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TODAY'S VERSE

Proverbs 28:1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Meet Sweet Pea



Sweet Pea is an adorable 11 month old female American Pit Bull Terrier available for adoption from The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWL) since 11/6/24.



OK, it wasn't the Blizzard of '78 but I'm still digging out.

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Butch Says Thanks to the School Bus Drivers



BUTCH DALE Columnist

Each day the lives of our children are placed in the hands of some very special men and women of our county...the school bus drivers.



1968 Darlington School Bus Drivers: Back row from left, Gayle Irvin, Nolan Lough, John Ames and Bill Dale.

an outstanding job.

If you think back to the days when you rode the

bus, you will recall that the school bus drivers took special care in bad weather, often driving the students up the lane to their house to let them off.

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Hidden Costs of Incarceration: Part 2



EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer of this column knows subjects of this story through family and friendship.

In 2024, Joel Weir regularly visited the federal penitentiary to visit an Irishman detained by ICE, Plainfield state prison to see a young man who started catechism some years back and twice a month visited Montgomery County Jail, sometimes holding services or catechumen classes for several inmates there.

As family and friends of inmates know, visiting a prison is a labor of love. Access to inmates isn't built with user experience (UX) in mind.

In addition, Weir signed up for each jail, prison and penitentiary's communication services, which are contracted with private companies.

Until Jan. 1, 2025, a 20-minute call cost \$8. The passage of the Martha Wright-Reed Fair and Just Communication in July 2024 capped phone and video calling.

Furthermore, prisons must now keep video calling rates at or below 16¢/minute. Jails must keep rates between 11¢-25¢ depending on the size of the facility.

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Clock Ticking – How Much Time Do We Have?



TIM TIMMONS Two Cents

One of the folks I hold in high regard reached out a few days ago. Like many of us, he's upset over the current political reality that is today's country.

Let's be honest. Trump is not the greatest president in U.S. history – not even close. He loves to point out how this or that are the greatest or biggest ever . . .

and he may indeed rank atop the list of 47 (or 45 individuals) if we're ranking the biggest egos. However, he was FAR better than the alternative. (Disagree? That's OK. This is my two cents; you can write your own and we're happy to publish it.)

The problem is that the system itself is so, so, so broken that it's hard – if not impossible – to see a path forward that fixes things. No, check that. It's easy to see a fix. (Install term limits for every elected office, outlaw lobbyists, make government MUCH more transparent, strengthen and add teeth to laws that

regulate personal gain for those in office and make the hired hands subject to the laws they pass – no exceptions. Those things may not completely fix the problem, but they sure as hell get us closer.) Easy to see – hard as passing a camel through the proverbial eye of the needle.

So? Are we doomed? Should we start learning Chinese? Is the demise of the Republic drawing near?

No, or at least not yet.

I've never claimed to be the

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Eating 100 less calories a day will prevent yearly weight gain in most people.

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

"Let our New Year's resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word." Goran Persson

TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a Christmas joke after Christmas? NoLOL!

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Just over the county line is Turkey Run State Park. And on the weekend of Jan. 24, it's a great place to learn about raptors and other birds at the annual Eagles in Flight Weekend.

THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 With winter in full swing, warming centers are open across the state for those in need of a safe and warm place to stay. Indiana 211 is your community's resource for updated locations and hours of warmings centers in your area.
2 Pacers Sports & Entertainment announced this week a partnership with WTHR, the local NBC affiliate and the news-gathering partner with Sagamore News Media, owners of the Noblesville Times and Paper of Montgomery County, to air five Pacers games for free over-the-air, beginning with the much-anticipated home game against the Golden State Warriors at 7 p.m. Friday.
3 Traverse City, Mich., just straight up Highway 31, has climbed to the top as a world travel destination, according to a recent article in the Wall Street Journal.



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The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank MARY LOU REWERTS for subscribing!

Franciscan Health Implements Visitor Restrictions

With increasing activity of respiratory viruses such as flu, COVID-19 and RSV, Franciscan Health in Crawfordsville has implemented new visitation restrictions.

These changes only affect inpatient areas and do not apply to outpatient departments. The following policy went into effect Monday:

- Visitors must be at least 18 years of age.
- Only two visitors per patient are allowed to visit at a time (excluding clergy who are part of the care team).
- If visiting a patient who has respiratory symptoms, visitors are asked to keep a mask on and do not visit the cafeteria, coffee and gift shops or waiting rooms.
- Those having symptoms suggestive of respiratory illness, including, but not

limited to: cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, diarrhea, tiredness, headache and vomiting, will not be allowed to visit.

- Visitors should continue to practice good hand hygiene.
- Visitation hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The new policies are being implemented with input from Franciscan Alliance leadership and in accordance with guidelines from the CDC and Indiana Department of Health. The policies also apply to Franciscan hospitals in Lafayette and Rensselaer.

Franciscan Health urges everyone age six months and older to get a flu shot as the first and most important step for protecting against flu viruses.

Mayor's Community Forum Jan. 27



Mayor Todd Barton

Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton has scheduled his monthly Community Forum for Monday, Jan. 27 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at his office, 300 E. Pike St.

This will be Barton's

139th such event since taking office. Holding a monthly community forum was something Barton pledged to do during his campaign and he has continued to do so every month – except during the COVID pandemic.

This event is designed to allow the public to come ask questions, discuss concerns, interact with the mayor and learn more about anything regarding the city.

Keep Carriers Safe by Clearing Paths of Snow and Ice

USPS is reminding customers of the importance of keeping walkways, sidewalks, and areas around mailboxes clear from snow and ice so letter carriers can provide safe and timely mail delivery.

Snow and patches of ice in front of mailboxes can make it difficult for letter carriers to safely deliver the mail. Residents maintaining a clear path to the mailbox – including steps, porches, walkways, and street approach – will help letter carriers maintain consistent delivery

service.

Customers receiving curbside delivery should also ensure clear access to their mailboxes for letter carriers who deliver from the street. Postal employees make every reasonable effort to deliver mail in many difficult weather conditions. With your help, we can keep our letter carriers, your neighbors, and your property safe. Thank you for protecting our letter carriers as we continue to bring packages and correspondence to your door each day.

Wabash Junior Claims Gilman Scholarship

Wabash College student Jermiah Lancaster '26 has earned a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad.

Lancaster earned his scholarship to study in Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic, for this international experience. Thirty Wabash students now have earned Gilman Scholarships since 2016.

"I almost gave up on studying abroad due to the potential costs, but after thinking about the opportunities and how helpful a semester of studying abroad would be for my personal goals, I decided to act," said Lancaster. "From the days of crafting each essay along with the help of Susan Albrecht's supportive comments to hearing that I'm a winner of the Gilman Scholarship, I feel excited and accomplished. I look forward to the cultural exchange with the people I meet in the Dominican Republic, taking all of my classes in Spanish, and learning more about how the language is used in daily life."

A Spanish major and economics minor from Gary, Indiana, Lancaster is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and La Alianza, the Wabash student organization dedicated to celebrating Latin American culture.

Previously, he traveled to Spain in May 2024 as part of an immersion learning experience as part of his Spanish 211 class, "The Camino de Santiago."

"Jermiah is a gifted language learner with a natural aptitude for recognizing grammatical patterns and an ear for dialect differences," said Jane Hardy, senior associate dean and associate professor of Spanish. "He goes above and beyond class assignments by seeking out language input in settings outside the classroom. As a result, his Spanish skills have improved tremendously in the past two and a half years. I am thrilled that he has been awarded a Gilman scholarship, which will enable him to fully immerse himself in Dominican culture and Spanish, and to take courses focused on Caribbean culture and literature that are not normally available at Wabash."

Supported by the U.S. Congress, the Gilman Scholarship is an initiative of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational



Jermiah Lancaster

and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and is aided in its implementation by the Institute of International Education (IIE). The purpose of the Gilman International Scholarship program is to encourage participation in study abroad programs for under-represented students, particularly those who are studying in under-represented areas of the world and/or under-represented languages.

The IIE seeks to support a cohort of U.S. students studying abroad which reflects the true diversity of the nation. Scholarship recipients have the opportunity to gain a better understanding of other cultures, countries, languages, and economies, making them better prepared to assume leadership roles within government and the private sector.

"JJ was a joy to work with," said Albrecht, Wabash College Fellowship Advisor. "He made an excellent case for himself by showing that he had thought long and hard about the best place to study abroad. JJ had realized several years ago that he has a love for the particular Dominican way of speaking, as well as for the music and culture of the island. It's easy to get excited on behalf of a student who you know is going to make the most of his study abroad experience."

Lancaster adds to the many Wabash men who have earned highly competitive fellowships in the last decade, including the Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Obama Voyager, Yenching, Goldwater, and Point Foundation Flagship Scholarships. Additionally, Wabash students have earned the Center for the Study of Presidency and Congress' Presidential Fellowship, U.K. Fulbright Summer Institute placement, and NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships, to go with 28 Fulbrights and 30 Gilman Scholarships.

With Lancaster's selection, Wabash now has a Gilman selection rate that exceeds 60 percent.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Know this 1971 New Market Teacher?

HINT:
 He was also the basketball coach in 1971 and the next year taught Industrial Arts at Southmont and was the assistant basketball coach.

Answer on Page A3

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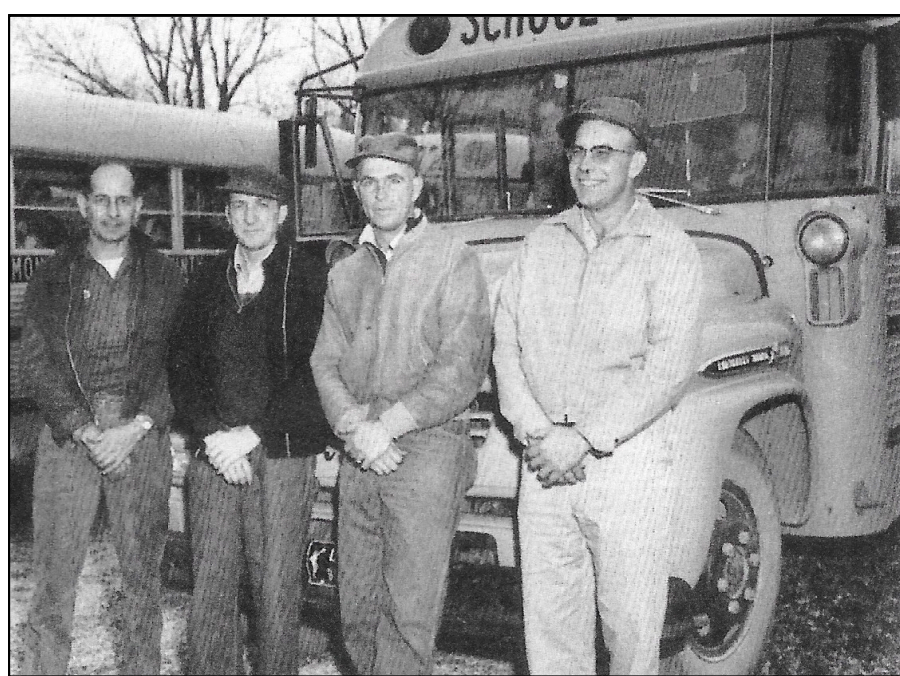
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fun, smiled, and told us to have a great summer.

My Dad, Bill Dale, was a school bus driver for over twenty years. He had a great sense of humor and liked to kid the students and play practical jokes on them. For many years, especially in the late 1960s when Darlington had those great basketball teams, he drove the bus to the away games. He was like a second father to the basketball boys and the cheerleaders, and one year the team purchased a letter sweater with a large "D" that said "Bus Driver" on it, just like the honor sweaters that the athletes received. Dad was always proud of that sweater, and my siblings and I made a request to Mr. Burkhart that Dad would wear it at his funeral in 1991.

When I wrote a book about Darlington school in 1988, I received a few comments about the school bus drivers..."Cecil Cox was my bus driver...such a wonderful and patient man!"..."I'll always remember Ham Cox whistling while he drove."..."Ed Williamson was the one who nicknamed me Pee Wee because I was so little and my sister had to help me on the bus."..."Our bus driver Mr. Mullen had the patience of a saint and used to wait at the end



1963 Linden School Bus Drivers: Forrest Winger, John Simmons, Jack Warren and Alvin Winger.



1967 Alamo School Bus Drivers: Eddie Hedrick, Arvil Denham, Ray Bruner and Leslie Pickett.

of the lane every morning while we ran down the hill to meet the bus."..."My bus driver Joe McClaskey used to call my sister Gigglin' Gertie. He was stern, but loved to tease us." And my best friend Steve Weliever

wrote, "Naturally I remember my Dad driving the school bus. He was a hell of a nice guy!"

To the school bus drivers of the good old days, and to the drivers of today...

Thanks for all you do!

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 36 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

Franciscan Opens Wound Healing Center

The new Franciscan Health Advanced Wound Healing Center Crawfordsville is now open at 1710 Lafayette Road in Crawfordsville.

The facility will be open once a week on Tuesdays, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., by appointment only.

The advanced wound healing team at Franciscan Health Crawfordsville is a diverse group of medical experts comprised from units and departments throughout the hospital. Team members are assigned based on patient need and could include physicians, nurses, therapists, pharmacists, dietitians and surgery staff.

"We are very grateful to be able to bring an Advanced Wound Healing Center to Crawfordsville," said Shari Overdorf, Franciscan Health Advanced Wound Healing Center Crawfordsville nursing manager. "This is great service for our patients, who will now be able to receive wound care close to home and not have to travel long distances for this specialized type of care. We have an amazing team that will provide exceptional and compassionate care."

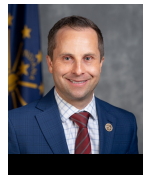
The team of specialists at Franciscan Health Advanced Wound Healing Center Crawfordsville use clinically proven methods to achieve positive results for patients. Treatment may include a variety of traditional, medical, surgical interventions and advanced technologies, along with patient education.

In addition to treating wounds, the staff also provides patient and caregiver education, help with specialty equipment ordering, on-site access to take home wound care products. They also provide dietary screening and referral to a dietitian if needed, as well as access to hospital support services such as radiology, laboratory, physical and occupational therapies and outpatient services and coordination of wound treatment with other medical care.

The wound healing team works with patients and their families to create an individualized treatment plan based on needs.

Learn more about the new Franciscan Health Advanced Wound Healing Center Crawfordsville.

Sen. Deery Shares Priorities, Part 1



SPENCER DEERY
Guest Columnist

Over the past year, many of you have expressed the need for stronger protections for our farms and water. Additionally, I often hear calls for significant reforms to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC). I have heard you, and I have introduced several bills to address these concerns, including the following measures:

- **A bill to pause large water transfers while the General Assembly crafts statewide water regulations.** This bill would require a team of legislators and water experts to study the issue for two years. The panel would recommend legislation to regulate large water transfers, improve groundwater monitoring, promote water conservation, and collaborate with neighboring states in these goals. During that period, no entity would be allowed to plan or construct a pipeline that would have a capacity to move more than five million gallons of water a day out of our region until 2027.
- **A bill to establish more local control over carbon sequestration projects and more investments in safety and monitoring.** Current law requires 60%-70% of landowners in the project footprint to approve the sequestration. This is not an effective way to ensure that local communities are supportive
- **A bill to restore the public's trust in the IEDC.** One of the most important needs in the state is to create a strong economy, but we must never do so without accountability and transparency for how taxpayer funds are invested. My bill would require IEDC to adopt new transparency measures and it would create an independent watchdog that would have full access to all IEDC meetings and materials. It would also require IEDC to offset any development plans that would raise the electric, gas or water rates of everyday Hoosiers. Click here to watch a recent interview I gave on this bill.

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smartest guy in the room – and don't intend to start now. But I can say that I've seen a lot in a journalism career that's worn out more than a few pairs of Weejuns from one coast to the other. One thing I've learned is that We The People are a pretty damn resilient bunch. We put up with a lot, but we don't do it forever. We have our limits. Push us far enough and we push back.

I think this last election was proof positive.

To be clear, there are Trump fanatics out there – just like there are for Biden or Obama or Bush . . . this missive isn't for them. Again, just my two cents but I think the majority of people who voted for Trump were really voting against politics as usual.

They know the pain at the pump, the ridiculous prices at the grocery store, the flood of illegal immigrants . . . and they're tired of explaining they have nothing against immigrants, they just don't want illegal ones. They are more than a little frustrated with the explosion of insane policies regarding children – LITTLE CHILDREN – and sex. They saw that voting for Kamala Harris was at best a continuation of such. They voted for Trump in the hope that some of it might get fixed, or at least improved.

The answers are simple, and they start with you and me. We cannot sit back, nor can we show

up at the polls every couple of years, and expect things to change. What's that old definition of insanity? Just casting ballots isn't working. Answers aren't on the ballot yet.

In our case, at least when it comes to saving the Republic, the biggest danger is no longer the hired hands – it's apathy.

We have to get involved if we're going to get back on track. It's been said in this space many times that the problem isn't so much a local one as it is state . . . and to a much bigger degree, national. But it still starts here. Demand more locally. If something isn't being done right, get it fixed, or elect someone who will. Find those folks and get them in office. Then get them to run for higher office. Support them. Work to get them elected. And. Keep. Holding. Them. Accountable.

Will it take a while? Of course. It took a while to break this great system our Founding Fathers handed us. It'll take a while to fix it. Get the right people. Let them start out as the minority and grow into the majority. Start there. Start now. We don't have forever.

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.

Ladoga's Hannah Summers Named to Dean's List

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberland has announced Hannah Summers of Ladoga, Indiana has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2024

semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 for the semester, and be in good academic standing.

4 Local Students Make USI Dean's List

Four Montgomery County students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2024 Fall Semester at the University of Southern Indiana.

Crawfordsville's Karlie A. Pfledderer, Alexis C. Rusk and Danna E. Schu, along with Ella E. Watson of Waveland, achieved the honor.

Undergraduate students must achieve a 3.5 or better

semester GPA (on a 4.0 system) to be named to the list. Students earning no incomplete (IN) or missing (Z) grades for the term and earning letter grades of computable point value Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory and Pass/No Pass graded courses do not apply) in 12 or more semester hours, with a semester GPA between 3.5 and 4.0, are named to the list.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer:
Phil Shirk

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Crawfordsville herein referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the 2024-2 Community Crossings Matching Grant - Application #13938, located in the City of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana.

Sealed bids are invited and may be forwarded by mail, other courier service or in person to the City of Crawfordsville, Attn: Clerk Treasurer Karyn Douglas, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 until 10:00 am on January 29, 2025. Bids received after such hour will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at this time. Bids will then be taken under advisement for review by the owner and engineer.

The contract will consist of the following: 2024-2 CCMG Paving and associated work items of various streets throughout the City of Crawfordsville.

Complete sets of bidding documents may be viewed at www.hwcpnroom.com. Electronic bidding documents are available for download at www.hwcpnroom.com for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00. A hard copy of the bidding documents may be ordered at www.hwcpnroom.com. The bidder will be charged for printing and shipping costs for the hard copies.

Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project and the name and address of Bidder. All bids must be submitted on the bid forms as identified in the Contract Documents.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond made payable to the Owner, in a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, which check or bond will be held by the Owner as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded the contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification.

Approved performance and payment bonds guaranteeing faithful and proper performance of the work and materials, to be executed by an acceptable surety company, will be required of the Contractor at the time he executes his contract. The bond will be in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price and must be in full force and effect throughout the term of the Construction Contract plus a period of twelve (12) months from the date of substantial completion.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or to make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least sixty (60) days.

The Owner may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work and the Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on bid forms included in the Contract Documents. Bids shall include all information requested by Indiana Form 96 (Revised 2013) included in the Contract Documents.

If project is \$150,000 or more - State of Indiana requirement as of 7/2018. Bidder is required to submit with bid a written plan for an employee drug testing program that complies with IC 4-13-18-5 and IC 4-13-18-6.

Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid.

Any questions shall be directed to Kevin Hay of HWC Engineering by email only at khay@hwcengineering.com. The deadline for questions is Wednesday, January 22nd at 10:00 am.

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Public Notice

PolyCycle (located at 2326 S US Hwy 231, Crawfordsville, IN, 47933) is submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI) letter to notify the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements under 327 IAC 15-6 to discharge stormwater exposed to industrial activities. Run-off from the facility will discharge to Offield Creek through an unnamed tributary. Questions or comments should be addressed to Mr. David Daniels at 1241 Concord Rd, Crawfordsville, IN, 47933.

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Closure Systems International East (located at 1604 East Elmore Street, Crawfordsville, IN, 47933) is submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI) letter to notify the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements under 327 IAC 15-6 to discharge stormwater exposed to industrial activities. Run-off from the facility will discharge to a surface water known as Dry Branch of Sugar Creek through an unnamed tributary. Questions or comments should be addressed to Mr. Gjoko Apostolovski at 1241 Concord Rd, Crawfordsville, IN, 47933.

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Public Notice

Closure Systems International North (located at 1241 Concord Rd, Crawfordsville, IN, 47933) is submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI) letter to notify the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements under 327 IAC 15-6 to discharge stormwater exposed to industrial activities. Run-off from the facility will discharge to Sugar Creek through an unnamed tributary. Questions or comments should be addressed to Mr. Corey Lyons at 1241 Concord Rd, Crawfordsville, IN, 47933.

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LEPC LEGAL NOTICE

The Montgomery County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting dates will be as follows: Thursday, February 13, 2025 1201 Elmore St, Crawfordsville; Thursday, May 8, 2025 1201 Elmore St, Crawfordsville; Thursday, August 14, 2025 1201 Elmore St, Crawfordsville; Thursday, November 13, 2025 16501 N St Rd 63, Covington. All meetings will be held at the Montgomery County Emergency Management & Homeland Security office with the exception of the November meeting. It will be held in conjunction with the other county LEPCs in Covington, Indiana. The meeting times will be 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM or at such other times as shall be duly authorized by the act of the committee or its chair. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

The Montgomery County Emergency Plan for Hazardous Materials Incidents may be reviewed during regular business hours at 1201 Elmore Street, Crawfordsville, IN. All information filed by the covered SARA Title II facilities in Montgomery County may be reviewed during regular business hours at 1201 Elmore Street, Crawfordsville, IN. Copies of documents may be obtained at these offices, and the Committee may charge a fee for copying. For further information on these matters, please contact Jessica Burget at (765) 307-2562.

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

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54D02-2206-MF-000449, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper was Plaintiff, and Michael Reinken, et al., were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 12th day of February, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, 600 Memorial Dr., Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana.

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

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Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

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

Plaintiff Attorney: C. Wesley Pagles ATTORNEY NO. 37185-49 LOGS Legal Group LLP 4805 Montgomery Road, Suite 320 Norwood, OH 45212 (513) 396-8100 Fax: (847) 627-8805 cwpagles@logs.com Sheriff of Montgomery County Union Township 2946 W Shore Dr Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Street Address The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein

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STATE OF INDIAN) IN THE MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR COURT) ss:

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY) CAUSE NO: 54D01-2410-MF-001247 Planet Home Lending, LLC

Plaintiff vs. Lacey N. Blanton, et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described real estate:

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More commonly known as: 106 W Detchon Street, New Richmond, IN 47967

This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are known to me: None

This Summons by Publication is also specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown to me: The Unknown Heirs at Law of Lacey N. Blanton

In addition to the above-named Defendants being served by this Summons, there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

SOTTILE & BARILE, LLC

By: /s/ Zarkis V. Daroga

Dennis V. Ferguson (8474-49)

Joel F. Bornkamp (27410-49)

Zarkis V. Daroga (17288-49)

Attorney for Plaintiff

ATTEST: Clerk of the Montgomery Superior Court

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Montgomery Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54C01-2408-MF-000939, wherein PNC Bank, National Association was Plaintiff, and Michelle L. Oakley was a Defendant, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 12th day of February, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana.

Lot numbered 4, as the same is known and designated on the recorded plat of Cap Subdivision to Montgomery County, Indiana, as the same appears of record as instruments numbered 2005008365 and 200501077 in the Recorder's Office of Montgomery County, Indiana.

More commonly known as 4 Gladiator Dr, Waynetown, IN 47990-8023 Parcel No. 54-05-14-443-039.004-037

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

/s/ Matthew S. Love

MATTHEW S. LOVE, Plaintiff Attorney

Attorney # 18762-29

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Ryan Needham, Sheriff

Wayne Township

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Michelle L. Oakley

PO Box 472

Waynetown, IN 47990-0472

Service Type: Serve By Certified Mail

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Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12, the following is the report of approved Real Estate and Business Personal Property Abatements in Montgomery County, Indiana as of December 31, 2024.

Table with 10 columns: TaxDistrict, TIF Allocation Group, ParcelNumber, Abatement Amount, OwnerName, OwnerAddress1, Owner City, Owner State, Owner Zip, Year(s) of Deduction. Includes rows for CVILLE O S NORTH, CRAWFORDSVILLE, SOUTH UNION, CRAWFORDSVILLE, and a TOTAL REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS row showing \$19,115,495.00.

Table with 10 columns: TaxDistrict, TIF Allocation Group, ParcelNumber, Abatement Amount, OwnerName, OwnerAddress1, OwnerCity, Owner-State, OwnerZip, Year(s) of Deduction. Includes rows for CVILLE O S NORTH, CRAWFORDSVILLE, SOUTH UNION, NORTH UNION, CRAWFORDSVILLE, WAYNE, LADOGA, CVILLE O S NORTH, CRAWFORDSVILLE, SOUTH UNION, SOUTH UNION, SOUTH UNION, SOUTH UNION, and a TOTAL BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS row showing \$25,786,875.00.

Determined value for all Economic Revitalization Area Deductions for Real Estate and Personal Property that were filed for the 2024 payable 2025 tax year in Montgomery County, Indiana, pending outstanding appeals and future assessments: \$44,902,370.00

Table with 10 columns: Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, Email, Website, etc. Includes entries for Mindy Byers and Auditor, Montgomery County.

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These changes have a profound impact on low-income households, from which most inmates come, a reality that impacts rural communities as much as urban ones.

“This fits with nationwide trends: people in prison tend to have been among the poorest people in the country before their incarceration,” writes Emily Widra for the Prison Policy Initiative.

The Prison Policy Initiative, a nonprofit, nonpartisan research and advocacy center reports in their The Whole Pie 2024 report that “the U.S. doesn’t have one criminal legal system; instead, we have thousands of federal, state, local, and tribal systems. Together, these systems hold over 1.9 million people in 1,566 state prisons, 98 federal prisons, 3,116 local jails, 1,323 juvenile correctional facilities, 142 immigration detention facilities and 80 Indian country jails, as well as in military prisons, civil commitment centers, state psychiatric hospitals and prisons in the U.S. territories — at a system-wide cost of at least \$182 billion each year.”

Beyond the \$182 billion spent to incarcerate people, there are additional uncounted costs paid by family, friends and clergy, usually to multibillion-dollar for-profit companies that negotiate with jails and prisons.

Two companies dominate the market. Securus, which serves Montgomery County Jail, has about 40% of the market according to the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. GTL, now known as ViaPath, owns about 43 percent of the market, with smaller companies filling in the remaining 17 percent. As late as 2017, Indiana Department of Corrections contracted with GTL’s subsidiary VAC, which paid almost \$1.7 million to the state. GTL still contracts with IDOC for communications services.

That year, IDOC contracted with GTL for tablets for all inmates. While these include free services, they also offer marked up extras like music streaming and movies. The IndyStar reported in 2017, when tablets first came to IDOC, that rented movies cost \$8 each and music streaming was \$25/month, 150 percent higher than a Spotify account.

The high profit companies came into existence in 1995, after the breakup of Ma Bell, and Slate reported in 2023 that “By 1995, nearly 90 percent of the country’s prisons shared some profits with private telecoms firms. A survey from the time, published by the American Correctional Association, found that

31 corrections departments raked in about ‘\$96.4 million in commission revenues from inmate telephone calls.’”

The exorbitant cost of calls prompted Martha Reed-Wright, whose grandson was incarcerated, to file a federal lawsuit in 2000. Twenty-four years later the cost of calls is now regulated, but companies working with prisons have expanded services to payment services apps, ed-tech systems, video-software, GPS monitoring, and biometric analysis.

According to Tracxn, Securus lures investors with the promise that Securus “provides detainee communications, parolee tracking, and government information management solutions, serving approximately 2,200 correctional facilities in 45 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and Mexico, and more than 1,000,000 inmates in the US. Solutions include phone, video, and email services, Jail Voicemail, and Money Transfer.” Growjo will tell you that Securus has 830 employees and an estimated annual revenue of \$165.5 million per year with an estimated revenue per employee at \$203,000. It doesn’t mention the average salary of employees or the salary of the CEO.

A family member incarcerated is a kind of trauma unto itself. Suddenly many families have to navigate the system. It’s lonely without a strong support network, not to speak of the shame that others foist upon the family.

Those who are older or newer to the situation start with a call to the jail. Trudy, mother to one of the inmates Weir visits, called the local jail after her son was incarcerated. The deputy wasn’t clear on the system, and Trudy ended up paying \$11 for 40-minute calls, accepting collect calls at first. Finally, someone helped Trudy set up a Securus account so she could pay into an account Zach could use to contact her, his fiancé and Weir.

Since Zach is no longer earning money, Trudy bears the financial burden of communicating with him and providing money for the commissary. She was retired and caring for her elderly mother. Now she substitute-teaches to pay off legal bills and stay in touch with Zach.

She pays \$30 for 2,000 “connects” which are texts of 160 characters max. Each 15¢ text was about four or five lines. To purchase these, she still had to pay the surcharge, another \$21.

In addition, families pay surcharges to put money into commissary accounts for inmates. Trudy paid \$8 for the first \$100. For those families with the means,

the next \$100 is just two dollars more. But for very low-income families, commissary help comes in twenties and forties with \$8 surcharge added on top.

While Montgomery County Jail contracts with private companies for commissary funds, health care and communications, Sheriff Ryan Needham reports that the surcharges and commissions from contracting with Securus provide funds to the jail that they use for the basic commissary all inmates receive – deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrush, which are provided by Keefe, an outside commissary service owned by a private equity group. The jail provides underwear. Additionally, indigent prisoners are allotted two stamps, two envelopes and four pieces of paper weekly.

Securus provides the tablets. Needham says the tablets serve as a great equalizer, ensuring every inmate has access to approved religious texts and the legal library. In addition, users can access all the books in the regular library, self-help materials and two games. Families may add funds for prisoners to access music, movies and texting. Needham says the tablets are pro-social incentives, distributed after breakfast and clean up are done.

Needham says that Montgomery County Jail still maintains its own commissary as well. While families can use the online portal to add funds, they can also use the kiosk in the jail lobby to deposit up any amount up to \$300 for a flat \$4 fee.

A common question families and friends, perhaps even clergy, have is whether they can hand-deliver goods. Prisons and jails require that all items be sent from third-party vendors. For instance, Weir pays out of pocket for study bibles which provide commentary, as well as prayer and devotional books, none of which are provided on the tablets. When a prisoner transfers from the jail to state prisons, these items are not transferred with them. What does follow are commissary funds.

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.lwv-montcoin.org; or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.

Back in the Day with Butch Dale



How do you load a giant log to take to the sawmill by yourself? Well, Martin Booher did it all by himself with the help of his two horses, “Jim” and “Dick.” Many people did not believe he accomplished the task alone, so he dumped the log and loaded it again. Unfortunately, the oak log’s weight ruined the spokes on his wagon. This giant log produced 1,600 board feet of lumber!

FOR THE RECORD

For The Record is a public service and regular feature in The Paper of Montgomery County. It is designed to tell you what is scheduled to happen and what actually does happen in meetings paid for with your tax dollars. The Paper encourages all citizens to take an active role in being involved in local government.

NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOL BOARD

480 W 580 N
Crawfordsville
Jan. 10

Reorganizational Special School Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Consent agenda
 - a. Approve Consent Agenda
3. Action items
 - a. Approve Board President, Board Vice-President and Secretary
 - b. Approve Legislative Liaison
 - c. Approve Corporation Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer
 - d. Approve Corporation Attorney
 - e. Approve Board Meetings, Advertisements, Committees and Stipends.
 - f. Hear Second Reading and Approval of Policies 6140 – Depository Agreements and 7540.09 Artificial Intelligence (“AI”)
 - g. Approve Purchase of 2023 F450 Diesel Dump Truck
4. Other
5. Adjournment

CRAWFORDSVILLE DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees Meeting Notice and Agenda

January 9, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Conference Room

A. Board of Finance – 4:00 p.m.

The local officers designated as members of the board of finance shall meet after the first Monday and on or before the last day of January for the following reasons:

1. to elect a president and secretary [IC 5-13-7-6] for Board of Finance;
2. to receive and review the investment officer's report on investments [IC 5-13-7-7]; and
3. to review the overall investment policy of the library [IC 5-13-7-7].

B. Monthly Business Meeting of the Board of Trustees – 4:05 p.m.

Call to order

Public Comments

Minutes – action

Claims – action

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

Old Business

Vacation Leave revision – action

Salary Ordinance for 2025 revision – action

Director’s Report

Financial Reports

New Business

Review of Board Bylaws – action

Strategic plan for 2025-2029 – information

Nonresident fee for 2025 – action

Health insurance renewal for 2024/2025 – action

Resolutions to make end-of-year transfers – action

Move from Polaris ILS to Evergreen Indiana - action

Resolution to Establish the Evergreen Indiana Fund - action

Resolution Authorizing Evergreen Indiana Libraries to Accept Payments for Fees and Fines on Behalf of CDPL - action

Adjournment

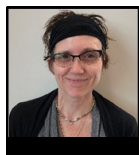
Upcoming board meetings

February 13, 2025

March 13, 2025

April 10, 2025

Library Naturalist Season Two



STEPHANIE MORRISSETTE
Guest Columnist

Greetings Crawfordsville! If you enjoyed CDPL's Library Naturalist series in 2024, then you will love Library

Naturalist Season Two in 2025! We have many exciting activities and hikes to explore throughout the year. All our outdoor events are planned on Saturdays, at 10 am, at Brickyard Nature Park (845-1093 Concord Rd., Crawfordsville). We will begin with a Winter Wellness hike on Jan. 18, when we'll discuss how winter impacts plants and animals as we hike the trails for some fresh air and maybe snow! Registration is not required – just meet us at the park!

Next month, on Feb. 15, we will host the Annual Great Backyard Bird Count, a yearly event organized by the National Audubon Society, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and Wild Birds Unlimited since 1998. Join us to put your bird identification skills to the test. We will record sight observations of any birds we see and tally the information to be entered into the GBBC bird database. This way, scientists, researchers, teachers, and others interested in birds can learn from our observations of species populations, variety, migration, and distribution. We'll be doing our part as citizen scientists to help advance the birding knowledge of Indiana.

On March 22, we plan to host a Lichen Appreciation Hike. We will venture into the woods to observe an often overlooked classification of organisms and discuss what lichens are, their lifecycle, varieties, and what they can reveal about our environment.

This is not a field ID course.

On April 19, the Library Naturalist will lead a Moss Discovery Hike. We will search the woods for various mosses, learning their characteristics, life cycle, reproduction, and habits, and enjoying their diversity.

On May 17, we plan to give a Pioneer Plant History Hike, identify many native plants and wildflowers, and discuss their features, ethnobotanical and historical uses, and limited culinary aspects. This program is for information purposes only.

On July 19, we plan to explore Wild Edibles in our local environments. This is an informational program on various edible plants that with proper ID and further training, patrons can forage at their own risk. This event is not a certified foraging course and is not verified by the Indiana Department of Health, Food Protection Division.

On Sept. 20 we will offer a Mushroom Observation hike. This is not an identification course, nor is the Library Naturalist a certified mushroom identifier through the Indiana Department of Health, Food Protection Division. Our hike will be a study on the different kinds of mushrooms that can be found in Indiana, and an educational desire to celebrate National Mushroom Month.

All participants will be required to sign a liability waiver before joining any offsite programs sponsored by Crawfordsville District Public Library and park usage from the City of Crawfordsville (Parks and Recreation) at Brickyard Nature Park. The waiver will be available at the events to sign.

We would like to thank the Crawfordsville Parks and Recreation Department and the Crawfordsville District Public Library Board for making these programs possible for the community.

All events are subject to change due to weather and staff availability. Please visit our library's calendar at crawfordsvilibrary.in.gov/calendar for any updates. If you have any questions or would like to receive suggestions on materials available at the library, please contact the CDPL Adult Services Department and direct your questions to the Library Naturalist. You can reach us at (765) 362-2242, ext. 3 or ask@cdpl.lib.in.us. CDPL is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Stephanie Morrisette is an avid naturalist and a Library Assistant in the Adult Services Department at CDPL.

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because much of the farmland in any footprint is owned by out-of-state investors rather than local Hoosiers. My bill would divide the footprint of any sequestration project into land owned by local residents and land owned by nonresidents, effectively allowing local landowners to veto a sequestration project.

- **A bill to stop county governments from subsidizing the destruction of the state's best farmland.** For tax purposes, Indiana already knows where the best farmland in the state is located. Too often, whether for solar projects or other development, counties are pressured to declare prime farmland an Economic Revitalization Area that then transitions the land out of farm production with the help of a tax abatement. My bill would end this subsidy for the best third of all Hoosier farmland.
- **A bill to protect our rivers from destructive net fishing practices stemming from our country's failed immigration policies.** Senate Bill 121 would strengthen existing laws to prevent Indiana rivers from

being decimated by migrant net fishing practices that are killing large amounts of fish, turtles and other marine life. I have worked closely with anglers and fishing groups to craft this in a way that will protect sportfishing for future generations.

These bills do not always accomplish everything I would like to achieve in the subject areas, but they are solid starts that are designed to be able to pass the General Assembly that we could build on in future years.

In the coming weeks, I will provide more details in my future newsletters and on social media. Eventually, the full text of these bills will also be available at iga.in.gov.

Next week, I will describe my education bills in Part Two.

I Want Your Feedback

With the start of the 2025 legislative session just days away, you should know you play an important role in the legislative process.

As your state senator, it is my job to weigh the many views of residents of Senate District 23, which is why I hope you will take my 2025 Constituent Survey and let me know what you

think about issues facing our state.

You can keep track of legislation, committee hearings and calendars by visiting iga.in.gov. The website also has livestreams and archived videos of committee hearings and sessions for both the Senate and House of Representatives.

To contact me, visit my webpage at IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/Deery and click "Contact Me" to offer feedback on legislative issues. You can also click "Request Assistance" if you need help from my office to navigate an issue with a state agency.

To keep track of this year's session, you can also follow Senate Republicans on our social media channels like Facebook, X and Instagram at @INSenateGOP.

Your input is a valuable part of the legislative process and, as always, I look forward to hearing from you this year.

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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