TODAY'S VERSE

Mark 8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Meet Baloo



Baloo is an 8 year old (senior) male Black Labrador Retriever available for adoption from AWL since 12/16/23. Baloo is ready to find his furrever home! Baloo enjoys the finer things in life, like treats and nice comfy beds. Baloo will gladly sit for treats. Baloo is looking for his best friend. Could that be you? Baloo is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks. AWL is open Monday-Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come snuggle cats in a community cat room, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!



You know what really puzzles me? Most of us think that the state and federal government is bloated and wasteful - at best. And yet we scream about those who are trying to change it?



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Butch Says Goodbye to the Outhouse!



DALE Columnist whipper-

I think you fellow "babyboomers" would agree that the present generation of

snappers

might be a tad spoiled by the amenities and technology of today. Of course, we always like to tell them how hard we had it when we were growing up. Now think back to those thrilling days of yesteryear, and recall the following...

(1) The Outhouse... sometimes known as the "mission," since you prayed that no one would interrupt you during nature's calling...or the "library," as there was always a supply of reading materials. The generation ahead of me kept the Sears and Roebuck catalog on hand, but they used it for



something else besides reading. Visiting that little shack east of our farmhouse was not something that I looked forward to, especially during the winter months. Thank God, we had an indoor toilet installed in 1954 when I was 6 years old. Got a real bathtub, too ... no more bathing in a metal wash tub! And what happened to the outhouse? It became the new home of two pet

(2) Coal Stove...We had two

The eight or nine of you

coal stoves, one in the living room and one in the kitchen. The coal shed was attached to our back porch, and the coal bucket was kept nearby. Several trips to the shed were made during the winter months. I admit that it kept the downstairs warm, but by winter's end, coal soot was everywhere. Ashes had to be constantly removed, and the stovepipes cleaned out in the spring. We eventually got two fuel oil stoves, which were cleaner, but my brother and I still froze in our upstairs bedroom with no heat. There was quite a bit of coal left over, and for some time Dad used it to cook hamburgers on the outside brick fireplace. Instead of charcoal burgers, we just had plain coal burgers! I likely still have soot lining my intestines.

(3) Oak Wall Telephone...Like everyone else, we had the



LWV Nationally Urges Congress to Stop Trump **Overreach**



On the 105th anniversary of its founding, the League of Women Voters sent a letter to Congressional leadership regarding the organization's

grave concern over the state of our nation. Specifically, the League writes to urge Congress to exercise its authority to protect the rule of law, defend the Constitution, and end the overreach that the Executive Branch has shown in the last few weeks. The attached letter outlines our concerns and is signed by leadership from every state League and DC affiliate in the country.

Dear Leader Thune, Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and Leader Jeffries:

The League of Women Voters

of the United States, along

with our state affiliates in 50 states and the District of Columbia, write to express our strong concern about Congress's abdication of its duty and authority under Article I of the U.S. Constitution. We urge you to exercise your authority to protect the rule of law, defend the Constitution, and end the overreach by the executive branch of government, which is surely leading to harm for millions of Americans. We demand that you honor your oaths and protect your constituents.

Less than a month into his second term, President Trump has issued a series of executive orders and directed actions that violate the law and encroach upon the authority of Congress as representatives of the American people. Of note, the Trump administration has, through wide-ranging executive actions, attempted

1. End birthright citizenship for all persons born in the United States;

2. Pause the distribution of federal funds already allocated to programs by Congress;

3. Dismantle federal agencies such as the U.S. Agency for International Development ("USAID") and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ("CFPB"), which require notice to and the input of Congress before

such actions can be taken;

4. Allow private citizens, who have neither been elected or complied with the advice and consent requirement of the Senate, to access sensitive government systems; and

Elected Officials, State & Beyond, Need Priorities



TIMMONS I want to ask a

Notes found on the back of a Sheb Wooley autographed picture . . .

supposed to start a conversation that way? I guess it could lead to a whole lot of folks suddenly remembering they have something important to do, like organize their CD collection . . .

.alphabetically . . .)

who read these scribbles regularly may recall that I often have a problem with our friends at the Indiana General Assembly. (Well, to be fair I typically have a favor. (Are you problem with most elected folks, but I digress.)

> As usual, the honorable senators and representatives are once again considering legislation that will eliminate the requirement that local and state

governments have to publish legal notices in Indiana newspapers. Without going into the weeds TOO much, this concerns you because the state wants to create a public notice website that will cost you big bucks (the state press association already has one, by the way, that they don't charge for). By taking away those notices the government is

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eliminating the checks and

Paper Offering Free Tickets to Flower & Patio Show

Attention flower lovers . . . and spring lovers . . . and backyard lovers . . . and cookout lovers . . . The Paper of Montgomery County once again has free tickets to give away for the 2025 Indiana Flower & Patio Show, which runs from Saturday, March 15 through Sunday, March 23 at the

Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center.

All you have to do to win tickets (valued at \$15 each) is either send us a selfie of you and our front page (Print or Online Edition) or drop by our office at 127 E. Main St. and let Jacob take your picture!

If you send us a selfie, email it to news@the paper24-7.com and be sure to include your name, where you live (city or town, not specific home address) and a little bit about yourself (and no,

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adding a kind word about

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're trying to lose weight, keep a food diary and calculate what you're actually eating each day - there are apps for that!

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

for enlightening the mind of man and improving him as a rational, moral and social being." Thomas Jefferson

"The press is the best instrument

THREE THINGS

You Should Know

- Ahead of International Women's Day this Saturday, Gov. Mike Braun signed an executive order to strengthen paid parental leave for state employees. The executive order also provides paid childbirth leave for women recovering from giving birth, as well as paid leave for those grieving from the tragedy of losing a baby. This means all employed women who give birth are eligible for six weeks paid childbirth recovery leave, and up to eight weeks paid childbirth leave for employees who deliver via C-section. This leave policy also applies to employees who experience the tragedy of losing a baby in utero at 20 weeks or
- The DNR continues to detect highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds throughout Indiana and has currently detected the H5NI virus in 30 counties. HPAI is also suspected in an additional 32 counties based on reports involving the deaths of raptors, cranes and waterfowl. Counties where avian influenza has been detected in wild birds currently are Adams, Allen, Bartholomew, Benton, Boone, Clinton, Decatur, Gibson, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Huntington, Jackson, Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Marion, Newton, Pike, Porter, Randolph, Ripley, Shelby, Starke, Tippecanoe, Union, Vanderburgh and Vermillion. HPAI is a disease caused by an influenza virus that usually spreads among birds. It is common in wild birds, especially waterfowl, shorebirds, and raptors.
- Four-time Indianapolis 500 starter Lee Kunzman, a model of perseverance in motorsports, died Feb. 27. He was 80. Kunzman overcame serious injuries during his career to start at Indy in 1972, 1973, 1977 and 1979. His best finish was seventh, in 1973 and 1977. His best qualifying spot was 11th, for his final start in 1979.

TODAY'S JOKE

Have you heard about the successful florist in town? Business is positively blooming.

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

We have free tickets to the Indiana Flower & Patio Show ready and waiting for YOU! All you have to do is take a selfie with you and our front page (print or online doesn't matter) and email it to news@thepaper24-7.com. If we publish your picture (and we will!), you win two to four free tickets - valued at \$15 each! The Show is one of the oldest flower shows in the U.S. and goes on March 15-23 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Don't pass up the chance for free tickets and a great day! Snap that selfie and email it to us today!

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



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Devised Play Hits the Stage at Wabash Tonight



Photo courtesy Isha Patel

New York City-Based Group performs axes, herbs and satchels tonight at Wabash

The Anthropologists, a New York City-based, female-led, investigative theater company, will present its devised play, "axes, herbs and satchels," at Wabash College Fine Arts Center tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Ball Theater.

The Anthropologists' **Artistic Director** Melissa Moschitto and co-director Sandie Luna helm the ensemble of Black women and non-binary artists who shine a light on the suppressed history of Black midwives, doulas, and birthing bodies. "axes, herbs and satchels" travels across generations with storytelling, movement, southern spirituals, and ritual. The play is an act of reparative history, offering audiences a space for learning, reckoning, and healing.

"axes, herbs and satchels" was developed through extensive ethnographic research, primary sources and personal accounts to create a new investigative theater piece which celebrates the traditional knowledge held in the Black birth worker community and examines maternal mortality.

The research and development of this play was supported in part by a partnership with the American Anthropological Association, who established the first anthropologist-inresidence with the company.

Tickets are available at https://www.wabash. edu/boxoffice/event. cfm?eventd_id=215

This performance is free and open to the public. Guidance Suggested: This event may involve material that may not be appropriate for young children.

Baird: USDA Scholars Program Now Accepting Applications

Congressman Jim Baird (R-IN-04) announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the USDA's 1890 Scholars Program through March 15, 2025. This scholarship program provides recipients with full tuition, fees, books, and room and board for students pursuing degrees in agriculture, food, or natural resource sciences at one of the 1890 land grant institutions, which are comprised of 19 historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

"I'm pleased to announce that the USDA has reopened its 1890 National Scholars Program," Baird said. "This program provides vital educational scholarships to students in Indiana and across the country who wish to attend an HBCU and pursue a valuable degree that will equip them to tackle the agricultural challenges of our time, develop innovative farming practices, better manage crops, enhance management practices for our farm

animals, fight food

insecurity, and so much more. I encourage qualifying students to apply and wish them the best of luck in their educational pursuits."

The 1890 universities

Alabama A&M University, Alcorn State University, Mississippi, Central State University, Ohio, Delaware State University, Florida A&M University, Fort Valley State University, Georgia, Kentucky State University, Langston University, Oklahoma, Lincoln University, Missouri, North Carolina A&T State University, Prairie View A&M University, Texas, South Carolina State University, Southern University, Louisiana, Tennessee State University, Tuskegee University, Alabama, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Virginia State University and West Virginia State

USDA 1890 National Scholars are required



University



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old wall-mounted ringer telephone. It was located near the front door, between the kitchen and living room. We had to ring the operator so she could connect us to the receiving party. There were seven other families on this "party line," and we were two and half rings. Other people could listen to our conversations, and of course, we listened to them. My little brother wanted to call his best friend one time, but a neighbor lady kept talking for almost an hour...so my brother got on the phone and yelled into it, "Hang up the phone, you old bag!" Dial phones came along in 1958 ... our own private line ... Wow! ... but we couldn't listen in on the neighbors' conversations ...

Phooie!

(4) Television ... Dad

purchased a television in 1952 when I was 4 years old ... two years before we got an indoor toilet. Not quite sure what his priorities were! Anyway, before that TV came along, we listened to our radio, a tall wooden cabinet which also included a 78 RPM record player. I can still recall listening to Jack Benny, the Lone Ranger, Fibber McGee and Molly and The Shadow. In my mind I could "see" the action just by listening to the words. Our TV could only pick up two channels out of Indy, and the screen was often snowy, but I enjoyed watching The Howdy Doody Show, The Lone Ranger, Hopalong Cassidy, Superman, Texaco Star Theater with Milton Berle and Ding Dong School

(5) Washer and Dryer ... My mother had a Maytag ringer washer for many years. It actually did a good job, but was much more time-consuming than washers of today. We had no electric dryer, so all of the clothes were hung out on the clothesline to dry in the sun and wind. In winter, the clothes could freeze, so they were hung to dry on wooden racks near the stoves. The washers and dryers of today are great, but too complicated for me to figure out ... too many electronics. A few years ago, after 50 years of marriage, I had never "done" a load of

clothes. My wife had to leave one afternoon, so I decided to try my hand at it and surprise her. I eventually figured everything out ... washed the clothes, dried them, and even folded everything and placed them on the kitchen table. She was very happy ... until she found out that I had forgot to put in the soap!

(6) A "Normal" Car ... Dad always purchased cheapest car he could afford. And the cars back then had only the basics ... a motor that an average guy could actually work on, 3speed shifter on the column, manual rolldown windows, bench seats, a spare tire and jack that were simple to remove, easy-toread dash, no seat belts or warning lights and no computer or electronic components. Can't work on a motor today, and it takes twice as long to change a tire. There are buttons with symbols all over the interior. Last week I accidentally pushed a button on my Toyota's steering wheel, and it changed the readout on my dashboard screen. It took me 20 minutes to figure out how to change it back!

Calculators had not been invented when I was young, so like everyone else I learned how to add and subtract with pencil and paper, and in my head. Some kids today can't even figure change for a dollar in their head! No computers back then either. To look up facts, I used the World Book encyclopedia. Kids today just Google the information, without checking whether the info is

Despite all of the "wonderful" technology that we have today, I am glad I experienced life in the late 1940s and early 1950s era ... a much simpler time. I wouldn't trade it for anything! Well, that's not quite correct. I would trade that outhouse for an indoor toilet anytime!

correct or not.

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 wellknown artist and author of local history.

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Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize **This 1951** Crawfordsville **Grad?**

HINT: Her husband was a long-time teacher and coach at Crawfordsville High School.

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Free Intermediate Computer **Program Classes at Library**

If you know the basics in Word, Excel and PowerPoint but want to learn more, the Crawfordsville District Public Library and the **Montgomery County** Community Foundation have some upcoming classes that may be of interest to you.

Four classes designed for those with intermediate skills are scheduled, Intermediate Word, Intermediate PowerPoint, Intermediate Excel and a class on how to Build a Simple Expense Tracker are on the calendar at the Library. The class on Excel is set for March 9. Those in attendance will be shown how to work with functions, create graphs and use simple pivot

tables in Microsoft Excel. On March 16, the Intermediate Word class will focus on how to work with breaks and columns, create headers and footers and more. On March 23, the Intermediate PowerPoint class will teach participants how to work with images and shapes and objects in your presentation. And the March 30 class will focus on how to create a simple but effective expense tracker in Excel.

The laptops that are used in these classes were paid for by a grant from the Foundation. All the classes are free and begin at 1:30 p.m. in Meeting Room E at the Library. To register, just go to cdpl.lib.in.us

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balances that a free press provides. And third, name me something - c'mon ANYTHING - that the government does better and more efficiently than private business.

To be clear, the government does pay us newspaper folks for the legal notices – but trust me, it's not expensive. The government mandates the rate. What they let us charge them is either at or very near the bottom of anything we offer.

And to be even more clear, I get the idea that they think our industry is dying. But the fact that thousands of you are reading this on a tablet or a phone or a computer of some sort is evidence that we are not. Evolving? You bet. However, the last thing anything in transition needs is another negative. We may be evolving, but what's the old saying about perception and reality?

So we are going to have an old-fashioned rally at the Indiana Statehouse to let lawmakers know we do not want them to pass any of this proposed legislation – and we are hoping to have a lot of people show up! Thus, the favor. We'd love for you to join us. The more the merrier . . . and the better our chances of convincing those aforementioned elected types that they should reconsider.

If you are willing, the rally is scheduled for March 19 at 11 a.m. We're going to meet on the third floor, just outside the Senate chambers. If you would like to go, on behalf of newspapers all over Indiana - a sincere thank you! And if you want to go please do let me know. You can reach me at ttimmons @thepaper24-7.com. I'd love to hear from vou - and we're working on maybe getting t-shirts we can share.

Here's the thing we've all seen the horror stories coming out of D.C. about waste and fraud in government spending. I'm not saying we have that here, but it's time we let those we elect know that we expect them to do better. Keeping a check and balance is just one way to do that. Thanks for your consideration!

AS LONG as I'm on the folks in the Statehouse, let's talk about the ongoing saga of property taxes AND the ridiculous strategy being employed by schools, cities, counties and towns all over the state.

very public plan to fix

exploding property

* * *

taxes. He wants to start by taking property taxes back to levels from a few years

That triggered a tsunami of opposition. What? Taxpayers were upset? Nope. The government was. You see if we all pay less in property taxes, the government gets less of our money - heavy emphasis on OURS. So, all those folks from two paragraphs above are suddenly screaming how they can't do with less. They NEED that money . . . and the Indiana Senate responded by saying they would limit the increase in property taxes.

Yes, you read that right -- limit the INCREASE.

Mark Franke, an adjunct scholar of the Indiana Policy Review and formerly an associate vicechancellor at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, summed it up best.

"Other than Governor Braun, I don't think anyone in Indianapolis gets it," he wrote. "The Senate Republicans are patting themselves on the back for "cutting" the proposed *increase* in property tax bills but only a governmental type could call it that with a straight face."

Don't know if you can join us for our newspaper rally on March 19, but if you do you might want to add your voice to the property tax battle.

Here's the thing, if Indiana Republicans pass both (and to be very clear, that's who would be responsible), then we all need to remember that the next few times we go to the polls. The party that used to be about limited government and fiscal responsibility has an opportunity here to prove it still is. We'll be watching.

I HAVE great respect for the League of Women Voters - and here in Montgomery County appreciate the column they write each week that goes in our Paper. That started 20 or so years ago with the great Gail Pebworth and continues today with Marie Reynold-Weir. However, this week's column that appears today wasn't written by Marie. Instead, it's a letter from the national LWV and is signed by the top execs and representatives from all 50 states (and the District of Columbia).

In short, the letter urges Congress to stop what it calls the overreach from Donald Trump and Elon Musk. If you've been out of

the country and What's the new hot missed it, here's the saying now, read the gist. Gov. Braun comes room? into office and has a

I can't always say I

agree with the League.

It tends to lean a bit too far left for my taste. But I certainly respect their opinion. It has long been said in this space and others that a difference of opinion is what made and makes this country great. It'd be a sad state of affairs if everyone thinks like I do. But the idea of stopping the administration from cutting back on government spending is kind of like telling smoke jumpers to stop battling the out-ofcontrol forest fire.

The League even mentions they don't want USAID dismantled - that organization that spent \$50 million for condoms in Gaza. \$70,000 to produce a DEI musical in Ireland, \$1.5 million to promote DEI . . . in SERBIA!

To be fair, there are certainly some roadblocks Trump and his team are hitting. However, the ridiculous bureaucracy and corruption that is our federal government today did not happen overnight. It is deeply entrenched and it is not going to be easy - or simple - to take it apart.

What is hard for me to fathom though is the amount of pushback. I mean the League - and most of the mainstream media are acting like the fraud, the corruption, the wasteful spending. .. the mountain of things we should be aghast with - are the victims and the executive branch are the bad guys. Seriously. They are. You can't make this stuff up.

And here's another point. A little online research will tell you that the League gets donations from, wait for it . . . politicians. Hmmm, they didn't mention that in their letter. They also didn't mention that they have a handful of administrative types (CEO, COO, CDO, Chief of Staff, Chief Counsel, Chief of Culture and **Chief Communications** Officer) who all earn between \$90,000 and \$158,000.

government spending do to that?

What would a cut in

ONCE MORE, The Paper is offering free tickets to the Indiana Flower & Patio Show. Just take a selfie with our Paper (electronic OR print) and send it to us. You can send it directly to me and I'll take care of it for you, or send it to news@ thepaper24-7.com. If we print it (and we will!), you can win two or more tickets! (Honestly, tell me how many you want and if it's not dozens, we're pretty easy!) But hurry. The show begins

March 15 and ends

March 23.

and England and from all reports everyone had a great time. We're meeting soon to figure out our next trip - but here's a quick question. If my wife and I led a contingent to Israel, would you like to come along? Let

BY NOW most of you

are aware that The

Paper is doing trips

along. Debbie

Schavietello just

and inviting you guys

hosted a trip to Ireland

LAST NOTE: Did you see the report that China and Russia are starting to target fired federal employees with security clearances? The idea is that they'll be so ticked off at Trump and Musk that they'll get cozy with the bad

me know if you do and

we'll start looking at

details!

guys.

Anyone remember a

world we used to live in where patriotism and love of country topped all the petty **B.S.? Anyone** remember a world where a foreign leader who has been given billions and billions of U.S. dollars thought better of biting the hand that feeds it. Don't know about you, and I've made it clear I think Trump can be an ass much of the time, but I like the idea he wants rare earth materials from the Ukraine and that he's cutting off corrupt spending and waste. I hope he goes farther.

I'LL BET A lot of you remember Sheb Wooley. He came to mind recently when we heard the sad news of Gene Hackman's passing. Sheb played the wise principal of Hickory High School and the assistant coach for the Huskers in the classic, Hoosiers.

Of course, the multitalented star also played in a lot of westerns, including High Noon and The Outlaw Josey Wales. He was the trail boss in the TV show Rawhide. AND, he had Top 40 hits in both rock and roll (The Purple People Eater) and country (Almost Persuaded No. 2). Back when Sheb was in Indiana for the filming of Hoosiers, he was the only name that my Grandpa thought was a big deal. Sadly, he passed away in 2003. Rest in Peace, Principal Cletus Summers!

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.

Back in the Day with Butch Dale



Back in the day, before modern cars and the interstate highways, many people traveled to Indy on the electric interurban. That might be a good idea today!

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to study one of the following disciplines:

Agriculture, Agricultural Business/Management, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Engineering/Mechanics , Agricultural Production and Technology, Agronomy or Crop Science,

Animal Sciences, Botany, Food Sciences/Technology, Forestry and Related Sciences, Home Economics/Nutrition, Horticulture, Natural Resources Management, Soil Conservation/Soil Science, Farm and Range Management and other related disciplines (e.g. non-

medical biological sciences, preveterinary medicine, computer science)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that Montgomery County, by and through its Board County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids for the construction of: MONTGOMERY COUNTY 2025-1 CCMG PROJECT CAPE SEAL OF VARIOUS ROADWAYS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA
Sealed proposals will be received at the Montgomery County Commissioner's Office, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville IN. 47933 by 4:00 P.M. (local time) on March 21st, 2025. All proposals will then be publicly opened and read aloud during the County Commissioner's meeting, which begin on March 24th at 8:00 A.M. (local time). Any proposals received after the above

designated time will be returned unopened.

The proposed construction will include type 3p single chip seal and microsurface for cape seal, and all incidental work required, as more fully

specified in the Contract Documents and Plans.

All proposals must be submitted on State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 together with the proper forms included in the Contract Documents, the entire set of which shall be filed intact as a bid. The bid envelope must be sealed and have the words "MONTGOMERY COUNTY 2025-1 CCMG Project" legibly vritten on the front. Bidders must be INDOT pre-qualified per Indiana Code (IC) 5-16-13-10.

The contract documents are available at www.questcdn.com. This contract ine contract documents are available at www.questcon.com. Inis contract is QuestCDN project number 9510242. A contractor may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to be a planholder. To be considered a planholder for bids, a contractor must register with QuestCDN.com and purchase the contract documents in digital form at a cost of \$22.00. Registering for all prime contractors and subcontractors is recommended as planholders will receive automatic notice of addendums and other contract document updates via QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@ questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration or downloading digital project information.

Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of drawings and Contract Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of drawings and Contract Documents.

SECURITY: Any person, firm or corporation who submits a proposal

MUST file with their bid a CERTIFIED CHECK, BANK DRAFT, CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER issued by a financial institution insured by an agency of the United States in the amount of five percent (5%), made payable to the Treasurer of Montgomery County. In lieu of the above, any person, firm or corporation who submits a proposal and has a principal place of business in the State of Indiana MAY file with their proposal a BID BOND in the amount of five percent (5%), made payable to the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery

Proposals may be held by the Board of Commissioners for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the public opening.

The successful Contractor will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, each, within ten (10) days after award of the contract and a two (2) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of thirty percent (30%) of the contract price prior to completion and final payment of the contract.

No Contractor may withdraw his proposal within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to ask for clarification for any bid submitted. In comparing bids, consideration will not be confined to price only. The successful bid will be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, however the Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any proposal, to waive technicalities or irregularities therein, to delete any bid item or items and to award a contract on the proposal that in their judgment is most advantageous to Montgomery County.

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

Dan Guard, President Jim Fulwider, Vice President Jake Bohlander, Member

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CRAWFORDSVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of
Crawfordsville will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19,
2025, in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 300 E.
Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to hear the request for a special exception Fixe Street, Crawfordsville, indiana, to near the request for a special exception from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow a second single-family dwelling on a single parcel in an R-1, residential zoning district.

The property location208 N Englewood Drive, Crawfordsville, Indiana

(Parcel No: 54-07-33-443-022.000-030)

The petition is on file and available for examination (and purchase at cost) in the Department of Planning & Building Services on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 765.364.5152); office hours are 8:00-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m., weekdays

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to comment on the proposed request. Oral comments concerning the request will be heard. Written comments and objections to the requests may also be submitted to the Director of Planning & Building Services, City of Crawfordsville, at the address above prior to the hearing and will be considered.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear or present evidence at the public hearing and is in need of reasonable accommodation, please contact the Crawfordsville Department of Planning & Building Services at the address or phone number above so accommodation can oe made

Department of Planning & Building Services Megan Huckstep, Director, City of Crawfordsville

STATE OF INDIANA

PL5059 3/5 1t hspaxlp) IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURT

) SS: COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY) CAUSE NO. 54D012502MI000149 IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF Ronald Dean Brown

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Ronald Dean Brown, whose mailing address is:

in the Montgomery County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Ronald Dean Brown has filed a petition in the Court Requesting that his name be changed to Ronald Dean Endicott Brown

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said petition on March 6th, 2025 at 1:30 pm Ronald Brown

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SALE #23-047067 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. 54D02-2310-MF-000986, wherein Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC was Plaintiff, and Matthew D. Sheets, 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 9th day of April, 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 Rea

Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana:
PART OF THE SOUTH HALF (1/2) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTH HALF (1/2) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 10, AND THENCE RUNNING EAST 125.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 111.5 FEET; THENCE WEST 125.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 111.5 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING .32 OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA.

More Commonly known as: 513 S Wabash St, New Richmond, IN 47967 Parcel No. 54-03-10-300.14.000-011 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be

made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.

"Subject to all lines, encumbrances and easement of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 54D02-2310-MF-000986 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 Ryan Needham, Sheriff of Montgomery County Coal Creek Township

513 S Wabash St

New Richmond, IN 47967

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SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION DLC#:G280-631 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MONTGOMERY SUPERIOR COURT 1

)SS: COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY) CAUSE NO.:54D01-2501-MF-000087 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF RODNEY C. ROBBINS, DECEASED, OCCUPANT(S) OF 408 HUGHES ST, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

AND BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

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: Lot Numbered 13, as the same is known and designated on the recorded plat of Fishero and Fishero's Third Addition to the Town of Crawfordsville, in plat of Fishero and Fishero's Third Addition to the Town of Crawfordsville, in Montgomery County, Indiana, as the same appears of record in Deed Record 161, page 403, in the Recorder's Office of said County.

And Commonly known as: 408 Hughes St, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following

ed Defendants whose whereabouts are known to me Occupant(s) of 408 Hughes St, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 and Bank of

America, N.A.

This Summons by Publication is also specifically directed to the following d Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown to me:
The Unknown Heirs at Law of Rodney C. Robbins, Deceased

In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this Summon, 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 action or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 19th day of April, 2025 (the same being 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. DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.O.

By Scott A. Hale

Clerk of the Montgomery County Superior Court 1 S. Brent Potter (10900-49) Tina M. Caylor (30994-49)

Alan W. McEwan (24051-49) Nathan A. Dewan (35006-82) Scott A. Hale (35534-64)

ATTEST:

Matthew L. Foutty (20886-49) Craig D. Doyle (4783-49) Jessica S. Owens (26533-49) DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C

41 E Washington St., Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Phone: 317-264-5000 Fax: 317-264-5400

PL5060 3/5 3/12 3/19 3t hspaxlp NOTICE OF HEARING

Vacate Hearing

Attention all landowners On the Thomas Clark #619 on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 9:30 am Montgomery County Government Center 1580 Constitution Row Crawfordsville, IN 47933

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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 the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54C01-2410-MF-001254, wherein NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing was Plaintiff, and Cody A. Pollard and The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 9th day of April, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff's Office at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in

Montgomery County, Indiana.

Part of Lots Numbered Nine (9) and Ten (10) in William S. Galey's Heirs Second Addition to the City of Crawfordsville, as per plat thereof recorded December 31, 1891 in Deed Record 68, page 3, in the Office of the Recorder of Montgomery County, Indiana, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of said Lot Number 10, running thence South 41-1/4 feet; thence East 112 feet to the East line of said Lot Numbered 9; thence North 41-1/4 feet to the Northeast Corner or said Lot Numbered 9; thence West 112 feet to the place of beginning. Subject to all rights-of-way, easements, covenants and restrictions of

More commonly known as: 310 Sheridan Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN

47933

Parcel No. 54-10-05-112-012.000-030

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. "Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise

extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 54C01-2410-MF-001254 in the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Indiana."

Attorney for Plaintiff: J. Dustin Smith ATTORNEY NO. 29493-06 MDK Legal P.O. Box 165028 Columbus OH 43216-5028 Ryan Needham Sheriff of Montgomery County

published herein.

Union Township 310 Sheridan Avenue Street Address The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addres

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City of Crawfordsville, Indiana Request for Proposals

The City of Crawfordsville is requesting proposals from qualified environmental engineering/consulting firms for Environmental Consultant Services related to the EPA Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant. This grant, awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), provides \$400,000 over four years for the redevelopment of brownfield sites impacted by petroleum and hazardous substances Scope of Work

The selected firm will assist the City with the management and implementation of the grant-funded environmental assessments, including but not limited to:

Immted to:

Program Management & Training Support – Grant administration, reporting, and updating the City's Brownfield Inventory.

Environmental Site Assessments (Phase I & II ESAs) – Eligibility determinations, assessments following ASTM E1527-21 and AAI standards, and preparation of Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP).

• Clean-up Planning – Development of remedial action plans, cleanup funding applications, and feasibility analyses.

Community Outreach & Involvement - Public engagement, stakehold education, and community event participation.

Submission Requirements Interested firms must submit a sealed proposal containing the following:

Firm background and relevant experience Key staff resumes and designated Project Manager Detailed Scope of Work outlining use of grant funds

Experience with EPA brownfield grants and redevelopment projects References from at least three recent clients

Current fee schedule

Proof of required insurance Deadline & Submission Details Proposals are due by: March 12, 2025, at 10:00 AM (EST) Delivery Address:

City of Crawfordsville Attn: Karyn Douglas 300 E Pike St.

Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Late submissions will not be considered. Electronic or faxed proposals will

not be accepted. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

Quality of Written Proposal (35%)

Reasonableness of Cost (25%)

Familiarity with Crawfordsville (25%) References (10%)

• Project Expertise & Experience (5%) Contact for Questions

Questions must be submitted by March 12, 2025, to Director Kelly Price at kprice@crawfordsville-in.gov. Answers will be compiled and shared with all nterested parties

nterested parties.

The City of Crawfordsville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive informalities, and accept the most responsive and responsible proposal. $PL5052 \quad 2/26 \quad 3/5 \quad 2t \quad hspaxlp$

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MONTGOMERY COURT

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY) CAUSE NO. 54C01-2502-MI-000240 IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:) Angelica Avila)

Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Angelica Avile, whose mailing address is: in the Montgomery County, Indiana. hereby gives notice that Agelica Avile has filed a petition in the Monntgomery Court requesting that her name be changed to Bellamy Nova Blake. Notice if further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on May

5th, 20225 at 9:30 am

Contractors Wanted for Repair Work

Angelica Avil Petitione Date Sondra K Sixberr

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Library Offers Some Spring Reads



when the season begins to smile. After the cold **SCORZA** days of Guest winter, Columnist spring is a

Spring is

welcome relief to all. Especially after Punxsutawney Phil predicted six more weeks of winter! It is a time to look forward, seeking abundance in every aspect of our lives. The flowers blossoming, the sun warming all walks of life as we take advantage of this spring renewal. Reading offers new opportunities. Look no further than Crawfordsville District Public Library, where you can start your spring discovery! This collection of spring reads mirrors the themes of transformation, selfdiscovery, nature's beauty, and resilience. Whether it's romances like "The Hating Game" by Sally Thorne (FIC Tho) or "Beach Read" by Emily Henry (FIC Hen), where characters

experience personal

growth through love

and challenges, or the

coming of age stories

such as "The Perks of

Being a Wallflower" by

Stephen Chbosky (YA

FIC Chb) or "Can't Hurt Me" by David Goggins (921 Goggins, D.), which embrace the journey of selfrealization, these books provide a perfect companion as we step into the season of renewal. Their stories not only entertain, but also offer reflections on overcoming obstacles, embracing change, and finding strength in vulnerability.

Spring is also a time to reflect on nature's endless cycle, and in works like "The Overstory" by Richard Powers (FIC Pow) and "The River" by Peter Heller (FIC Hel), we see the beauty and power of the natural world, inviting readers to reconnect with the environment around them. In contrast, uplifting historical fiction such as "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah (FIC Han) and "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak (YA FIC Zus) offer relatable stories of hope, resilience, and the triumph of the human spirit, reminding us that even in the darkest times, there is

always the potential

for new beginnings.

They show that hope,

no matter how fragile, can flourish even in adversity.

The themes of growth,

renewal and abundance are scattered throughout our Spring Reads display, which can be found on the library's second floor through the end of the month. At CDPL you can grow your mind, explore new ideas and connect with your community. Our diverse collection of books as well as our other resources, such as Local History, digital collections, special collections and connections to community resources are here to aid you in your spring transformation. Join us for our March programs and workshops, including "Master Gardener Presents" Gardening

Series every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. featuring different guest speakers. We are also restarting our Tech Tuesday computer classes every Tuesday at 6 pm and introducing an Intermediate Tech class every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. These events are free and

our website at crawfordsvillelibrary.i n.gov or by calling the library at (765) 362-2242. We invite you to come explore, learn, and be a part of our many programs all while joining the vibrant community we're building together! Tray Scorza is a

Library Assistant in the Adult Services



Thrive West Central, in collaboration with Montgomery County, is launching an Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program to assist eligible homeowners with essential home repairs. This initiative provides financial support of up to \$25,000 per open to everyone! household to improve living conditions and

Register to attend on

Department at CDPL.

seeking qualified contractors to join its bidder's list for upcoming rehabilitation projects to support this effort. Contractors interested in providing

ensure housing stability

Radon remediation

replacement of

water heaters

Roof repairs or

replacement

accessibility

Exterior

HVAC systems and

improvements (e.g.,

ramps, handrails)

Thrive West Central is

for low- to moderate-

income residents.

Repairs include:

Repair or

these services must complete a registration form to be eligible for project bidding. For more information about the program or contractor registration, please contact Kristine Krueger, Program Manager, at (812) 238-1561 ext. 259 or visit thrivewestcentral.com /owneroccupied.

Contractor Informational Meeting for local contractors interested in the program on Thursday, March 13, at 4 p.m., at the Crawfordsville Public Library, 205 S. Washington St.

Thrive will hold a

Are you a homeowner seeking program information? An informational meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in the same location for those who want information or who need application assistance. Application assistance will be available until 5 p.m.



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5. Attempt to reduce the federal workforce through unorthodox means that deny them due process.

These actions negatively affect American families and communities across the country.

The League is a 105year-old nonpartisan, nonprofit membership organization whose mission is to ensure that everyone is represented in our democracy. We are a grassroots organization comprised of over one million members and supporters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, with more than 700 local and state Leagues. The League uses advocacy, education, litigation, and organizing to achieve our mission to empower voters and defend democracy. We base our work on our policy positions developed out of multiyear studies and derived through consensus by League membership to ensure our advocacy reflects best practices and a nationwide

So far, the League has seen limited action or response from members of Congress to assert its constitutional authority under Article I to protect our system of checks and balances, the rights of Americans, or democracy itself. Congress must do its part to ensure that our great democracy is preserved and safeguarded. The outcry by Americans who are speaking out against the impact of the Executive Orders, including those who voted for President Trump, should be all that is needed for Congress to stand in its authority, legislate on behalf of the American people, and restore stability to the country.

perspective.

Executive Overreach through Executive Actions

Presidents commonly use executive orders, but they must be issued lawfully within constitutional checks and balances. EOs direct executive branch agencies and staff to take or stop specific actions. To be lawful and enforceable, an executive order must be rooted in either the president's powers granted in the Constitution or a law passed by Congress. Further, the authority of an EO is not final; federal courts can review an order to determine whether it is a valid exercise of the president's power or violates the Constitution, federal law, or the fundamental

Without question, Article I of the U.S. Constitution vests all legislative powers in Congress. Specifically, Article I, Section 9 grants Congress the power of the purse to

rights of Americans.

federal budget in the Appropriations Clause, which reads in relevant part, "[n]o Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law." The Constitution delegates the task of spending funds approved by Congress to the president, which requires the chief executive to "take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed." Congress may allow the president discretion regarding how to implement the programs for which it appropriates money, but a president cannot decide whether to implement them. In other words, once Congress decides to spend money, the president cannot unilaterally substitute his judgment for that of Congress.

approve spending in the

President Trump has issued numerous FOs that are not rooted in any presidential power granted by Congress and violate both the U.S. Constitution and federal law. These EOs directly threaten our democracy. They include, but are by no means limited to these:

"Protecting the Meaning & Value of American Citizenship" This Executive Order attempts to end birthright citizenship for certain groups of children born in the United States. It would prohibit federal agencies from issuing documents recognizing the U.S. citizenship of children who fall within certain categories. Yet birthright citizenship is a fundamental guarantee of the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which ensures that anyone born in the United States is a citizen of this country and is guaranteed equal rights and protection of the law.

"Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity" This EO withdraws the longstanding Executive Order 11246 issued after the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibited employment discrimination by federal contractors and subcontractors. This revocation has been interpreted as undermining the protections of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It is essential that all members of Congress use their bully pulpit to inform the public that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - and its protections against discrimination - remain in full effect.

- 1. "Reevaluating & Realigning United States Foreign Aid" 2. "Unleashing American Energy"
- 3. "Protecting the American People Against Invasion" 4. "Withdrawing the
- United States from the World Health Organization"

5. "Putting America First in International Environmental Agreements"

As outlined above, our system of constitutional checks and balances gives Congress the power of the purse, not the executive. The president has no authority to withhold funds through EOs without following the lawful process of communicating with Congress. Congress serves as a required check on the president's overreach. The above EOs all pause, freeze, block, or restrict federal funds in some way, blatantly disregarding both congressional authority and constitutional requirements.

Challenge Actions of "Department of Government Efficiency" In addition to unlawful,

unsupported EOs, the **Trump Administration** has also deployed employees of the Department of Government Efficiency, an unofficial government department, to several federal agencies in an attempt to access secure systems and data, including Treasury Department data. Unvetted DOGE employees who lack the proper security clearances can now enter the Treasury payment systems, which contain sensitive citizen and business data, prevent federal workers from entering their offices, and manipulate and stop payments to federal agencies like USAID, the CFPB, the U.S. Department of Education, and others.

Independent Inspectors General Further, on Jan. 25, the Trump administration summarily fired 17 inspectors general at government agencies without giving Congress the 30-day notice required by federal law. The role of the inspectors general is to be an independent check against mismanagement and abuse of power while ensuring that programs and agencies are operating efficiently and effectively. With no inspectors general, there are no internal checks regarding the actions of DOGE in federal agencies or other attempts to institute abuses to the

Improper Removal of

current systems. Congress has the power and obligation to provide oversight of federal government actions, particularly when those actions ignore the due process required for federal workers and give unelected, unvetted third parties with significant conflicts of interest access to citizens' sensitive, private information. Congress's constitutional duty is to provide a check on the administration's

weaponization of

government against its own citizens. All of Congress, regardless of political affiliation, needs to stand in its authority.

Advocates and

individuals who are directly harmed by the Trump administration's actions will and are already stepping forward to file lawsuits and seek redress from the judiciary branch. Indeed, more than 68 cases have been filed in the administration's first 26 days. But Congress must exercise its duty to check the executive's serious overreach. This appropriate exercise of congressional authority will reinforce the separation of powers doctrine and set the tone for the necessary executive and legislative negotiation that is required in a democratic nation.

While federal courts have enjoined the EOs on birthright citizenship, the firing of federal workers without due process, the freezing of federal funds, and DOGE's access to critical and sensitive Treasury Department data, action from Congress is critically missing. In its order against the Administration's granting of access to DOGE, the court noted that granting DOGE access to Treasury payment systems exceeds the statutory authority of the Treasury Department and violates both the Take Care Clause of the U.S. Constitution and the separation of powers doctrine. Yet shortly after this ruling, representatives of the Trump Administration are signaling that they may refuse to comply with court orders. Congress has the power of oversight but has yet to utilize its powers of checks and balances given to it by the U.S. Constitution. This is unacceptable. Congress

As the representatives of every League affiliate in every U.S. state and the District of Columbia and the League of Women Voters of the United States, the undersigned presidents of the League of Women Voters ask you to stand up for the American people. One of the founding principles of the League of Women Voters is the belief that all powers of the U.S. government should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a balance among the three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. We strongly urge you to use your authority to uphold the rule of law, defend the Constitution, and put an end to the executive branch's overreach, which is undoubtedly causing harm to millions of Americans. The time to act in

must step in.

constituents is now.

defense of your

We are happy to meet

discuss our position. Please do not hesitate to contact our staff via Jessica Jones Capparell, Director of Government Affairs, at JJones@lwv.org, or Kristen Kern, Federal Policy and Advocacy Manager, at KKern@lwv.org. Dianna Wynn, President, League of Women Voters of the

United States

or talk to further

Celina Stewart, CEO, League of Women Voters of the United States Kathy Jones, President League of Women Voters of Alabama Sue Sherif, *President* Designee League of Women Voters of Alaska Pinny Sheoran, President League of Women Voters of Arizona Bonnie Miller, President League of Women Voters of Arkansas Chris Carson, *President* League of Women Voters of California Irene R. Tynes, President League of Women Voters of Colorado Patricia A. Rossi & Peggy Lampkin, MD; Co-Presidents League of Women Voters of Connecticut Tiffany Lydon, President League of Women Voters of Delaware Barbara Zia, President League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia Cecile M. Scoon, Esq. & Debbie Chandler, Esq.; Co-Presidents League of Women Voters of Florida Nichola Hines, President League of Women Voters of Georgia Judith Mills Wong, Vice President League of Women Voters of Hawaii Betsy McBride & Jean Henscheid, Co-Presidents League of Women Voters of Idaho Becky Simon, President League of Women Voters of Illinois Linda Hanson, President League of Women Voters of Indiana Holly Oppelt & Terese Grant, Co-Presidents League of Women Voters of Iowa Martha Pint, President League of Women Voters of Kansas

Jennifer A. Jackson,

of Women Voters of

M. Christian Green,

President League of

Anna Kellar, *Executive*

Linda Kohn, *President*

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Director League of

Women Voters of

League of Women

Voters of Maryland

Marie Gauthier, Co-

Women Voters of

Denise Hartsough &

Paula Bowman, Co-

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Massachusetts

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Kentucky

Louisiana

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Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

League of Women

Debra Cronmiller,

Executive Director

League of Women

Nancy Lockwood,

Women Voters of

Wyoming

Voters of Wisconsin

President League of

Voters of West Virginia

Answer: Shirley Hawkins, who married Tom Thompson



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your favorite Montgomery County newspaper won't enhance your chances to win, but we sure would appreciate it). Then all you have to do is wait and watch. If you see your smiling face in The Paper - you win!

But wait, as the TV guy says, that's not all! If you come by our office - you don't have to wait at all! Jacob will get your photo and then hand you free tickets. Yes, it's that easy!

And what a year to win Flower & Patio Show tickets! The Indiana Flower & Patio Show is one of the oldest and most successful flower shows in the nation! The show features beautiful gardens crafted by many of Indiana's premier landscapers, hundreds of finer outdoor living experts and thousands of ideas, solutions and products to take home. Inspiration grows here!

The Indiana Flower & Patio Show is produced by Marketplace Events, which produces more than 70 consumer shows in North America, including

home, garden and holiday shows. The 70+ combined events, in 54 markets, currently attract 30,000 exhibitors, 2.5 million attendees and another five million unique web visitors annually.

In addition, there are two special days. Hero Day is Friday, March 21 and the Show pays honor and tribute to all our heroes! All active military, veterans, police and fire personnel get FREE ADMISSION for the day, plus FREE PARKING at the State Fairgrounds. Just bring a valid ID and come enjoy the Flower + Patio Show for the day!

And Teacher Day is Sunday, March 16 as the Show takes attendance for all educators. As a thank you to those who help teach our little ones, all teachers and school staff receive FREE ADMISSION to the show on March 16. Just bring a valid staff ID and enjoy the Flower + Patio Show free of charge!

Regular admission prices are \$15 for adults, and children 12 and under are free.

The Show opens at 10 a.m. each day and closes at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, 7 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays and 5 p.m. on Sundays.

The following are some of the special features at this year's show.

Indianapolis Landscape

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Association Feature Gardens

The Indianapolis Landscape Association Feature Gardens in both West Pavilion and Expo Hall are brimming with color — from gorgeous greens to beautiful blues and everything in between. The area's top landscape professionals have a variety of affordable to bigbudget options for your next garden or backyard project.

Contributing landscapers are: All Pro Landscaping LLC, BGW Construction, Brookside Timber Frames, Country Gardens, Emerald Meadows Landscaping, Franklin Brothers Landscape LLC, Grok Landscapes by Design, Hamilton County Lawn and Landscape, Heath Outdoor LLC, Huser's Firefighter Lawn and Landscape, JMT Landscape Group LLC, Lakeshore Hardscapes, Lejendary Landscape, McNamara Florist, Moran's Lawn Care LLC, Plant Studio Inc., Primary Grounds, Precision Outdoors, Seacat Landscaping Inc., Start To Finish Landscaping, Sugar Creek Landscape, Thomason Landscape and Design, and Turner Scapes.

Learn Straw Bale Solutions with Joel Karsten

Joel Karsten, a farm boy who grew up tending a soil garden like other gardeners have for centuries, shook up the gardening world with his first book describing his breakthrough Straw Bale Gardening concept. Today, Joel Karsten's STRAW BALE GARDENS® technique has been adopted by gardeners all over the planet, and is arguably the fastest growing new method being used by vegetable gardeners since man started cultivating crops 10,000 years ago. Joel will share his technique and explain the advantages of the concept, and he appears at the Flower + Patio Show Friday, March 21 through Sunday, March 23. Come learn from Joel!

More Growth at The **Plant Market**

After winter's chill begins to thaw, the Plant Market is the best place to get a sneak peek at all the sights and scents of the upcoming spring season. One of the most popular features at the Flower + Patio Show, the Plant Market has everything from fresh flowers and plants to gardening supplies right at your fingertips. And you can't miss it it's right at the entrance of West Pavilion and Expo

Deck Wars

It's time to see who can build the most dynamite deck in the Deck Wars competition, sponsored by Trex, the world's largest manufacturer of woodalternative decking and railing products! Three top decking contractors from Central Indiana duke it out in real time designing and building one-of-a-kind decks. Each builder gets a 20x20-foot space in Expo Hall, and Flower + Patio Show attendees choose the LUCKY winner, decided on Friday, March 21!

Excitement is Blooming!

Get excited and get inspired by everything that blooms with our floral professionals all show long! Appearing on the Oberfields Outdoor Living Stage, these designers will share with you everything from how and why to add lavender and elderflower to your garden; take you through a serene journey into healing gardens; share upcoming floral trends; and how to create lasting memories with joyful arrangements. There's bloomin' fun to be had by all!

The Masters of the

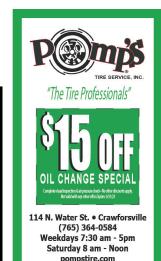
Garden Get ready to dig into all your gardening questions with the Purdue Master Gardeners! The Purdue Master Gardener Program trains gardening enthusiasts as volunteers to assist Purdue Extension with home horticulture education in communities throughout Indiana. Have a lawn problem? A dirt drama? Bring them to the Masters! Visit and learn from the best in Booth #506.

Rusted Kreations Flower Truck

Rusted Kreations brings Cora the Flower Truck to the Flower + Patio Show! This flower farmer from Delaware County offers everything from beautiful bouquets to gorgeous greenery for show attendees to purchase and enjoy on site. Come see Cindy and her blooms at the Indiana Flower + Patio Show in West Pavilion.

Green Living with The **Hoosier Gardener**

Learn about 10 no-fail native plants for our Indiana landscape plus tips for their care - from Hoosier



Gardener Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp! Writing and speaking about natural gardening for more than 25 years, Jo Ellen has all kinds of "dirty" secrets. She'll share them with you when she appears at the Flower + Patio Show on Saturday March 15 and Sunday, March 23!

The Power of Gardening Abby Perry, founder of Abby's Garden Parties, combines her Bachelor's in

Psychology from the University of Michigan with her expertise as a Master Gardener, specializing in indoor houseplant and succulents. She is passionate about the therapeutic and creative benefits of gardening for mental health. Through Abby's Garden Parties, she offers workshops on house plant care and terrarium building at her retail store in Zionsville, Indiana, helping people nurture their creativity and well-being. Join Abby at the Flower +

Patio Show for expert tips on indoor plants and the transformative power of gardening on stage Wednesday, March 19 and Saturday, March

Blooming Sale!

Almost all plant materials, hardscapes, structures and decorative pieces used to create the magnificent gardens at this year's event are available at our annual Blooming Sale — on the final Sunday of the show, March 23 at 5 p.m.!



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