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TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Meet Buddy



Buddy is a 5 year old male American Pit Bull Terrier that has been at AWL since 6/5/2024. Buddy has won the prestigious award of ULTIMATE FETCH MASTER!! Buddy is a ball of energy, love, and enthusiasm!



Here's a tip of the seed corn cap to the Crawfordsville Fire Department and all the first responders in the county!

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Butch Wants to Cancel 'Cancel Culture!'



BUTCH DALE Columnist

OK, you old-timers, do you remember when you could express your opinions, state your beliefs, tell a joke or discuss politics without someone getting on your case?

offensive . . . so that they can complain that some individual or group or society as a whole has been victimized or treated in an unacceptable manner.

in big trouble, buddy! You won't be invited to any more parties. No one will talk to you. You might get fired from your job.

See BUTCH Page A3

Harper Valley PTA, or U.S. Senate? Hard to Tell Sometimes



TIM TIMMONS Two Cents

Not too long ago, I shared a few parodies of songs, ala MAD Magazine from back when I was a kid (and back when it didn't cost around \$12 for one issue!).

you did not, consider yourself lucky. I did and that's a couple hours of my life I'll never get back.

That point, being a big objection, is particularly frustrating - at least to me. Can anyone argue that our government is broken?

So count me as a fan of these off-the-wall tactics (the Department of Government Efficiency and putting people in Cabinet seats who don't fit the typical profile).

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Several of you were kind enough to say you enjoyed that - and are about to learn something my bride of 40+ years knows . . . don't encourage me.

With that as the background, did you watch any of the Senate confirmation hearings with former Fox TV guy Pete Hegseth, Trump's nominee for Secretary of Defense? If

Predictably, Democrats were on the attack and Republicans, for the most part, stood behind Hegseth. To be sure, there was a lot of mud slinging, but part of the objection to Hegseth is that he's not a general, not a defense industry executive, not a corporate hotshot.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you sit a lot at work, take walking breaks as often as you can to help keep your weight in check.

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

- 1 Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita filed a lawsuit alleging that Mylan and Pfizer have conspired to increase EpiPen's price by more than 600 percent in order to continue to profit from EpiPen prescriptions and prevent other similar products from coming to market and being available to consumers.
- 2 A recent survey of 3,000 drivers by Gunther VW Daytona identified America's most feared winter roads - and five were in Indiana.
- 3 Our friends at deye.com shared a study of 30 years of weather data that ID'd each state's gloomiest day of the year . . . and in Indiana it turned out to be Jan. 30.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve." Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

TODAY'S JOKE

The boss said he broke his arm in two places. We asked him why he went to those places?

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

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.

Legislative Breakfast Feb. 8

The Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce's State Legislative Breakfast is set for 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8, on the third floor of Fusion 54 in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville.

The panel consists of State Sens. Brian Buchanan (District 7) and Spencer Deery (District 23) along with State Reps. Jeff Thompson (District 28), Matt Commons (District 13), Mark Genda (District 41) and Beau Baird (District 44).

The State Legislative Breakfast is sponsored by Resurrection Automotive and will include a light breakfast. The event is open to the public. The cost to attend the event is \$10 for Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce members and \$15 for non-members.

Space is limited so please register as soon as possible to attend online at Crawfordsvillechamber.com. For more information regarding the breakfast or the chamber, please contact Stacy Sommer at ssummer@crawfordsvillechamber.com.

Will Indiana's New Diplomas Serve Students & State Well?

Chip Timmons, Wabash College's dean of enrollment management, has two sons, "who have, and will likely continue, to follow markedly different

academic paths. One pursuing an advanced degree and the other straight to the workforce." So, he thinks as much about what's best for each of them as he does about incoming Wabash students when he weighs the Indiana Department of Education's new diplomas and requirements.

The question is whether their kids will be well-served by another change to Indiana's graduation requirements, which were implemented as the four-tiered General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors in 2007.

Neuroscience tells us that humans undergo two periods of unprecedented brain maturation that deeply affect



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

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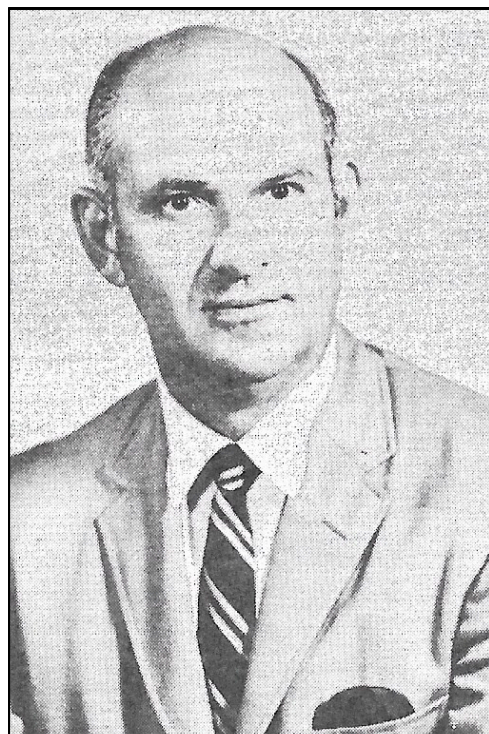
Snowcoming Royalty



Photo courtesy Crawfordsville High School / Jennifer Sims.

The 2025 Crawfordsville High School Snowcoming King Candidates and Attendants gathered recently in the hallowed halls of CHS. Snowcoming is Friday and the king will be crowned prior to the varsity basketball game against Fountain Central. The king candidates and attendants are, from left, Junior Attendant Adrian Medina, Senior King Candidates Jude Hutchison and Alec Saidian, Sophomore Attendant George Mixtega, Senior King Candidates Danny Wills and Max Brumett and Freshman Attendant Johnnavan Smith.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Know this Ladoga H.S. Principal?

HINT:
 He also became the principal at Southmont.

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New Market 2nd Quarter Honor Roll, Character Counts

New Market Elementary 2nd Quarter Honor Roll, Character Counts

Preschool
 Character Counts Responsibility-Jaxon Rush, Maverick High

Kindergarten
 Character Counts Responsibility-Jackson Ramsey, Kellan Pullen, Allison Boyd

1st Grade
 Character Counts Responsibility-Sadie Datzman, Avery Golladay, Mackenzie Youngs

2nd Grade
 Character Counts Responsibility-Nashlyn Starcher, Owen Buck, George Owen, Teagen Priebe

3rd Grade
 Character Counts Responsibility: Paige Simpson, Noah Fruits, Rylie Ward, Harrison Melton

High Honor Roll: Paige Simpson, Isaac Steiner, Ava Barclay, Elizabeth Emberton, Hudson Hockersmith, Benson Jones, Jason McNair, Michael Mobley, Cole Boyd, Brecken Thomas, Enzo Carr, Cora Clos, Hadley Cornelius, Braden Ford, Harrison Melton

A/B Honor Roll: Ainsley Anglin, Colten Billman, Delaney Carr, Leo Cox, Kayden Lambka, Eliana Starcevic, Jason Yelary, Maddison Bacchus, Alexander Badertscher, Parker Bonilla, Frances Cotton, Noah Fruits, Maveric Roach, Jaxon Whitlow, Kinzley Wright, Elijah Hester, River Miller, Serafina Nowak, Aunysa Pyle, Riley Ward, Kerstin Wilson, Hadley Woods, James Wurtsbaugh, Kinley Archer, Emma Datzman, Jackson Davis, Ainsley Kight, Connor Largent, Chaseten Scheurich, Kaydan Simms, Cayson

Thomas, Maisyn Wilson

4th Grade
 Character Counts Responsibility: Vera Carrell, Charlotte Stull, Audri Cohee, Hudson McCandless

High Honor Roll: Alden Bray, Sawyer Cohee, Lucille Fishero, Eva Rice, Tyberius Anglin, Oliver Cook, Hudson McCandless, Kaison Steiner, Vera Carrell, Beckett Jones

A/B Honor Roll: Ace Charles, Sutton Cohee, Maddie Hawkins, Liam Howard, Charlotte Stull, Gage Van Dorn, Colton Watson, Eli Brown, Sawyer O'Neal, Oliver Vice, Derrick Ward, Syllis Barnett, Peyton Doss, Reyna Hernandez, Levi Rhodes, Joshua Rosenbaum, Isla Beach, Cale Cunningham, Jack Gray, Kyhia Larrance, Landen Marine, Nolan Rothrock, Tristan Stafford, Zane Turner

5th Grade
 Character Counts: Responsibility: Mackenzie Bullock, Cayson Hester, Ezra Moody, John Phelps

High Honor Roll: Mackenzie Bullock, Isaac Deckard, Trevor Largent, Evelyn Stephens, Libby Stull, Quinn Badertscher, McCoy Gomez, Tobias Lacy, David Mobley, Ezra Moody, Graham Wagner

A/B Honor Roll: Brooklyn Bacchus, Rowyn Cravens, Marlaina Halstead, McLaren Mason, Adelle Shannon, Hadley Arnett, Faith Grimes, Cayson Hester, Ava Largent, Coree Perez, Isaiah Smith, Riley Thompson, Dorothy Cotton, Autumn Hunt, Conner McMullen, Holly Priddy, Emma Bonebrake, Noah Carr, Koltan Collins, Baine Franklin, Jupiter French-Culley, Ellie Harshman, Nevaeh Nelson

Library Spearheads Efforts to Help NC Victims

Please help the families in North Carolina that have lost so much in the wake of Hurricane Helene's destruction. Children there are in desperate need of shoes and socks this winter! Please drop off new children / teen socks or shoes at the Linden Carnegie Public

Library or at Pleasant Hill Elementary School between now and Jan. 22. Library hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Ladoga Elementary Honor Roll

Second Semester Honor Roll

High Honor Roll
 Third Grade - Corbin Halstead, Elliana Shanks, Madison Wilbert

Fourth Grade - Bennett Grimes, Karleigh Johnson, Alba Wimmer

Fifth Grade - Sydney Alford, Branch Blakley, David Dawson, Kasen Dorsey, Calvin McClain, Avery Siple

Honor Roll
 Third Grade - Paxton Bowen, Andrew Byerly, Zoe Frazier, Brantley Liebig, Arrabella Lingbeck, Remi Pendleton, Parker Perry, Zoey Pettice, Oliver Walker

Fourth Grade - Aria Aguiar, Josiah Bradley, Henley Cline, Maverick Dorsey, Aysayah Flake, Ishmael Jeffries, Adelina Jimenez, Kasen Jones, Benjamin Long, Nicholas Long, Riggs Long, Ella Melvin, Heston Nykamp, Bryson Skinner

Fifth Grade - Brogan Blakley, Adora Burris, Addison Kueterman, Avery Kueterman, Alison McDaniel, Paisley Perry

Second Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll
 Third Grade - Corbin Halstead, Elliana Shanks, Madison Wilbert

Fourth Grade - Bennett Grimes, Karleigh Johnson, Kasen Jones, Heston Nykamp, Alba Wimmer

Fifth Grade - Sydney Alford, Branch Blakley, Adora Burris, David Dawson, Kasen Dorsey, Calvin McClain, Avery Siple

Honor Roll
 Third Grade - Paxton Bowen, Andrew Byerly, Brantley Liebig, Parker Perry, Zoey Pettice, Oliver Walker

Fourth Grade - Josiah Bradley, Henley Cline, Maverick Dorsey, Aysayah Flake, Ishmael Jeffries, Adelina Jimenez, Benjamin Long, Nicholas Long, Riggs Long, Ella Melvin, Holden Nykamp, Bryson Skinner

Fifth Grade - Brogan Blakley, Aiden Glines, Addison Kueterman, Avery Kueterman, Alison McDaniel, Paisley Perry, Sophia Wall

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Parking Lot Closed at Courthouse

Need to go to the courthouse? If you planned on parking in the lot there, plan again.

The lot at the Montgomery County Courthouse is now closed and will remain that way for a few months.

The county announced that the lot will be closed to employees and visitors so that the contractor can use it throughout the renovation process.

However, there will be two handicapped spaces still available in the lot.

Otherwise, employees and visitors will need to find alternative parking in public lots or along the streets.

The county said it anticipates the lot remaining closed throughout the rest of the renovation, which is scheduled to be done by the fall.

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who have about as much common sense as a possum crossing the interstate, want you to think and act like they do. They are paid millions to do two simple things . . . recite dialogue and look good. They are no smarter than anyone else, and people actually pay \$10 for a ticket and \$10 for popcorn to watch them!

There are millions of losers who enjoy canceling anyone who disagrees with them. If you are against biological men playing women's sports and dressing in women's locker rooms, you are canceled. If you think there is nothing wrong with a picture of Aunt Jemima on a syrup bottle, you are canceled. If the Confederate flag on top of the Dukes of Hazzard car is great, you are canceled. If you were against the Washington pro football team changing their name of "Redskins" to "Commanders," you are canceled. If you believe that "All Lives Matter," instead of just "Black Lives Matter," you are canceled. If you believe that "global warming" is a hoax proven by science to be wrong, you are canceled. If you refuse to take the COVID vaccine, you are canceled. If you think that a person should be hired based on their qualifications . . . not race, sex or nationality, you are canceled. Joe Biden a failed President? Canceled. Hunter Biden's laptop fake? Canceled. And as everyone knows, if you have a "Vote for Trump" or "MAGA" bumper sticker on your car, you are not only canceled, but in some areas of the country your life may be in danger!

No use watching late night "comedy" talk shows any longer. These are simply fronts for the Hollywood cancel-culture experts. Sorry, but Johnny Carson is no more. In fact, there are very few true comedians

because they don't want to be canceled and lose all of that money from their gigs. The pro-censorship folks will go after them with a vengeance if they say one wrong thing or make one "insensitive" joke.

Yes, readers, all of this has become part of our culture. Not good. What happened to our Constitutional rights? Of course there are some crazy people who get carried away, break the law and pose an actual threat. Arrest them! But the cancel culture crazies have had a chilling effect on our ability to express our opinions. Their actions are intolerant, and amount to bullying, plain and simple . . . much of the time "cyberbullying." I'm not on Facebook or Twitter, etc., but no matter. I am not falling for any attempt to cancel my actions or beliefs. I will speak my mind and give my opinion. No one has to agree with me. That's fine and dandy. It's called FREEDOM OF SPEECH. And we had all better realize this before it's too late, or America will go down the tubes. We will become another China or Soviet Union where you cannot say what you believe . . . or else you're a goner . . . unless you prefer to work in a salt mine.

So . . . to all of you cancel culture crusaders, especially you Hollywood types, shut your mouth and keep your opinions to yourself. Perhaps, just perhaps, you now realize that as far as politics is concerned, your attack efforts backfired in the last election. Ha, Ha, Ha . . . Be brave, buttercup. Go back to your mansions and leave us alone.

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.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia
Answer:
Charlie Priebe

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I share all that to preface the following – with sincere and heartfelt apologies to writer Tom T. Hall and singer Jeannie C. Riley and their 1968 hit, Harper Valley PTA – here's what they might've come up with if that song were released today.

I wanna tell you all a story about an ex-GI turned TV guy

Who was asked by Trump to come back for our troops and make them great again

Well, ol' Pete stood up to salute and didn't even ask the way

He said thank you sir I'll get to work for the military U.S.A.

Well, the Dems said Ol Pete my friend you're dreaming way too big

It's reported you've been drinkin' and a-runnin' round the bars and goin' wild

And we don't believe you oughta be a-leadin' up our fightin' troops this way

And this was echoed by Dems all over the U.S.A.

Well it happened that the Senate was gonna meet that very afternoon

And they were sure surprised when Pete was cheered walking into that room

As he sat down for the grilling I can still see the looks he got of hate

And as he sat down at the table. I can still recall the words they had to say

They said We'd like to send you far away from the U.S.A.

Senator Tim Kaine piped up and called our guy a big ol cheat

And Mazie Hirono sure seemed real nasty when he wasn't phased

And Jack Reed couldn't wait to yell at the top of his lungs

Elizabeth Warren jumped in and brought the meeting completely down.

Drinkin' and cheatin' were the main points again and again

But the Dems forgot the rule about finger pointing and hiding their sin

And they had the nerve to tell us they think that as a leader he's not fit

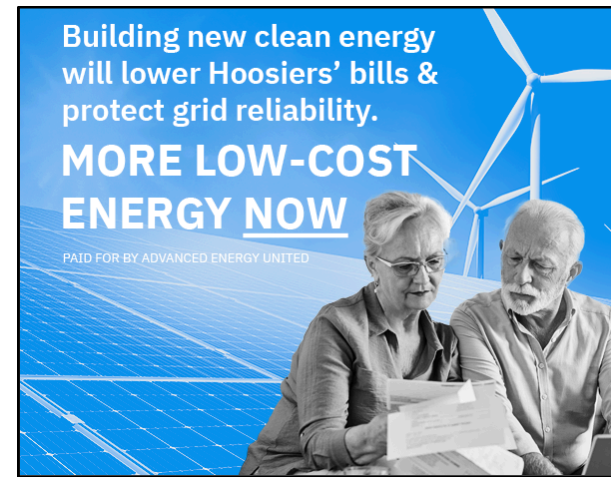
Well this is just a den of snakes and you're all U.S. Senate hypocrites!

No, I wouldn't put you on because it really did happen just this way

The day Pete Hegseth socked it to the Dems across the U.S.A.

The day Pete Hegseth socked it to the Dems across the U.S.A.

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.



Thank you for reading The Paper!

Crawfordsville Middle School- Q2 Honor Roll

Crawfordsville Middle School

Second Quarter Honor Roll

8th Grade High Honor Roll

Madilyn Biddle, Anna Boyd, Scarlett Cawthon, Alexandra Cox, Claire Dennison, Yoselyn Gomez Castro, Khloe Harding, Osiris Herrera, Arabella Himes, Shaeleigh Hreskowsky, Kaito Koyanagi, Lanie Light, Isabella Mesino, Everly Morgan, Elizabeth Nunan, Ellie Perry, Sophia Pond, Dutt Prajapati, Shakira Rodriguez, Adalise Simmons, Emily Southern, Teagan Spencer, Laken Suitors

8th Grade Honor Roll

Olivia Abney, Dylan Andrade, Izabella Baumgardner, Gavin Bray, Laeton Dezarn, Josie Edwards, Aubrey Finney, Graham Gerold, Owen Huesca, Alexander Hutchison, Joseph Jeffries, Sebastian Kochert Cosby, Nina Kyger, Kenley Lain, Corbyn Long, Jasmine Loy, Jayken McFarland, Madison McGaughey, Sarah Melevage, Naomi Mershon, Yumalai Monge Palacios, Jared Moreno, Keyra Munoz, Krystal Munoz, Karter Nolan, Sadie Olofson, Elliott Peck, Jackson Persack, Vanessa Pettit, Eva Pryor, Kimberly Salinas, Hailey Sarver, Grant Schroeter, Kareena Shuler, Maritza Solano Alberdy, Kirstin Steffen, Sophia Stewart, Cole Strickland, KaElla Swanson, Katelyn Teeple, Bentley Thayer, Nathan Wilhiote

7th Grade High Honor Roll

Bionca Baca, Madison Banks, Brady Cord, Ella Davies, Aubrey Geneau, Mila Greene, Samiyyah Hamilton, Vivian Hoar, Hayleigh Huber, Julius Jones, Vedanti Kiran, Sophia Li, Sadie Martin, Anniston Miles, Jamie Moore, Makinzey Morrow, Elijah Robinson-Teague, Ella Seward, Nathan Tucker, Adriana Ventura Padilla, Brooklyn Wilkins, Zoey Zacarias

7th Grade Honor Roll

Suri Alvarez Mejia, Elliot Angulo Azamar, Mateo Azar, Jose Barradas Gonzalez, Zophia Bengé, Alexavier Blunt, Caleb

Browning, Luke Bush, Londyn Bynum, Olivia Calvert, Xavier Carmona Guzman, Angelique Cervantes Chacon, George Cherry, Madalyn Coffman, Mason Compton, Jorge Cuevas-Ramirez, Jackson Cummins, Zion Deer, Marley Dewey, Lana Doss, J.T. Edwards, Samiyah Farris-Steen, Treyton Ford, Kane Gardner, Irene Gomez-Luna, Jordyn Groumoutis, Elliot Hamilton, Hunter Hans, William Hershberger, Josephine Hesler, Molly Hutchison, Zayvier Johnson, Lily Jones, Brycen Jordan, Harper Kohl, Raphael Lagunes-Olvera, William Maxwell, Adalynn McClain, Logan McKinney, Edyn Melvin, Gabriella Norman, Zeke Plunkett, Burke Ratcliff, Amaya Rodriguez, Nelly Rodriguez, Austin Rogers, Allison Sanchez Hernandez, Bentley Sanders, Robert Scanlon, Naomi Semersheim, Anthony Simmons, Cayden Solis-Lowe, Ashley Uzcategui, Zachary Warren, Madyson Wear, Callan White, Emery Wolf, Abdiel Xolta

6th Grade High Honor Roll

Alec Blackwell, Owen Blackwell, Charlotte Boyd, Nora Carlson, Chloe Crumley, Alice Cunningham, Zachary Eads, Vera Gobel, Anna Lindsay, Bruce Milom, Christopher Phillips, Licky Santos Antunez, Owen Scanlon, Brock Strickland, Connor Williams

6th Grade Honor Roll

Evelynn Ashburn, Briona Baca, Dylan Bird, Carli Bokhart, Montgomery Brumett, Denise Corado Olmos, Remy Cord, Kellie Cortez Salazar, Annie Dennison, Aidan Dominguez Villa, Evolett Estevez Ramirez, Carson Fry, Trenton Harris, Riley Hartman, Zachary Hicks, Leo Hubble, Camden Huber, Sofia Ingalsbe, Santiago Luna, Mia Macegoza Barradas, Mark Mouradian, Leonardo Munoz, Addilyn Osmani, Jobany Palacios Rivera, Sullivan Pickett, Cooper Price, Allison Sanchez, Ava Scudder, Haylee Shadle, Maxwell Short, Aiden White, Jameson Whitecotton, Dominic Wilson

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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
 More Commonly known as: 2946 W Shore Dr, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Parcel No. 11-35-222-060.000-025
 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."
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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.
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 /s/ Matthew S. Love
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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:
 LOTS NUMBERED 28 AND 29 AS THE SAME ARE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE RECORDED PLAT OF STOW S. DETCHON'S SEVENTH ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND, AND THE 10-FOOT ALLEY NORTH OF AND ADJOINING SAID LOTS 28 AND 29; AND THE WEST HALF OF THE ALLEY LYING EAST OF AND ADJOINING LOT 28; AND THE EAST HALF OF PRAIRIE STREET LYING WEST OF AND ADJOINING LOT 29, AS PER PLAT RECORDED AS PLAT BOOK 71, PAGE 157, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA.
 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
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 Zarkis V. Daroga (17288-49)
 Attorney for Plaintiff
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NOTICE OF HEARINGS
 Pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-26-7-37 and Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the South Montgomery Community School Corporation (the "School Corporation") will meet at 6:00 p.m. on February 3, 2025 and at 6:00 p.m. on February 10, 2025, at Administrative Services Center, 6401 U.S. Highway 231 South, Crawfordsville, Indiana to hold public hearings. On February 3, 2025, the Board will hold a public hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed renovation of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corporation, including the construction of a transportation building, site and athletic improvements and the purchase of equipment, buses and technology (the "Project"). On February 10, 2025, the Board will hold a second public hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed Project and will also consider the adoption of a resolution making a preliminary determination to issue enter into Lease Agreements relating to the bonds and to issue one or more series of bonds to finance the Project. You are invited to attend and participate in the public hearings.
 Dated January 22, 2025.
 Jerry Kinkead
 South Montgomery Community School Corporation
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Montgomery County Highway Department
2025 Annual Bids
 Notice is given that the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, Indiana will receive sealed Bids for the year 2025 for the following: pea gravel, sand, #8s gravel. These are to be delivered to the Commissioner's office at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Ste A Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, no later than 2:00 p.m. (local time), Friday February 7, 2025 any bids received after 2:00 p.m. Friday February 7th, 2025 will be returned unopened to the bidder.
 Interested bidders with questions should contact the Montgomery County Highway Department at (765) 362-2304 or via email, highway@montgomerycounty.in.gov. All bids should be submitted on Indiana State Board of Accounts forms.
 All bids MUST have a signed Contractor's Nepotism-Policy Compliance Affidavit, Agreement Addendum Requiring e-Verify Compliance, Contractor's Affidavit HEA 1005 (2012) and Public Law 21 (2012) Compliance, Non-Collusion Affidavit.
 All bids will be opened at a regular meeting of the Montgomery County Commissioners that will take place Monday, February 10, 2025 at 8:00 a.m., in the Community Meeting Room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Room 103, and Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. The Highway Director will take all bids under advisement for review.
 The Highway Director will make his recommendation for the bids at the Montgomery County Commissioner's Meeting on Monday February 10, 2025. The Montgomery County Commissioners reserve the right to reject all bids if it determines it is in the County's best interest to do so and to waive any informality in bidding.
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- HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**
 City of Crawfordsville
 January 22, 2025 at 5:00 PM
 Common Council Chambers
 I. Call to Order
 II. Roll Call
 III. Election of Officers
 IV. Approval of Agenda
 V. Approval of Minutes
 A. November 20, 2024
 VI. Consideration of Financial Reports
 VII. Old Business
 VIII. Certificate of Appropriateness Review
 IX. New Business
 A. Consideration of 2025 Work Plan
 B. Discussion of Loan Program Document Updates
 X. Miscellaneous
 A. Next regularly scheduled meeting: February 26, 2025 at 5:00 PM
 XI. Public Comment
 XII. Adjournment

- SOUTHMONT SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
 Corporation Board Room
 Monday February 3rd, 2025
 AGENDA
 Public Meeting
 I. Call to Order
 II. Roll Call
 III. First Preliminary Determination
 Hearing for potential 2025 Debt Issuance
 1. Public Comment
 IV. Adjournment

Rep. Genda Shares Update



Recently, several state representatives and senators including myself met with a group of constituents from the Tippecanoe County area on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. During this meeting, we discussed important issues such as the LEAP project, Indiana Economic Development Corporation transparency and veterans' pensions.

feedback. We believe that your voice matters, and we want to make sure your concerns are heard.

I look forward to further discussion on the concerns and issues brought up during the meeting and diving into potential solutions.

Please reach out to my office with any questions or concerns by calling 317-232-9767 or visiting in.gov/h41.

As a state representative for several counties affected by the LEAP project, I encourage constituents to reach out and voice their opinions to provide valuable

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

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Sen. Buchanan on Property Taxes

The Indiana Senate is working on several bills that would lower Hoosiers' property taxes, said State Sen. Brian Buchanan (R-Lebanon).

the goal of providing property tax relief for Hoosiers will guide discussions.

"As a member of the Senate Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy, I look forward to being part of many conversations with property owners, local leaders and legislators in our efforts to enact meaningful property tax reform," Buchanan said.

Buchanan has also authored two bills that would tackle property tax issues in Indiana.

Senate Bill 7 would change the property tax assessment formula for agricultural land — specifically the component known as the capitalization rate — to lower property taxes for farmers. In its current form, the bill would save Hoosier farmers an estimated \$46 million in property taxes per year.

"We are looking at making a few small adjustments to the formula for agricultural land, which will help those involved in production agriculture,"



Sen. Brian Buchanan

Buchanan said. "SB 7 is one part of the larger discussion about property taxes this session."

Senate Bill 8 would require a school referendum be placed on the ballot only during non-municipal election years, a one-year "cooling off" period after a referendum ends before another can be requested to be placed on the ballot and require districts to provide the total amount of property tax revenue expected to be collected each year.

Buchanan encourages residents of Senate District 7 to contact him with any questions or comments they may have. Buchanan can be reached by filling out a "Contact Me" form online at www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/Buchanan or by phone at (800) 382-9467.

In recent years, Buchanan has heard the concerns of residents across Senate District 7 about rising property taxes. Montgomery County, along with portions of Boone, Clinton and Hendricks counties, make up District 7.

"Hoosiers I have talked to are understandably frustrated by the substantial increase in their annual property tax bills," Buchanan said. "That's why my colleagues and I have prioritized offering practical solutions to provide property tax relief for Hoosiers."

This year, Senate Republicans filed Gov. Mike Braun's property tax proposal as Senate Bill 1.

The bill will likely see changes throughout the legislative process, but

Back in the Day with Butch Dale



Attending church was a family priority in the good old days. Parents liked to begin their children's religious training at an early age. Shown above is the beginning Sunday School class at the New Ross Christian Church in 1915.

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human identity, cognitive skills and emotional maturity. The first is from 0-5 years old. The second begins in the adolescent years, with start times varying, but lasting from 12-25 years old broadly.

It should be no surprise then, that at least one-third of college students change majors at least once, according to Inside Higher Ed. The National Center for Education Statistics reported in 2017 that, "the rate at which students changed majors varied by their original field of study. Whereas 35 percent of students who had originally declared a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics major had changed their field of study within three years, 29 percent of those who had originally declared a non-STEM major had done so."

An 18-year-old declares biology major intending to be pre-med may end up in accounting, or history, or philosophy or finance. Harvard Business Review reported in 2022 that only 27 percent of college grads work in a field closely related to their major.

It seems that humans don't follow linear job or career paths. For this reason, professional educators have resisted "tracking" students for workforce, college or military, an idea that's been floated as far back as Plato in The Republic and treated with skepticism in Aldous Huxley's Brave New World. Yet Timmons, parents and educators are concerned that Hoosier politicians and IDOE professionals have leaned into such tracking with the new diploma tracks.

In early drafts of the new requirements, Purdue's President Mung Chiang, and other college leaders, pushed against the change, saying that Hoosier students would be even less qualified for admission to competitive schools like Purdue. Legislators and IDOE tightened and improved requirements but

modified the base diploma to make students less equipped for non-linear life paths.

The base diploma, tentatively called the "Future New Indiana Diploma," is similar to the current Core 40 diploma with some modifications: eight credits of English, including a communications-based course; math requirements include Algebra 1 and a personal finance class, plus four additional math credits; social studies requirements replace economics and world history with a "world perspectives" requirement; 12 credits of student choice electives, which can be used to pursue seal pathways.

Students can earn up to three honors seals in addition to the base diploma: an honors enrollment seal, honors employment seal and honors enlistment seal. These are designed to help ninth graders and their parents make a path through high school.

The honors enrollment seal resembles the current Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma. It helps students who think they will attend college. It requires four credits of world languages and six credits of social studies, eight math credits and six science credits. Students must earn at least a C in all courses and maintain a B average. Additional requirements include AP, IB or college credits, or minimum SAT / ACT scores.

The honors employment seal requires 100 hours of work-based learning and completion of a "market-driven credential of value" or three courses in a career and technical education pathway. Students must demonstrate communication, collaboration and work ethic skills. It is designed to help young people who want to go directly into the workforce with proof of employability.

The honors enlistment seal requires students pass the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery with a

minimum score of 31, the minimum for Army enlistment. Students must complete an introduction to public service course or one year of JROTC and be mentored by veterans or current military personnel.

Each seal also has a "Plus" tier with more advanced requirements, including additional coursework, work experience, or higher test scores.

The new diploma system, adopted in 2024, will begin with the Class of 2029.

Maybe they're being pragmatic. After all, plenty of educators hear parents bemoan why their kids need to learn algebra, and certainly adding personal finance into the curriculum is a life skill. While many people will not literally solve for X or Y in their careers, they have to solve problems with unknowns and think abstractly, especially in an increasingly technical workplace. They may not have drawn a straight line from "I need to earn X number of dollars, minus taxes, housing, utilities and transportation. So can I afford to buy this?" but they were using abstract, algebraic thinking. That life question involves both personal finances and a wild number of X, Y and other unknowns that change across the years of life.

It's why so many teachers and parents have long told young people "We're teaching you how to problem solve, how to think, not what to think."

Next week, Chip Timmons will offer deep insights in the change.

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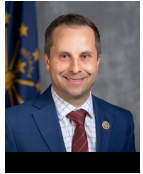
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Deery Bills Advance in Senate



SPENCER DEERY
Guest Columnist

In the last two weeks I have shared some of the bills I have been working on. Please read below to

property taxes for homeowners and is sure to be one of the most discussed issues this session.

As your state senator, I look forward to having these discussions with my colleagues as we work to provide Hoosiers with meaningful and fair property tax reform.

If you have thoughts on these or other issues, I encourage you to take my 2025 constituent survey and provide your feedback in the comment section.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

This week, several of my bills began moving through the legislative process. Here is a quick update:

- Senate Bill 121, would protect our rivers from destructive net fishing practices stemming from our country's failed immigration policies. It passed the Senate Committee on Natural Resources Monday with bipartisan support. A video filmed by a Montgomery County constituent shows the problem I am trying to solve.
- Senate Bill 122, is a small-government, "teach-a-man to fish" approach to fighting poverty. It would allow state employees undergoing financial emergencies to use payroll deduction to get lower rates on small dollar loans from charitable driven, non-profit loan centers that are an alternative to payday loans. This bill was heard during a meeting of

the Senate Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions Wednesday and is expected to be voted on soon.

- Senate Bill 255, would help our schools recruit more qualified STEM teachers and also force them to change their policies on bullying investigations to prioritize parental rights. It was heard during a meeting of the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development Wednesday and is expected to be voted on next week.

BENEFITS FOR Hoosier Veterans

There are many benefits available to our Hoosier veterans and their families. I hope those eligible will take advantage of these, some of which include free or discounted college tuition, property tax deductions, income tax deductions and discounts on hunting and fishing licenses.

State Sen. Spencer Deery (R-West Lafayette) represents Senate District 23, which includes Fountain, Parke, Vermillion and Warren counties, and portions of Montgomery and Tipton counties.

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learn which three are already moving closer to law, but first, I want to update you on one of the priorities of the Senate Republican caucus: Property Tax Reform

The problem is complex. While Indiana has some of the country's lowest property taxes for homeowners, including ranking No. 5 in the nation for best property tax climate according to the Tax Foundation, many Hoosiers have been understandably frustrated by the considerable year-over-year increases in their bills, which have largely been caused by inflation.

Property taxes, which are set and used solely by local governments – not the state government – fund local services like schools, police and fire departments. That's why it's so important to balance lowering taxes on Hoosier homeowners, farmers and businesses with funding the needs of schools and local governments.

In its current form, Senate Bill 1 – our caucus's top priority bill – reflects Gov. Braun's plan to cut property taxes. The bill is likely going to change throughout the legislative process as the Senate, House of Representatives and the governor work together to find a plan that will work best for property owners and local governments beginning in 2026.

This work builds on our previous efforts to cut

2,000 Books!



Photos courtesy Crawfordsville District Public Library

Madison Nichols, age 4, and Benjamin Nichols, age 3, have completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" for the second time. Along with their parents, Tyler and Mindy Nichols, they have each read 2,000 books. Their favorite books are the Elephant and Piggie series by Mo Willems. Mom said, "The library is one of our favorite places to visit. They have so many program opportunities to start your child with a love of reading as a baby."

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