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**TODAY'S VERSE**

Isaiah 50:10 "Who is among you that fears the LORD, That obeys the voice of His servant, That walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God." (NASB)

## Meet Baloo



Baloo is an 8 year old (senior) male Black Labrador Retriever available for adoption from AWL since 12/16/23. Baloo doesn't want to spend another winter at the shelter! Baloo is ready to find his furrever home! Baloo enjoys the finer things in life, like treats and nice comfy beds. Baloo will gladly sit for treats. Baloo is looking for his best friend. Could that be you? Baloo is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks. AWL is open Monday-Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come snuggle cats in a community cat room, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!

## Sweet Autumn...and Butch Loves November, Too!



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

I would imagine that everyone has their favorite season of the year. Most people love the summer months because of all of the activities... cookouts, camping, boating, swimming, baseball games, etc. . . . sunshine and long days, picnics, homemade ice cream, fireworks, sitting on the front porch, watching the sunset, the starry skies at night.

There are those who prefer spring, when life is returning and the flowers

and the trees are blooming. They feel refreshed after the long winter, and can't wait to get the lawn mower up and running, plant the garden, open the windows and air out the house, or take their dog on a walk on a cool spring day. And yes, there are many people who prefer winter when the skies are blue and the air is crisp. December is the favorite winter month because of the Christmas holidays. People go shopping, get together with families, friends, and church members, and here in Indiana...attend high school and college basketball games. Kids make snowmen, ice skate,

and go sledding. Some just enjoy sitting in their recliner, reading a good book, watching it snow...feeling safe, warm, and secure as the cold wind blows outside.

There are certain aspects of spring, summer, and winter that I enjoy, but my choice, hands down, is the fall season. When September arrives, and the days become shorter, the hot humid days of summer end, and the leaves change into a myriad of beautiful colors...orange, red, gold...that's the time of year I savor. As poet Edgar

➡ See BUTCH Page A3

## Tad Robinson Free Concert This Sunday



Photo courtesy Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church

**Robinson is helping Wabash Avenue Church celebrate its 200th anniversary.**

The internationally known Tad Robinson Band will close out the 2024 free Concerts on the Corner this Sunday November 17, at 3 p.m. at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, 307 S. Washington.

Robinson is a Severn Records recording artist who tours widely in the U.S. and performs at some of the most important international blues festivals.

Downbeat Magazine says, "Just a few manage to perfect the art of soul-blues singing. Robinson is one of them." Living Blues Magazine comments, "Robinson's lyrics go for the soul, and his old-school balladry is lovely and lush ... a soulfulness plucked out of the anywhere airwaves of decades past."

➡ See TAD Page A3

## Making Fun of the Whole Thing – In Song



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

Growing up in the '60s was a lot of fun. I was young enough not to get too caught up in the civil unrest, yet old enough to

understand that something unusual was going on.

For most of us, we clearly remember that political assassinations were most definitely in the news. From JFK in 1963 to MLK and RFK in '68 to the attempt on George Wallace just four years later to the 1970 shootings of Kent State college students . . . it was turbulent, to put it mildly.

Yet our society managed to keep a sense of humor that we've apparently lost today. Remember Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In? Or how about Mad Magazine. They all routinely made fun of

the "establishment" but no one lost their minds over it – well, except maybe for that tricky guy in the White House.

I was a huge fan of Mad Magazine. The irreverent way they treated almost everyone was – in my teenaged brain – hilarious. I guess it's no surprise I grew up to be a bit irreverent myself . . . OK, maybe more than a bit.

At any rate, something Mad used to do every now and then was song parodies. I still remember they did one on college fight songs that included the line "Hail, Hail to old Notre Dame, where all the pollacks get all the fame . . ."

Politically correct it was not.

So, with that, let me pay tribute to the geniuses

behind Mad Magazine then (and not the ones who charge \$12 an issue now, for crying out loud!) and offer my humble version of our military anthems.

### To the tune of The Marines' Marines' Hymn

From the halls of Mar-a-Laago

To the bores in old D.C.

Trump can't wait to tell you

He's the best that'll ever be

He will rail all over Truth Social

And the heads on Fox TV

Will he really drain the swamp this time,

Let's all just wait and see!

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## Action Plan For 'After' Time Following Election



The League of Women Voters, open to men as well as women, is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the Montgomery County LWV, visit: www.lwvmontco.in.org or message to LWV, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

Kate Bowler, Duke religion professor and cancer survivor often talks about an "after" time, the moment when people realize the future as they had

previously envisioned it has changed. In the past few decades, presidential elections have felt like an "after" time for people whose candidate did not win.

No matter who won, a large portion of the population was always likely to feel angst about the nation's direction and the kind of country in which they live. It takes some time to sort out the way forward.

This week's column is for the person who needs a plan, whether for this administration or the next. Rather than allowing division and disagreement to cripple relationships and giving into a sense of powerlessness or cynicism, it's best to discharge negative emotions into positive action.

This week on Waging Nonviolence's website, Daniel Hunter, founder of Choose Democracy, provided some

➡ See LWV Page A5

## TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Keep your fingers away from your eyes if you want to minimize your chances of getting "pink eye."

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



## THREE THINGS You Should Know

- The Indiana DNR and the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation welcomes back the Happy Little (Virtual) 5K event for a third year. In 2024, this virtual race raised more than \$18,000 for tree plantings and healthy forest initiatives in Indiana State Parks with more than a thousand participants. Race participation is open to everyone, and registrants can complete their 5K anywhere outdoors – on foot, by bike, skate or paddle; or using a mobility device – anytime from April 19-27 to encompass Earth Day (April 22) and Arbor Day (April 25). For \$36 per person, each participant will receive a keepsake Happy Little T-shirt, a commemorative bib number and a Bob Ross-inspired finisher's medal. All race proceeds support tree planting and forest protection efforts in state parks.
- It's pumpkin time and British farmer Ian Nelson is celebrating with a new "pumpkin mosaic" consisting of 10,000 pumpkins and squashes. His farm, located in Sunnyfields Farm, near Totton, Hampshire in the UK, won the 2023 Guinness World Record and he's hoping to do it again this year. According to Nelson, "All of the pumpkins in the mosaic are naturally colored, a lot of them are edible and they're the same pumpkins we've got around the fields that visitors can pick up, put in their wheelbarrow and buy to take home," he said.
- It turns out that the cute little kitten in the Bergheim, Germany animal shelter is not an abandoned pussy cat, after all. It was found by a concerned resident on a country road near town who took it for a somewhat aggressive orphaned kitty-cat. Experts at the Bergheim Animal Shelter identified it as a European wildcat and said it will be taken care of until it is old enough to be returned to the wild.

## TODAY'S QUOTE

"The principal challenges often originate within our minds; therefore, it is crucial that we continually strive to inspire ourselves and deliver our best efforts each day."

Montgomery County United Band Director Jonathon Tebbe

## TODAY'S JOKE

Forgive us, but we're in the spirit of Christmas so we're starting the Yule jokes a little early this year (hey, with all the strife in the world, can't we all use some holiday cheer)! Why did the Rudolph cross the road? Because he was tied to the chicken!

## MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The grand opening and ribbon cutting of the Brickyard Nature Park is set for tomorrow at 2:30 p.m., 759 Concord Rd. This new community space is dedicated to preserving and enjoying our natural surroundings. And speaking of grand openings, Lincoln Park's is set for Tuesday at 10 a.m. If you haven't driven by lately, the revamped park on East Wabash Avenue has undergone a wonderful transformation! There are new basketball and pickleball courts and many upgrades! Plus, the city is honoring the history of the former Lincoln School!



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## Sen. Deery Shares Update



**SPENCER DEERY**  
 Guest Columnist

Crime data is often complicated and incomplete, making it hard to declare conclusively

Constitution that would help keep all of us safe by allowing judges to keep dangerous individuals in jail while they await trial. Under Indiana's constitutional amendment process, this important change could be ratified by Hoosier voters in 2026.

where crime is rising and falling. Even still, there are two things on the subject we know for sure.

First, Americans are more concerned about crime – 77% of adults believe crime is worse today compared to the year prior. In the year 2000, that number was just 47%.

Second, crime rates go up when our support for law enforcement goes down. Presumably, the inverse is also true: crime goes down when support for law enforcement goes up.

That's why I believe supporting law enforcement and giving them the resources and tools they need to solve and prevent crimes is one of the most basic and undisputed duties of government.

As your State Senator, I have supported several actions to promote public safety, including laws that:

- Raise the pay of state police officers;
- Provide funds for upgrades at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy;
- Fund a new training facility at the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy; and
- Make it easier to recruit and retain School Resource Officers with backgrounds in law enforcement.

I also supported a proposed amendment to the Indiana

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**THANK YOU TO**  
 Everyone Who Voted or Ran for Office

Whether you voted early or on election day, thank you for fulfilling your civic duty.

And if you were a candidate, whether you won or lost, thank you for volunteering to give the people an option.

Keeping the Republic will always require informed voters and candidates who are willing to lead with integrity and wisdom.

Thank you for doing your part!

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**INDIANA HUNT FOR**  
 Hunger

Hunters can donate their harvested deer to help feed hungry Hoosiers this year by participating in the Hunt for Hunger program. Hunters can drop off their field-dressed deer at participating processors throughout the state. The processor then creates venison burgers that are distributed to area food banks.

*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.*

## South Montgomery, Teachers OK Collective Bargaining Agreement

The Southmont Schools Board of Trustees approved their collective bargaining agreement and classified staff/administrator pay raises yesterday evening at the regularly scheduled meeting. As part of the agreement, Southmont Schools employees will receive the following:

- An added four (4) compensatory leave days;
- All certified staff employees that meet the requirements and were employed by Southmont Schools last school year will receive \$2,200 to their base salary and all new employees will receive \$1,000 to their base salary, bringing the starting salary up to \$50,000 annually;
- An added 10 days of maternity and paternity leave.

Additionally, Southmont Schools reviewed and significantly increased all academic extracurricular stipends.

"This agreement reflects our commitment to valuing and supporting our staff, whose hard work and passion make a daily difference in the lives of our students," said Dr. Stephanie Hofer, Superintendent of Southmont Schools. "By investing in our team, we are also investing in the success of our district, ensuring that we continue to attract and retain the very best educators and support staff for our community."

The Board also honored Ladoga Elementary School as a United States Department of Education 2024 National Blue Ribbon School. Nationwide, less than 2 percent of schools receive this honor. This highly prestigious award is reserved for the best of the best, with historically the majority

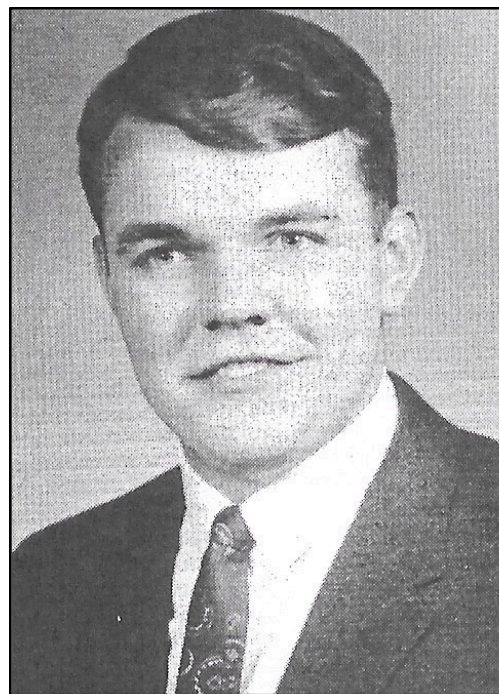
of recipients being private schools. This year only eight public schools in Indiana received the National Blue Ribbon School recognition.

"Our students at Ladoga outperform other students in the state on their ILEARN assessments," said Kristin Paris, Principal. "In English/Language Arts our students are performing 20 percent higher than the state proficiency average, with a net growth of nine percent in one school year. In Math, Ladoga scores are 36 percent higher than the state average."

Ladoga Elementary has had an IREAD-3 passing rate of 100 percent for four consecutive years. In other happenings, fifth grade students from Ladoga led the Pledge of Allegiance and showed the Board of Trustees how to present and fold the American flag. Michael Nehring, Chief Operations Officer, presented a Safety Briefing to the Board. Finally, the November Mounties of the Month were recognized, including the following students and staff members:

- Ladoga Elementary School
  - Student: Avery Kueterman
  - Staff: Christina Dale
- New Market Elementary School
  - Student: Tyberius Anglin
  - Staff: Bella McIntyre
- Walnut Elementary School
  - Student: Reagan Webb
  - Staff: Jessica Dowell
- Southmont Jr. High School
  - Student: Reese Bullock
  - Staff: Ellen Gray
- Southmont High School
  - Student: Evelyn Zachary
  - Staff: Raymond Jones

## Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



**Do You Recognize This 1968 Waynetown H.S. Graduate?**

**HINT:**  
 He chose a career in agricultural business and has been very active in several county organizations.

**Answer on Page A5**

## County Getting \$600K+ From State

More than \$600,000 will be coming to Montgomery County from the state soon. State Reps. Beau Baird (R-Greencastle) and Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton) said local communities will soon be on the move with more road and bridge projects with the help of recently released state funding.

Crawfordsville gets the vast majority of the grant funding at \$438,743. Waveland is getting \$165,986 and New Ross \$63,900.

"Road and bridge maintenance can be challenging for local governments, especially when budgets are tight," said Baird, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. "Community Crossings grants are a critical tool, enabling our communities to complete essential infrastructure projects and keep our roads safer for everyone."

Funding is available through Indiana's Community Crossings Matching Grant Program, which can be used for road reconstruction, bridge preservation, intersection improvements and other projects. A total

of 223 communities across the state will receive more than \$139 million in state matching grants.

"The state has prioritized road funding for years now, resulting in safer roads and bridges and an improved quality of life for Hoosiers," said Thompson, chair of the House Ways and Means Committee. "This focus makes Indiana a better place for families and businesses."

To qualify for the competitive grant, smaller municipalities provide a 25 percent match in local funds, while larger communities provide a 50 percent match. State law requires 50 percent of the available matching funds be awarded annually to communities within counties with a population of 50,000 or fewer. Since 2016, Community Crossings has awarded more than \$1.8 billion to improve local roads and bridges.

Visit [in.gov/indot/communitycrossings](http://in.gov/indot/communitycrossings) and click on "Community Crossings Matching Grant" to learn more about the program.

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**↓ BUTCH** From Page A1

Guest stated, "All the work of earth is finished, or the final tasks are near, but there is no doleful wailing. Every living thing that grows, for the end that is approaching, wears the finest garb it knows." The farmers are harvesting their crops, and the wild creatures are preparing for winter. In October, a hazy fog covers the fields in the early morning, the cool wind scatters the falling leaves across the yard. "Every tiny little blossom wants to look its very best, when the frost shall bite its petals and it droops away to rest."

Yes, September and October are special months, and then comes November when the trees are barren, the wind has a bitter feel, the sky is cloudy, and Old Man Winter reminds us that he is just around the corner as snow flurries occasionally come our way. But then we enjoy the Thanksgiving holidays, when the family gets together...the women preparing loads of turkey, oyster dressing, green bean casserole, chicken and noodles, cranberry salad, hot homemade rolls, and of course pumpkin pie in the cozy kitchen, while the men gather in the living room to tell stories and watch football...a true American tradition.

For some, the gray skies of November are depressing. They view November as one would

a long life...the beginning of the end. But not me...I cherish those cloudy days! It is a time to reflect on the past year...the triumphs, the struggles. When I go on my early morning walk and see the birds, the deer, the squirrels, the rabbits, and the coyotes, I know that life is a challenge for all creatures, including the human race, but all will persevere. The fall season in Indiana, especially November, renews my belief that life goes on. "Now the supper's scarcely over ere the darkness settles down, and the moon looms big and yellow at the edges of the town...Oh, it's good to see the children, when their little prayers are said...duck beneath the patchwork covers when they tumble into bed...a calmness and a sweetness seem to fall, over everything that's living, just as though it hears the call...of old winter, trudging slowly, with his pack of ice and snow."

The autumn months. They are in tune with and reflect my personality. And as Edgar Guest continued, "And I pray that I may proudly hold my head up high and smile...when I come to my September in the golden afterwhile."

*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.*



# Honoring the Flag

**Cub Scout Pack 909 recently held a flag retirement ceremony at American Legion Post 72. The scouts learned to inspect and fold the flags with the help of pack leaders. A representative from the American Legion led the scouts through the ceremony.**

**Do you have a flag that is no longer serviceable? Drop it in the box at the entrance to the American Legion so it can be retired in a future ceremony.**

**Cub Scout Pack 909 is an organization for boys and girls in kindergarten through fifth grade. They meet every Wednesday at 6:00 at the Legion.**



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With harmonica chops influenced by Sonny Boy Williamson and Junior Parker and a vocal style inspired by Otis Redding, Syl Johnson, and Al Green, among others, Robinson ranks as a unique and one of the most talented bandleaders in the international blues and soul communities. From his NYC roots and his Indiana and Chicago musical upbringing Robinson enjoys a local following and is a favorite at the Greencastle Summer Music Festival. Wabash Avenue Church is excited to welcome Robinson and continue to celebrate its 200th anniversary with this gift to the community.

Alan White, Wabash Avenue Church pianist, will open the Robinson concert. White, a performing artist and

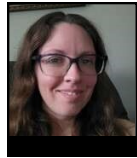
instructor teaches many local youth and adults in the community. His participation will set the tone for an enjoyable evening.

A church spokesperson noted the mission of the Concerts is to spread God's love through the joy of music. The concerts are extremely well attended and the freewill offering collected this Sunday goes to the FISH Food Pantry. Plans are in place to continue the series in 2025 and the committee welcomes ideas of performers that would bring a variety of quality music and widespread interest to the Montgomery County community. All are welcome. Comments and questions can be directed to wapc@att.net.

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**MEGAN TAYLOR**  
Guest Columnist

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*Megan Taylor is Assistant Manager in the Reference and Local History Department.*

## November

### FOR ADULTS

<b>Saturday</b> <b>2</b>	<b>Free Play Game Day!</b> All ages are welcome 10a in Meeting Room D
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>5, 12, 19, &amp; 26</b>	<b>Tech Tuesday Computer Classes</b> <b>Registration Required for Most</b> 6p in Meeting Room D
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>12</b>	<b>Genealogy Club Meeting</b> Monthly Meeting 7p in Meeting Room A
<b>Saturday</b> <b>16</b>	<b>Coffee with a Naturalist</b> Adults and 12+ 10a in Meeting Room A
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>19</b>	<b>D &amp; D for Beginners</b> <b>Registration Required</b> 5p in Meeting Room B
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>19</b>	<b>Beginner Genealogy</b> Intro to Digital Databases 6p in Local History (2nd Floor)
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>20</b>	<b>Wyrd Words Book Club</b> Open to Adults 18+ years of age 6p in Meeting Room C

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CALENDAR

## FOR KIDS

<b>Monday</b> <b>4</b>	<b>1st Grade Book Club</b> For 1st Graders 4p in Youth Services
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>6, 13, &amp; 20</b>	<b>Kindergarten Book Club</b> For Kindergarteners 4p in Youth Services
<b>Thursday</b> <b>7</b>	<b>Lego Club</b> All ages are welcome 4p in Youth Services
<b>Monday</b> <b>11</b>	<b>2nd Grade Book Club</b> For 2nd Graders 4p in Youth Services
<b>Thursday</b> <b>14</b>	<b>Tween/Teen Book Club</b> For 5th-8th Graders 4p in Youth Services
<b>Monday</b> <b>18</b>	<b>3rd Grade Book Club</b> For 3rd Graders 4p in Youth Services
<b>Monday</b> <b>25</b>	<b>4th Grade Book Club</b> For 4th Graders 4p in Youth Services

## FOR TEENS ONLY

<b>Saturday</b> <b>16</b>	<b>Mug It! for Teens</b> Ages 13-19 (only) 2p in the Classroom (D)
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## Red Kettle Campaign Looking for Volunteers

The Salvation Army of Montgomery County is gearing up for the 2024 Christmas Red Kettle Campaign and is looking for dedicated people to assist with the campaign. Not only are ringers needed but the local Advisory Council is looking for a few people to assist with kettle collection and other duties.

Money collected during the Red Kettle Campaign is used to assist people in Montgomery County with emergency needs including food, utilities and rent throughout the year. The Salvation Army also offers assistance during times of disaster. This year the Salvation Army has already assisted over 140 families with the over \$36,000 raised during last season's Kettle Campaign.

To offer these and other services, The Salvation Army of Montgomery County relies on volunteers. Bell ringers can sign up to ring the bell at [www.registertoring.com](http://www.registertoring.com). Ringing will take

place at Walmart and Kroger. Shifts are two hours, but hour shifts will also be accepted. Organizations can also sign up for an entire day at either location. People are also needed to help assist with kettle collection. People interested in assisting with this will need to pass a background check.

If you have a heart for service join The Salvation Army of Montgomery in the work of serving your community. For more information contact Clay Adams at [clayadams47933@gmail.com](mailto:clayadams47933@gmail.com). You may also reach Clay via phone or text at (765) 376-7194. The Salvation Army of Montgomery County will thank you but more import, your community will thank you.

Checks may also be mailed to the Montgomery County Salvation Army at 2746 US 231 S Crawfordsville, IN 47933 before 12/31/24 to qualify for this years campaign.

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**↓ LWV**

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steps to transform reaction into sustainable, transformative action. Hunter has trained with ethnic minorities in Burma, pastors in Sierra Leone and independence activists in northeast India to strengthen democracies.

Hunter advises starting with trust. First, “Trust yourself,” he writes. Review your values, your principles and your reasons for acting upon them. We’re in an unprecedented era.

“Across the board, society has reduced trust in traditional institutions. Yes, there’s more distrust of the media, medical professionals, experts and politicians. But it extends beyond that. There’s reduced trust in most community institutions and membership groups. Whether from COVID or political polarization, a lot of us have experienced reduced trust in friends and family. Even our trust in predictable weather is diminished,” writes Hunter.

We can stop trusting ourselves. And we can stop being trustworthy, both with information, but also with our emotions. Hunter advises that we attend to our fears and anger. Limit news and outside information wisely. Turn to balanced and dispassionate sources and stay more connected in real-time to other people.

Hunter explains that distrust is “a social disease” wherein people look to their in-group “to know who to trust by who they tell you to distrust”—the “they” being the leaders of the in-group. It’s critical to combat distrust, a negative motivator, with a positive motivator. Note, though, that the human brain is wired for hypervigilance to negative motivators. Negative emotions like anger can be powerful motivators in the short term, but can lead to burnout and cynicism in the long run. It takes greater intention to work from, and toward, a positive mindset.

To help, Hunter advises finding an accountability circle and making goals. He advises prayer, meditation or reflection, based on your personal cognitive / spiritual practice, to remain present and centered on priorities, and aware of your disposition and approach in the face of what you want to change.

Hunter reminds us that we need to build trust, citing Hannah Arendt’s “The Origins of Totalitarianism” in which she explores how loneliness and isolation are a central ingredient to disempowering people. Create connections, rather than estranging ourselves from others and spiraling into social isolation.

As rational, social and

emotional beings, it’s valuable to acknowledge emotions, rather than suppressing or ignoring them. Troubled? Make a list of what troubles you. Grieving? Add that. Feeling disempowered? Share that, too.

Grieve and release what you cannot control. Many people recite the Serenity Prayers, which Hunter reminds us that Reinhold Niebuhr created the most familiar version of the prayer during the rise of Nazi power in Germany. We cannot change everything on that list. We’re going to have to pick one or a few top concerns for our personal action steps, but we can build connections with others working on others. Trying to do it all will catch up with us, creating internal chaos and ineffectiveness.

Hunter notes that it is “bad strategy” to turn to knee-jerk tendencies like public angsting on social media or merely symbolic actions like signing an online petition or only attending a few protests. While these actions can signal a unified front, they are impotent if they remain symbolic. Communication is only part of the plan of any effective action.

Sort out your action style. There are many pathways. Are you a person who protects people, reduces harm and shields the targeted population? An example of this is Sister Prejean, who ministered to people on death row, or Walt Whitman, who served in hospitals during the Civil War. Do you tend to be more like Henry David Thoreau or Civil Rights leader John Lewis? They disrupted and disobeyed. Thoreau refused to pay taxes in opposition to the Mexican-American War. John Lewis got into “good trouble,” arrested for protesting segregation during the Civil Rights sit-ins.

Hunter notes that some people work to safeguard institutions that are being dismantled. This can include union organizers like Shawn Fain. Others, like Hoosier Eugene Debs, build alternatives, such as alternative party platforms and new cultures.

Hunter encourages us to set aside our self-protectiveness and risk aversion, which can lead to being cowed and quieted en masse. It happened in many pockets of Europe during the Nazi regime when the populace adapted to what the Nazi leaders signaled was normal, including the extermination of “outsiders” and political opponents, or just the “weak and unfit.” In addition to six million Jews, they imprisoned and murdered the Roma (another ethnic group), the Polish and other Slavic groups, minority religious groups, the disabled, and politically unpopular dissidents with the support of the

majority of the population.

To get the work done, we have to work outside of our in-groups, so it is important not to question people who cross the aisle or have company with strange bedfellows. We learn “to experiment with new language to appeal to others” when we move outside of our comfort zone.

Our strange bedfellows may help us understand why others supported a candidate or an idea we opposed and assess how strong that support is. It helps to learn other perspectives, to discover new approaches.

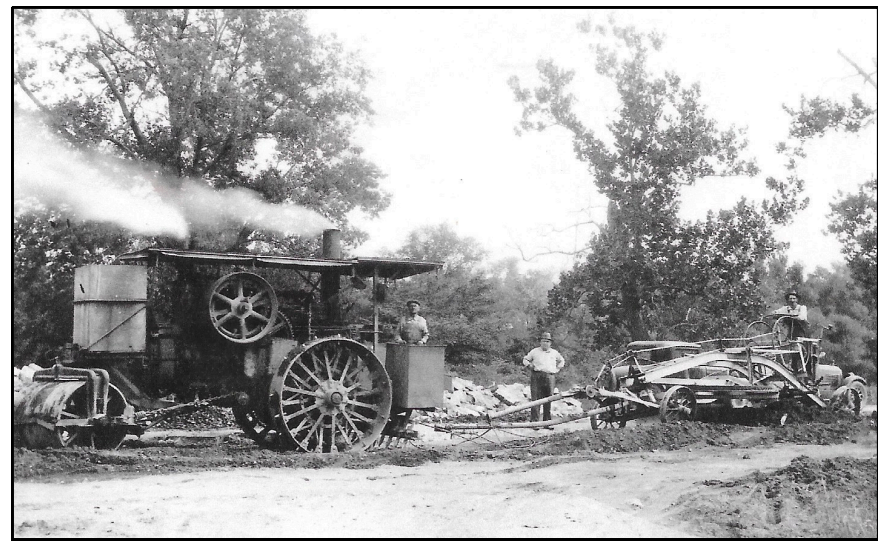
Many forms of power are structured not from the top down, in a solid pyramid with a wide foundation, so much as an upside-down triangle. They are often balanced single point grounding a top-heavy structure. In democracies, the supports that seem to prop up a party or leader at one moment are subject to persuasion. Forming uncommon alliances can create a tipping point. In a democracy, we get to work from the people up, not the leader down. To do so, connection matters.

Tipping democracy in the direction we envision requires courage and fearlessness. “Handling fear isn’t about suppressing it – but it is about constantly redirecting it,” says Hunter. In the 1960s when threatened with arrest, Civil Rights leaders wanted to go underground. But Bayard Rustin wanted “to make a positive spectacle of their repression.” He “organized them to go down to the station and demand to be arrested since they were leaders,” writes Hunter. Their actions persuaded other leaders not on police lists to publicly demand they, too, be arrested. “Folks charged were met with cheers from crowds, holding their arrest papers high in the air,” writes Hunter. It may be sobering to end on a note about the willing arrests of Civil Rights leaders, but people have risked this time again when they feel they are in the “after” time and have to take a moral stand. Looking toward a better future may require us to envision our own intrepid stands.

In Kate Bowler’s podcast with Parker Palmer, recorded before the election, he reminded her of the words of Sherilynn Ifill, former director of Legal Defense Fund of the NAACP: “I’ve read a lot of black history in detail. I’ve read a lot of narratives of my people and how life has unfolded for them over the centuries. And never, ever at the end of one of those narratives have I seen the phrase or heard the phrase, ‘and then we gave up.’”

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# Back in the Day with Butch Dale



**Some people seem to always complain about the roads. But they need to remember that the early roads were just plain dirt roads! Shown above is a steam tractor pulling a road grader in the early 1900s to smooth out the ground to make a new gravel road.**

## FOR THE RECORD

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### DRAINAGE BOARD AGENDA

Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 at 9:30 am  
Montgomery County Government Center, Community Meeting Room  
1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

- I I. CALL TO ORDER
- II II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER
- III III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- IV • October 9th, 2024 – Regular meeting
- V IV. OLD BUSINESS

• CHRINEYANCE SCHENCK #506 - Reconstruction o Approval of final payment to contractor – Phase I

• FRED MAXWELL #585 – Reconstruction

o Approval of final payment to contractor – Phase I

o Final schedule of maintenance and reconstruction assessments

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, December 11th, 2024, at 9:30 am; Montgomery County Government Center

### REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

#### CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE

Thursday, November 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Common Council Chambers

Municipal Building

300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

#### MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order & Roll Call

Election of Officers

Approval of Minutes

March 9, 2016

New Business

Consideration of Access, Sidewalk and Parking Easement Agreement between

the Authority and IRA Whiskey Company LLC for development in the

Crawfordsville Commerce Park

Miscellaneous

Adjournment

### CRAWFORDSVILLE DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees Meeting Notice and Agenda

November 14, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Conference Room

Call to order

Public Comments

Minutes – action

Claims – action

Appointment/Committee Reports: Main Street, Park Board, Friends of CMMC,

Finance Committee

Old Business

Distribution from MCCF funds – action

Director’s Report

Financial Reports

New Business

Job descriptions for Classes 2-8 – action

CDPL Board of Trustees 2025 meeting schedule – action

Adjournment

Upcoming board meetings

December 12, 2024

January 9, 2025 (also Board of Finance meeting)

February 13, 2025

### NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

The Board of School Trustees of the Crawfordsville Community School

Corporation will conduct a special meeting on Friday, November 14, 2024, at

5:30 p.m. at Crawfordsville Community Schools Administration Building, 1000

Fairview Ave.

The public is invited to attend.

## Butch Dale’s Flashback Trivia

**Answer:**  
**Jack Grimble**

## Tickets Going Fast For Chamber Christmas Auction

The holiday spirit is alive at the Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce! The Christmas Auction will be on Thursday on the third floor of Fusion 54 in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville where the room is transformed into winter wonderland.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. highlighted by a live auction with bid calling by Edwards Auctioneering, a silent auction, live music by Adam Moody from the Durham Home, hors d'oeuvres by The Juniper Spoon and a cash bar.

More than 90 organizations have donated auction items! Highlighted items include a Brunswick Pool table that will be delivered and set up and comes with pool balls and cue set, a security camera system, a king mattress set, a solo stove, catering event for up to 20 people by Smitty D's Hot Dog Stand, 1-hour airplane ride at the Crawfordsville Municipal Airport, case of cheese monthly for a year from Pace Dairy, Air pods, iPad, designer purses, 2-night stay at White Oak Farms beautiful cabin, Masonic Cornerstone

Grand Hall & Event Center Grand Ballroom rental and kitchen for an event up to 75 people and so many gift baskets! You can see the comprehensive list on the chamber Facebook page.

The chamber wants to say a public thank you to the sponsors for the Christmas Auction. The Main Event Sponsor, Campbell Ag Service. The Hors d'oeuvres Sponsors: Tri County Bank & Trust, Nucor, Surb's Tire, Austin Earl from Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, and The Juniper Spoon; Silent Auction Sponsors; Shop Small Shop Handmade and Franciscan Health; and the Drink Sponsors; Ken's Liquor Store, Crawfordsville Audiology, The Lane House, The Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, Wonderfully Simple HR Consulting, and Morgan's Glass & Paint.

This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$30 a couple. The event is likely to sell out so don't hesitate to register. You can purchase tickets from the Event Registration tab on the website: [crawfordsvillechamber.com](http://crawfordsvillechamber.com) or call (765) 362-6800.

## Ribbon Cut for Ambriz Cleaning & Painting



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The Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce was pleased to host a ribbon cutting for Ambriz Cleaning & Painting LLC. They are a trusted and certified cleaning company in Crawfordsville committed to providing a wide variety of cleaning services tailored to your needs delivering exceptional residential, commercial, construction cleaning, and specialized cleaning solutions. They also are passionate about transforming your home with painting services. With meticulous attention to detail and a commitment to quality, they ensure your space not only feels clean but also looks vibrant and inviting. Skillful painting that brings life to your interiors and exteriors with precision. Ambriz Cleaning and Painting can be reached at [ambrizcleaningpaint@gmail.com](mailto:ambrizcleaningpaint@gmail.com) or (765) 350-4139. For additional information regarding the chamber, visit the website at [crawfordsvillechamber.com](http://crawfordsvillechamber.com) or email Stacy Sommer at [ssommer@crawfordsvillechamber.com](mailto:ssommer@crawfordsvillechamber.com).

## Tipsy Traveler Gets Ribbon Cut



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The Crawfordsville | Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce was excited to host a ribbon cutting for the Tipsy Traveler. The Tipsy Traveler is a charming mobile bar, they're excited to bring a unique experience to your next celebration! Providing a beverage catering experience for your wedding, birthday, family gathering, or other special event in your life. Tipsy Traveler will set up, execute, and clean up! Providing all bar equipment, bar tools, drinkware, cocktail mixers, ice, garnishes, licensed bartender, and meticulous planning to make your event unforgettable with the mobile bar or your choice of a collapsible bar for an indoor event. Owner / Operator, Erin Blaydes, can be reached at [bartentipsytraveler@gmail.com](mailto:bartentipsytraveler@gmail.com). For additional information regarding the chamber, visit the website at [crawfordsvillechamber.com](http://crawfordsvillechamber.com) or email Stacy Sommer at [ssommer@crawfordsvillechamber.com](mailto:ssommer@crawfordsvillechamber.com).

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