

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

1 John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Meet Ella



Sherlock

Sherlock is a 5 month old, male American Staffordshire terrier puppy that just joined our Welcome Committee on 4/12/25! Sherlock is ADORABLE, playful, loves attention, a big time lover, and a food machine!! Sherlock needs to grow in a home!! Sherlock would thrive with an active family! Sherlock's adoption fee is \$175 with approved adoption application.



Just wondering . . . why do you think there's such a disconnect between what we the people want and what the politicians want . . . and do? It's one of the great mysteries in life.

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Butch Says We Live in a Euphemistic World



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

You've done it. I've done it...What? Instead of using correct precise wording, we often use "euphemisms,"

which are generally a more polite or humorous way of saying something. Many of these euphemisms are so common that we don't even realize we are using them. For instance, if a man is described as "over the hill," we know he is up there in age, and if a woman "has a bun in the oven," we recognize that she is pregnant. While these are often used to make people laugh, sometimes they are used to make indirect or offensive remarks. Here are a few examples of both and their REAL meanings....

- He "was let go," "downsized," or "chose to resign." (He was fired.)

- She was "creative with the truth." (She lied.)
- He has "a friend with benefits." (He has a sexual relationship.)
- It must be "her time of the month." (She is menstruating.)
- My uncle is "getting a little thin on top." (He is going bald.)
- That kid "just tossed his cookies." (The kid just vomited.)
- The poor fellow "has a temporary cash flow" and is "between jobs." (He is broke and unemployed.)
- My girlfriend just "needed some space." (She dumped him.)
- I purchased that item "as an investment." (I didn't need it, but I bought it anyway.)
- The poor guy is "backed up worse than Hoover Dam." (He is constipated.)

For better or worse, people use euphemisms quite

often. If there is a person who you believe is not very intelligent and does stupid things... you may have used these: "dumb as a stump, as sharp as a bowling ball, has a leak in his think tank, intellectually challenged, not the brightest bulb on the tree, a beer short of a six-pack, running about a quart low, lights are on but nobody's home, not the sharpest tool in the shed, his elevator doesn't go to the top floor, his pilot light went out, two fries short of a Happy Meal."

When someone dies...."he bit the dust, cashed in his chips, his number was up, kicked the bucket, met his maker, breathed his last, is resting in peace, is in a better place, climbed the stairway to Heaven, paid his final debt, the angels carried him away, went to the happy hunting grounds."

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It's a Mean World; What Can You do?



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

Politics . . . mass shootings . . . property taxes . . . even our Colts . . . there just doesn't seem to be a lot to be cheerful over.

slowly shake-

Not so fast my friends!

There are a whole lot of folks out there who would quickly tell you divorce was the best thing that ever happened to them.

It's OK, that's what you have been given to deal with – so deal with it you must. Don't let it get you down or slow you down. Brave faces, best foot forward and step up. You are who you are.

Cheer up Buckwheat! Need a dose of positivity? Oh sure, I can already feel some of you already rolling your eyes. Stop it. Right now! That won't get us anywhere. We control this. Each and every one of us. Think about it like this. How many of you would say divorce is a negative thing?

It. All. Depends. On. Your. Perspective.

And for purposes of today's ramblings, we (at least an awful lot of us) need to get an adjustment on said perspective. If you are one of the folks who just look down on yourself, who think you aren't all you could be, quit it. Listen, you are a child of God and the Big Guy doesn't make mistakes. Maybe you're fat or bald or have an irritable bowl, heck, I don't know. Maybe you have a bunch of things.

For most of us, we let things go negative that should not. Tell you what, for a few days don't gripe about the old ball and chain. What did Mom tell you, if you can't say something nice . . . Just don't be one of those schmucks who gripes about the better half.

Ditto work. No griping about the job. Do it with a smile, or be quiet. Again, be above others who do nothing but bitch, gripe and moan. Be the better

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April 25 is Arbor Day. Stephanie Morrissette and the local DNR invite you to join them from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, for the DNR Arbor Day Community Forestry Event. Experts will educate on the benefits of trees, what community forestry is, and how municipalities can receive resources to improve their community forest. Crawfordsville Main Street will participate and speak to past, current, and future community forestry efforts in their partnership with Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District. Crawfordsville's City Planner will also discuss changes in zoning and/or planning ordinances on city tree plantings and publicly owned properties. The program will conclude with a question-and-answer session to determine what Crawfordsville's residents would like to see with their trees, and take action to support the community forest.

Join us for this Arbor Day event and receive a FREE tulip tree (Indiana's state tree) seedling, while supplies last! Tree information resources will be available. No registration required

No Rushing Miracles; Urban Forestry Takes Time



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"It's all about the soil," Sue Lucas, former president of the Main Street Association, learned in her master gardener class in the early 2000s.

Growing up on the west side of Indianapolis, Sue Lucas dreamed of living in a forest someday. When she met her future husband, Jeffrey, at Herron School for the Arts, she felt drawn to his hometown of Crawfordsville as well. The tree stands and fields along their drive back to Montgomery County spoke to her. When they moved, she found herself drawn into early initiatives to start the first community garden.

The organic initiatives for sustainable agriculture and living came from across the city. Some citizens proposed that the initial gardens be downtown near where Pike Place now exists. But the city soil hadn't been cultivated and fertilized for health. It contained the runoff from old buildings and the ashes of old fires. Vibrant urban greenery depends on nurturing the ground itself,

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Keep up-to-date on vaccines that are recommended for your age group.

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



➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know

1 In preparation for the 109th Running of the Indianapolis 500, IndyCar drivers will participate in an Open Test from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday on the famed 2.5-mile oval at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The Southeast Vista grandstands and the Turn 2 Viewing Mounds will be open for public viewing during the test. Due to the IMS Museum's recent reopening, guests will park across 16th Street in Lot 3P and will enter through Gate 3. Guests with an ADA parking placard will park in the Front Museum Lot and sit in South Terrace East. Security will be on site to assist fans with crossing 16th Street.

2 Approximately 50 Hoosier Guardsmen will return to Indiana after being mobilized on State Active Duty to support the Texas National Guard in Operation Lone Star, protecting the U.S. southern border from illegal crossings. They began the mission last April and new data shows a decrease in border crossings by 94 percent. Guardsmen will return to Indiana within 60 days. During that time, soldiers will administratively out process, return equipment and demobilize.

3 During National Volunteer Month in April, the American Red Cross asks donors to help keep the blood supply stable by making an appointment to give blood now. Type O blood and platelets are especially needed. For the rest of this month, donors will get an exclusive Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win a \$5,000 prize. There will be three winners. See RedCrossBlood.org/Hope. Book a time to give blood now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Where the press is free and every man able to read, all is safe"
Thomas Jefferson

➔ TODAY'S JOKE
Did'ya hear about the human cannonball?
Never mind. He got fired.

➔ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

State Rep. Jeff Thompson represents part of Montgomery County. He's also the chair of the House Ways and Means Committee. Here's what he had to say in response to the state revenue forecast: "Our latest revenue forecast shows continued economic growth, but at a slower pace than was expected last December. As a result, the state's revenue growth – while positive – will be lower than expected when the House and Senate crafted their respective versions of the budget. Fortunately, Indiana is in a strong position to overcome budget challenges because of our commitment to living within our means and maintaining prudent reserves. I will continue to work with my fellow lawmakers and the governor on how we can look at ways to run state government more efficiently while ensuring Hoosiers continue to receive the services they need."

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

OBITUARIES

Jackie Lee Herron

April 14, 1937 - April 18, 2025

Jackie Lee Herron, age 88 of Crawfordsville, passed away on Friday, April 18, 2025 at Franciscan Health Indianapolis. He was born on April 14, 1937 to the late Earl and Cora (Coon) Herron.



Jack graduated from Waynetown High School in 1955, where he played basketball, and attended Breaks School grades 1-5. He worked at R.R. Donnelley from 1956 until 1967 and then Dusty's Shell Service from 1967 until 1973. Jack retired from Crawford Industries in 1999.

Jack married Edith Ingalsbe in 1958. He later married Carol Edwards in 1973. Jack loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed going on walks, driving through the country, and watching Westerns, Colts football, and Purdue Basketball.

Jack was a member of the Waynetown Christian Church. He loved his church, and he loved God.

Jack is survived by his children, Kevin (Cathy) Herron of Springfield, Missouri, Kurt Herron of Old Hickory, Tennessee, Jill (Clay) Adams of New Market, Ralph (Cheryl) Edwards of Darlington, and Amy Polly of Crawfordsville; brother, William "Bill" Herron of South Bend; 15 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carol; brother, Charles Herron; sisters, Ruby Ralston, Mary Abston, Helen Rutledge, and Jane Whipple; and children, Doug Edwards, Liz Vannice, and Patti Wray.

A visitation will be held at Waynetown Christian Church, 101 W. Walnut Street, in Waynetown on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 from 11:00 am until the time of funeral service at 1:00 pm with Clay Adams and Pastor Ray Dutcher officiating. Burial will follow at Waynetown Masonic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given in Jack's name to Waynetown Christian Church, 101 W. Walnut Street, Waynetown, Indiana 47990. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Commons' Bill Protecting Businesses Heads to Governor

State Rep. Matt Commons' (R-Williamsport) legislation to safeguard Hoosier business interests by prohibiting the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and state agencies from establishing offices in foreign adversarial countries heads to the governor for further consideration.

House Enrolled Act 1103 restricts the IEDC and all state agencies from establishing offices in countries identified by the U.S. Department of Commerce as adversarial, which currently includes Russia, China, North Korea, Iran, Cuba and Venezuela.

"Indiana's low costs and business-friendly environment make it a prime location for growing industries around the world," Commons said. "The goal of this legislation is to ensure we are embracing economic development while protecting Hoosiers' interests and tax dollars from countries that don't share our values."



State Rep. Matt Commons

Similar legislation was passed into law last year banning individuals or entities associated with foreign adversaries, like China, from purchasing or leasing agricultural land, and mineral, water or riparian rights in the state. Commons said his legislation would enhance that law to further protect the state from hostile foreign influence.

House Enrolled Act 1103 now goes to the governor for consideration as a new law. To learn more and follow the legislative process, visit iga.in.gov.

Commons represents House District 13, which includes all of Benton and Warren counties, and portions of Fountain, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Tippecanoe and White counties.

Shirley Ann Castelluccio

February 21, 1933 - April 14, 2025

Shirley Ann Castelluccio, age 92, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 14, 2025 at The Blake at New Braunfels in Texas. She was born on February 21, 1933 to James and Mary (Beard) Seelig in Dublin, Indiana. Shirley married Curtis Castelluccio in Richmond, IN in 1954, spending 64 loving years together until his passing in 2018.



She graduated from Lincoln High School in Cambridge City, earned her BA from Earlham College and her master's from Indiana State University. Shirley was an elementary school teacher, teaching 4th, 5th, and 6th grade from August 1968 to May of 1991 at Hose Elementary School. She was a former member of the First United Methodist Church in Crawfordsville. Shirley and Curtis enjoyed sailing and weekends at Lake Ridinger. She also enjoyed tending to her vegetable garden, cross stitching, quilting and putting together jigsaw puzzles. Shirley later enjoyed going to thrift stores, searching for knick knacks as gifts for friends and family.

Shirley is survived by her three sons, Chris Castelluccio, Tony (Cathy) Castelluccio, and Cam Castelluccio; three grandchildren, Kimberly (Trey), Thomas (Julianna), and Nicolas; 2 great grandchildren, David and Noah; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband, Curtis; and her brother, Max Seelig.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at Sanders Funeral Care, 315 S Washington Street in Crawfordsville from 11am until the time of the service 1pm. Burial will follow at Oak Hill North Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest next to Curtis. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

Drug Take Back Day on April 26

On Saturday, April 26, the Harm Reduction Committee of the Montgomery County Drug Free Coalition will host the biannual Prescription Drug Take Back event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of First Christian Church at 211 S. Walnut St. in Crawfordsville.

This free event provides the opportunity to carefully dispose of expired, unused or unneeded prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications.

What can happen if you keep old prescriptions and other medications around the house? Expired medications can be less effective or risky from a change in the chemical composition or a decrease in strength. Certain expired medications are at risk of bacterial growth and sub-potent antibiotics can fail to treat infections, leading to more serious illnesses and antibiotic resistance.

According to the DEA, many people don't know how to properly clean out their

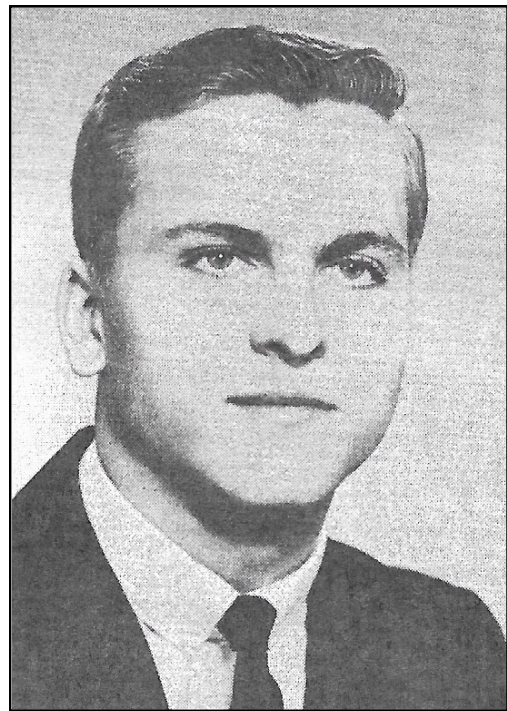
medicine cabinets and failing to dispose of old medications, especially opioids, can often lead to dangerous drugs ending up in the wrong hands. Reducing the misuse of these expired medications can play a key role in combating the substance abuse issue often serving as a gateway to using more harmful substances.

Can't attend this event? Don't worry! Prescription drug disposal is also available year-round at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and the Crawfordsville Police Department.

The Harm Reduction Committee would also like to highlight the importance of proper disposal for not only medication, but for sharps / needles. Sharps can be safely disposed of at the Montgomery County Health Department, located at 1580 Constitution Row, Suite G and at the Crawfordsville Police Department lobby, located at 311 N. Green St.

For more information, visit www.drugfree.moco.org.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1966 Coal Creek H.S. Graduate?

HINT:
 He became an attorney in Lafayette and later on in Indianapolis.

Answer on Page A5



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Other terms..."adult beverage" (liquor), "vertically challenged" (short), "take care of business" or "powder my nose" (use the restroom), "hanky-panky" (fooling around), "making whoopee," (sex), "loony bin" (mental hospital), "rug" (toupee), "boonies or boondocks" (rural area), "grease monkey" (mechanic), "head shrinker" (psychiatrist), "pencil pusher" (office worker), "ambulance chaser" (personal injury attorney). "pre-owned and pre-certified vehicle" (used car), "lifestyle inflation" (overspending).

In today's world, politics is a touchy subject. I consider myself an independent and try to listen to all points of view, whether conservative or liberal. But there are people who are fanatical in their beliefs and believe the opposing party is ALWAYS wrong. Here are a few negative euphemistic comments to use on those nutty people....

"I could blow air in your ear, and you would thank me for a refill."..."If I gave you a penny for your thoughts, I would get change back."..."I'm sorry, I have neither the crayons or the time to explain this."..."You evidently were not

burdened with an overabundance of schooling."..."Your brain is so small that if you rolled it down the edge of a razor blade, it would look like a marble going down a four-lane highway."..."Every time you open your mouth, you are subtracting from the sum of human knowledge."..."If you ever come up with a sensible idea, it would be beginner's luck."..."The wheel in your brain is spinning, but evidently the hamster died."

When I did really stupid things as a child, my Dad would often say, "If you had a brain, you'd be dangerous!" But Grandma Dale would disapprove in a nicer way, "Well, Bless your heart!" (which actually meant, "Hopefully, when you grow up, you'll behave and have some common sense!") Well, when everything is considered, I think I turned out "OK," although a few people would consider that as a "terminological inexactitude."

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.

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person. Ditto . . . everything. Education, family, background . . . Just try it. If you can't rave about something, fine. But don't rail on it either. And if you are having trouble buying this, think about it this way. First, most people don't care to hear you gripe. Second – and worse – some folks are downright happy you are miserable. Don't give them the satisfaction.

Look forward, not back. Be positive. Not negative. There are just too many grumps in our world today. Way too many mean people. You don't have to don rose-colored glasses, just try not to look for the bad. Go out of your way to look for the good.

I'll leave you with this.

When I interview folks for a job, at some point I usually ask two questions. The first is the typical interview question – where do you want to be in five years. The second is the one that determines whether or not they are going to get an offer. What are you doing today to make that happen?

That's the question for all of us. What are we going to do? There's a lot of hate and mean in this world. Be better.

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.

Ernie Pyle Remembered



Photo courtesy Andy Chandler / Ernie Pyle World War II Museum

Former State Senator Phil Boots, a Vietnam Veteran, spoke at the recent ceremony that honored WWII correspondent Ernie Pyle, a Hoosier and native of Dana, Ind. Pyle was killed by enemy fire on April 18, 1945. His death was mourned by millions, from presidents to the common GI to everyday Americans.

Waveland Strong Sets Annual Progressive Dinner

Come take a walk down memory lane. Relive some old memories. Waveland Strong will be hosting the Fifth Annual Progressive Dinner, for ages 21 and up, featuring Angela Riccio Comedienne from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. May 10. This event is to help raise funds to help with continued renovations on the Waveland baseball fields.

Participants will make five local stops through Waveland enjoying food, drinks, and entertainment. This is a great opportunity for a date, an evening out with friends or a chance to meet new folks as you mingle with one another while traveling together to the next location and food course. It's also a great opportunity to visit unique architectural and historic gems in our

community. So come join us for a walk down memory lane.

Stops include: T.C. Steele Boyhood Home for appetizers and an open bar; Waveland Christians in Action Church for soup and salad; Waveland Fire Station for the main course of Brisket by Swick's Kitchen & Emporium; and T.C. Steele Boyhood Home for dessert and nightcaps.

Besides the delicious food, entertainment is something not to be missed. Angela Riccio with round 2 combines her quick wit with years of experience as a stand-up comedienne with her pointed observation. She puts into words exactly what everyone else is thinking but are too polite to say. Angela will keep you in stitches using stories

Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at the Waveland Library, 115 East Green Street Waveland, (765) 435-2700. Tickets are limited and guests must be 21 or older.



Entertainment for the evening includes Angela Riccio. She combines her quick wit with years of experience as a stand-up comedienne.

about her family, the bumpy transformation from lifelong singlehood to marriage, her unusual outlook on how things work and why people act the way they do and her superhuman ability to remember inane,

useless information. The result: riotous fun when she arrives and dazzles you with her zany humor. She will provide an unforgettably funny experience for you with her zany humor.

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 baths 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!

Looking for a part-time job that does not involve the words: Would You Like Fries With That?

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not just what grows above it. Lucas found herself educating new gardeners on how to care for soil in their allotments and how to make the most of small plots. Her master gardening skills helped her educate others.

On the heels of laudable work for community gardening allotments came the idea of rain barrels to capture and reuse water. Having been invited to her first Main Street Association planning meeting, Lucas found herself educating -- and dampening -- hopeful ideas. Who would ensure the water draining off the roofs of old buildings was good for plant life? Who would ensure young children wouldn't try to drink from spigots?

She loved that others shared her same vision for quality of place, for connection to story and history, but building a better community takes knowledge, continuing education, commitment and long-term vision.

Perhaps the best example of the need for urban forestry education comes from the Bradford pear tree. The Bradford pear is easy to identify in spring, when its tiny white blossoms waft across lawns and its musty, almost rotting smell evokes reactions from passers-by. Its ubiquity in cities goes back to the 1970s and 80s when the non-native species promised quick growth and cross-seasonal beauty. Not only does it blossom in spring, but it holds its leaves into early winter.

Like many American towns, Crawfordsville's downtown embraced the Bradford pear tree. Research showed—and still supports—the value of trees to thriving downtowns. It that causes people to linger and spend up to 17% more in nearby stores.

Eager to create an inviting space, donors and discounts funded a large number of saplings. But more is not always better, a lesson that cities learned in the following decades. Older planting practices led to unhealthy trees, among other problems.

As the Bradford pears matured, the late-dropping foliage attracted massive flocks of migrating birds in November and December, creating unsightly and slippery conditions on sidewalks. Planted improperly, the trees had shallow roots, and critically, the overplanting of this non-native species meant its seedlings migrated throughout the wild areas of our county, where it began crowding out native species and producing thorny, wild versions of the tree.

Decades later, communities across the U.S. realized the error and the outdated philosophy that urban greenery was best achieved by planting as many trees as possible, as close together as possible, with little consideration for species diversity, soil health or long-term maintenance. When there is a lack of biodiversity and use of non-native specimens, it increases disease and invasive species risk, Lucas and other experts have learned.

Recognizing the need for a strategic approach, Lucas partnered with Belinda Kiger, a seasoned arborist and former city forester for Lafayette. Together, they leveraged Crawfordsville's 2005 tree inventory—a comprehensive assessment of the city's public trees, their health, and species composition commissioned by Cheryl Kiem. The inventory revealed the extent of the Bradford pear problem and highlighted areas where trees were unhealthy.

Lucas credits Mayor Todd Barton for focusing on quality of life in Crawfordsville, pursuing the Stellar Indiana designation that developed Fusion 54 and Pike Place. The Main Street Association, with Lucas as president and certified arborist Belinda Kiger helping, put together a "dream team" of city department heads - the parks department, street department, CEL&P, Brandy Allen, Dave Paulie from Wabash, Jen Lowe, Mike Reidy, and others met monthly to learn best practices for the city's urban forest management.

The dream team recognized that true urban vitality required a shift in thinking. Instead of dense, uniform plantings, they advocated for intentional spacing, species diversity, and a focus on native and resilient trees. Proper spacing not only allows trees to thrive but also reduces competition for resources and minimizes the risk of disease spreading through a monoculture.

Biodiversity emerged as a central goal. The lessons of Dutch elm disease and the devastation wrought by the emerald ash borer underscored the dangers of relying on a handful of species. Diverse plantings create a more resilient urban forest, able to withstand pests, changing climates and the unpredictable challenges of city life.

In 2019, with renewed city leadership and support, a new tree inventory was

commissioned. This time, using advanced software and the expertise of certified arborists, the city mapped its urban forest in detail. The resulting data informed a new management plan that assessed at-risk trees based on height, diameter, branch structure, and rot. Over 125 trees in parks and on city land needed to come down immediately to avoid damage to property; others needed to be pruned or were put on a watch list. (You can check out the inventory here: <https://crawfordsvillein.treekeepersoftware.com/index.cfm?deviceWidth=1280>)

The team completed its training the last week of February 2020. By March 13, all non-essential services were on hold and many people were staying home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The urban forestry work would resume as people returned to work.

Lucas's mantra—"the soil matters"—became a guiding principle. Healthy soil supports healthy trees, and urban environments often present unique challenges: compacted ground, construction debris, and contamination. Lucas's experience in community gardening reinforced the need for ongoing soil amendment, organic mulching, and careful site preparation. These practices ensure that newly planted trees have the best chance to establish strong root systems and mature into long-lived urban assets.

Lucas and Kiger's plan rejected quick fixes in favor of a slow, intentional approach. They advocated for the "right tree, right place" philosophy—selecting species based on site conditions, available space and long-term maintenance needs. This meant better tree spacing with species like the honey locust that provide that "dappled shade."

As Lucas reminds us, healthy tree growth takes patience: "First year sleep, second year creep, third year leap."

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

Back in the Day with Butch Dale



Back in the day, many families had several children. Shown above are the offspring of Ralph and Nelda Carpenter in 1947. All boys! Bill, Harold, Jack, Jim and Don. They tried again to have a girl, but . . . you guessed it . . . along came another boy . . . Kenny!

Witham Celebrates Volunteers

Witham Health Services is celebrating National Volunteer Week, April 20 - 26, this year with recognition for the many volunteers who support the health system. "It is a special time for us to celebrate and thank our volunteers for the significant contributions they make to the hospital each day by generously donating their time, talent and commitment to serve our patients, staff and the community at large." said Amy Mitchell, Director of Volunteer Services, Pastoral Care & Retail Sales at Witham.

"Witham volunteers are often-times the first and the last point of contact Witham patients and guests have while at the hospital, making them an important part of the patient experience."

The Witham volunteer team consists of more than 50 individuals

working across 22 different departments and locations throughout the main campus in Lebanon, including the Volunteer program, No One Dies Alone and Pastoral Care.

"Volunteers not only provide an important presence in the hospital, but also contribute to cost savings for the organization," Mitchell said.

Witham Volunteers host many fundraising events throughout the year to support the Volunteer Organization Scholarship fund, a program designed to award three Boone County Seniors pursuing a continuing education in a health related field a \$1,000 scholarship, as well as to support various fund the need initiatives for the hospital. They also support and run the Waterfall's Edge Gift Shop located at the

hospital main entrance and the Pavilion Boutique located at the North Pavilion A entrance.

The Witham Volunteer Organization also recently hosted their annual meeting and awards ceremony and installed new Board Officers.

"Board Officers are community members who support the Organization by providing oversight and governance, as well as assist with various projects and programs throughout the year. Newly elected Board Members are Carolyn Koontz, President, MaryPat Shepherd, Vice President, Richard Moore, Treasurer and Yvonne Keffer, Secretary. We are thankful for the dedication and support of the volunteer board," Mitchell said.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 1)) SS: COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY) CAUSE NO. 54D01-2502-MI-000149 IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: Ronald Dean Brown Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Ronald Dean Brown of Montgomery County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that he wishes to change his name to Ronald Dean Endicott Brown and filed a Petition for Name Change on April 14, 2025, in the Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, requesting such name change. Said Petition is scheduled for hearing on June 2, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. before Montgomery Superior Court 1, where such petition is now pending. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file objections.

Ronald Dean Brown, Petitioner 2-7-25
Sondra K Sixberry Clerk
PL5045 4/16 4/23 4/30 3t hspaxlp

Montgomery County Plan Commission Notice of Public Hearing Preliminary Plat

The Montgomery County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 4:00 pm to consider a Preliminary Plat for Cunningham/Fouty Minor Plat. The meeting will be held in the community room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

Petitioner: Shane Cunningham
Purpose of Request- Preliminary Plat (Minor)
Location – 6397 W Division Rd
Waynetown, IN 47990

The request is to hold a public hearing to consider the Preliminary Plat of Cunningham/Fouty Minor Plat (SD2025-3).

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed Plat. 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 Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov) prior to the public hearing. All such written comments or objections will be considered by the Plan Commission. A copy of the proposed Plat 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, April 16, 2025
Marc Bonwell
Building/Zoning Administrator
Montgomery County, IN
PL5091 4/23 1t hspaxlp

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

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54D01-2407-MF-000782 wherein Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC was Plaintiff, and Rose Lyons a/k/a Rose Ana Marie Lyons, was Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 11th day of June, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana.

Part of Lots Numbered Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), as the same are known and designated on the recorded Plat of Magnus Holmes addition to the Town (now City) of Crawfordsville, described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot Numbered 12 and running thence North along the West line of Water Street 55 feet; thence West 106 2/3 feet to an alley; thence South 55 feet to the North line of Franklin Street; thence East 106 2/3 feet to the place of beginning, in Montgomery County, Indiana.

More commonly known as: 515 S Water St, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
Parcel No. : 54-10-05-221-128.000-030
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.

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Union Township
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Annual Plant Sale & Show From Master Gardeners Coming

By Sheri Bethard
President, Master Gardeners of Montgomery County

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 your 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/1084061839634585> or email montcoin_emg@gmail.com.

Rev Up Motocross Engines

As the excitement builds for the 2025 Motocross of Nations, local businesses and community members are invited to attend one of two upcoming Community Sponsorship & Involvement Opportunities Meetings to learn how they can play a part in this world-class event.

The meetings will be held on the third floor of Fusion 54 on the following dates:

- Tuesday, May 6 at noon (Light lunch provided)
- Wednesday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m. (Light refreshments provided)

These informational meetings are open to all and will explore the many ways local residents, business owners and organizations can support and benefit from hosting this major international event. Topics will include:

- Overview: What is MXoN and what does it mean for our community?
- Sponsorship and advertising opportunities for local businesses
- Volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups
- Community parade details
- Hosting visitors through Airbnb and Outdoorsy rentals
- Transportation and logistics during the event

MAY 6, 2025 at 12:00PM **3rd Floor Fusion 54**
or
MAY 7, 2025 at 5:30PM **101 W. Main Street**
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

MOTOCROSS OF NATIONS (MXON)

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP & INVOLVEMENT INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Join us to learn more about how to get involved and support the success of the LARGEST event to ever happen in Crawfordsville!

IRONMAN
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Crawfordsville INDIANA

The city said it wants to thank everyone who attended the first round of business information sessions. These upcoming meetings will build on that foundation, expanding on what was shared and offering even more ways for people to get involved and help showcase Crawfordsville's amazing community to the world.

The 2025 Motocross of Nations is expected to bring thousands of international visitors here,

providing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to boost local visibility, tourism and community pride.

RSVPs are strongly encouraged to help organizers plan for lunch and refreshments. RSVP Here:

<https://crawfordsvillechamber.weblinkconnect.com/events/MXoN-Community-Sponsorship-Involvement-Opportunities-Meetings-5315/details>

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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.

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