

■ TODAY’S VERSE

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.

■ AWL HONDURA
Hondura’s Adoption Fee Is Sponsored

Hondura is full of love and the life of the party. Hondura is a 3 year old female American Pit Bull Terrier that has been at AWL since 6/28/2023. Hondura’s 2 year shelter anniversary is coming up 2 years at the shelter is too long!! Hondura is super ready to snag a furrever home. Hondura has won the prestigious award of ULTIMATE GOOFBALL!! Hondura is a ball of energy, love, and enthusiasm! Hondura is very affectionate and loves attention. Hondura has had several dog friendly interactions while at the shelter and we think she’d make a great family dog. Hondura’s adoption fee is sponsored by Best Friends. If interested in fostering/adopting Hondura, please call the shelter 765-362-8846. AWL is open Monday-Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday’s from 9:30a-3p.



This Saturday is Flag Day. Wouldn’t it be great to see Ol’ Glory in all her red, white and blue splendor flying everywhere! (And if this offends you, perhaps you ought to think long and hard about your mailing address.)



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What’s With The Crazy Headlines?

When you search news stories on the Internet, the headline likely determines whether you read the article or not. I have noticed lately that many of the headlines, especially on the major network Internet websites such as Fox News, are often misleading, and a few just downright strange. Did they do this on purpose? Did the writers skip college English Composition class? Or was the headline written by artifi-



John ‘Butch’ Dale
Columnist

cial intelligence? Many headlines have words out of order, lack proper punctuation, or leave words out completely. Here are a few that I found on the Internet...
■ Researchers Say Death Causes Loneliness and Isolation
■ Students Cook and Serve Grandparents
■ Police Helps Dog Bite Victim
■ Sisters Reunited After 18 Years at Checkout Counter
■ Cold Wave Linked to Tem-

peratures
■ Expert States Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash
■ Local School Dropouts Cut in Half
■ Farmer Bill Dies in the House
■ Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
■ Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft
■ Man Found Dead in Cemetery
■ Man Struck by Lightning Has Battery Charge
■ Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

■ Stud Tires Out This Winter
■ Local Girl Does Well in Dog Show
■ Experts Say School Bus Kids Should be Belted
■ Child’s Stool Great to Use in the Garden
AI (Artificial Intelligence) is responsible for some of the news composition and headlines today. We know the intended meaning and interpretation of the above headlines, but Artificial Intelligence is incapable of using common
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Bubba Pops up in Person with Unique Philosophy

Most days I skip lunch. Like a lot of you, I just don’t have time. Back in the day, we used to enjoy long lunches (no, I never had three martinis) and even an occasional afternoon playing hookey and hitting the golf course.
No idea what happened to those days. Does anyone?
So now lunch tends to be a cheese cracker with peanut butter. Or maybe a quick drive-thru. But once in a while things quiet down and I grab a newspaper and head to one of my favorite local eateries for a little peace and quiet reading time.
Such was the case the other day. I was reading about Notre Dame football’s off-season successes and our Indiana Pacers achievements and, uh, well, neither from the India-



Tim Timmons
Columnist

napolis Colts . . .
“Dang, Timmons!” a familiar twangy voice called out. “Fancy seeing you here!”
Really? On the one quiet day I could get away and enjoy 45 minutes or so of peace and reading? And I couldn’t very well make up an excuse about being in a hurry, having somewhere to be or anything. My food hadn’t even arrived yet.
“Well hello, Bubba. How’s it going?”
A frightening thought hit. Was he going to sit down? Did I have a choice? Is there no justice?
“Sorry Timmons, but I can’t stay. Got to head out. Got an appointment to see the doc. I think I got vertislow.”
“Vertigo?”
“No, vertislow. Everything makes me dizzy and feels like I’m moving in slow motion.”

Why do I try?
The sound system here was one of the reasons I liked this restaurant. They play all ‘60s and ‘70s – the golden era of music in my humble opinion. In fact, one of my favorites came on, Country Roads.
Bubba threw his hands over his ears and said, “Oh! I love that song. Gotta go!”
Wait. What?
“Hang on there, Bubba. If you love that song, why are your hands over your ears and you’re leaving?”
Bubba just looked at me like I was the one seven cylinders short of a ‘65 Pontiac GTO.
“Ain’t you ever had a favorite song, Timmons?” Bubba deadpanned.
“Sure, Bubba. Actually, I have lots of favorites. I really like almost all genres of-”
“Yeah, yeah,” Bubba cut in.
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Community vital to Make Democracy Function

The following is the second half of Helen Hudson’s acceptance speech for the 2025 League of Women Voters Montgomery County Making Democracy Work Award. Last week, we ran part one.
Making democracy work, part II
I grew up in a tiny community in a rural area with parents who took for granted that you helped out, not just on other farms but in town too: on the library board, on the church council, with elections, starting a Lions Club, being part of all those women’s organizations. When they saw the need for a community center, they got on it.
When my little hometown needed a new, bigger (still tiny) public library – the whole thing would fit in the foyer of the CDPL – and books were ready to move into its new building, all the kids in the upper elementary grades were recruited to bring their Radio Flyers to school and there was a parade of books in little

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Helen Hudson was the recipient of the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County’ annual Making Democracy Work award. Hudson has been a member of the League for 37 years, serving in numerous positions, including president / co-president for six years. *Courtesy*

■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. The Indiana State Fair has some great concerts coming to the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage. Beginning on the Fair’s opening day will be ‘70s super group Three Dog Night. After that will see Babyface, Bill Murray and His Blood Brothers, Melissa Etheridge and more. The Fair runs from Aug. 1-17 (closed on Mondays). All shows at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission and seating is first-come, first-served. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.
2. For the 4th year in a row, the Zionsville community will paint the town purple on Saturday, June 21 for Zionsville Memories on Main to raise funds for the Alzheimer’s Association. This year, more than 30 local Zionsville businesses plan to participate through raffles, specials or donating a portion of sales to advance Alzheimer’s care, support and research. Businesses will also have materials available to customers to help raise awareness of the free support services available to those who are affected by the disease. Aligning with Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month, Zionsville Memories on Main is part of The Longest Day – a do-it-yourself fundraiser that takes place on or around the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. Since its conception, Zionsville Memories on Main and the Zionsville community have raised nearly \$28,000 to help advance care, support and research for Alzheimer’s and all other dementia.
3. A new report from Harmony Healthcare IT is offering a detailed look at how Americans are engaging with telehealth in 2025 — including who’s embracing it, who’s not, and why. The report found more than 3 in 4 (77%) of Americans believe telehealth is the future of healthcare.
■ 53% prefer telehealth to in-person doctor visits
■ Top telehealth uses: therapy/mental health, one-off ailment, and sexual health
■ Nearly 1 in 5 (17%) turn to telehealth for prescriptions their doctor won’t approve
The most common reasons for choosing telehealth? Convenience, faster service/easier scheduling and privacy. A little more than 10 percent say they use telehealth to avoid small talk — and nearly a quarter (24%) admit to feeling embarrassed when discussing personal issues with a doctor. For those not embracing telehealth, 30% say they aren’t aware of what’s available and 29% think it’s lower quality of care than in-person visits.

Montgomery Minute

The public is invited to participate in the Montgomery County Historical Society’s Inaugural Berry Blast Competition at this year’s Strawberry Festival on Saturday! The event will take place from 1-3 p.m. at Lane Place. Competitors will test their homemade catapults to see who can launch the farthest! We will have three age categories: Youth, ages 8-12; Teen, ages 13-18; Adult, ages 19 and up. The first-place winner for each age group will win \$100 and second place for each age group will win \$50. You can sign up to participate online through our website, each entry is \$10. The web address is <https://www.lane-mchs.org/2025-berry-blasting>.

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A father is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules and shines with pride when you succeed.”
— Unknown

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

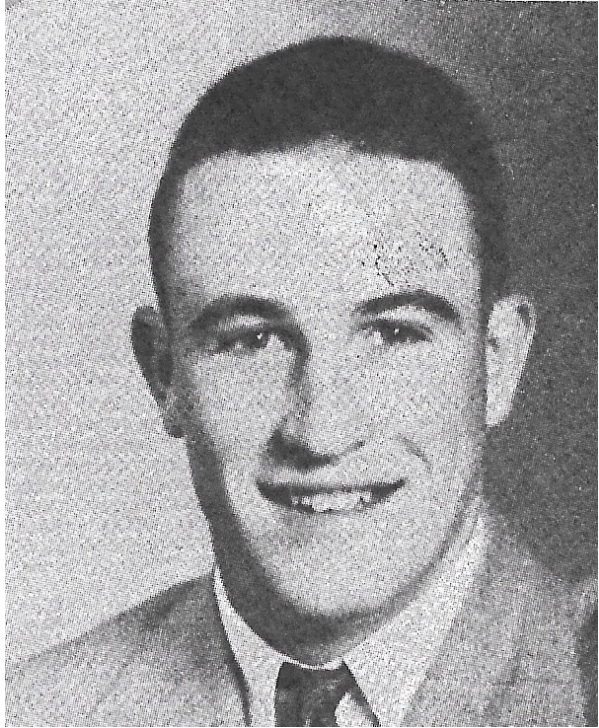
In honor of Father’s Day this weekend, we share some “dad jokes.” Why did the bicycle fall over? It was two-tired.



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■ BUTCH’S FLASHBACK TRIVIA



Do You Recognize This 1954 New Ross Graduate?

HINT: He was a great athlete and the star guard on the Blue Jays Sectional champion basketball team.
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Mayor’s Community Forum Set for Next Wednesday

Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton has scheduled his monthly Community Forum for Wednesday, June 18 at 5 p.m. at Pike Place. This will be Barton’s 144th 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 about anything regarding the city.



Todd Barton

HHSB’s Kirstin Dillon Honored for 5 Years of Service

Hoosier Heartland State Bank is proud to recognize Kirstin Dillon for 5 years of service. Kirstin is a Relationship Representative in HHSB’s Virtual Branch. As a Virtual Branch Relationship Representative, Dillon connects with HHSB customers by phone, email, and digital banking chat support to provide prompt solutions and answer questions. She also assists customers in opening personal and business accounts and guides them through the loan application process. “We’re proud to celebrate Kirstin,” said HHSB’s Virtual Branch Manager, Heather Hites. “Her friendly spirit, eagerness to learn, and readiness to help have made a lasting, positive impact on our team.” Dillon graduated from North Montgomery High School in 2016 and has been married to her husband Tyler for eight years this July. Together they have two boys: Milo, 8, and Brooks, 3. Dillon says that they all enjoy watching movies together, especially anything starring Adam Sandler. She also enjoys shopping or thrifting and experiencing new things, as well as traveling with her family.



Kirstin Dillon

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■ BACK IN THE DAY



In 1992, Montgomery County had a “nostalgia basketball tourney” for the former players at the small schools. Shown above is the Darlington team. Back row: Bob Shelton, George Cox, Phil Mahoy, Bill Douglas, Terry Cain, Charlie Warren, Roy Wright, Dave McClaskey, Kenny Cain, Dan Cain, Gren Lefebvre, Myron Peebles, Ed Ryker, Galen Smith and Dave Nicholson. Kneeling: Don Mullen, Mark Maxwell, Don Threlkeld, Rich Douglas, Fred Warren, Steve Apple, Steve Weliever, Ron Threlkeld, Ed Gable and Gary Dale. Front: Judy Mullen, Gloria German, Seth Cain and Sharol Threlkeld.

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red wagons moving the contents of the library those couple of blocks up the street. When I was a ninth grader, I remember enjoying reciting the names of the Supreme Court justices — somehow, democracy was near. I could also name all the Major League Baseball team players, too, and had serious opinions about who should start in each game of the World Series. Out there in remote, rural Iowa, I was a rabid Philadelphia Phillies fan. Johnny Callison was my main man. All this “love of the big family,” I think, somehow all added up to patriotism, I suppose. Jill Lapore, one of our premier contemporary U.S. historians, writes that as she walks down the halls in her Harvard Law department, others ask her, “Are you still a patriot?” I ask you now: are you still a patriot? When I was young, politics was around, of course, and early memories of that are entertaining. I remember my dad saying he voted for Adlai Stevenson the first time. He later swore that he’d done no such thing. I had no idea what a vote for Stevenson even meant, but was intrigued by the name Adlai — who names their kid that? I was in early high school when JFK ran for president. I sensed a bubble of consternation below the surface of regular life because Mr. Kennedy was a Catholic, not because he was a Democrat. It was in that context that I heard my first community rumor, but not from within my good-hearted, community-minded, square-dancing parents’ house. I heard it on the street or in school. “They say” that Fay Glover, our Quimby telephone operator, AND a Catholic, was calling people and telling them to vote for Kennedy. I never believed it for a moment — Fay was nice, I rode the school bus every day with her four nieces and nephews. She would never do that — but I did feel the thrill of gossip surging around, and it was titillating. Preparing words for this occasion, I realize that likely this was the first piece of “fake news,” which I registered for exactly what it was, and I remember the anxiety bordering on conspiracy / fear tied up in that emotion. I also remember knowing instantly that it was not true. Jumping ahead a couple of decades, I became

a passionate advocate for women’s rights and the Equal Rights Amendment because of my commitment to the common good in our one-person-one-vote system. I protested against building and launching nuclear submarines from their west coast ports. Because of our differing positions on the Alaska pipeline, my dad reminded me of the priorities of community I’d long known. In my cocky early maturity I was going to argue him to the ground. After about 20 minutes, he paused and gently said, “We have to stop this, Helen.” This was no Hallmark movie scene but a silent, highly eloquent reminder that the kind of behavior I was exhibiting leads to no man’s land. In families and communities, individuals and their opinions do matter, but ego never has the final say. Ego needs to be curbed again and again and again, at least in my case. For decades, I was a teacher of many subjects. I have been entrusted with training young minds. But toward what end? Lots of shared information that everyone needs to be “educated,” of course, but mostly teaching kids to read closely, write clearly and think critically. All teachers do some form of this, and in so doing, we build young citizens for our democracy. In fact, the real job of public education in a democracy is to mesh skills so young people can pursue their dreams, but also, at a deeper level, ensure they can go on and create community and participate in the precious institutions of democracy. It is they who will carry good governance onward into the future. So they can work in the process of revising and editing our institutions so they serve us well. Promoting the common good, community first, keeping little-d democracy in the driver’s seat has been easy and joyful to live out over decades in Montgomery County. I think of my students’ Amtrak train project, its garden and the lobbying by 16- and 17-year-old CHS students in Congress. I think of The Athenas, HUE, the Mayor’s Youth Council, the MOVE House, my German students and their Green Weeks, work at the Lew Wallace Study and 4-H. Also, how about Community Growers? And, FISH? These show that no one in Montgomery County is really inaccessible. Wait! No one is really inaccessible unless they’re

on some high horse, as I was during the Alaska pipeline argument with my dad. I will admit I worry, likely too much, about too many people riding too many high horses right now, especially those with lots of power — but I worry about us too. Our beloved LWV provides one of the very best tools for helping people get off those high horses before they morph into “mountains we’re willing to die on.” That’s a real danger now because a person standing alone on that mountain of power and self-righteousness cannot listen to other points of view nor see anyone else face to face. You cannot hear anyone else talking, and you can’t see anybody’s face up on those righteous mountains. We in the League and in our C’ville / MoCo community say, “Wait a minute. Let’s talk. “How cool that your kid was part of that world-beating FFA judging team, or that world-beating dance team! Did you go to ISU too? I didn’t know you had a plot in the community garden? You like to throw axes? Me too!” From there, we can begin the ongoing conversation for the common good, promoting and knowing the kind of governance that encourages openness, fervent, dedicated listening and is kindest to the greatest number of people. One of my favorite moments in my years as League president came at a legislative breakfast. Someone asked a very long question in a very angry voice; the audience was restive and on alert — “I’ll never come to another meeting that guy attends, and all our legislators are jerks anyway,” someone near me grumbled. Audience and legislators were on edge. The event was ending badly. The young Chamber of Commerce moderator, looking like she wished to melt into the floor, broke in and asked, “One more question?” Now I’m not a spontaneous person, but I raised my hand and asked if each legislator would tell us about the one thing they were most proud of in the session that had just ended. I’ll always remember how the atmosphere in the room changed entirely in a flash. A few weeks ago, I met an Episcopal priest who started Plainsong Farm near where we now live in Michigan. It’s a place for growing young farmers, for spiritual development and for seeking. She and I were shoveling

out clumps of dirt where high bush cranberries were soon to be planted and doing some introductory chatting. “Oh, the League of Women Voters!” she said, “I just joined the League. When I asked someone how in the world one can be useful here in these fraught days, my friend said. ‘Join the League.’” When my parents were in their early eighties, they were taking my uncle for kidney dialysis a couple of times a week. I was concerned they were doing too much and said so. I meant to show concern. My dad must have sensed condescension in my voice. He straightened up tall, took a deep breath and said, “Helen, what are we good for if we can’t help one another?” So there it is. Civic and spiritual wisdom colliding — and we pause. We must never lose sight of that. In finale, I ask you: How many high horses are you riding these days? Is there a way you can dismount and talk to another dismounted rider—one who thinks at least a bit differently than you do? When people are on high horses, it’s easy to forget that in our little-d democracy, we must always work to create a space in which every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate. Please encourage them, especially young people. Sure, we all have mountains we’re willing to die on. Have you used every skill at your disposal to be sure that it’s this mountain you want to die on? The defense of democracy itself surely does qualify as a worthy mountain. Let’s talk about it — face to face.

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.



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AG Scrutinizes DEI at Butler, DePauw

Attorney General Todd Rokita has sent letters to Butler and DePauw universities concerning their respective diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) policies and practices, which may violate federal and state civil rights laws and the terms of the universities' nonprofit statuses.

The letters follow a similar inquiry to Notre Dame University on May 9.

"The U.S. Supreme Court has made clear that racial discrimina-

tion of any kind in our education system is repugnant to our civil rights laws, even if done supposedly to help groups claimed to be disadvantaged or underrepresented," Rokita said. "Hoosiers are rightfully concerned that some education institutions treat students, faculty, staff and others differently based on race under the guise of DEI or other. We are investigating to determine whether universities'

DEI programs are consistent with the law."

Publicly available materials and statements from university leaders suggest that various aspects of Butler's and DePauw's operations may be governed by policies that treat individuals — including students, prospective students, faculty, staff and job applicants — differently based on the individuals' race or ethnicity; employ race in a negative manner when mak-

ing admissions or hiring decisions; or utilize racial stereotyping.

Racial discrimination of any kind in educational settings violates fundamental moral and legal principles that are enshrined in state law. Nonprofit universities that flout those principles and pursue race-based DEI initiatives may jeopardize their nonprofit status.

Rokita's letters explain that racial discrimination by any nonprofit universi-

ty cannot be squared with the public or charitable purposes that a nonprofit is supposed to serve.

The universities are asked to provide information about their admissions and hiring practices, including details about any changes made to their practices following the U.S. Supreme Court's Students for Fair Admissions decision.

Rokita also requests documents showing what guidance the schools provide to faculty and admissions staff regarding

DEI goals. Further, he asks the schools to explain whether and how race plays a role in their efforts to recruit, hire and enroll members of "underrepresented" groups.

Rokita said the universities' responses to his inquiries will help determine whether further action is warranted to ensure the schools are operating consistent with the terms of their nonprofit statuses and Indiana's legal and moral commitment to racial equality.



State Sen. Brian Buchanan was among those watching Gov. Braun sign Senate Enrolled Act 516. Photo courtesy Sen. Brian Buchanan's office

Buchanan Bill Signed by Braun

A bill authored by State Sen. Brian Buchanan (R-Lebanon) that increases transparency at the Indiana Economic Development Corporation was ceremonially signed into law by Gov. Mike Braun.

Senate Enrolled Act 516 requires the IEDC to notify local government officials of its intent to purchase land exceeding 100 acres within a community. It also requires notification to be given to the county commissioners, and the mayor of a

city if the land is located within a city, within 30 days before the closing date of the purchase of the property. SEA 516 also establishes the Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

"I was happy to join my colleagues and the governor as he ceremonially signed this bill into law," Buchanan said. "This legislation will ensure local governments know if the IEDC is eyeing potential developments in their area and brings added ac-

countability to the agency."

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

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

Crawfordsville Facility Honored

American Senior Communities has been recognized with 11 2025 Bronze – Commitment to Quality Awards during the national review by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living, including Hickory Creek in Crawfordsville. This national recognition celebrates senior living communities exhibiting a high level of commitment to enhancing the lives of residents through quality care.

Cathy Bergland, AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Board Chair shared, "Starting the Quality Award journey is about more than recognition—it's about building a culture that puts quality first. Congratulations to each recipient for embracing that commitment and setting the stage for continued success."

With these new recognitions, ASC now boasts 54 communities with active Bronze status, making it the #1 Bronze-level senior living provider in Indiana.

The Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award is the first of three progressive levels in the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program. This initiative recognizes long-term and post-acute care providers nationwide that are dedicated to continuous improvement and excellence in care delivery.

Each application is rigorously evaluated by trained experts using criteria based on the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, a nationally respected framework for performance excellence. The program supports providers in achieving superior long-term out-

comes and enhancing residents' quality of life.

Steve Van Camp, CEO of American Senior Communities, expressed his pride in the achievement: "We are deeply honored to be recognized at the national level. These awards represent more than recognition; they reflect a deep commitment to our culture of quality care and an unwavering commitment to our CARE values of Compassion, Accountability, Relationships, and Excellence. We thank and applaud our teams for their continued pursuit of excellence."

The 2025 AHCA/NCAL National Quality Awards will be formally presented during the Elevating Excellence Awards Ceremony at the AHCA/NCAL Convention & Expo: Delivering Solutions 25, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

■ SCHOOL NEWS

Local Student Earns Dean's List

Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions student Ashley Alfrey of Crawfords-

ville has been named to the school's Spring 2025 Dean's List.

The Dean's List recognizes undergraduate students who complete a

particular semester with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.999 with a minimum of 12 credit hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

Walker happy to support Act 143



Sen. Kyle Walker

Families are the cornerstone of any society, and important decisions about how children are raised within individual families should be made by parents.

This year, I supported a bill that will protect parental rights in Indiana.

Senate Enrolled Act 143 will:

- Guarantee parents have the fundamental right to direct their child's upbringing, religious instruction, education and health care;
- Prohibit the government from denying a

Summer Reading kicks off in Lawrence

The Indianapolis Public Library's summer reading program is underway. Kids and adults alike can track their reading time throughout the summer to receive

prizes. Prizes will be awarded for one hour, five hours, 10 hours, 15 hours and 20 hours of reading. The program ends Aug. 2. You can stop by the Fort Ben branch of the Indianapolis Public Library to register for the program.

parent access to information related to their child's health care or social, emotional and behavioral well-being; and

Block government employees from advising, directing or coercing a child to withhold information from their parent.

SEA 143 does not allow a parent to commit child abuse or neglect, and the prohibition on

withholding information from a parent does not apply to a parent under criminal investigation and the police request the information be withheld.

This new law will ensure parental rights have the same level of legal protection as other fundamental rights like the freedom of speech or freedom of religion, and I was glad to support it.

CenterPoint: Call 811 Before Digging

CenterPoint Energy is reminding everyone to contact 811 before starting any outdoor digging project.

Anyone planning to dig — including gardening, building or repairing a fence, planting trees, installing a deck, placing a mailbox or laying a patio — should contact 811 at least three business days (excluding weekends and holidays) before starting their project. 811 is a free service that community members can use to have utility lines located and marked.

According to the Common Ground Alliance, a member-driven association of nearly 3,800 damage prevention professionals in the underground utility industry, utility lines are damaged every few minutes because digging occurred prior to contacting 811. In 2024 alone, CenterPoint experienced more than 3,100 natural gas line damages within its service territory because 811 was not contacted before digging.

"As temperatures continue to warm up, our customers and community members are working on more outdoor projects around their homes. While they take advantage of the warmer

safety incidents and loss of utility service for their communities by contacting 811 to have underground utility lines located and marked."

Safe digging practices are required by state laws and help prevent damage to underground natural gas, electric, communications, water and sewer lines. Utility lines can be buried as shallow as inches below the surface. Digging without knowing the approximate location of underground utilities can result in serious injury, including death, as well as service disruptions, fines and costly repairs.

Safe digging steps

To prevent damage and stay safe, CenterPoint urges everyone to follow these steps before any digging project:

Plan ahead!

Contact 811 at least three business days before starting work.

Make the request early in the week

- for weekend projects.
- Confirm all utility lines are marked
- before beginning work.
- Adjust plans if need-

ed. Relocate

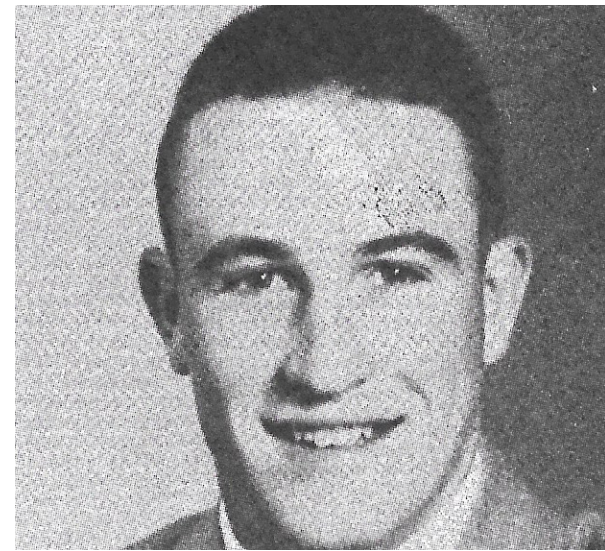
- projects that are too close to marked utility lines.
- If using a contractor, verify they have contacted 811 before their work.
- Smell natural gas? Act fast

If a natural gas line is struck outside of a home or business, customers are reminded to:

- Leave the area immediately on foot. Do not attempt to restart or move powered equipment or use your mobile device or any other item that could cause a spark.
- Go to a safe location, then call 911 and CenterPoint.
- Remain in a safe area until directed by emergency personnel to do otherwise.
- Don't try to repair a natural gas leak. Leave all repairs to a trained technician.

Visit 811BeforeYouDig.com to learn more about the process to have underground utility lines located and marked. For more information about natural gas safety, visit CenterPointEnergy.com/Safety.

■ BUTCH'S FLASHBACK TRIVIA



Answer: Mel Routh

Sen. Deery Shares Update On Important Legislation

If I had one wish for the world, it would be to give every child a loving home with two caring parents. That alone would do more to address society's challenges than any legislation or government program ever could.

As a son, a father, and a lawmaker working to solve our most pressing problems, I agree with Ronald Reagan, who said: "The family is the basic unit of our society, the heart of our free democracy. It provides love, acceptance, guidance, support and instruction to the individual. Community values and goals that give America strength also take root in the home. In times of change and challenge, families keep safe our cultural heritage and reinforce our spiritual foundation."

Tragically, far too many children are not blessed with a loving home environment. In cases of abuse, neglect, or when a parent is under criminal investigation, the state must act swiftly and decisively to protect the child.

But when a child is living in a safe and loving home, it is not the government's role to micromanage family



Courtesy photo

life – whether in matters of faith or decisions like when a child is ready to explore the neighborhood solo, as I often did growing up in a rural community in the 1980s.

That's why I was proud to support Senate Enrolled Act 143 this year – a bipartisan law that strikes the right balance by protecting parental rights while ensuring children's safety.

The law makes clear that, absent abuse, neglect, or a criminal investigation, the government does not have the right to:

- Deny a parent access to information related to their child's health care or social, emotional, and behavioral well-being;
- Advise, direct, or coerce a child to withhold information from their parent; or
- Interfere with a parent's right to direct their child's upbringing, religious instruction, education, and health care.

Every child deserves the chance to grow up in a home filled with love, guidance, and trust. That's the kind of Indiana I want to help build.

If you share that vision, I invite you to use this link to reach out with your own policy ideas, but even more important, I invite you to focus on strengthening your own family and serving your community in ways that will help others do the same.

Senate District 23 INDOT Update

The northbound lane of State Road 63 over Brouillets Creek near Universal will close as early as Monday, June 9, to make needed bridge repairs. This project is expected to last through early July. As always, I encourage motorists driving near a construction zone to use caution so everyone can return home safely.

Crawfordsville District Public Library

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
26 Blood Drive on June 30 from 10a-2p	27	28	29	30	31 SIGN-UP TODAY!
2 Drop-in Resume Help: 5:30-7p	3 Baby Story Time: 9:30a Elementary Time: 4p Color Our World Kick-Off: 3p-6p For All Visitors	4 Toddler Story Time: 10a	5 Preschool Story Time 10a Lego Club: 4p Drop-in Tech Help: 6-8p	6 Activity at the Pavilion: 10a	7 SMASH Day Art at CMMC: 1-3p
9 Yarn Works: 6p Drop-in Resume Help: 5:30-7p	10 Baby Story Time: 9:30a Elementary Time: 4p Genealogy Club: 7p	11 Toddler Story Time: 10a Full Moon	12 Preschool Story Time 10a Dragon Bingo: 4p CDPL Board Meeting: 4p Drop-in Tech Help: 6-8p	13 Activity at the Pavilion: 10a	14 Book Sale 10a-4p How to Train Your Dragon Movie: 2p Park After Dark Night Hike: 9p
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Adults All ages Teens Children

‘Color Our World’ Summer Reading Display

Summer Reading is in full swing at the Crawfordsville District Public Library! The “Color Our World” Summer Reading Challenge for adults is now available through July 8.

We have a great display of books on the second floor for your summer reading challenge needs! If you are participating in the challenge, choosing and reading a book from our display will earn you



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an extra raffle ticket for the grand prize, which includes a new Samsung Galaxy tablet and a prize bag filled with art supplies and library swag! The “Color Our World” challenge can be completed online through Beanstack. Visit cdpl.beanstack.com or download the free Beanstack app to begin. Prefer paper? Stop by the second floor and pick up a paper copy of the challenge anytime during

our open hours. Challenge yourself to read this summer and see how far you can get! We’d like to tell you about a few great examples of books on the “Color Our World” Summer Reading display. First up is “The Secret Language of Color,” by Joann Eckstut and Arielle Eckstut (535.6 Eck). This book explores all the colors of the rainbow and how they relate to science, nature, history, and culture. Not only is this book a fascinating

read, but it is chock-full of gorgeous pictures illustrating color in all the facets of our world. Next is “Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear,” by Elizabeth Gilbert (153.3 Gil). This is another great book from a prolific New York Times best-selling author. Do you want to live a more creative life, but you’re not sure where to start or where to find inspiration? This is the book for you! Ms. Gilbert discusses the attitudes, approaches, and habits we

need in order to live our most creative lives. We have several fiction titles on display, too, that explore art, color, and creativity. “All the Colors of the Dark,” by Chris Whitaker (FIC Whitaker), for example, is set in 1975 in small town in Missouri, where girls start mysteriously disappearing. This book is not only a missing person mystery, a serial killer thriller, and a love story, but also explores the power of art. Find these titles and

several more on display at the library until July 8. We look forward to assisting you on the second floor soon! Questions? Please call the Adult Services Information Desk at (765) 362-2242 ext. 3. The library is open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

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May Recalls Released by AG Office

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers to important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in May. The office is encouraging consumers to take advantage of opportunities available to them to return, fix, dispose, or replace a purchased recalled item that could be harmful to their families.

“In the race for safety, we’re waving the caution flag on recalled products. Don’t let a recalled product crash your summer fun,” Rokita said. “Stop using these items immediately and race to resolve the issue with the manufacturer.”

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in May:

- The Step2 Company Recalls My First Snowman Toys Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Choking Hazard
- iWALK Magnetic Wireless Power Banks Recalled Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Manufactured by U2O Global
- Playworld Systems Recalls Unity Teeter Tunnels with Lexan Tops Due to Risk of Serious Injury and Crush Hazard
- VFAUOSIT Brand Kitchen Faucets Recalled Due to Dangerous Lead Exposure for Young Children; Sold on Amazon.com by Whispero8
- KICIMPRO Brand Kitchen Faucets Recalled Due to Dangerous Lead Exposure for Young Children; Sold on Amazon.com by Kicimpro
- BASDEHEN Brand Kitchen Faucets Recalled Due to Dangerous Lead Exposure for Young Children; Sold on Amazon.com by Chenfeng Store
- WeHwupe Adult Portable Bed Rails Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment and Asphyxiation Hazards; Violation of Federal Regulations for Adult Portable Bed Rails; Sold on Amazon.com and Walmart.com by WeHwupe Store
- Minka Lighting Recalls Vortic Flow Series Lights Due to Impact Injury Hazard
- Macy’s Recalls Holiday Lane Infant Footed Pajamas Due to Injury Hazard; Sold Exclusively by Macy’s
- Nezmdi Infant Swings Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Suffocation Hazard; Multiple Federal Safety Violations; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Nezmdi
- Primark Recalls DTR Plush Bag Stitch and DTR Plush Bag Angel Due to Choking and Ingestion Hazards
- Sivan Dressers Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death

- from Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; Multiple Violations of Federal Regulations for Clothing Storage Units; Sold on Wayfair.com by Anji Guyou Furniture
- Areson Recalls Rolanstar 6-Drawer Dressers Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; Multiple Violations of Federal Regulations for Clothing Storage Units; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com
- LivingCaring Adult Portable Bed Rails Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment and Asphyxiation Hazards; Violation of Federal Regulations for Adult Portable Bed Rails; Imported by Shanghai Kai Rong Xin Xi Ke Ji
- BuddyLove Recalls Children’s Mini Danica Loungewear Sets Due to Risk of Serious Injuries or Death from Burn Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for Children’s Sleepwear
- Child Safety Gates Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment and Fall Hazards; Violations of Federal Regulation for Gates and Enclosures; Imported by Yiwu Baili Import and Export; Sold on Amazon.com
- FidgetThings Recalls Chill Pill Magnetic Haptic Fidget Toys Red Bumpy Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Ingestion; Violation of Federal Regulations for Magnets; Sold Exclusively on FidgetThings.com
- Polaris Industries Recalls Ranger XP 1000 NorthStar and Ranger XP 1000 NorthStar Crew Recreational Off-Road Vehicles Due to Injury Hazard
- Fat Brain Recalls Rollers Tile Toys Used in PlayTab Modular Activity Boards Due to Magnet Ingestion Hazard; Risk of Serious Injury or Death; Violation of Federal Regulations for Toy Magnets
- KTM Recalls Off-Road Motorcycles Due to Crash Hazard Recall
- Leon Rading Recalls Digital Wall Clocks Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Ingestion Hazard; Violations of Federal Regulations for Consumer Products with Coin Batteries; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com
- NICREW Submersible RGB LED Lights Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Ingestion Hazard; Violations of Federal Regulations for Consumer Products with Coin Batteries; Sold on Amazon by Nicrew
- Boyro Baby Recalls High Chairs Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Fall and En-

- trapment Hazards; Violations of Federal Regulations for High Chairs; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com
 - Legend Brands Recalls Bliss Hair Dryers Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Electrocution and Shock Hazards; Sold Exclusively at Burlington Stores
 - Deuter Recalls Kid Comfort, Kid Comfort Pro and Kid Comfort Active Child Carriers Due to Fall Hazard
 - Delta Gas Ball Valves Recalled Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Manufactured by Masco Canada
 - Igloo Expands Recall of 90 Qt. Rolling Coolers Due to Fingertip Amputation and Crushing Hazards; Total Recalled Now Nearly 1.2 Million
 - Xylolin Peg Doll Toy Sets Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Choking Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for Toys; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Babywants
 - Sanven Technology Recalls Vevor Cable Railing Kits Due to Entrapment Hazard
 - DEMDACO Recalls Maril Brand Scented Candles Due to Laceration and Fire Hazards
 - Yamaha Corporation of America Recalls Power Adaptors for Digital Pianos and Music Workstations Due to Burn and Fire Hazards
 - SharkNinja Recalls 1.8 Million Foodi Multi-Function Pressure Cookers Due to Burn Hazard; Serious Burn Injuries Reported
 - Kohl’s Recalls Tea Light Candle Holders Due to Fire Hazard
 - Kubota Tractor Corporation Recalls RTV-Series Utility Vehicles Due to Crash Hazard
 - Diesot Snap Children’s Hair Clips Recalled Due to Lead Poisoning Hazard; Violation of Federal Ban for Lead in Paint; Sold Exclusively on Amazon by YFLGOTOO
 - Baseus Portable Chargers Recalled Due to Fire Hazard; Sold on Amazon.com by Shenzhen Baseus Technology
 - Santa Cruz Bicycles Recalls Electric Bicycles Due to Fire Hazard
- If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice’s instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.
- To view recalls issued prior to May visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website.

F.C. Tucker Honors Pair of Agents

F.C. Tucker West Central is proud to recognize two outstanding agents for their achievements in April 2025. Tia Stultz has been named Sales Agent of the Month and Dan Bergfors has earned the title of Listing Agent of the Month.

Tia Stultz continues to shine as a trusted real estate professional throughout Montgomery County and the surrounding areas. A native of Fountain County, Tia has called Montgomery County home for the past 16 years, where she resides with her husband Seth, their two children Ethan and Ella and daughter-in-law Eleonora. Her deep community roots and understanding of the local market allow her to connect with clients on a meaningful level.

Tia’s interest in real es-



Tia Stultz

tate was sparked by a love for interior design and developed into a full-fledged career built on exceptional customer service and thoughtful communication. Her background in sales sharpened her organizational skills and ability to guide clients with care and clarity throughout their transactions. Whether working with first-time buyers or seasoned sellers, Tia is committed to making each experience enjoyable and rewarding. Listing Agent of the Month, Dan Bergfors, brings years of diverse experience and professionalism to the real estate process. A resident of Crawfordsville, Dan has a background that in-



Dan Bergfors

cludes service in the Air Force and two decades in the corporate world – giving him the ability to navigate complex situations with a steady hand. Dan works with both buyers and sellers across West Central Indiana and is known for his clear communication and calm approach. Dan lives in Crawfordsville with his wife Julie and their two dogs. “We’re proud to celebrate the dedication and accomplishments of both Tia and Dan,” said John Downey, Co-Owner of F.C. Tucker West Central. “Their hard work and client-centered approach reflect the values of our team and the standard of service we provide.”

■ FOR THE RECORD

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Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals

- Wednesday June 11, 2025, 11:00 am
- 1580 Constitution row Crawfordsville, in 47933
- Agenda
- Call to order
- Approval of April minutes

New business: Zv2508 – public hearing, sign variance, campbell ag service.

Other business: Adjournment

Agenda subject to change* montgomery county acknowledges its responsibility to comply with the americans with disabilities act of 1990. In order to assist individuals with disabilities who require special services (i.E. Sign interpretive services, alternative audio/visual devices, and amanuenses) for participation in or access to county sponsored public programs, services, and/or meetings, the county requests that individuals makes requests for these services forty-eight (48) hours ahead of the scheduled program, service, and/or meeting. To make arrangements, contact ada/title_vi_coordinator l

- Next regularly scheduled meeting july 9, 2025

Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes for Wednesday April 9, 2025

The Montgomery County BZA met on Wednesday April 9, 2025. Members present were Steve Canfield, John Hedrick, Tom McClamroch and Jason Ramsey. Staff members present were Marc Bonwell and Dan Taylor. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am. Tom McClamroch made a motion to accept february meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by John Hedrick. Motion carried 4-0.

■ **Zv2507:** Josh & Lindsey Fullenwider, 5024 s Wellington Blvd, Lake Holiday. Marc Bonwell introduced the request for variance for the detached garage. The petitioner is asking for a variance from the required 60’ front setback reduced to 37’ to Highland Drive. Staff has reviewed for ordinance compliance and finds no other ordinances non-conforming. Staff recommended approval with two conditions. Owner required to secure Lake Holiday approval and secondly receive building permit approval. Eric Zimmerman, representative for the petitioner gave an overview of the project. The public hearing was opened at 11:12 am and closed at 11:12am with no public comments. Jason Ramsey moves to approve the variance with the two staff conditions. The motion was seconded by tom mcclamroch. Motion carried 4-0.

■ **Other business:** The board decided to keep meeting at the current time and date. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24

am.

Montgomery County Visitors & Convention Commission

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 8:30 A.M. Montgomery County government center 1580 Constitution row – Suite E Crawfordsville, in 47933

Agenda

- Call to order
- Approval of minutes – May 14, 2025
- New business
- Officer reports
 - Treasurer report
 - Visitor’s bureau report – Heather Shirk
- Money matters
- Approve claims
- Other business
- Adjournment

****Agenda subject to change****

Drainage board

Wednesday, June 11th, 2025 at 9:30 am Montgomery County government center, community meeting room 1580 Constitution row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

- Agenda
- Call to order
- Pledge of allegiance
- Approval of minutes
- May 21st, 2025 – regular meeting
- Bid opening
 - Joseph Conway #700 – Reconstruction
- V. Petitions
 - Albert Hysong #618 – Petition for variance; Noah Moore-Benge
- Old business
- New business
- Other business
- 2025 Drain classification and long range plan - report
- Public comment
- Adjournment

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, July 9th, 2025, at 9:30 am; Montgomery County government center