

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. (KJV)

Meet Ziva



Ziva is a STUNNINGLY GORGEOUS 3 year old female (DNA tested by foster) Rottweiler/Blue Tick Hound available for adoption from AWL since 3/11/25. Ziva is a BIG TIME LOVER!! She loves snuggles, kisses, and cuddles! Ziva loves going out for walks and frolicking in a fenced yard. Ziva is currently being fostered with 2 other dogs & children.

Ziva is showing signs she prefers to be solo queen of the castle (some toy aggression and a few dog/dog scuffles). The foster family is recommending Ziva be the only pet inside the home. Ziva is looking for her best friend! Could that be you? Ziva is spayed, dewormed, microchipped, and up to date on all of her shots! Ziva's DISCOUNT ADOPTION FEE is \$80 with approved adoption application.



The boys basketball state finals are this weekend – and we'll see another year of Hoosier Hysteria come to an end. I'll miss it, but I'd miss it even more if it wasn't divided up in categories.

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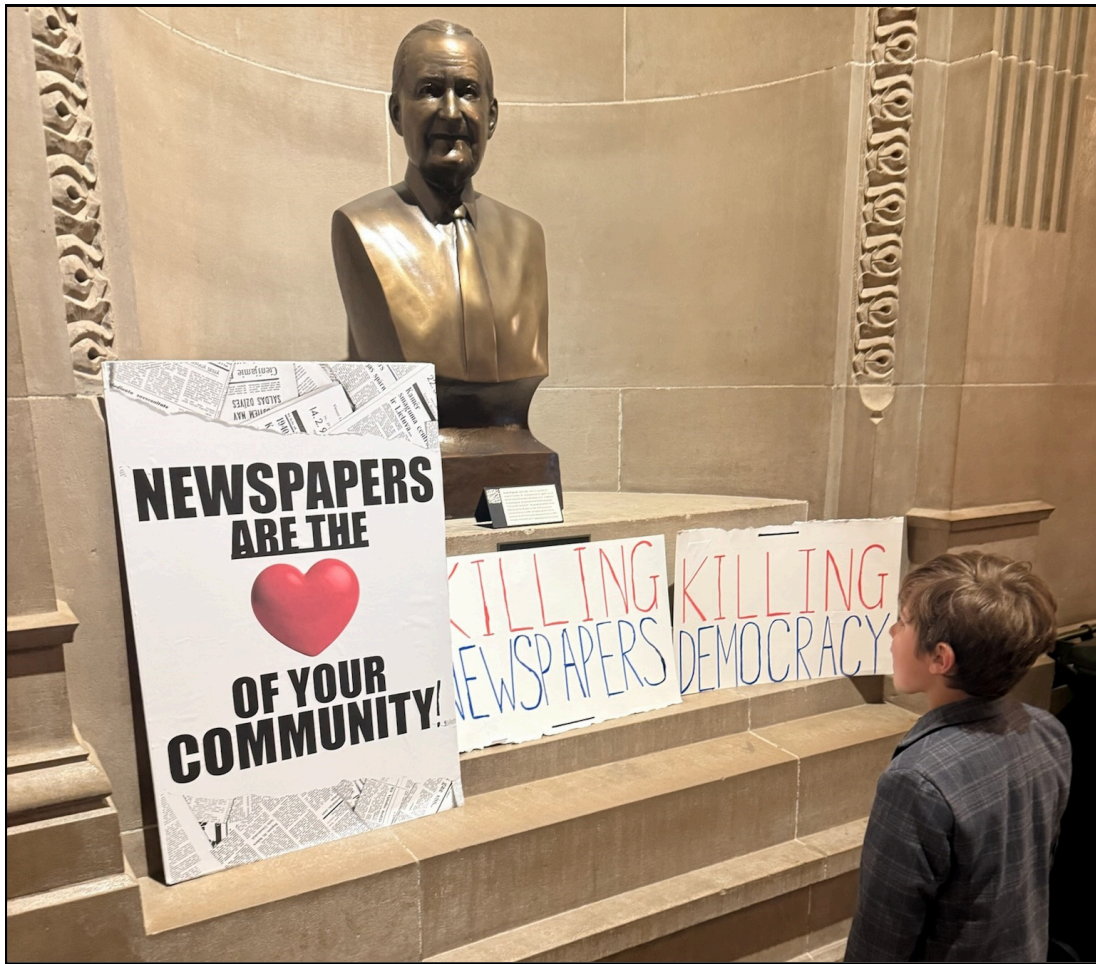


Photo courtesy Ben Lye

Sullivan West, a first grader at Springs Valley Elementary, was looking at an Indiana governor who owned a newspaper.

Women's History Month: A Woman to Know



Septima Poinsette Clark embodied the mission of the League of Women Voters, though she likely never realized it. She bridged

education and activism, ultimately supporting the Civil Rights Movement.

"Literacy means liberation," she believed. Like the earliest suffragists, she saw education as critical to gaining and holding freedom.

Her passion for education and democracy began in her first school experiences in her hometown of Charleston, South Carolina. Around age 6, she attended an "ABC Gallery," where about 100 children sat on bleachers in a baseball stadium. Teachers primarily ferried students to the bathroom and back, she recalled in a 1976 interview for the Southern Oral History Collection. Her mother, dissatisfied with the lack of instruction, placed her with one of the many elderly women in Charleston who ran small schools from their homes. Her teacher was strict about ensuring students learned to read and write.

Clark's mother had learned to read and write in Haiti after her parents died and her older brother took her there.

"She [Clark's mother] boasted that she was never a slave; she was a free issue, and so she never had to go through the regulations of a slave," Clark said in the interview.

One of Clark's teachers was Mrs. Tuttle, a white woman from New England who moved to Charleston to teach. A supporter of civil rights, she lived as her students did.

Clark recalled that Tuttle took her students to the Opera House downtown, sitting with them in the third-floor balcony.

"She went to the Congregational church that was manned by a black preacher," Clark said. "She stayed in Charleston all that time and never attended a white church. She did go to a Jewish synagogue, though, to learn about some customs she wanted to teach us."

Encouraged by her teachers, Clark attended Fisk University, a historically

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The Newspaper Industry Showed Up



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

A buddy I consider a brother and I were talking about the current state of affairs in the newspaper industry. We mentioned the old

Walt Kelly cartoon, Pogo. Way back on Earth Day in 1970, Kelly drew Pogo standing in a forest filled

with trash and garbage. He had a forlorn look on his face. The caption read, We Have Met The Enemy and He Is Us.

Sadly, and for far too many reasons, it fits the newspaper industry now.

(Stage whisper off to the side for the regular eight or nine

of you who read these scribbles – my apologies but I'm about to sail off on a tangent about the newspaper industry. If you have better things to do, I understand. Or, if you want to save this and read it at bedtime, it might save you a couple of sleeping pills!)

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Have a Bad Day? Butch Says Take a Lesson from Fido!



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

Did you ever have one of those days when everything goes wrong? I guess just about everyone has experienced days like that. But even if you make it through with no problems, the world we live in today can result in excessive stress.

Many people are "on the go"

from morning till night ... run, run, run ... hurry, hurry, hurry ... no time to relax or take a break ... So many things on your mind that you can't even sleep at night. I have been down that road many times. At age 76, I still work full time and experience some stress. But a few years ago, I learned some valuable lessons ... from my dog, and my life is much happier. Pay attention to your dog, and you can learn many things. An unknown author listed

the following:

- (1) Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride, and allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- (2) When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- (3) Take naps and always stretch before rising.
- (4) Run, romp and play daily.

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Don't go the grocery hungry.

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

"The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year."
Mark Twain

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Did you hear about the pun that was actually funny? Neither have we.

➔ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Join the Montgomery County Master Gardeners for a FREE propagation class this Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in the Exhibit Hall on the 4-H Fairgrounds. All supplies will be furnished. Be sure to bring a fresh six to eight inch cutting of your plant. If you do not have one, the good folks with the Master Gardeners will have some available. Please register by emailing montcoinemg@gmail.com or call (317) 563-1301 to leave a message. Space is limited.

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

➔ THREE THINGS

You Should Know

- 1 A different kind of March Madness is taking place in perhaps the single spot in Indiana that embodies Hoosier Hysteria. In Milan, the Milan 54 Hoosiers Museum is having a March Madness sale that lasts until April 7. From bobbleheads to buttons to T-shirts, you can find a lot that commemorates Milan's 1954 run to history. In addition, the visit to the museum makes the long drive worthwhile.
- 2 A recent Goldman Sachs report said 78 percent of small businesses are eyeing growth in 2025 and nearly half plan to bring on new hires to make it happen. However, the drawback is that a whopping 89 percent of these companies can't find the right people for the job. Our friends at Alta Technologies polled 4,034 small business owners, asking what's keeping them up at night and how they're scrambling to fill the gaps. Two in 3 Indiana small business owners surveyed say hiring has become more challenging and there is no quick answer in sight.
- 3 Nominations for the 2025 John Arnold Award for Rural Preservation are open through Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Farm Bureau. The award recognizes the preservation and continued agricultural use of historic farms and farm buildings in Indiana. More than 30 historic farms across the state have been honored with the award. Nominations and more information can be found at indianalandmarks.org/john-arnold-award-rural-preservation. Deadline is April 15.

OBITUARIES

Richard Redenbaugh

May 27, 1932 - March 23, 2025

Richard Keith Redenbaugh, age 92 of Crawfordsville, passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2025 at home while surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Kingman, Indiana on May 27, 1932 to the late Claude Freeman & Christa Rachael (Gray) Redenbaugh.



Richard graduated from Arsenal Tech High School in Indianapolis. He then proudly served his country in the United States Air Force and was stationed overseas in England for 3 years. He attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina on the G.I. bill, where he met the love of his life, Anna M Davis. They were married for 58 years before her passing on June 23, 2020.

Throughout the years he worked at Montgomery Ward, Alcoa, Farm Bureau, and Pace Dairy. He was very a sweet, personable, witty and generous guy. He loved putting puzzles together and was notorious for giving them away. He enjoyed gardening with his wife, growing tomatoes, peaches, and strawberries. He was a member of East Side Baptist Church.

He is survived by his four children, Allan (Tiffany) Redenbaugh of Texas, Tim (Beth) Redenbaugh of Crawfordsville, Steve (Shana) Redenbaugh of Tennessee, and Ruth (Carlos) of Iglesias of South Carolina; eleven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; a sister, Martha Lee of Greenwood; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Anna; two sisters, Margaret Ellen Starnes and Mary Alice Vestal; and a brother, Robert Redenbaugh.

There will be a Graveside Service at Centennial Cemetery, 3209 S US Hwy 41, in Kingman on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 3:00 pm with Pastor Nate Chambers officiating and military honors by the United States Air Force and Legion Post 72 Honor Guard. Sanders Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Rosemary Kiger

September 24, 1945 - March 20, 2025

Rosemary (Rose) Kiger, 79, of Darlington, IN passed away at Franciscan East Hospital in Lafayette 2:45 AM Thursday March 20, 2025. She had been a patient there for three days and in failing health for the past several years.



Rosemary was born at home near Darlington September 24, 1945 to the late Eddie Lee and Dollie Marie (Zachary) Newlin and attended Darlington, IN schools. She married Marion L. Kiger in Crawfordsville, IN February 5, 1981 and he preceded her in death April 30, 2022. Rosemary farmed with her husband for over 30 years before retiring. She was a member of Calvary Church in Crawfordsville, IN. Surviving is a daughter, Belinda Kiger of Linden along with three grandchildren, Amy Malelo, Cary Brock and Kyle Kiger; five great-grandchildren, Kiera, Angie and Kaydence Brock, Charlie and Xander Malelo and a great-great-granddaughter, Dallas Brock. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a son, John Alan Kiger, a daughter, Debra Griffin; five brothers, Robert, Lawrence, Harold, Jerry and Larry Newlin; and by three sisters, Betty Stonebraker, Doris Newlin and Diane Dagley.

Friends may call at the Hahn-Groeber Funeral Home, Linden from 10:00 AM until the service at 11:00 AM Thursday March 27, Pastor Dave Keesee officiating. The interment will follow in Linden Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to Through the Gate, 811 Whitlock Ave., Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Please leave memories and condolences at hahngroeberfuneralhome.com

Montgomery County Retired Teacher Meeting Minutes

President Steve Frees welcomed members and guests to the March 10, Montgomery County Retired Teachers Association meeting held in the Crawfordsville Public Library. Lunch was provided by the Creekside Restaurant. Table decorations were provided by Nancy Bowes and Mary Lefebvre.

Kathy Steele introduced the speakers for our 4-H Tech Changemakers program. Addy Morgan is the coordinator for the program which started in 2022. The team involves 4-H members and is currently looking for 4-H kids in grades 9, 10, and 11 to join them. The members of this team are tech savvy and help others with tech questions and problems. One student talked about the importance of strong passwords. Passwords should be 12-16 characters and should be changed regularly. Use sentences or phrases, but don't use obvious patterns or common phrases. They also discussed storing passwords in encrypted files, physical notebooks, or password managers. Another member talked about scams and the use of AI. The members explained how to store and share photos online.

President Steve called the business meeting to order. The minutes from the February meeting which were sent previously were approved. Barb Foster gave the treasurer's report which was approved. Nancy Bowes reported that the community service committee had received thank-you notes from the Salvation Army and the Community Foundation for our donations. The members were reminded that there are scholarships available for students in college going into education. Mary Lefebvre sent one card of sympathy to a family

and one card of congratulations for an award.

President Steve presented the slate of officers for the next year. It will remain the same as this year with Steve Frees, president, Kathy Steele, vice-president, Jerilyn Yerkes, secretary, and Barb Foster as treasurer.

In new business, Steve stated that the Strawberry Festival committee is looking for volunteers to read at the gazebo during the festival. If you are interested, let Steve know. The Trail Tale project which was established in 2016 is in need to funds for books. Nancy Bowes made a motion to give the project \$200.00 and it was seconded by Sue Mullendore. The members voted in favor of this motion. Steve said that he and Glenda will be participating in the Dancing with the Stars in May for the Youth Service Bureau. The tickets will likely go on sale in April. Kathy Steele told the members that Amanda Ellenberger, a CHS art teacher is looking for embroidery hoops, yarn, needles, canvases, white T-shirts, and old T-shirts. If you have items to donate, please take them to the high school. Kathy alerted the group to an app called 5 Calls, which gives information on legislative issues and the representatives or senator in your area to call with concerns.

The next meeting will be held at the library on Monday, April 14. The program will be members from the Master Gardener's talking about the Nicholson garden. Sheila Hodges and Barb Foster are responsible for the table decorations and the invocation will be given by Nancy Buckles. The meeting was adjourned.

Ladoga Elementary Honor Roll

This is the third quarter honor roll from Ladoga Elementary.

High Honor Roll

THIRD GRADE: Andrew Byerly, Corbin Halstead, Elliana Shanks

FOURTH GRADE – Bennett Grimes, Alba Wimmer

FIFTH GRADE – Sydney Alford, Branch Blakley, Calvin McClain, Avery Siple

Honor Roll

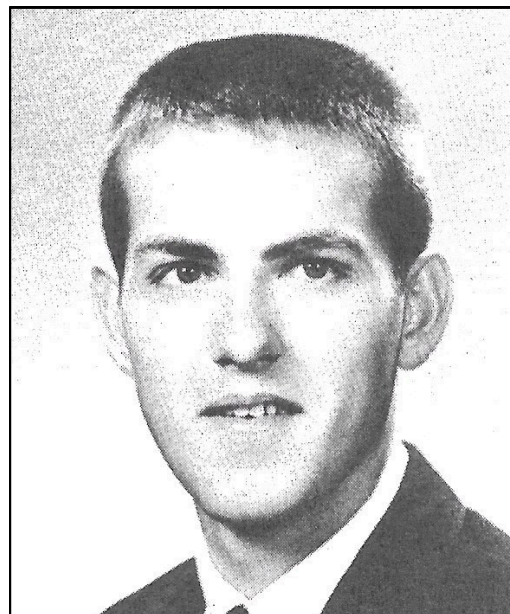
THIRD GRADE – Paxton Bowen, Gage Dale, Zoe

Frazier, Mason Hendrix, Parker Perry, Zoey Pettice, Oliver Walker, Madison Wilbert

FOURTH GRADE – Aria Aguiar, Josiah Bradley, Henley Cline, Maverick Dorsey, Aysayah Flake, Ishmael Jeffries, Adelina Jimenez, Karleigh Johnson, Kasen Jones, Maddalynn Kelly, Benjamin Long, Nicholas Long, Riggs Long, Ella Melvin, Bryson Skinner

FIFTH GRADE – Brogan Blakley, Kasen Dorsey, Addison Kueterman, Avery Kueterman, Alison McDaniel, Paisley Perry

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1966 Waveland H.S. Grad

HINT:
 On the baseball team, he led the Hornets in batting and he was the second highest scorer on the basketball team.

Answer on Page A4

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Linden Civil Town, Montgomery County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2024						
	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan. 1, 2024	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2024
Governmental	7	Payroll	\$7,874.56	\$150,607.35	\$151,507.06	\$6,974.85
Activities	101	General	\$211,289.28	\$145,304.55	\$124,594.66	\$231,999.17
	102	LIT Public Safety	\$121,428.00	\$83,365.00	\$47,628.50	\$157,164.50
	179	ARP Fund	\$173,823.00	\$0.00	\$43,622.26	\$130,200.74
	201	MVH	\$103,602.59	\$61,850.61	\$37,795.05	\$127,658.15
	203	MVH Restricted	\$77,372.29	\$14,077.95	\$0.00	\$91,450.24
	2256	Opiod Unrestricted Fund	\$1,269.77	\$1,565.45	\$269.59	\$2,565.63
	2257	Opiod Restricted Fund	\$2,514.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,514.00
	301	Park & Rec	\$7,485.48	\$7,421.44	\$7,906.23	\$7,000.69
	401	LR&S	\$26,213.47	\$6,824.46	\$0.00	\$33,037.93
	501	CCI	\$8,939.68	\$1,150.15	\$5,000.00	\$5,089.83
601	CCD	\$33,217.01	\$11,011.02	\$25,000.00	\$19,228.03	
602	Stormwater	\$28,831.35	\$8,085.59	\$540.00	\$36,376.94	
701	LECE	\$4,430.09	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$4,448.09	
801	Rainy Day	\$13,158.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,158.48	
901	Riverboat	\$31,224.36	\$4,071.85	\$10,000.00	\$25,296.21	
Sanitation	04	Sanitation	\$7,829.40	\$38,068.98	\$39,330.00	\$6,568.38
WASTEWATER	03	Wastewater Operating	\$28,092.42	\$176,872.22	\$192,981.34	\$11,983.30
	05	Wastewater Bond & Interest-SRF 105363	\$28,138.36	\$1,468.29	\$0.00	\$29,606.65
	301	Wastewater Depreciation	\$14,000.00	\$4,800.00	\$14,882.00	\$3,918.00
WATER	001	Water Customer Deposit	\$20,265.00	\$2,020.06	\$1,505.06	\$20,780.00
	02	Water Operating	\$181,775.87	\$568,642.30	\$555,175.33	\$195,242.84
	05	Water SRF 314909	\$57,903.66	\$3,021.52	\$0.00	\$60,925.18
	05	Water SRF 314908	\$56,266.49	\$53,317.43	\$51,024.78	\$58,559.14
	05	SRF 684361	\$91.61	\$4.21	\$0.00	\$95.82
	05	SRF 684363	\$117,893.40	\$6,151.81	\$0.00	\$124,045.21
	201	Water Tower	\$660,183.17	\$203,000.00	\$102,308.00	\$760,875.17
	301	Water Depreciation	\$16,500.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,995.00	\$17,105.00
	701	Water Bond	\$334,660.76	\$52,284.63	\$53,417.96	\$333,527.43
	702	Series B Project Improvement Fund	\$190,536.23	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$191,036.23
		Total All Funds	\$2,566,809.78	\$1,609,104.87	\$1,467,482.82	\$2,708,431.83

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SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 2
) SS:
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY) CAUSE NO. 54D02-2503-MF-000276
BLUE RIDGE BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF DAVID C. GREEN,
DECEASED,
HOOSIER HEARTLAND STATE BANK AND THE UNKNOWN
TENANT,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above named, and any other person who may be concerned.
You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.
The nature of the suit against you is:
In Rem Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate Against the property commonly known as 3885 W US Highway 136, Crawfordsville, IN 47933-8540 and described as follows:

PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY-SEVEN (27), TOWNSHIP NINETEEN (19) NORTH, RANGE FIVE (5) WEST DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING 2024.5 FEET NORTH AND 39 RODS AND 6 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION AND RUNNING THENCE NORTH 66 DEGREES 15 MINUTES WEST 403 FEET THENCE NORTH 17 DEGREES 28 MINUTES EAST 275.7 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 136; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY WITH SAID CENTER 323 FEET MORE OR LESS; THENCE SOUTH 277.4 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.18 ACRES MORE OR LESS, IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA, SUBJECT TO HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s): Hoosier Heartland State Bank and The Unknown Tenant
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s)
whose whereabouts are unknown: The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of David C. Green, Deceased

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 or response.
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By /s/ BARRY T BARNES
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Attorney for Plaintiff
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURT) SS:
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY) CAUSE NO. 54D02-2503-MI-000277
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Ashley Branson
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Ashley Branson, whose mailing address is in montgomery county, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Ashley Branson has filed a petition in the Montgomery County Court requesting that their name be changed to Ashley Nicole Smith.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said petition on May 27, 2025 at 8:30 am.

Ashley Branson
Petitioner
3/11/25
Date
Sondra k Sixberry
Clerk
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
To consider a Re-zone of Real Property in MONTGOMERY COUNTY

The Montgomery County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday April 8, 2025, at 4:00 pm to consider a re-zone from R-1 Residential to MH Mobile Home, of a parcel of property in Montgomery County. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933
Petitioner: Tom Conour
Owner: Joel Mirelez
Purpose of Request:
A request to re-zone a parcel from R-1 to MH
Location: 2100 W block of Oak Hill Rd
Parcel ID: 54-06-25-200-013.007-024
RZ2025-2

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed re-zone. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Montgomery County Plan Commission may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written comments or objections with Montgomery County Building/ Zoning Administration ATTN: Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 or by email at (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov) prior to the public hearing. All such comments will be considered by the Plan Commission. A copy of the proposed re-zone is on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Administration office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765-364-6490), office hours are 8:00-4:30 weekdays except holidays.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone intending to attend the public hearing needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Montgomery County Commissioners Office, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, 765-361-2623

This notice dated March 19, 2025
Marc Bonwell,
Building/Zoning Administrator
Montgomery County, IN
PL5072 3/26 1t hspaxlp

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Project: Crawfordsville District Public Library New Administration Suite
Notice is hereby given that the Crawfordsville District Public Library Board will receive sealed bids for the above described "Project" at the Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 South Washington Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, until 4:00 p.m. (local time) on or before April 10, 2025 at the Board Conference Room in the Basement of CDPL, and such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud following this time. No late bids will be accepted.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 9:00 a.m. (local time) on April 3, 2025, at the Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 South Washington Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 in the current Periodical Reading Room on the First Floor to familiarize Bidders with this project.

The Work shall be executed under one (1) prime contract and received on a lump sum basis. Each proposal shall include all labor, material, and services necessary to complete the Work in strict accordance with the construction drawings and specifications prepared by Judith Kleine Architect, LLC, 127 E Main St, Suite 105, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, 765-376-9832, judi@jkleinearchitect.com. Contract Documents for the Project may be examined at the Architect's Office or will be emailed to interested bidders.

Contractors shall provide a financial statement, a statement of experience, a proposed plan for performing the public work including timeline, Contractor's Bid for Public Work Form 96 (current revision) and non-collusion affidavit must be completed and submitted, as required by the Statutes of the State of Indiana. Bids will be executed, completed and certified on the proposal form furnished by the Architect. Both the Bid Proposal form and Form No. 96 must be completed. Bidders must be registered and insured in compliance with Indiana and City of Crawfordsville regulations.

Areas where work is to be performed are currently in use during operating hours, but will have restricted public use during the project.

The Work consists of, but is not necessarily limited to the following:

1. Acoustical Ceiling Work
2. Metal Stud Walls and Drywall
3. Doors and Hardware
4. Finish Work
5. Relocating Existing Mechanical grilles
6. Electrical Work

Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete set of 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. No bidder may withdraw any bid or proposal within a period of sixty (60) days following the date set for receiving bids or proposals. The Crawfordsville District Public Library Board reserves the right to hold any or all bids or proposals for a period of not more than sixty (60) days and said bids or proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said period. The Crawfordsville District Public Library Board reserves the right to reject and/or cancel all bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part when it is not in the best interests of the Foundation.
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT)
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY) CASE NO. 54D02-2501-MI-000005
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Megan Ann Guthery
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Megan Ann Guthery, whose mailing address is: in the Montgomery County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Megan Ann Guthery has filed a petition in the Montgomery County Circuit Court requesting that the name be changed to Megan Ann Verhey.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said petition on: March 18th, 2025 at 8:30 AM.

Megan Ann Guthery
Petitioner
January 3, 2025
Date
Sondra K Sixberry
Montgomery County Clerk
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Notice of Request for Proposals

Notice is hereby given that the Crawfordsville Community School Corporation (CCSC), Crawfordsville, Indiana, is soliciting sealed proposals for Food Operation and Management Services. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. EST on May 1, 2025.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on April 17, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. EST at the CCSC Central Office, located at 3 W Athenian Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to attend.

All proposals must be submitted to: Crawfordsville Community School Corporation ATTN: Amber Reed 3 W Athenian Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
The Board of School Trustees reserves the right to negotiate with any proposer, at its discretion, in accordance with Indiana law.

Detailed specifications are available in the office of the Superintendent at CCSC. For more information, contact Amber Reed at areed@cville.k12.in.us or visit the CCSC Public Notices page: <https://www.cville.k12.in.us/about-us/school-board/ccsc-public-notices>.

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Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals
Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Variance to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance

Notice is hereby given the Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 11:00 am to consider a Variance, to the bulk standards, from the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance. The meeting will be held in the Montgomery County Government Center Community Room, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

The proposed Variance (ZV2507), to the bulk standards, in the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 159 of Montgomery County Code. The request is for variance from the Setback requirements on a Residential property.
Property location: 5024 Wellington Blvd, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
Parcel - 54-11-35-222-013.000-025
ZV2507

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed variance. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Board of Zoning Appeals may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written comments or objections with Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov) prior to the public hearing. All such written objections will be considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposed Variance is on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Department office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765-364-6490), office hours are 8:00-4:30 weekdays except holidays.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone intending to attend the public hearing needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Montgomery County Commissioners Office, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, 765-361-2623

This notice dated March 19, 2025
Marc Bonwell,
Building/Zoning Administrator
Montgomery County, IN
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Montgomery County Board of Commissioners
NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HEARING ON RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Montgomery County, Indiana that the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners will consider at the Community Meeting Room, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana at 8 o'clock a.m. on April 14, 2025, the re-establishment of the Cumulative Bridge Fund under the provisions of Indiana Code §8-16-3 for the following purposes: the construction, repair, maintenance and inspection of bridges in Montgomery County.

If accommodations are required to attend this meeting, please contact Auditor Mindy Byers at 765-364-6403.

The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property in Montgomery County and will not exceed \$0.075 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The proposed tax will be levied beginning with taxes due and payable in the year 2026. Taxpayers appearing at this public hearing will have the right to be heard on this issue. The proposal to re-establish the Cumulative Bridge Fund is subject to approval by the Department of Local Government Finance.

Within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance re-establishing the Cumulative Bridge Fund by the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, Montgomery County will publish a Notice of Adoption. Upon publication of the Notice of Adoption, twenty-five (25) or more taxpayers in the taxing district (Montgomery County) may file a petition with the County Auditor not later than 12 noon, thirty (30) days after the publication of the Notice of Adoption setting forth their objections to the proposed fund.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2025.
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Lew Wallace Museum Opening in April

You can tell it's spring. The weather is improving (slowly), some buds are popping up and the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum is getting ready to unveil a set of new programs!

With the completion of the Carriage House Interpretive Center restoration project, the museum is ready to reopen to the public in April. We have an exciting lineup of programs planned for 2025, including a fantastic selection of Hoosier Author books for our book club, a captivating new exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 1925 *Ben-Hur* silent film, and several engaging lectures to complement the exhibit. It's shaping up to be a remarkable year.

This building that houses the Carriage House Interpretive Center was saved from demolition by the City of Crawfordsville and dedicated volunteers more than 20 years ago.

It was restored in 2005 as the Museum welcome center, exhibit display space, office space and gift shop. In the years since, the building has hosted over 100,000 visitors and was in need of some structural renovations. Thanks to a grant from the Montgomery County Community Foundation, numerous private donors and income from the Taste of Montgomery County and the Holiday Tea, the money was raised and the work completed. You can see the finished product next month.

In addition, the museum annually presents a new exhibit to explore the life and legacy of Lew Wallace. This year they are excited to announce the opening of *Building a Blockbuster: The 1925 Ben-Hur*, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the iconic silent film's release. *Building a*

Blockbuster will be on display through December. More information on the exhibit can be found at <https://www.ben-hur.com/>

Another big feature each year is the Hoosier Authors Book Club. It returns for 2025 with Mary Hannah Krout's book *Hawaii and a Revolution*.

Krout, a Crawfordsville native, was an American journalist, author, and advocate for women's suffrage. For 10 years, Krout served on the staff of the Chicago *Inter-Ocean* as its staff correspondent in Hawaii during the revolution in 1893 and furnished special data for the United States Department of State.

This experience inspired her to write her first book, *Hawaii and a Revolution* about the events she reported on.

The Club will meet on April 17 at 7 p.m. in the Carriage House to review.

And the return of the Dr. Howard Miller Lecture Series is on the calendar. This popular series will feature two insightful spring talks this season.

It kicks off on Thursday, May 8, with Dr. Bela Sandor, Professor Emeritus of Engineering Physics, who will explore the physics behind ancient chariot racing as depicted in Lew Wallace's epic novel *Ben-Hur* and its film adaptations. Then, on Thursday, May 20, Dr. Thomas J. Slater from Indiana University of Pennsylvania will delve into the life of June Mathis, the pioneering silent film screenwriter behind the 1925 *Ben-Hur* movie.

Thank you for reading The Paper!

↓ **TIM** From Page A1



Tim Timmons Photo

A large and enthusiastic crowd of Hoosiers showed up in support of Indiana newspapers.

Anywho, everyone knows that the newspaper business is dying . . . except that we're not. Truth to tell, we have more readers than ever. We have readers who pick up the printed (you know, wood pulp) version. We have readers who read us on their phone. We have readers who log onto the website. We have readers on tablets, laptops, desktops, rocky tops and rolltops. OK, maybe not rolltops, but you get the drift.

What we haven't figured out yet is how to properly explain to businesses that advertising is about number of eyeballs and we ain't lacking even a little in that category. That, my friends, (and for the one or two of you still reading) is the problem. Readers are wonderful and believe me when I tell you we love 'em dearly. But at the end of the day, they don't pay the freight. Advertising dollars are where most of the money comes from and we're still trying to crack that nut.

That's where we screwed up you see. We had it all. We had the readers AND the advertising. We were Facebook before Facebook. But we didn't want to evolve and change with the times and so some geeks in a garage invented a better mousetrap and there you go.

Fast forward to last week.

It should not be a shock to you that our friends in politics – who have loved to hate us since about the time Mr. Richard was sending the bungling burglars to the Watergate hotel – have taken advantage of the perception that relevancy in today's world has eluded my brethren and I. So, for the last, oh, I don't know, 86 gazillion years in a row, the folks in the Indiana legislature have tried to pull public notices out of Hoosier

papers.

They haven't got it done yet, but they have come close. This year is no exception as HB1312 aims to drive a stake through the heart of every smalltown newspaper in the state. Will they get it done? Too early to tell, but if last week has anything to do with it, perhaps there is hope yet!

You see, a wise four-term state senator who also happens to own this particular product you are reading, told us that we needed a show of force. He pointed out that if county clerks or assessors had an issue at the Statehouse, there'd be 92 or so of them show up. Ditto with county recorders. Teachers? Forget 92. They'd show up by the busload! The problem for us newspaper types is we would send our state press association and three or four of our best representatives to a committee meeting. You know. Quality over quantity.

It didn't work.

So a few weeks ago, a bunch of newspaper types got together – made some signs, printed up some T-shirts, spread the word and bada bing bada boom, about 125 or so of us met for a good, old-fashioned rally right outside the Senate chambers last Wednesday! Even better, it wasn't just editors and publishers. We had folks from circulation departments, advertising departments, business offices . . . and best of all (God Bless 'Em Each Every One), readers!

Yours truly was there and other than being in the Odessa American newsroom when a photographer there won the Pulitzer Prize (a monumental event I had absolutely nothing to do with), this was the neatest thing I've seen in my career.

Will it do any good? I

don't know. There are still weeks left in this session and the lobbyists for the cities, towns, counties and schools are working diligently against us. But if the state senators and representatives care about their constituents and not those lobbyists and special interests, then it would seem we have a shot.

I've dwelt too long on my business . . . but if you'll indulge me one more minute, let me wrap up with this. The picture you see on today's front page is what it's all about – and on a very personal level. The little 7-year-old boy is named Sullivan West. He is staring at a bust of former Gov. Frank O'Bannon – an owner of an Indiana newspaper. There are three posters. One says Newspapers are the Heart of Your Community. The other two have a combined message: Killing Newspapers – Killing Democracy.

I believe that. Newspapers were the only private business the Founding Fathers felt needed to be in the very first Amendment of the Constitution. Today, newspapers need to find a way to win this fight AND to do better to live up to that. We're working on it.

The coolest part of the picture is that it wasn't framed, wasn't set up. It was just a captured moment in time. Nah, check that. That's the second coolest part. The first? Little Sully is my grandson. Thanks Sully Boy for putting it all in perspective!

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



All of the small towns in the county had wooden benches located on the main street for people to rest and watch the world go by. Shown above are Frank Cox and Harley Cain sitting on their favorite bench in front of the Darlington Dry Goods store in the fall of 1963.

Sen. Deery Shares Updates



SPENCER DEERY
Guest Columnist

One of my priorities this session has been to make it easier for school corporations to provide meaningful salary increases to their top teachers and those working in high-need subject areas. The bill I drafted to accomplish this is Senate Bill 249. It passed the House Committee on Education Wednesday and now heads to the full House of Representatives for further consideration.

I would like to tell you more about the genesis of this bill and why it's needed.

In 2019, Indiana's governor appointed 13 individuals to lead the Next Level Teacher Compensation Commission. This group – composed of educators, business leaders and other education advocates – was tasked with recommending ways to achieve more competitive teacher pay in our state.

The commission's final report included several recommendations for both local school districts and state lawmakers.

One key recommendation was that schools "award higher salaries to teachers with high-need students and in teacher shortage subject areas."

The report explained: *"Some schools and subject areas experience more challenges in finding or retaining qualified teachers than others...When schools are struggling to compete to hire talented teachers for high-need roles, superintendents should increase the salaries for these positions to ensure their pay is competitive. This can help improve student educational equity in addition to empowering schools to more easily fill educator vacancies. School leaders should also consider paying higher salaries to teachers that generate high-value credentials for their students."*

Over the summer, I spent a great deal of time thinking about why school corporations rarely take advantage of their ability to offer supplemental pay to

high-value teachers. One clear reason is that most funding is tied up in the collective bargaining process, which typically aims to pay all teachers the same. My bill empowers schools to set aside funds to pay high-need and high-value teachers more before engaging in collective bargaining. For the first time, it also requires that a portion of all teacher raises be based on the academic needs of students.

I find it rather shocking that Indiana law has never required school leaders to consider student academic needs when making teacher pay decisions. I'm excited that this important reform is moving forward, and I believe it will be a significant win for our teachers, our students and the future of our state.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Several bills I am sponsoring moved through the legislative process. Here is a quick update.

- House Enrolled Act 1102 would allow school corporations to enter into a contract with a religiously affiliated nonprofit preschool program. The act unanimously passed the Senate Tuesday and now heads to the governor's desk for further consideration.
- House Enrolled Act 1016 would allow for the appointment of a fire chief, or a fire chief's designee, to a county school safety commission. The act unanimously passed the Senate Thursday. The bill now heads to the governor's desk for further consideration.

- House Bill 1498 would require the State Board of Education to create a new system for annually determining the performance of schools. Under the bill, each school would receive a grade A-F. The bill unanimously passed the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development Wednesday and now moves to the full Senate for further consideration.

INDOT PUBLIC Open Houses Near You

The Indiana Department of Transportation is inviting public commentary on the 2026-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

This opportunity allows Hoosiers to join in the conversation on Indiana's STIP, sharing feedback on the state's transportation projects planned for the next four years.

DISCOVER THE Outdoors Field Trip Grant Applications Open

Teachers interested in taking K-12 students on field trips to Indiana State Parks during the 2025-26 school year are eligible to receive financial assistance through the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation. Applications for funding will be accepted through April 30.

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

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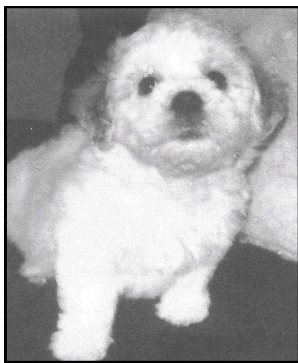


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**Butch Dale's
Flashback Trivia**

**Answer:
Dick Stultz**

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Charley

- (5) Be loyal.
- (6) Never pretend to be something you're not.
- (7) When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
- (8) Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- (9) Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- (10) On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- (11) Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- (12) When it's in your best interest, always practice obedience.
- (13) If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- (14) When you are happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- (15) No matter how often you are criticized, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout. Run right back and make friends.

I had a pet dog when I was a little boy ... "Trooper," a Boston Terrier with a crooked tail. The breeder couldn't sell him, so he gave the dog to my brother and me. He was an active little fellow, and tagged along with us all over the farm. My wife and I have owned numerous dogs during the 58 years we have been married, and we have enjoyed all of them. We currently have three ... Ollie, a Golden Doodle, Sofie, a Boston Terrier and our newest addition, Charley, a Shih-tzu / Bichon mix. We love them all, and they are like members of the family. Sometimes we

complain when we realize how much we spend on dog food and treats each week, but ... oh well, they're worth it!

When we arrive home each evening no matter how the day has gone ... our three little doggies are waiting to greet us ... barking, and jumping, and wagging their tails. We agree with what one person said ... "Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust." Yes, my wife and I have invested a lot of time and love ... and money ... in our dogs over the years, but it has been worth it. You likely feel the same way about your dog.

Dogs are faithful companions. They care about you even when some humans don't. There have been instances of dogs saving people in a family even if it costs them their lives. There are many stories of dogs which are lost or abandoned traveling hundreds of miles to return home. And dogs who have stood watch over a grave, loyal to their owner even after death. Dogs don't ask for much ... a kindly word, a pat on the head, a walk down the road, and perhaps a tasty treat ... and you become their loving master.

Shed some of that stress tonight. Learn a few things from Fido ... and while you're at it, give him an extra pat on the head and a big hug.

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.

Local Farm Honored With Centennial Award

Area legislators are recognizing the latest local recipients of the Hoosier Homestead Award, which recognizes farms owned and maintained by the same family for 100 years or more.

Represented by State Sen. Brian Buchanan (R-Lebanon) and State Rep. Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton), one Montgomery County farm, and another in nearby Boone County, were recently honored at the Statehouse.

The Peebles / Cox farm in Montgomery County, as well as the Bowen farm in Boone County, each received Centennial awards.

The Hoosier Homestead Award Program honors families who have made significant contributions to Indiana agriculture. Instituted in 1976, the program has recognized more than 6,000 family farms

that have impacted Indiana's economic, cultural and social advancement.

"When we recognize the impact of the Bowen and Peebles / Cox family legacies, we remind the state of the generations of Hoosier agricultural achievement that goes far beyond our district," Buchanan said. "It is families like these that bring Indiana's agricultural identity to life, and I am honored to celebrate them."

"Agriculture is fundamental to Indiana's identity and economy, and these families have been part of the backbone of that industry for generations," Thompson said. "I commend these Hoosiers for their years of hard work and perseverance in maintaining their farms, a remarkable achievement that deserves this



Photo courtesy State of Indiana

Representatives from the Peebles / Cox farm in Montgomery County were presented the award from State Sen. Brian Buchanan and Indiana Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith.

recognition."

To be named a Hoosier Homestead, farms must be owned by the same family for at least 100 consecutive years and consist of more than 20 acres or produce more than \$1,000 of agricultural products per year. The award distinctions are centennial, sesquicentennial and bicentennial – for 100, 150 and 200 years, respectively.

To learn more about the program or to apply for a Hoosier Homestead Award, visit www.in.gov/isda.

Buchanan represents Senate District 7, which includes portions of Boone, Clinton, Hendricks and Montgomery counties. Thompson represents House District 28, which includes portions of Boone, Hendricks and Montgomery counties.

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black college. She later became a teacher and joined the NAACP, though in 1956, South Carolina outlawed NAACP membership for city and state employees to discourage black teachers. She eventually married, moved to Dayton, Ohio, joined the AME church, and lost a baby. The child's death led her husband to abandon the family. With another child to support, she earned her bachelor's degree from Benedict College.

In 1947, she returned to South Carolina to care for her ailing mother and became involved with the segregated black YMCA. She helped start a credit union to support black teachers who were denied loans for graduate degrees because of their race.

As the 1950s progressed, South Carolina's white population increasingly restricted black voter registration. By then, Clark was educating adults in workshops across New England, Tennessee and Georgia, working with Esau Jenkins to establish citizenship schools. These schools taught semi-literate adults to read and write so they could register to vote.

At the time, voter registration restrictions varied by state but often included requirements such as signing one's name in cursive, reading aloud sections of election law, answering 20 to 30 questions or paying a poll tax.

After years of

grassroots activism, Clark's work educating black citizens on their voting rights drew the attention of civil rights leaders. While working with the Highlander Folk School – a progressive education center focused on social justice – Clark traveled through small towns in South Carolina, teaching literacy and voter registration, despite widespread resistance to integration.

When the State of Tennessee shut down Highlander in 1960, its founder, Myles Horton, had already anticipated the closure. He had spoken with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who saw the value of Clark's program and invited her to bring it to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. With Highlander's doors padlocked, Clark transitioned seamlessly to SCLC, working alongside Wyatt T. Walker, King's executive director, to expand citizenship schools across the South. Though initially undervalued in a male-dominated movement, Clark's impact on voter education and grassroots organizing became undeniable.

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

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