20 verdict.

Fellow Hall of Fame coach Jim Young went 2-1 at home, losing a classic game in 1977 when third-string QB Joe Montana rallied Notre Dame to a 31-24 victory. Joe Tiller went 4-2, most memorably winning his first matchup in 1997.

Here's a quick look at the 12 victories against Notre Dame at Ross-Ade Stadium:

1959 – Purdue hadn't beaten Notre Dame since taking 36-0 and 32-0 victories in 1904 and 1905 at Stuart Field. With future President of the United States John F. Kennedy and legendary comedian Bob Hope in

attendance, the Boilermakers led 21-0 20 minutes into the game and coasted to a 28-7 victory. Jim Tiller, no relation to Joe, tacked on a 74-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

1963 – Shut out for seven quarters to open the season, Purdue converted a fourth-and-7 to score on a Ron DiGravio pass to a wide open Bob Hadrick in the middle of the end zone. Gary Hogan's extra point kick with 9:20 to play was the winning margin in a 7-6 game. Pete Dudgeon blocked a field goal attempt by future Heisman Trophy winner John Huarte to preserve the victory.

1965 – Future Pro and College Football Hall of Fame quarterback Bob Griese broke three school records while rallying Purdue for a 25-21 victory against No. 1 Notre Dame. Griese led a four play, 67-yard drive that ended with Gordon Teter's 3-yard touchdown run. Griese set records for completion percentage (19 of 22, .864), 283 passing yards and 322 yards of total offense.

1967 – Mike Phipps and top-ranked Notre Dame's Terry Hanratty combined for a stadium record 98 passes but the one that counted was Phipps' 31-yard toss to Bob Baltzell in the fourth quarter that delivered a 28-21 victory. Hanratty threw a Notre Dame record 63 passes but four were intercepted. The last, a pickoff by Leroy Keyes, sealed the victory.

1969 – Phipps becomes the first quarterback to earn three victories in his career against Notre Dame, and Mollenkopf finishes 10-4 against the Fighting Irish thanks to a 28-14 triumph.

1979 – The Boilermakers rallied from a 13-point deficit

in the second half to win 28-22. A pair of Wally Jones touchdown runs erased the deficit in the third quarter. The Carmel Connection of Mark Herrmann and Bart Burrell teamed up for a 6-yard touchdown pass with 8:41 to play. A heads up play by another Carmel graduate, Joe Linville, preserved the victory. Linville fell on a high punt snap in the end zone, giving up a safety rather than a possible tying touchdown and two-point conversion in the final three minutes.

1981 – Scott Campbell marched Purdue 80 yards, tossing a 7-yard touchdown pass to Steve Bryant with 19 seconds remaining to draw the Boilermakers within a point. Coach Jim Young went for the win and took a play call from former Carmel coach Dick Dullaghan. Bryant made a leaping catch for the two-point conversion and a 15-14 victory.

1985 - Purdue held Allen Pinkett to 45 yards on 21 carries, collected six sacks and intercepted two passes. One was returned 30 yards for a touchdown by Rod Woodson in the 35-17 victory. Jim Everett threw for 368 yards and three touchdowns as the Boilermakers never trailed.

1997 – The Boilermakers snapped a string of 11 consecutive losses to the 12th-ranked Fighting Irish and gave Joe Tiller his first victory as head coach, 28-17. Adrian Beasley recovered a fumble by Notre Dame quarterback Ron Powlus and went 43 yards for the touchdown that made it 21-10 in the fourth quarter. Kendall Matthews clinched the upset with a 2-yard TD run with 1:02 to play.

1999 – Purdue's

defense preserved a 28-23 victory, blitzing and sacking Notre Dame quarterback Jarious Jackson for a 9-yard loss on third-and-goal at the Purdue 1 with 16 seconds remaining. With Notre Dame out of timeouts, the clock expired before another snap could take place. Drew Brees threw for 317 yards and a touchdown, ran for another score and somersaulted his way into the end zone for a two-point conversion that gave Purdue a 22-16 lead in the third quarter. Two Travis Dorsch field goals in the fourth quarter provided the margin of victory.

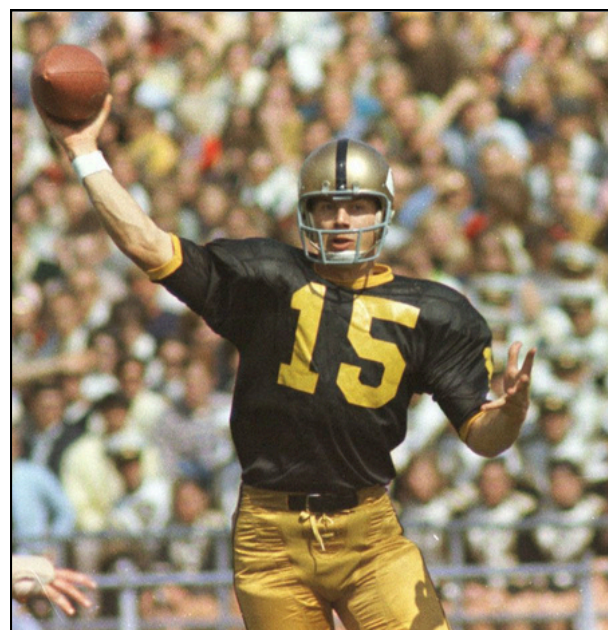
2003 – Purdue intercepted Brady Quinn four times and never trailed in a 23-10 victory. Kyle Orton threw two touchdown passes and Ben Jones connected on three field goals for the Boilermakers.

2007 – The Boilermakers surged to a 23-0 halftime lead and dropped Notre Dame to 0-5 with a 33-19 triumph. Kory Sheets rushed for 141 yards and one of two first-half touchdowns. An 11-yard Curtis Painter pass to Dorien Bryant and three Chris Summers field goals gave the Boilermakers an insurmountable lead.

Noteworthy
Purdue junior point guard Braden Smith, the 2022 Indiana Mr. Basketball from Westfield, was selected a preseason second-team All-American by



Jack Mollenkopf



Mike Phipps

Blue Ribbon Yearbook. Smith is the only Big Ten player selected to Blue Ribbon's first three All-America teams. Alabama's Mark Sears, who Purdue will oppose on Nov. 15 in Mackey Arena, was chosen preseason player of the year. The rest of Blue Ribbon's first team consists of Kansas' Hunter Dickenson, Alex Karaban of Connecticut, R.J. Davis of North Carolina and Caleb Love of Arizona.

Not surprisingly, Smith is Blue Ribbon's Big Ten preseason player of the year. We'll agree to

disagree with Blue Ribbon's ranking of Indiana and Illinois ahead of Purdue, UCLA and Ohio State.

Smith is coming off a sophomore season that saw him set school and Big Ten records with 292 assists. He is 245 assists away from the Purdue career record.

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

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Indiana Attorney General Releases Recall List

The Indiana Attorney General's office is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in August. The office encourages consumers to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchase recalled items that could be harmful to their families.

"Even though fall is around the corner, house projects are a year round task," Attorney General Todd Rokita said. "That means making sure household products are working correctly. Hoosiers shouldn't have to deal with faulty items. If you have one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in August:

- HALO 1000 Portable Power Stations Recalled Due to Serious Fire and Burn Hazards; One Death Reported; Imported by ZAGG; Sold by ACG, QVC and ZAGG
- Shawshank LEDz Recalls Squeeze Plush Ball Monsters Toys and Easter Squeezable Toys Due to Injury Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Ace Hardware
- Head Rush Technologies Recalls TRUBLUE Speed Auto Belay Devices Due to Fall Hazard
- Siemens Industry Recalls SolarReady™ Meter Combos Due to Fire Hazard
- Trader Joe's Company Recalls Mango Tangerine Scented Candles Due to Fire Hazard
- ALDI Recalls Ambiano Single Serve Coffee Makers Due to Burn Hazard
- IKEA Recalls VARMFRONT Power Banks Due to Fire Hazard
- Mamibaby and Cosy Nation Baby Loungers Recalled Due to Suffocation Risk and Fall and Entrapment Hazards; Violation of Federal Regulations for Infant Sleep Products; Sold on Amazon.com by
- MEIXIA Shop and Softbless
- Stanley Black & Decker Recalls DeWALT Battery Walk-Behind Mowers Due to Laceration Hazard
- BJ's Wholesale Club Recalls Berkley Jensen Gazebos Due to Injury Hazard (Recall Alert)
- Chem-Pak Recalls Finger-Ease Guitar String Lubricants Due to Skin Irritation Hazard
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- Battery-Operated Toys; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com
- Origin 21 Wall Mirrors Sold Exclusively at Lowe's Stores Recalled Due to Laceration and Impact Hazards; Manufactured by Huahong Art Home Shares
- Peace Industry Group Recalls Youth All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death and Violation of Federal ATV Safety Regulations
- Papablic Infant Swings Recalled Due to Suffocation Hazard; Violations of Federal Regulations for Infant Sleep Products; Imported by Shenzhen Two Pony
- Beberoad Love New Moon Travel Bassinets Recalled Due to Fall Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for Infant Sleep Products; Sold by Beberoadlove

using it, and check its recall notice (linked above for all products). Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

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