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Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.





Jax is a majorly handsome 5 year old male Boxer that has been at AWL since 5/9/2023. Jax's 2 year anniversary at the shelter is next month!

2 YEARS IN A SHELTER IS TOO LONG!! Let's get Jax a home THE TIME IS NOW !! Jax's adoption fee is sponsored by Best Friends! Jax LOVES playing fetch, showing off his muscles, and will gladly sit for treats! Jax needs a little help with leash manners, as he likes to nip at the lead. Jax is dog selective and would thrive in a home with no small pets and/or children. A meet and greet is required to ensure Jax would be a good fit. Jax is looking for his best friend. Could that be you?

ATTENTION MOCO!!! The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County will be waiving ALL adoption fees for adult dogs that are currently in our care, thanks to a grant from Best Friends! We are over double capacity, with approximately 70 dogs in our building — our capacity is 33!!! YOU can help by opening up home and heart to a new companion!



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Rain Didn't Slow 'Em Down



Photo courtesy Andy Chandler

A group of committed citizens called didn't let rain or chilly temperatures stop them from holding a rally Saturday at Pike Place. Montgomery County Stand Up for Democracy, an informal group of Democrats, Republicans, Independents and others, sang songs, held up signs and showed their support for our constitutional system of separate institutions sharing powers – as well as for the freedoms of expression, assembly and the right to petition the government. Montgomery County Democrats reported that about 150 people showed up. Joel David Weir and David Sparks sang "Good Trouble" and "Donny Ain't Your Daddy."

Butch Agrees That Age Is a State of Mind

BUTCH One of my former students called me last week, and we caught up on the past few years. During our

BUTCH years. During our conversation, she mentioned that traveling is in her

traveling is in her plans as she will be retiring soon. Retirement? That can't student in my sixth-grade social studies class! But wait ... that class was in 1972 ... 53 years ago!

I turned 76 last year. I don't feel that old. In my mind, I'm 46 years old. I agree with Mark Twain, who stated, "Age is a state of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it pains and senior moments? Just laugh those off. Here are some great quotes I found about getting older ...

"I got up this morning, put on my shirt and a button fell off. I picked up my briefcase and the handle came off. Now I'm afraid to go to the

Immigration And The Constitution



the U.S. Constitution provides that no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property

The 14th Amendment of

without due process of law and shall not deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. Due process essentially means everyone has access to the same procedural rights. These procedural rights include, but are not limited to, the right to a fair hearing and representation by an attorney.

There has been a lot of debate as to whether the Due Process Clause applies to undocumented immigrants who have been found guilty of a crime, charged with a crime, or have not been charged but are believed to be engaged in violent criminal activity in the U.S. Undocumented immigrants, also known as illegal immigrants or unauthorized immigrants, have a right to a hearing before being deported. The debate around deportation and Due Process has recently come to the forefront because of the application of the immigration and deportation policies of the current administration to undocumented immigrants who have been accused of perpetrating violent crimes in the U.S.

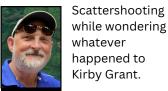
Can someone tell me how we went from British subjects to revolting against taxation without representation to a free country to ... the mess we have now?



doesn't matter." A few aches,



Following Up On A Few Details . . .



TIM *** TIMMONS Two Cents SEVERAL OF you have asked about

HB 1312, the bill that would have taken public notices (and some Indiana newspapers) out of the public eye. That awful bill died last week in a Senate committee. The final vote was 2-8 with Sens. La Keisha Jackson, Greg Taylor, Rick Niemeyer, Mike Bohacek, Vaneta Becker, Shelli Yoder, Dan Dernulc and Daryl Schmitt voting against taking public notices out of Indiana newspapers. Committee Chair Sen. Jim Buck and James Tomes cast votes that would have severely hurt Hoosier papers.

More importantly for right now, the bigger issue is that legislators listened. They listened when Indiana newspapers showed up in

See TIM Page A5

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Do you have high blood pressure? Try following the DASH diet (Google DASH diet).

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7. com

THREE THINGS You Should Know

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita, he is calling on the U.S. House and Senate to pass legislation to lift outdated restrictions and allow state and local correctional facilities to deploy jamming devices to halt illegal activities orchestrated from behind bars. This is in response to what Rokita called the growing threat of contraband cell phones in prisons. In Indiana alone, the Department of Correction seizes hundreds of phones every year, and many more elude detection.

Governor Mike Braun recently appointed Lyndsay Quist as Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation and Warren Lenard as Director of the Indiana Office of Technology. Quist began her career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the New Orleans District in Louisiana. Warren has served as the Chief Operations and Information Officer for Byrider Auto Sales in Carmel and as the VP of Technology and Operations for JD Sports Finish Line in Indianapolis.

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs will award grant money to non-profit organizations throughout the state that assist veterans with various services. The award solicitation for the Grants for Veterans' Services is open through May 1. Eligible applicants must be a non-profit organization registered with the Indiana Secretary of State. The organizations must use the grant funds to serve Indiana vets. Grants range from \$10,000 to \$75,000. The volume of eligible applicants, applicants' needs, and the funding availability will determine individual award amounts. Go to https://www.in.gov/dva/home/grants-for-veterans-servicesgvs-solicitation/ for more information.



"In levying taxes and in shearing sheep it is well to stop when you get down to the skin." *Unknown*

• TODAY'S JOKE Drive safe! Your Uncle Sam wants all the taxpayers he can get!

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

> Looking for a pet dog? Thinking the responsible thing to do is to get one from the shelter? Then not only good for you, but here's some good news. Right now the Animal Welfare League on Big Four Arch Road, thanks to Best Friends, are waiving all adult dog adoption fees! A meet and greet is required – and this only applies to dogs six months or older – but that's all that stands between you and your next best furry friend! See the good folks at the AWL for more information or to get the process started!

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank BONNIE LAMBERSON for subscribing! The current legal debate centers around the issue of whether or not purported Venezuelan Tren de Aragua gang members who are in the U.S. illegally may be immediately deported without a hearing. A large group of alleged Venezuelan gang members were immediately deported and imprisoned in El Salvador without a hearing. The deportations were ordered by the president under an executive order entered on March 15, invoking the Alien Enemies Act of 1798. The President designated the Venezuelan gang members as members of a Foreign Terrorist Organization, by linking them to the Venezuelan president. This Act provides for immediate deportation of undocumented immigrants without a hearing if they are found to be "alien enemies" over the age of 14 and in case of war or incursion. A federal judge has since ordered the deportations stopped with an order to return the deportees in order to conduct a hearing as to whether the Alien Enemies Act was appropriately applied to deny the deportees a Due Process Hearing.



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Library offers Wonderful **Evening for Baseball Lovers**

From Toni Ridgway-Woodall Crawfordsville District Public Library

Join us on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the lower level of the Library for a fun evening that celebrates the life of a famous Hoosier. We will watch a short film and our guest emcee Craig Tornquist will share personal stories about his time with baseball legend Carl Erskine and give away some great prizes. Light refreshments provided by Christi Hubler Chevrolet.

Visitors must be present to be eligible for prizes.

The movie is The Best We Got: The Carl Erskine Story. It tells the story of an Indiana athlete who rose to fame as a professional pitcher during the Golden Age of Baseball. Carl was also known to be vocally against discrimination and advocated for individuals with special needs. He encouraged others through his core values of grace, humility, and servant leadership.



Craig Tornquist

The Guest Emcee is Craig Tornquist. Craig loves Special Olympics Indiana! For the past 12 years, he has been proud to promote their unique partnerships with the Indiana High School Athletic Association, the Indiana Middle Level **Education Association** and the Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education in school assemblies all over Indiana. Craig has performed more than 3,000 clean stand-up comedy shows throughout America. Carl Erskine has become one of his heroes. Craig is delighted to be hosting this event which is guaranteed to make you smile!

Semi Driver Killed in I-74 Accident

working, another

crash occurred and

the eastbound lanes

of I-74 ended up being

closed for four hours

for the investigation

and clean up.

The Montgomery

County Sheriff's

Office reports that

under investigation

information, please

Watson at (765) 362-

The Crawfordsville

Police Department,

Crawfordsville Fire Department,

Montgomery County

INDOT and Wilson's Towing were all on

Coroner's office,

scene with the

Sheriff's Office.

contact Sgt. Jake

3740.

and if anyone has any

the fatality is still

A 22-year-old California man was killed when the semi he was driving went off Interstate 74 and overturned.

Satvinder Singh of Sacramento was heading east on I-74 near the State Road 32 exit around 2:15 a.m. Sunday. He was driving a Kenworth loaded with potatoes. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office reports that Singh was ejected from the rig. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The semi is owned by King Transline of Monteca, Calif.

While emergency responders were

Mayor's Community Forum Saturday

Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton has scheduled his monthly Community Forum for Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon in Fusion 54 on the fourth floor.

This will be Barton's 142nd Community Forum since taking office. Holding a monthly community forum was something Barton pledged to do during his campaign and he has continued to do so every month - except during the COVID pandemic.

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



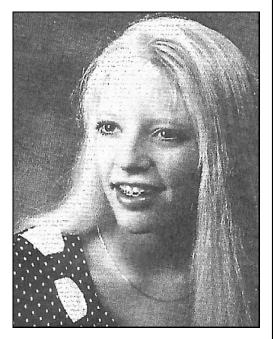
Mayor Todd Barton



about anything regarding the city.

Fusion 54 is located at 101 W. Main St. in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize **This 1995** Southmont Grad?

HINT: She participated in many school clubs, gymnastics and band.

> Answer on Page A4

This link has information about the movie's concept, the cast, & the crew.

https://www.carlerskine film.com/about

The film's backstory directly from it's webpage:

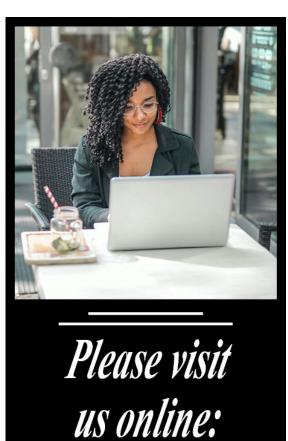
"The idea came in 2013 from Bobby "Slick" Leonard. During Ted Green's first interview for his film on the Naismith Hall of Famer, Slick said, "Boy, you're doing a film on the wrong guy. The guy you want is up in Anderson, name of Carl Erskine." Seven years later, Ted took his advice." After more than 50 interviews and two years of research, "The Best We've Got: The Carl Erskine Story" - title stolen from former Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels - premiered at the beautiful Paramount Theatre in Carl's hometown of Anderson, on Aug. 11, 2022.

And for those who want to do a little online research, here is some important info and some links:

Erskine Personal Impact Curriculum and the description prompt to all three companion (youth) books:

https://soindiana.org/EPI C/. We have these books in our Youth collection in English and Spanish. The film Maker Ted Green's website: https://www.tedgreen films.com/ The Best We Got website: https://www.carlerskine film.com/ Johnson Simon Illustrator of companion books (scroll down to access quick clip & images for books): https://www.artby

johnsonsimon.com/ Indiana Special Olympics general website: https://soindiana.org/ and their resource page: https://soindiana.org/res ource-library/ Christi Hubler Chevrolet: https://www.christihubler chevy.com/ Craig Tornquist: https://www.craig tornquist.com/



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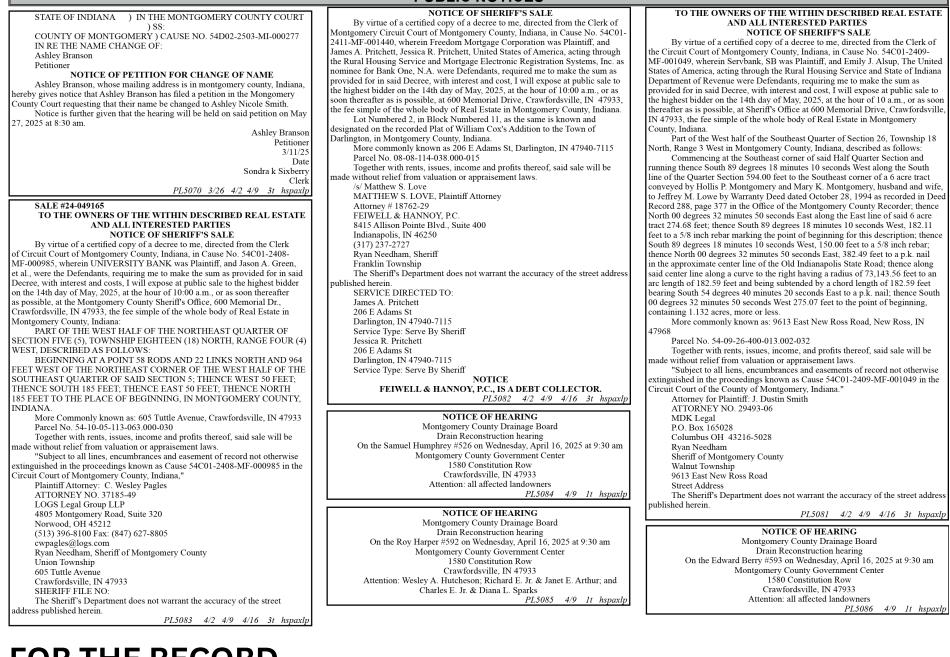
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

AGENDA WEDNESDAY April 9, 2025, 11:00 AM

1580 CONSTITUTION ROW

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL of February, 2025 MEETING MINUTES
- III. NEW BUSINESS:
- 1.ZV2507 Public Hearing variance to development standard setbacks, Fullenwider.
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS:
- 1. Meeting date and time discussion.
- V. ADJOURNMENT
- Agenda subject to change*

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 8, 2025 at 9:00 am 1580 Constitution Row - Room E109 Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Call to Order: Council President David Hunt Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer Consent Agenda Accept & Acknowledge Receipt: March 11, 2025 Minutes - Auditor Same Series Transfer(s) Report - Auditor Cash Balance Report - Auditor 1Q2025 Commissary Report - Sheriff Public Comment on Agenda Items Money Matters 1000 - Additional needed for corporal pay (bringing pay up to \$51,698) 8130 - New bulletproof vest for a transport deputy 1176 - Received \$1,500,000 CCMG for Cape Seal. Estimated project to be \$2,275,000 for Ladoga Rd, Cassidy and 650 N. County portion to be \$775,000. TBD - Fully reimbursable grant TRANSFER of APPROPRIATIONS: 1235 - Original budget request (56,000) was reduced to cover increase in salaries and stay under advertised budget, per State requirements. **Old Business** State program to fund public defender's office From Mindy Byers: Data on cost to implement the State program to fund the public defender's office. The numbers are based off of available 2025 data: Buser salary \$183,513 Donaldson salary \$137,635 Difference \$45,878 Chief Pros salary: \$137,635 Chief PD salary: \$91,094 Difference: \$46,541 Total diff in salary: \$92,419 Additional FICA: \$7,070 Additional INPRS: \$10,351 Sub-Total of Add'l Costs: \$109,840 Amount to transfer out of the Supplemental Fund, back into County General: \$76,672 TOTAL of ADDITIONAL COSTS TO COUNTY GENERAL: \$186,512

base hire hourly rate of \$16.9649. Since the position is part time, the annual compensation will be less and the position will be paid per hour worked. Authorizing Legal Intern position in the Prosecutor's Office – Approving compensation classification for Legal Intern position in the Prosecutor's Office.

From Jacob Moore of the Prosecutor's Office: "The prosecutor's office is looking to create a summer internship position for a current law school student this summer and hopefully next year as well, in anticipation of one or more deputy prosecutor positions becoming vacant January of 2027. Our office is hoping to use the money in our deferral/diversion fund and we are not going to be requesting any additional funds from the County."

The Prosecutor's Office worked with Addie Rooker of W.I.S. to develop the job description and compensation for the position. Here is Addie's memo regarding the position and it's compensation.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 2025

TO: Montgomery County Council

FROM: Addie Rooker, Principal Consultant

SUBJECT: New Position Request – Prosecutor's Office

As requested, Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele and Associates (WIS) reviewed the following new position request for the Prosecutor's Office. Legal Intern

This is a new part-time position request. A job description has been created and the position will be responsible for reviewing reports from law enforcement, conducting legal research, processing files for discovery, conducting plea negotiations, and performing prosecutorial duties in court under supervision.

The incumbent reports directly to the assigned Deputy Prosecutor. Job duties for this position include: Reviewing reports from law enforcement agencies; Reviewing files for discovery; Reviewing Defendant's history and pending cases and drafting preliminary plea offers; Conducting legal research; Performing duties of Prosecutor in court; Conducting research on advancements in case law; Assisting with and conducting training for law enforcement officers; Observing court proceedings, plea negotiations, and contested hearings; and Drafting documents for cases. Job requirements for this position include: Bachelor's degree and must have completed half of education requirements at accredited law school for a degree in law; Must be certified legal intern by Indiana Admission and Discipline Rule 2.1(a); and Must be at least 21 years of age. We have assessed this position respective of other positions in the PAT job category and factored the position using the Factor Evaluation System (FES) job classification point-factor guide charts for PAT positions. **Recommendation:** We factored the position at 365 PAT factor points. Therefore, if the position is approved, it is recommended that the position be classified at PAT B Nonexempt and compensated at the PAT B hourly pay rate.

This, of course, does not include any other costs such as adding offices, furniture, parking spaces, etcetera.

New Business

Authorizing new part time Scanner position in the Clerk's Office – Approving compensation classification for part time scanner position in the Clerk's Office.

The Council tabled these requests at the last meeting in order for a job description to be developed by W.I.S., the County's compensation consultant. The information for the job description was sent to W.I.S. Here is the response from Addie Rooker of W.I.S:

"I checked the pay plans and we prepared and classified a proposed Part-time Scanning Deputy for the Clerk's Office at COMOT A. I don't see the classification of COMOT A changing so you should be able to make the job description changes internally."

According to the Compensation schedule, COMOT A is a non-exempt position with an annual compensation for 2025 of \$33,081.56 for 1950 hours and a

The base hire hourly rate for PAT B is \$24.7049. Annual compensation at 1950 hours would be \$48,174,56 according to the compensation schedule for PAT B.

Authorization to reduce one full time position for an attorney and hire two part time contract attorneys in the Public Defender's Office From Bryan Donaldson of the Public Defender's Office: "I would like to take one of my open full-time positions and turn it into 2 part-time contract positions. There would be no benefits with the contract positions." If the Council authorizes the request, then a reduction of appropriation in personal services and an additional appropriation in contractual services will be required.

Resolution expressing Council's desire to eliminate the ERPS Committee As part of the new Compensation Plan, it was contemplated that the ERPS Committee would be replaced with a new process involving the County's compensation consultant, W.I.S., to review requests for changes in compensation for a position. This resolution states the Council's desire to replace the ERPS Committee with a new process. Replacing the ERPS Committee with a new process will require an amendment to the County Code. The Commissioners are responsible for approving changes to the County Code and the Council's Resolution will be forwarded to the Commissioners for their consideration. Staff & Elected Official Reports

Funded Organizations Department Heads Elected Officials Councilors Public Comment

Approval of Claim(s):



Annual Plant Sale & Show From **Master Gardeners Coming**

By Sheri Bethard President, Master Gardeners of Montgomery County

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Plants, Plants and more Plants! This is what you will see when you visit the Montgomery County Master Gardeners' Plant Sale & Show, held this year in the 4-H Building on the

4-H Fairgrounds at 400 Parke, Crawfordsville, Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine, you will not be disappointed. There will be hundreds of plants to choose from to beautify you landscape, patio and home. All which have been locally grown by the Master Gardeners and local wholesale nursery suppliers.

Indiana grown sweet strawberries, a large variety of tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables such as Brussel Sprouts, Broccoli, and Lettuce mixes will be available. We will also have a large selection of herbs for your culinary needs.,

For your landscape and flower beds, Native, perennial, and annual plants which grow best in our area will be for sale. With such a large assortment of plants for inside and outside, with too many to list, you will have to come see for yourself.

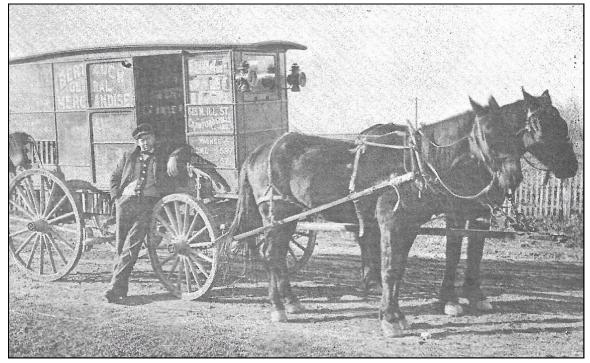
The plant sale is the main and sometimes only fundraiser the Master Gardeners of Montgomery County has each year. With monies raised, it helps fund projects and educational opportunities for all of Montgomery County in the horticultural area such as the Nicholson **Elementary School** Garden for second and third graders. In addition, we award a scholarship yearly to a high school senior who will be seeking a degree in the

Agriculture or Horticulture field of study. We are currently working on the Montgomery County Pollinator Garden and planting native trees on the 4-H Fairgrounds. With funds raised we are supporting the Seed Library located at Crawfordsville District Public Library. Throughout the year, we will be presenting programs for the public to attend in the gardening/horticulture arena, such as our recent propagation workshop and the gardening programs at the library last month.

Our Master Gardeners will be on premise to answer your gardening questions and make suggestions to best suit your landscape project and needs. This year 16 vendors will be on premise to accentuate your plant buying, such as house plants, tropicals, specialty plants, landscape information, garden décor, homemade jams and jelly & honey products, yard maintenance along with information from several of the non-profit organizations serving Montgomery County and a food service provider for your drinks and snacks. So come prepared to spend time browsing all our plants and vendors. Nucor will be giving away free trees in the 4-H barn and Booth Machinery will be on the fairgrounds celebrating Kubota days.

To learn more about Montgomery County Master Gardeners please visit our Facebook page on our Facebook Page Master Gardeners of Montgomery County (Indiana) at https://www. facebook.com/groups/10 84061839634585 or email montcoin emg@gmail.com.

Back in the Day with Butch Dale



Some grocery stores today, such as Wal-Mart, will gather your items for you and bring them out to your waiting car. Back in the day, it was even better. A "huckster" would deliver groceries to your house. Shown above is Bert Zuck, who operated a huckster service in Crawfordsville, on Illinois Street.

Sen. Deery Shares Update

In a September SPENCER

DEERY

newsletter, I shared with you my belief that the state Guest Columnist should

take action to protect the integrity of women's intercollegiate sports in Indiana. On Thursday, with a bipartisan vote of 42-6, I proudly sponsored and helped pass House Enrolled Act 1041.

This legislation states that only biological females, based on a person's sex at birth, can participate in female intercollegiate sports at Indiana colleges and universities.

As I explained on the Senate floor, the competitive advantages of athletes born male are selfThis week, several bills I authored or sponsored moved through the legislative process. Here is a quick update.

- Senate Enrolled Act 249 would change current law and allow schools to boost teacher pay by funding supplemental paychecks for teachers in highneed fields. The Senate approved a motion to concur on SEA 249 Monday, and the bill now moves to the governor's desk for further consideration.
- Senate Bill 505 ٠ would allow an ambulance to transport a patient to a mental health facility or an urgent care facility that can provide more appropriate

April 3 on U.S. 52/Sagamore Parkway and is scheduled to be completed in early September. Maintenance on traffic signals will be done on U.S. 52/Sagamore Parkway between Klondike Road (West Lafayette) and Dale Drive (Lafayette). l encourage residents to be mindful of traffic signals during construction and to follow INDOT for most recent updates.

*** STATE ACCEPTING **Business Award** Nominations

> **Building new** clean energy will lower

nominations for the Governor's Century and Half Century Business Awards, which honor businesses from across Indiana that have been in operation for at least 100 or 50 years. The deadline to complete the online application is May 30.

The state is accepting

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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\$1,127.00 - Taylor, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter, P.C.; Invoice 25969

\$4,320.16 - Peters Franklin, LTD; Invoice 16394 \$835.00 - Swick's Kitchen and Emporium; Invoice 000017

*Next regular meeting May 13 at 9:00 a.m. at Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row -Room E109 Adjournment

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 11:00 am Montgomery County Government Center 1580 Constitution Row - Suite E Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Call to Order by Chairman Ron Dickerson Consideration of Minutes - March 11, 2025 **New Business** CSX Facility Encroachment Agreement Staff Reports Financial Report - Jeff Peters - Peters Franklin Engineering Report - Ryan Pattenaude -Lochmueller **Approve Claims Other Business** Adjournment **Next meeting Tuesday, May 13, 2025 @ 11:00 am**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION AGENDA

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2025 4:00 PM MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER COMMUNITY ROOM **1580 CONSTITUTION ROW** CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933



See RECORD Page A6

evident, and even a small number of individuals crossing over into women's sports can have a significantly harmful impact.

Women have lost scholarships, suffered injuries and had dreams dashed. This can be especially true in sports like swimming and cross country, where athletes compete nationally for a limited number of individual invitations to championship events.

We know athletic directors and coaches are incentivized to take every competitive advantage they can, and this is one advantage that is worth eliminating from Indiana before it gets out of hand.

I believe in treating all people with kindness and love and in no way do efforts to preserve a space for women to compete against each other violate those values. The bill is about fairness and drawing common sense boundaries. I am proud I could help get them closer to state law.

*** LEGISLATIVE Update

treatment. SB 505 passed the House Committee on Ways and Means Wednesday and now heads to the House floor for further consideration.

- House Enrolled Act 1016 will allow for the appointment of a fire chief, or a fire chief's designee, to a county school safety commission. HEA 1016 was signed by the governor Thursday.
- House Enrolled Act 1102 will allow school corporations to enter into a contract with a religiously affiliated nonprofit preschool program. HEA 1102 was signed by the governor Thursday.

*** Senate District 23 INDOT Update

The Indiana Department of Transportation has announced lane closures and four-way stops on intersections throughout Lafayette and West Lafayette.

Roadwork is projected to begin as early as Thursday,

Hoosiers' bills & protect grid reliability.

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BUTCH From Page A1

bathroom." Rodney Dangerfield

"I'm at that age where my back goes out more than I do." Phyllis Diller

"I'm so old that my blood type has been discontinued." Bill Dana

"First you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull your zipper up, then you forget to pull your zipper down." Leo Rosenberg

"People seem to read the Bible a lot more as they get older. They're cramming for their final exam." George Carlin

"People ask me what I'd most appreciate getting for my 87th birthday. I tell them a paternity suit." George Burns

"I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap." Bob Hope

"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us. At age 40, we don't care what they think of us. At age 60, we discover that they haven't been thinking of us at all." Ann Landers

"I don't plan to grow old gracefully. I plan to have face-lifts until my ears meet." Rita Rudner

"You know you are getting old when you get that one candle on the cake, and hear 'See if you can blow this out." Jerry Seinfeld

And here are few anonymous quotes:

"I finally realize why I look so bad in pictures. It's my face."

"I love bacon.

chest pains I keep getting."

"I put our bathroom scale in the closet, and that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes."

"When I was a kid, I watched the Wizard of Oz, and wondered how the scarecrow could talk if he didn't have a brain. Then I got Facebook."

"At my age, 'getting lucky' means walking into a room and remembering what I came in for."

"You know you're getting older when the little old gray-haired lady you helped across the street ... is your wife."

"My grandkids want a cat for Christmas. Normally I serve turkey, but hey, if it will make them happy ..."

"When asked who your favorite child is, you're supposed to pick one of your own ... I know that now."

I certainly don't worry about my age. I agree with George Burns, who said, "I'm very pleased to be here. Let's face it, at my age I'm very pleased to be anywhere." And Diane Von Furstenburg stated, "The older you get, the more you should learn to love life and appreciate the beauty that comes with age." My goal is to reach 100. At that age, there is one great advantage ... no peer pressure.

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past

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There has also been debate about documented detainees who the current administration is seeking to deport based upon national security concerns. These detainees have been identified by the administration to be "terrorist sympathizers."

The right to free speech is provided by 1st Amendment of the Constitution, and the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment allows documented immigrants to speak freely against the United States' policies or conduct. Through executive order, the administration has ordered that speech purportedly supporting Hamas or pro-Palestinian issues threatens the security of the U.S. As the result, the administration has ordered the detention and deportation of these individuals. Particularly involved are not only those who are here temporarily through student visas, but also immigrants residing in the United States under Permanent Legal Resident Status (known as "green card" status). While these documented immigrants are essentially under the same rights as others to a Due Process hearing, their ability to remain in the U.S. will depend on whether their speech is afforded 5th Amendment protection or is determined to be dangerous to the national security of the United States.

All of these issues are actively playing out across the country and will eventually work themselves up to the U.S. Supreme Court. According to the latest data of the American Immigration Council,

there were about 426,541 naturalized citizens and documented and undocumented immigrants residing in Indiana in 2022. The outcomes of pending court cases, including the cases described above, may have a significant impact not only on our state's economy and in foreign relations, but also on how our U.S. Constitution is applied or not, depending on the goals of the

government.

The League of Women Voters supports an immigration policy that promotes the reunification of immediate families, meets economic, business and employment needs and is responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises. The effect of the current immigration policies and the outcome of federal immigration legal proceedings and ultimately decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court on our state is yet to be determined, but the invocation of fairness in implementing these processes affects each and every one of us. For more information about the League of Women Voters see www.lwv.org.

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force at the Statehouse. We had more than 120 people attend a rally at the Statehouse and we had lots of reader support – thank YOU very much!

This issue is not dead. There is a chance something could be added to an existing bill before this session ends in a couple of weeks. Legislators have tried to kill Indiana newspapers for several years and indications are they are going to try again. With property taxes and the budget still looming, experts tell me that it's unlikely for public notices to come back up this time. If that is correct, it gives time for the two sides to talk to find better answers. Let's hope, for all our sakes, that we do!

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SPEAKING OF you, a lot of you responded to the recent scribbles I wrote on Indiana Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith. If you missed it, the gist is that the bigger media in the state reported that Beckwith was proposing to spend more money -LOTS more money - on finding ways to get faith-based answers involved with homelessness, addiction, crime, etc.

Ironically, there wasn't a great deal of noise about the separation of church and state. The big thing the media jumped on was that Beckwith wanted to spend more money during a time when Indiana Gov. Mike Braun is asking everyone to trim their budgets back.

It wasn't accurate. Beckwith actually cut his budget from \$41 million to \$36 million – a fact conveniently left out by his critics . . . uh, I mean media reports. they increase their wealth by millions and millions in a job that doesn't pay millions?

I don't have that answer, but it sure sounds like a lot of you are asking – and are thankful for guys like Beckwith who are a lot more honest and trustworthy. Stay tuned.

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AS MY PAL Honest Hoosier might say, here's a tip of the seed corn cap to the good folks at the Crawfordville Library. They have a program at 6 p.m. on Tuesday - The Best We Got: The Carl Erskine Story. This is an hour and a half film about a Hoosier schoolkid from Anderson who enjoyed a Hall of Fame career in Major League baseball with the Brookly Dodgers and in L.A. after the move.

For a lot of us guys who are, um, let's just say NOT spring chickens anymore . . . we grew up big baseball fans. Players were larger than life, in part because we didn't have social media telling us every scandal and toe stub - and we had a media back then who didn't believe they had to report every negative thing they heard.

Erskine was certainly a star – but the fact that he was from Indiana is what caught my attention first. Actually, there were a lot of Hoosier Major Leaguers back then – Don Larsen, Tommy John, Gil Hodges and Bob Friend just to name a few.

Sometimes I eat it twice a day. It takes my mind off the terrible 36 years, and is a wellknown artist and author of local history.

Tire Amnesty Day Coming May 3

On Saturday, May 3, the Montgomery County Health Department will be hosting its Tire Amnesty Day from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. The event will be hosted in the parking lot of the health department, located at the County Government Center at 1580 Constitution Row. While this event provides the community with a cost effective way to dispose of old tires, the purpose of the event is for mosquito control. Not only do piles of tires serve as an eyesore, but more importantly, they are also the perfect place for mosquitoes to breed.

Mosquitoes can lay their eggs in just a cap full of standing water. As a result, virtually anywhere that can collect water and create a warm, moist environment is a potential breeding site. Waste tires collect rainwater easily, and it is quite difficult to completely drain all of the water that collects inside them. Each tire that is brought in and properly disposed of is estimated to prohibit thousands of offspring from adding to the mosquito population. While properly disposing of tires is one method to limit the mosquito population, it is far from the only one. Other ways to limit mosquito reproduction include cleaning out gutters, changing the water in bird bathes weekly, and emptying any other containers that may collect rainwater and provide mosquitoes a breeding site.

Join in at the Montgomery County Health Department for some spring cleaning and get rid of your old tires on Tire Amnesty Day! While there is no limit to the amount of tires that you may bring, the first 10 tires are free, there will be a \$1 fee for each additional tire. These fees will help with the cost of disposal. Tractor tires, large equipment tires and rimmed tires will not be WHO: Tire Amnesty Day

WHAT: Montgomery County Health Department

WHEN: Saturday, May 3, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Montgomery County Health Department Parking Lot, 1580 Constitution Row

WHY: The purpose of the event is for mosquito control

OTHER: Entrance located off County Road 100 W; No Tractor Tires, Large Equipment Tires, or Rimmed Tires; \$1 fee per tire after the first 10 tires

accepted. We also ask that you have a tire count before dropping them off, simply to minimize traffic congestion and collect tires as quickly as possible. No businesses will be allowed to drop off tires.

We hope to see you at the Montgomery County Health Department Saturday, May 3!

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer: Samantha Hall Frederick

And that's where you guys jumped in. A LOT of you reached out and said that you are tired of politicians who don't get it. You seem to like the fact that Beckwith is about faith AND that he is spending less money. (You also correctly pointed out that he probably spent too much on a new vehicle - but also that he was replacing a rent-a-dent piece of crap.) Thing is, almost everyone who responded mentioned examples uncovered by the folks at DOGE and are bewildered over how many in government (yes, mostly Democrats) aren't jumping on the DOGE bandwagon.

It proved there are not a few, but a lot of us, who are fed up with politicians going into office as perhaps reasonably successful people and coming out as rich beyond imagination. How do It's spring and what an appropriate time to watch a film on baseball – the only sport with grass that green and skies so blue!

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SOME OF you may remember Kirby Grant in the title role of Sky King, a television (and radio) show I watched on Saturday mornings as a kid. Grant played Schuyler "Sky" King, an Arizona cattle rancher who used his twin-engine Cessna to catch bad guys and save pretty girls. That show instilled a love of aviation that led to classes, flying and eventually even a spot as a Board of Aviation Commissioner for the city of Crawfordsville.

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@thepaper 24-7.com.

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Community Invited to Participate in Therapy Dog Focus Group

Purdue University is conducting a research study, "Community perspectives of the integration of a crisis support canine for the City of Crawfordsville Mobile Integrated Health Department" (IRB# 2025-303), to explore community perspectives on integrating a crisis support canine into the City of Crawfordsville's Mobile Integrated Health Department. The study, led by Dr. Leanne Nieforth from the Department of Comparative Pathobiology, seeks to gather insights from Montgomery County residents and stakeholders regarding the potential impact of a therapy dog in crisis intervention efforts.

The study will involve focus groups where participants can share their thoughts about the implementation of a crisis intervention canine both before and one year after the dog's integration into the department. Each focus group session will last between 1 to 1.5 hours, with a total study duration of 2 to 3 hours.

Two sessions will be available for participation for Part 1 of the study:

- Wednesday, April 23rd at 5:30 PM via Zoom
- Thursday, April 24th at 12:00 PM at the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, 808 W. Pike St., Crawfordsville, IN 47933

"This is an exciting opportunity for community members to contribute their perspectives on how a therapy dog might enhance crisis response efforts to benefit our community," said Olyvia Wood, Quick **Response Team** Licensed Social Worker and future handler of the therapy dog.

Participation in the study is voluntary, and all interested individuals must be at least 18 years old and residents of Montgomery County. While there is no monetary compensation for participation, the study's findings could

contribute to improved crisis intervention strategies and provide valuable insights for future research on therapy dogs in emergency response settings

To ensure confidentiality, focus groups will be audio recorded and transcribed without identifying information. The recordings will be securely stored and destroyed after transcription and verification. Although researchers will take every precaution to protect participants' privacy, confidentiality in a focus group setting cannot be fully guaranteed.

Community members who are interested in participating or would like more information about the study can contact Dr. Leanne Nieforth at (765) 494-7472 or via email at lniefort@purdue.edu. Additional information about research participation rights can be obtained from Purdue's Human **Research Protection** Program at (765) 494-5942 or irb@purdue.edu.

IMCU Fighting Cancer

Indiana Members Credit Union, Central Indiana's largest credit union, is pleased to announce Strides for Sarcoma as the new member-nominated beneficiary for its **Cancer Awareness** Debit Card. The IMCU **Cancer Awareness** Debit Card provides members an opportunity to support a different cancerrelated organization each year. A portion of each signature transaction made with this card from now through Feb. 28, 2026, up to \$10,000, will be donated to Strides for Sarcoma.

to receive their debit card on the spot.

Strides for Sarcoma is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization founded in 2022 by siblings Gabriella and Nicholas Conjelko after their cousin, Maia, was diagnosed with Ewing sarcoma, a subtype of sarcoma, a cancer of the bone and connective tissue. The goal of Strides for Sarcoma is to raise research funding and awareness for pediatric sarcoma patients and to one day find a cure. "We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Indiana Members Credit Union and its members for this incredible opportunity. We are truly grateful and blessed to be able to support so many sarcoma warriors through the Cancer Awareness Debit Card Program," said Gabriella Conjelko, cofounder, Strides for Sarcoma.

"IMCU is honored to support Strides for Sarcoma in their mission to raise awareness and funding for sarcoma research," said John Newett, president and chief executive officer of IMCU. "Through our **Cancer Awareness** Debit Card Program, we are committed to contributing to the fight against sarcoma and supporting the incredible work of Strides for Sarcoma. Together, we can take strides towards finding a cure and improving the lives of pediatric sarcoma patients."

RECORD From Page A4

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes from March 2025
- **III.** Agenda Modifications
- IV. New Business:
- RZ2025-2 Public Hearing of Re-zone from Residential (R) to Mobile Home (MH)
- V. Old Business:
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Adjournment

*Next regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday MAY 13, 2025

AGENDA

MONTGOMERY COUNTY VISITORS & CONVENTION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025 6:00 p.m. Montgomery County Government Center 1580 Constitution Row - Suite E Crawfordsville, IN 47933 CALL TO ORDER **APPROVAL OF MINUTES NEW BUSINESS** STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL GRANT REQUEST **OFFICER REPORTS Treasurer Report** Visitor's Bureau Report - Heather Shirk MONEY MATTERS Approve Claims OTHER BUSINESS ADJOURNMENT

CRAWFORDSVILLE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

April 7, 2025 I. Fiscal Affairs II. Ordinances & Petitions A. A Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of the 2024 Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission Annual Report and Presentation under Indiana Code § 36-7-14-13 B. An Ordinance to Amend City Code Section 33.002 Meeting Location III. Traffic, Parking & Safety A. An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of an Alley in Crawfordsville, Indiana - North-South Alley directly east of 508 Curtis Street, Crawfordsville, IN also commonly known as the alley between lots 1, 2 & 42 of Highland Park subdivision

IV. Annexation A. A Resolution Approving Proposed Annexation Fiscal Plan B. An Ordinance to Annex Property Known as approximately 147 acres located at State Road 47 South, Purple Heart Parkway, and US Highway 231 South in Crawfordsville, Indiana, and the associated right-of-way (Parcel 54-10-07-700-044.001-025, 54-10-18-500-002.0 V. Miscellaneous

VI. Adjournment

MEETING CANCELED

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The April 16, 2025 Regular Board meeting of Aviation Commissioners has been canceled. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 21 at 4 p.m.



The card is available for issue to members at IMCU's 31 Indiana locations. The IMCU **Cancer Awareness** Debit Card is an option to members with a free checking account and can be issued immediately via IMCU's instant issue program, which allows members

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