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TODAY'S VERSE

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Meet Wyatt



Wyatt is an adorable 3 month old male orange tabby domestic shorthair cat available for adoption from The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) since 7/20/24. Wyatt is vocal, snuggly, and loves to play! Wyatt has even won the prestigious award of ULTIMATE CUTIE PIE! Wyatt is ready to find his forever home! 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!!

Butch Can't Wait!



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

I just can't wait! No, I'm not referring to the Presidential election. I'm pretty sure I know who is going to win. So I am in no hurry to become DEPRESSED. I am talking about other situations. I am impatient. I want things to happen on time. One example is my doctor's appointment. I arrive right on time. I check in at the window. "Thanks, Mr. Dale, have a seat in the waiting room."

I knew it. Now what? Yes, a magazine...the July 2015 issue of Family Circle. I pretend to be reading. I look around at the others who are waiting. Oh, my Lord, that lady looks

contagious. What disease does that kid have? I don't think that poor guy is gonna make it! A half hour later, the nurse calls my name. Then I proceed to the SECOND waiting room. "Take off your shirt, and have a seat. The doctor will see you in a minute." Sure he will.

I had to go to the Crawfordsville Social Security office a few months ago. The only person inside was an armed guard from the Department of Homeland Security. What's with that? Did the FBI discover a plot to steal all of the blank social security cards? Are there Al-Qaeda terrorists hiding in the nearby Long John Silvers? And to top it off, the clerk was stationed behind bullet proof glass.

Seriously. No other customers. "Take a number." No magazines either. "We are THE GOVERNMENT. We control your life. So just sit there, shut up and wait!"

When I go to a nice restaurant, I expect to wait. I make small talk with others...sports, food selection, weather, etc. No problem. Just never make any comments about Trump or Harris. You could get shot. After I have been seated, I can always watch TV and examine the food choices and prices. The only restaurant in which I don't like to wait before being seated is Red Lobster. I feel sorry for the lobsters waiting in the tank. I know what they are

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Pace Dairy Eyes Major Investment in C'ville

Pace Dairy has proposed a major investment in its local Crawfordsville facility with a \$5 million upgrade to machinery and equipment. The proposed enhancements will replace two shredded cheese lines with new, state-of-the-art shredding, packaging, and transporting machinery to meet growing demand for its popular product lines.

"This new investment further solidifies Pace Dairy's Crawfordsville operations as a leader in the evolving market for dairy products driven by consumer preference, Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton said. "The commitment of Kroger and Pace to our community has been historically strong and this announcement further strengthens that relationship, positioning them for long-term success. We truly appreciate their continued confidence in our community and thank them for choosing to invest in Crawfordsville."

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Timmons Gets an Odd Phone Call



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

How do these people find me? I was sitting at work, minding my own business. Not bothering a soul . . . which translates to the fact that I wasn't writing a column causing the woke crowd more dilemmas.

The phone rings.

"The Paper, Timmons."

"I am Goose, Dr. Goose if you will. I bring you greetings, I bring you thrills."

I repeat – how do these people find me?

"I'm sorry?" I tried. "How can I help you?"

"In today's world we toil, while politics give us roil. Try as we might, it always ends with fright."

Sigh.

"The Dems they have Kamala, the Repubs are stuck with Trump. What they give to all of us is another kick in the rump."

I tried to interrupt. "Look, this is The Paper. Is there something--"

"Election's coming, voting starts soon. You know whoever wins will certainly make us swoon. There is no choice, no winner on tap. A sharp pain across our face,

this feels like a slap.

"Biden he's senile, Obama is scheming. How they get Michelle elected has all of them dreaming.

"But on the other side stands a big ol' orange-haired man. He's plenty loud he's certainly rude. His followers they love him but with everyone else he gets booed.

"Look, Goose. I need--"

"It's DOCTOR Goose you silly old fool. I make the insanity rhyme. I don't care if it's cool. It's time we wake up, rise to the top. This wokeness absurdity has to come to a stop."

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Building Trust: A Conversation With New County Clerk



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

Patriotism motivated the county's new clerk, Sondra Sixberry, to run for public office.

"I have a father and grandfather who served this

country, and fortunately they came back from service. But a lot of the men and women they served with didn't. We're at a time and place in our country where we need people to step up," said Sixberry, who began serving as county clerk on July 29.

Sixberry believes that more people running for office will build trust in the American democratic system -- not just elections, but representation. As county clerk, she's now secretary of the election board and her office partners with the board to conduct our elections.

With fewer than 40 days leading up to the Tuesday, Nov. 5 elections, Sixberry and her office are ramping up. On top of the usual record keeping – marriage licenses, passports, naturalization records, wills and court documents – the office phone has been ringing with people checking their voter registration. They can also check their voter registration online at vote411.org and vote.gov, just as they can file for a marriage license online in about 10 minutes. But

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Take a walk after eating, particularly if the meal contained a lot of fat.

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

"It's as much fun to scare as to be scared."
Vincent Price

THREE THINGS You Should Know

1 The Indiana Debate Commission is accepting questions from Hoosier voters for Indiana's three gubernatorial candidates on the Nov. 5 ballot. In keeping with its mission of "Putting Voters First," the commission invites Hoosier voters to submit questions via its website www.indianadebatecommission.com using the "Ask Your Question" link at the top of the homepage. The governor's race is a three-way contest this year between Republican Mike Braun, Democrat Jennifer McCormick, and Libertarian Donald G. Rainwater II. They have agreed to debate on Oct. 24 and it will be broadcast from 7-8 p.m. from WFYI-TV in Indianapolis and will also be live-streamed on the commission's website and YouTube channel.

2 Our friends at 101GreatGoals.com carried out a survey of 3,000 sports fans across the country to find out which cities and states house the most notorious online trolls. These trolls turn sports rivalries into an art form, crafting the perfect comment to get under the skin of their opposition. Nationally, Buffalo and New York City top the list, but in Indiana, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and Carmel were the best . . . or worst, depending on your point of view!

3 Margaret Zeitouny went for a walk with her dog on a trail in Waltham's Cedarwood Park in Massachusetts and stumbled upon a formation of pinecones "in a circle pattern with a repetitive design. Making them is a meditative thing. I don't know if the artist is coming up and checking on it, but I am. I want to take a picture a day until it's not there anymore. I am not on board with aliens, and definitely not on board with satanic ritual. I appreciate that someone spent a significant amount of time putting it together and put it together on the edge of the trail."

TODAY'S JOKE

Why do witches wear name tags?
So that they can tell which witch is which!

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Master Gardener annual Plant Exchange is scheduled for Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the 4-H Fairgrounds in the Exhibit Building. Bring a plant, take a plant, come enjoy talking with other gardeners. If you do not have anything to trade, come anyway and get something new for your garden. For more information check our Facebook page Master Gardeners of Montgomery County (Indiana).



The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank ASHLEE VINYARD for subscribing!



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Chamber Event Focuses on Insurance Options

It's Donuts & Discovery at 9 a.m. Friday! Want to know more about insurance options catered to entrepreneurs, small businesses and individuals? Then this event is for you!

The Crawfordsville Montgomery County Chamber is sponsoring Donuts & Discovery and it's a free event open to anyone. It takes place on the fourth floor of Fusion 54, 101 W. Main Street in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville.

Greg O'Hair from Franciscan Health will discuss the Chamber partnership to utilize their employer clinic program, HEALTHeACCESS, offering treatment for common medical needs including many common prescriptions including medications for conditions such as asthma, blood pressure, diabetes, thyroid, depression, GI, allergy and various infections are included. Many labs for wellness and diagnostic are also included in the

program. Full details will be covered during the seminar.

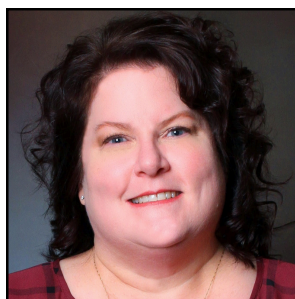
Austin Earl from Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance will discuss details of options for open enrollment, major medical insurance, advanced and classic choices. Indiana Farm Bureau Health Plans will customize a benefit's package to cover health, vision, dental and life insurance for entrepreneurs, small businesses, and individuals.

The Donuts & Discovery seminar will discuss how these insurance options can go hand-in-hand with our chamber employer clinic program with Franciscan HEALTHeACCESS.

Donuts and coffee (of course!) will be served. Register online at crawfordsvillechamber.com from the chamber calendar, email ssommer@crawfordsvillechamber.com, or call (765) 362-6800.

County Auditor Mindy Byers Recognized by AIC

Montgomery County Auditor Mindy Byers was among a group of 56 officials and county employees who received accreditation in the Institute for Excellence in the Association of Indiana Counties' County Government program.



Mindy Byers

With the many facets and complexities of government, ongoing education is needed to ensure that government functions run smoothly. With the support of Bliss McKnight, Inc., the AIC has devoted its resources to improving government through its educational program called Institute for Excellence in County Government. The Institute was established in 1993 to allow officials and county employees access to training which is geared specifically to county government.

The AIC is dedicated to assisting county government officials and employees in becoming more efficient, solving tough problems, and finding the resources they need to serve their constituents well. The AIC believes education is the beginning of any successful endeavor, especially within the

public service sector.

The AIC Institute is made available to all elected county officials and staff. After accruing 30 or more credit hours of study within three consecutive years, program participants qualify for various levels of AIC Institute Certificates. Continuing education certificates are awarded to those who have previously earned an Institute Certificate and have completed an additional 20 hours of coursework within one calendar year.

AIC and Bliss McKnight are helping county officials continue pursuing their educational goals through live and recorded classes. To learn more about the AIC Institute visit www.indianacounties.org.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1963 Crawfordsville Grad?

HINT:
 He became an Indiana State Trooper and detective.

Answer on Page A3

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Wabash Presents Moliere Comedy "Tartuffe"

The Wabash Theater Department will open its 2024-25 season with a 1664 comedy about family, religious differences, and a charismatic charlatan.

"Tartuffe" opens tonight and runs through Saturday with performances in the Ball Theater of the Fine Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Tickets are free and open to the public. Reservations are recommended and can be made at wabash.edu/boxoffice.

"The initial public reception of 'Tartuffe' is the stuff of theatrical legend," said Director and Theater Professor Jim Cherry. "After its premiere at Versailles in 1664, the play was immediately condemned and banned from public view. After rewrites to satisfy the Church hierarchy, the play reopened five years later and was a massive success. It's been in the repertoire of the French national theater ever since, and is its most performed play."

The play opens with the

seemingly perfect Tartuffe ingratiating himself with the wealthy Orgon and his family. His combination of charm, respectability, and religious authority proves so irresistible that he is eventually promised the hand of Orgon's daughter in marriage. But others in the family believe there is more to Tartuffe than meets the eye.

Alex Schmidt '27, who plays Tartuffe, explained that the play has themes that will resonate with modern audiences, despite being written in the 17th century.

"The jokes and even the main topics, like people abusing people for power, or sexual assault, are pretty relevant today," he said. "It's really interesting how something so old can still be so relatable."

Schmidt said he has been challenged by playing a villain.

"I had to figure out how to be involved with my scene partners on stage and still break the fourth wall and do something

that won't completely disrupt the scene, but will say, 'Hey, look at me. Look what I'm really doing.'" He added, "In this role I have to be open with the audience about my true intent, but also still be somewhat closed."

The cast includes Alex Schmidt '27 as Tartuffe; Carson Wirtz '26 as Cleante; Dan Rogers as Orgon; Delada Mudd as Dorine; Eamon Colglazier '28 as Damis; Eli Reeves '25 as Valere; Isabella de Assis-Wilson as Mariane; Jill Rogers as Elmire; Julia Phipps as Madame Pernelle; Preston Parker '26 as The Officer; and Xavier Master '28 as Monsieur Loyal.

The production includes stage manager Xavier Cienfuegos '27, assistant stage manager RJ Sturgill '28, costume designer Brandon Thompson, scene designer and technical director David BW Vogel, and lighting designer Bailey L. Rosa.

Cherry said the structure of the play has been a challenge for the actors.

"Working with actors on the iambic tetrameter, adapted by Ranjit Bolt, has been the most challenging part of the process, but also the most fun. We've learned together how the meter also gives you a structure that you can play within, and some opportunities for humor which are really distinctive and quirky." He added, "I find myself wanting to speak in couplets outside of rehearsal—the meter gets in your head."

A cash bar with a selection of domestic beers will be available in the art gallery for those 21 and older who wish to partake responsibly with a valid ID, no exceptions.

Ultimately, Schmidt says, audiences should come expecting surprises.

"Wabash always has our own twist with stuff. Especially in the end, it's going to be really funny. A lot of people, especially Wabash students, are going to absolutely lose their minds."

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Readers' Choice 2024

↓ TIM

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He paused. I saw my chance.

“OK, DOCTOR Goose. I appreciate you calling and all. But is there something I can help you with or something you needed?”

“I won’t keep you, make you spend more time. Clearly you don’t appreciate my lessons through a rhyme. But this has to change, get better you must admit. Because if it

doesn’t this country is going to-”

I had enough and hung up. How do these people find me?

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.

↓ PACE

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“We’re grateful to Mayor Todd Barton and the City of Crawfordsville for recognizing the potential of this new project,” said Pace site manager Melissa Stonecipher. “Pace Dairy of Indiana annually distributes 110 million pounds of Kroger cheese to half of the United States. The new investment will enable our Pace team to be more productive and efficient than ever, with the most innovative technology in our 42 years serving the country from Crawfordsville.”

production levels of their 6 to 8 ounce, 16 ounce, 32 ounce, and 64 ounce shredded cheese products. The \$5 million investment will modernize and expand the production process, ensuring greater efficiency and output to keep up with heightened demand. Currently, there are around 300 employees at Pace. This investment will reinforce the longevity and sustainability of existing operations, securing the future of the facility in Crawfordsville and enhancing its ability to compete in a growing marketplace.

Subject to normal due diligence and local approvals as part of the decision-making process, Pace Dairy will seek tax incentives from the City of Crawfordsville.

Pace Dairy, a wholly owned subsidiary of Kroger and a key supplier of Kroger-branded dairy products, is proposing the installation of new machinery that will support increased

↓ BUTCH

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thinking...“Please dear God, don't pick me! Try clams, or shrimp, or salmon. You're already overweight, so maybe a Caesar salad? I have a wife and kids back at Cape Cod.”

When my wife is shopping at the Tippecanoe mall, there are a couple of things I can do to keep busy while I'm waiting...smell the candles at Bath & Body Works. (try Pumpkin Pecan Waffle...you'll love it!) or I try on expensive shoes at Englin's Footwear. ("Sorry, I'm just looking.") But mostly I just bide my time...sitting on a bench in front of Dick's Sporting Goods...and watch all of the strange people walk by. "Whoa, that lady should NOT be wearing skin-tight stretch pants!...What institution did that couple escape from?...Oh, oh, here comes the guy with a skull facial tattoo and 14 nose rings!" And as many of the shoppers walk past and are talking to each other, I regret that I did not take Spanish in high school. Instead, I took Latin.

Unfortunately I have never seen any Romans in white togas shopping at the mall.

But the worst place to wait? Yes, that's right...the public restroom at Wal-Mart. And, as you are aware, it happens every time. Your bowels are advising you to visit the restroom IMMEDIATELY...so you make a speedy dash to the nearest one...and just as you arrive, five other people have the same urge. You know what happens next. Everyone closes the stall doors and takes a seat. It is so quiet you can hear a

pin drop. No one makes a sound. You can see the shoes and pants legs of the person in the next stall. All attendees are waiting for some brave person to begin the proceedings. The tension is unbearable. But you wait and you listen. Finally some individual, likely in extreme pain, does his thing. Everyone breathes a sigh of relief and bodily functions take over. And then the turbulent swooshing begins...the mad rush to the sink...the roar of the jet engine hand dryers. You make your escape back to the grocery section. You have survived another encounter in the Wal-Mart twilight zone.

So here are some tips: The next time you visit the doctor's office, send them a bill to compensate for the time you had to wait. At Wal-Mart, use the "family restroom." (One stool, no waiting, and lock the door.) And never, never make a derogatory remark to the security guard at the Social Security office. He cannot stop illegal aliens and terrorists at the border, but he can certainly finish you off with his Smith & Wesson if you refuse to take a number. "Go ahead, make my day!" Try to relax. They will get to you when they feel like it. And if you have a pounding headache when you are finished, do NOT go to the BMV license branch on your next stop. You have been warned!

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.

2,000 books!



Photo courtesy Crawfordsville District Public Library

Isaac Phipps, age 3 1/2, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" for the second time. Isaac, along with his parents, Adam and Julia Phipps, have read 2,000 books. Isaac's favorite book is Pete the Cat and The Missing Cupcakes by Kimberly and James Dean. Mom said, "We love our library! We especially appreciate the learning computers and reading programs. It's always easy to decide to go to the library!"

VSO Shares Monthly Update



JOE ELLIS
Guest Columnist

Here we go at least the weather has started to come down . So far we have had 80 phone calls into my office. And I had 23 people into my office for appointments. This month we took a total of 12 to their visits to the VA clinic's.. I will be at American Legion Post 72 on the 3rd of October from 1-4 p.m. Give me a call if you plan on coming to see me. Phone (765) 361-4133.

veterans organizations present : American Legion, VFW, DAV and for the first time we are having the DNR present. The time will be from 8 a.m.-noon and there will be biscuits and gravy all morning. Also our flu shot will be available along with eye doctor's and a dentist will be available.

Please be aware that I will be at the VFW 1431 in Crawfordsville, In on the 24th of October from 1-4 p.m. so call me for an appointment.

Joe Ellis is the Veterans Service Officer for Montgomery County. You can reach him at Joe.Ellis@montgomerycounty.in.gov or (765) 361-4133. His office is located at 1580 Constitution Row Crawfordsville.

Remember that this month is National Boss's Day on the 16th of October, the 24th of October is United Nations Day on the 24th of October and the 31st is Halloween!

Also the 17th of October is our 30th Veteran Expo we will have all of the

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

**Answer:
Dave Reed**

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LWV

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Sixberry knows some people prefer the face-to-face connection.

The last day to register to vote in the November elections is Tuesday, Oct. 7. For those already registered who have requested mail-in ballots, Sixberry’s office has finished the first round of mailings. They set up a good system for processing and receiving requests, sending out the ballots and securing them to safeguard the process. In addition, they’ve published the election schedule, set the early voting and election day locations, recruited most of their volunteers and aligned with Unison, the election software provider. To make sure everything on the machines is up-to-date, the machines go through a logic and accuracy test. The annual machine test, an election year event that is always open to the public, was scheduled for yesterday.

Sixberry and her staff have also discussed emergency backup plans with the county’s emergency management group. They set up contingency plans should someone be sick at the polls, a weather incident causes a problem, or, in the case of other emergencies, for the sheriff’s department deployments to be close on hand.

All of these routines are new when a newly elected clerk like Sixberry starts the job, but those safeguards, along with statewide efforts, exist to protect elections and keep people’s records and data safe.

Sixberry notes that the clerk’s office has access to statewide voter rolls and knows people want assurance their data is protected. After all, she knows people who’ve been hacked and knows it’s a priority for all of us to be aware and protect ourselves.

“The systems I’ve seen seem to put up some pretty good safeguards to protect that kind of data,” said Sixberry of the election safeguard efforts. In terms of Indiana’s elections, from what she’s seen, Indiana has put in some good safeguards. “When called to task – to do a headcount on an election – it seems like we have done much better than many other states.”

She noted that when dealing with computers and computer-based systems, diligence is required. She doesn’t assume any system is immune. “Entities” – she didn’t define who or what – are trying to access “every bit of data,” she said. She’d heard a report that “our IT department is constantly dealing with people trying to hack into our system.” But she credited them with doing a good job of protecting people’s data.

As a part of her job, Sixberry sits in on classes that prepare local officials for emergencies, including

cyber-attacks. These classes prepare them should a cyberattack knock out a local office, even for just a few hours. These groups, she said, are trying to protect Hoosiers from such encroachments.

Since no voter is the same as another, Sixberry weighs many reasons for the growing distrust. Sixberry believes that some distrust comes from more than data vulnerability. They want to know that the money they’ve “entrusted [to the government] is being used wisely.” She believes it could be improved with more accountability and transparency.

“When I was on the campaign trail, what I heard was a lot of people just distrust the system,” said Sixberry. “If you’ve never talked to someone who holds a political office and you don’t know where they’re coming from and what encouraged them to do what they did, you shouldn’t have judgment for them.”

She also believes the lack of trust and engagement in voting is in part from the shortage of candidates on the ballot in the county for county offices. The lack of competition in electoral races leads people to sit at home or skip voting in those races.

“So it’s not that my vote doesn’t count, but my vote doesn’t really matter because there’s only one candidate anyway,” said Sixberry.

“I was looking through some of the old records from the 1800s – we have records from back in the day,” said Sixberry. She didn’t have precise numbers, but about 8,000 people voted in the county election and four or five political parties were represented. Two or three did well enough to be within 100 votes of each other, she observed. In the present, “People have expected the government will do what we want it to do and everything will be fine. Some are realizing that maybe more of us need to step up and start participating in the process.”

“Having candidates we trust, our neighbors, running for office is a good thing,” said Sixberry. She’s seen how Democrats and Republicans in Marion and Tippecanoe counties are active. That’s a sign of health.

Running for office is a leap, she knows. She’s a mother with kids in college; she finally had the right circumstances. And she took from what her mother instilled in her to take that leap.

“Having that confidence my mother instilled in us, that she said if you really want to do it, you feel like you’re led to do it, then do it. When you are given the opportunity, you do the best you can with the skills you have.”

Back in the Day with Butch Dale



These Potato Creek school students are dressed in their finest for the class photo in the early 1900s. Each township in Montgomery county had several of these one-room schools back in the day.

Sixberry encourages those who don’t run for office to engage more with each other and become more active with their political party on a local level. In the meantime, she makes herself available.

As a constitutional officer, Sixberry represents the people. She feels strongly about representing the people who helped put her in this position as well as the whole community.

“I want to have an open door policy that if there’s something they want or need from my office that I’m here to listen, and then if there are things that we need to change, we will look to change them,” said Sixberry.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the League, visit the website www.lwvmontcoin.org; or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.

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SPENCER DEERY
Guest Columnist

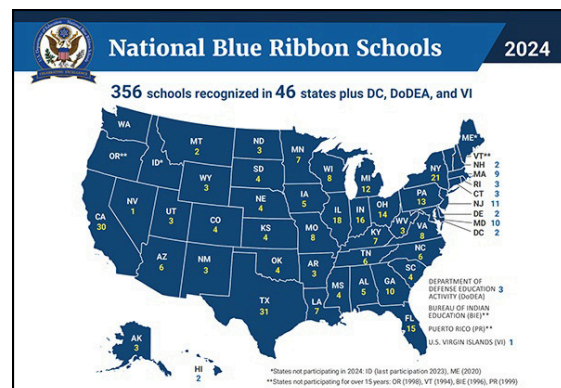
The federal government announced this week that two schools in Senate District 23 are among those being recognized as National Blue Ribbon Schools. This is a great honor and a first for the district.

Both Pine Village Elementary School in Warren County and West Lafayette Elementary School in Tippecanoe County received the award. Ladoga Elementary School, located in the neighboring part of Montgomery County but outside of the district, was also honored.

Only 356 schools in the country were recognized this year, and 16 of them are in Indiana. On a per capita basis, I would estimate Indiana led the nation. As far as I can tell, Indiana has never had so many Blue Ribbon School awardees, and we have never had two in our area in the same year. West Lafayette Junior-Senior High School was recognized in 2003, and Klondike Elementary was recognized in 1992.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, I spend a lot of time thinking and studying how to make more of our schools exceptional. I am proud of these schools and the people who earned this recognition. Congratulations to the students, teachers, administrators, staff and parents for the amazing work you are doing.

I will do everything I can as your State Senator to help our schools prepare the next generation of Hoosiers. We need young people who are prepared to self-govern as free citizens and who will go on to live happy prosperous lives. Our schools play a major role in that preparation, and of course, so do



you as parents, grandparents and neighbors.

PROTECTING
Hoosiers from Foreign Adversaries

While national defense is primarily the responsibility of the federal government, Indiana Senate Republicans have been working to protect Hoosiers from foreign adversaries like China, Russia and Iran.

As part of these efforts, the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS) recently completed a \$1.2 billion divestment from Chinese government-controlled assets.

This effort stems from a new law I supported that required INPRS to divest from these entities because I believe Hoosiers’ tax dollars should not be invested in companies controlled by the Chinese Communist Party.

This year, I also supported laws that:

- Protect public colleges from influence by foreign adversaries;
- Ban foreign adversaries from purchasing or leasing agricultural land; and

- Prohibit foreign adversaries from purchasing or leasing any land within a 10-mile radius of a military installation.

EMPOWERING RURAL
Communities

The state recently announced the opening of a new initiative aimed at enhancing rural communities across Indiana. The Rural Empowerment & Development Program was created in partnership with Ball State University’s Indiana Communities Institute and will provide training to local leaders about the needs of their communities.

Applications for the 2025 training sessions are open through Oct. 30.

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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PUBLIC NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Town of Linden Waterworks Improvements
DIVISION 1 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT
DIVISION 2 – GROUND LEVEL WATER STORAGE TANK
Linden, Indiana

Sealed bids will be received by Earl Heide, Utility Superintendent, at 302 East Water Street, Linden, Indiana 47955 at 4:00 PM, local time, on October 29, 2024 and shall remain sealed until publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Council Meeting that evening at 7:00 PM, local time, at the same location. Any bids received later than 4:00 PM, local time, will be returned unopened.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:
 Division 1: Construction of a new 150 GPM Water Treatment Plant.
 Division 2: Construction of a new 150,000 Gallon Ground-Level Prestressed Concrete Tank.

BID DOCUMENTS: Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained at Banning Engineering. Copies of the documents are available for examining beginning at 8:30 AM, local time, on Monday, September 23, 2024 at the office of Banning Engineering, 853 Columbia Road, Suite 101, Plainfield, Indiana. Division 1: Paper copies will be \$75.00 and electronic copies will be \$25.00. Division 2: Paper copies will be \$75.00 and electronic copies will be \$25.00. Payments shall be made by check, money order or cash payable to Banning Engineering.

INDIANA REQUIREMENTS: Standard Questionnaire Form 96, shall be completely filled out and signed, including attachment of Contractor's Financial Statement as stipulated in Section III. An E-Verify Certification Form is also required. Bids shall be properly and completely executed on Bid Forms and in the order as identified and contained in the Contract Documents obtainable from the offices as stated above. Each bid shall be accompanied by a completely filled out Form No. 96, E-Verify Certification Form and acceptable Bid Security. Any bid not accompanied by the above-required items shall be deemed a non-responsive bid. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within a period of 60 days following the date set for the receiving of bids. The Owner reserves the right to retain any and all bids for a period of not more than 60 days and said bid shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The Owner further reserves the right to waive informalities and to award the Contract to any Bidder, all to the advantage of the Owner or to reject all bids.

BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable certified check made payable to the Town of Danville or an acceptable bid bond in the amount equal to five (5%) percent of the total bid price executed by an incorporated surety company in good standing and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana and whose name appears on the most current Treasury Department Circular No. 570.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM (local time) on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at the Linden Town Hall, at 302 East Water Street, Linden, Indiana 47955. A site visit will be conducted after the meeting.

BONDS: A Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract price will be required from the Contractor to whom the work is awarded.

Owner: Town of Linden
 Date: September 23, 2024

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

Sheriff Sale File number:
Date & Time of Sale: November 13th, 2024, at 10:00 am
Sale Location: 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$43,512.69
Cause Number: 54D01-2403-MF-000284
Plaintiff: THE NORTH SALEM STATE BANK
Defendant: Joseph E. Martin, a/k/a Joe Martin AND the Unknown
 Occupants of 107 E. State Street, New Ross, Indiana 47968

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Boone County Indiana, 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 at the date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows:

Lot Numbered Eleven (11) and the West half of Lot Numbered Nine (9) on the Plat of the Town of Valley City, now known as New Ross, as per plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Montgomery County, Indiana.

Commonly Known as: 107 E. State Street, New Ross, IN 47968
Parcel No. 09-36-222-047.000-034

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, this sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. In accordance to the requirements of IC 32-29-7.3, this Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of this real estate upon the owners.

* An entire Sheriff's Sale may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other county emergencies. If the entire Sheriff's Sale is cancelled, each parcel will be cancelled. Each parcel will be assigned to the next available sale (normally 2 months from original sale). This will allow compliance with Indiana Code concerning posting, publication, and serving time frames. Also, new Sheriff's Sale fees will be assessed and the parcels will be automatically re-advertised. The plaintiff will be responsible for the new fees and advertising costs.

Cynthia P. Helfrich, Plaintiff's Attorney
 Attorney No. 20914-49
 Helfrich Law Offices
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 Road, Lebanon, Indiana

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the North Montgomery Community School Corporation has preliminarily determined to issue bonds in one or more series in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to fund the proposed renovation of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corporation, including site improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology.

Dated: September 25, 2024

/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
 North Montgomery Community School Corporation
 PL4971 9/25 10/2 2t hspaxlp

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.1 that the Montgomery County Redevelopment Commission ("Commission") did, on September 26, 2024, make a preliminary determination to issue bonds ("Bonds") for the purpose of providing funds for the construction of economic development projects including, but not limited to, the design and construction of watermain extensions for Nucor Road, together with all necessary appurtenances, related improvements and equipment ("Project"). The Bonds shall be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,775,000 and will mature no later than twenty (20) years after their date of issuance, with estimated interest rates ranging from 5% to 7.5%, and total estimated interest costs of \$6,496,962.

As required by Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.1(b)(1), the following information was available to the public at the public hearings on the preliminary determination: (i) the District's current and projected annual debt service payments divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the District, which is 0.0612%; and (ii) the sum of the District's outstanding long term debt plus the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any other territory of the District divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the District, which is 3.3877%.

The District's current debt service levy is \$0.00 and the current rate is \$0.00. After the Bonds are issued, the debt service levy will increase by a maximum of \$599,015 and the debt service rate will increase by a maximum of \$0.0305.

The estimated amount of the District's debt service levy and rate that will result during the following ten (10) years if the Commission issues the Bonds, after also considering any changes that will occur to the debt service levy and rate during that period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that will mature or terminate during that period is as follows:

Year	Estimated Total Debt Service Levy	Estimated Total Debt Service Rate
2025	\$599,015	\$0.0305
2026	599,015	0.0305
2027	596,078	0.0303
2028	597,370	0.0304
2029	597,840	0.0304
2030	597,723	0.0304
2031	596,783	0.0303
2032	595,255	0.0303
2033	597,605	0.0304
2034	599,015	0.0305
2035	594,785	0.0302

The purpose of the Bonds is to provide for the Project.

Any owners of property within the District or registered voters residing within the District who want to initiate a petition and remonstrance process against the proposed debt service on the Bonds must file a petition that complies with IC 6-1.1-20-3.1-4 and -5 not later than thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice, in accordance with IC 5-3-1.

Any owners of real property within the District or registered voters residing within the District who want to initiate a petition and remonstrance process against the proposed issuance of the Bonds must file a petition that complies with IC 6-1.1-20-3.1(b)(4) and (5) not later than thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice.

Dated October 2 and October 9, 2024.
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 PL4975 10/2 10/9 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, October 16, 2024, in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to hear the request for a use variance from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow a shipping container as an accessory structure in an I-1, industrial zoning district.

The property location: 502 Bluff Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana (Parcel No: 54-07-31-442-015.000-030)

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

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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, April 17, 2024, in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to hear the request for a use variance from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow a food truck to operate for more than sixty (60) days in a B-3, business zoning district.

The property location: 1301 Darlington Avenue, Crawfordsville, Indiana (Parcel No: 54-07-33-332-009.000-030)

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

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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, October 16, 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 in an B-3, business zoning district.

The property location: 1870 S US Highway 231, Crawfordsville, Indiana (Parcel No: 54-10-08-300-072.001-029)

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

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NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOL BOARD

Special Meeting
 Friday, Oct. 4, 7:30 a.m.
 480 W 580 N, Crawfordsville

1. Call to Order
2. Action Items

2.1 Approve the 2025 Budget
 2.2 Approve revisions to Policy 1662 – Anti-Harassment Policy 2260 – Non-Discrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity, Policy 2260.01 – Section 504/ADA prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability Policy 3122 – Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity Policy 3123 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment, Policy 3362 – Anti-Harassment, Policy 4122 – Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity, and Policy 4123 – Sectional 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment.

3. Other
4. Adjournment

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

October 14, 2024, 2024 at 8 a.m.
 Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row
 Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County
 Regarding Leasing a Structure for the Public Defender Office

Notice is hereby given to the citizens of Montgomery County, Indiana that the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, Indiana will conduct a public hearing in the Community Meeting Room at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana, on October 14, 2024, 2024 at 8 a.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a resolution regarding leasing the portions of a structure, commonly known as 127 East Main Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, for the County Public Defender Office and to determine whether the rent is fair and reasonable. The structure is currently owned by Allied Capital Title, LLC. The principle terms of this lease are as follows:

1. Lessor: Allied Capital Title, LLC., an Illinois limited liability company.
2. Lessee: Montgomery County Board of Commissioners
3. Intended Use: office space for Montgomery County Public Defender Office
4. Rent: \$2,000 per month
5. Term: 60 months, beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2029
6. Security Deposit: retain \$1,000.00 previously paid
7. Other: Water, Sewer, Gas and Electricity utility charges included in rent
8. Property Address: 3rd floor 127 East Main Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana
9. Character of Structure: Office Building

Citizens appearing at the meeting will have a right to be heard. If accommodations are required to attend this meeting, please call Lori Dossett at 765-361-2623. A copy of the proposed lease is available for review by citizens at the Montgomery County Auditor's office, Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

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Rep. Genda Shares Update



MARK GENDA
Guest Columnist

Many babies and their mothers need support, especially pregnant women battling substance use disorders. Maternal and infant mortality rates in Indiana are decreasing, but substance abuse and overdoses continue to be leading causes of maternal death in our state, according to the Indiana Maternal Mortality Review Committee's latest annual report.

The Indiana Pregnancy Promise Program provides free, confidential support for new and expectant moms on Medicaid who use or have used opioids. The program,

which is voluntary, helps during the prenatal period and for 12 months after the end of pregnancy.

To be eligible, women must meet these criteria:

- Be pregnant or within 90 days of the end of pregnancy;
- Admit to current or previous opioid use; and
- Be eligible or receive Medicaid.

Pregnancy Promise has supported more than 900 mothers since launching in 2021, helping them achieve sustained recovery from substance abuse and save more newborns from chronic health issues. A new, three-year \$2.7 million grant from the Substance

Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will expand the program to support an additional 300 Hoosier moms.

Please share this important resource with anyone you may know who needs help with substance use disorder, so that we can keep more families together, break the cycle of addiction and pave a path to a brighter future. For more information, visit in.gov/fssa/promise.

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

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