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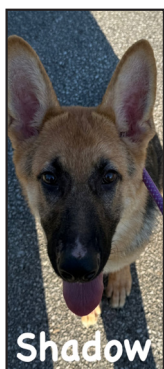


## ■ TODAY'S VERSE

**Revelation 19:9** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

## ■ AWL SHADOW

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Shadow



Welcome to October – for some, the very best month of the year. Pumpkin spice this and that. Yeah, I used to like it too. But as I get older, it's just the beginning of my bones getting so cold they don't warm up until the spring thaw.

## ■ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Crawfordsville Chess Club will begin meeting weekly, starting Oct. 6. There will be weekly United States Chess Federation-rated tournaments (time control is 25 + 5). And there is no entry fee. Meetings will take place on Mondays from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Crawfordsville District Public Library in room D. For more information, check out the Cville Chess Club Facebook page.

## ■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween."

-Erma Bombeck

## ■ JOKE OF THE DAY

Why do witches wear name tags?

So that they can tell which witch is which!

# The Paper

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## Butch Recalls Family Life in Good Ol' Days



John 'Butch' Dale  
Columnist

If you have read any of my previous columns, you likely know that I have many great memories

of growing up in a large family. I have two sisters, Julie and Sarah, and two brothers, Gary and Mike, and we had a lot of fun growing up on the farm. Dad had two brothers, Bernard and Albert ("Ab", and three sisters, Dora (Cohee), Ruth (Wells), and Barbara (Hampton). My uncles and aunts had a total of seventeen children...my first cousins. Bernard and his wife lived in Illinois with their two kids, but they came to visit quite often. The other five families all lived right here in the Darlington community, along

with Grandpa and Grandma Dale. The great thing that I remember is that the Dale family got together ALL THE TIME... holidays, summer cookouts, birthdays, weddings...you name it. Many times they didn't even need an excuse, and the amount of food that was prepared for these occasions was unbelievable.

My cousins and I participated in many activities during these get-togethers. We rode bikes, go-carts, scooters, and ponies. We played croquet, badminton, jarts, softball, basketball, whiffle ball, kickball, hide and seek, and dodgeball... just to name a few. There were also plenty of indoor board games when the weather was bad...Monopoly, Candyland, checkers, Scrabble, Old Maid, and

my favorite, Uncle Wiggily. The older kids often preferred regular poker games, betting a little pocket change for fun. Sometimes we just sat and talked...about sports, school activities, boyfriends and girlfriends, and of course the latest gossip! After the meal, the adults usually played cards and talked about anything and everything...and being Dales... told many, many jokes and funny stories!

I have warm memories of those years because of the love, compassion, and support that were part of belonging to a large family. And if a problem came up, we counted on each other for help. If times were tough money-wise, there

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## Bubba Kicks Off Halloween Season



Tim Timmons  
Columnist

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *In the spirit of the season, we are sharing a popular Timmons column about his friend Bubba and Halloween.*

Got to admit, I'm not crazy about the recent turn to cooler weather. As I get older I really like warm weather. I hate to admit that – the part about getting older, I mean.

I especially dislike cold temps at Halloween. It's fun to watch kids, young

and old, get into the spirit (no pun intended) of the season. Cold and crappy weather tend to put a lid on the fun, know what I mean?

At least that's what I was thinking sitting in our beautiful downtown Crawfordsville office when the phone snapped me back to attention.

"The Paper, Timmons."

"This here's the operator. Would you accept a goblin to goblin collect call from Sammy Terry?"

This here? Goblin to gob-

blin? Sammy Terry? This could only be . . .

"Hello Bubba."

For folks who don't know Bubba Castiron, he introduced himself a few years ago and turns up every now and then. He's not a bad guy but he would lose a debate with a bar of soap.

"Aww heck, Timmons. How'd you know it was me? I figured this being Halloween and all I'd get you with the fake operator gag."

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## ■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

**1.** This October, the Indiana Historical Society invites families to make the most of fall break with *Fall Into History*, a month-long opportunity for kids to enjoy free admission with a paid adult pass. Kids 17 & under get in free with a paid adult admission. Visit Tuesday–Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center. Families are encouraged to reserve tickets in advance to ensure entry. For more information, visit <https://indianahistory.org/fall-into-history>.

**2.** Indiana Gov. Mike Braun said that he is going to follow the recommendation of the State Parole Board and allow the execution of convicted killer Roy Lee Ward to proceed. "After carefully reviewing the unanimous recommendation from the State Parole Board, I have decided to allow the execution of Roy Lee Ward to proceed as planned for Oct. 10," Braun announced. Ward raped and murdered 15-year-old Stacy Payne on July 11, 2001, forcing his way into her home in Dale, Indiana, in Spencer County, when she answered the door. Ward stabbed her with a knife repeatedly, slitting her throat to the point that she could not talk and cutting her abdomen so deep her spinal cord was nearly severed. Stacy's younger sister witnessed the attack and called 911.

**3.** Two Purdue University alumni are part of NASA's 2025 class of astronaut candidates. The alumni, Adam Fuhrmann and Yuri Kubo, will immediately join the Cradle of Astronauts at Purdue, bringing the total number of its members to 30. "Known as the Cradle of Astronauts, Purdue University is excited to see NASA's announcement of two Boilermakers among the cohort of 10 astronauts selected to go to the moon and then Mars," Purdue President Mung Chiang said. Fuhrmann, currently in the U.S. Air Force, earned his master's in systems engineering from Purdue. Kubo earned two degrees from Purdue — a bachelor's in electrical engineering and a master's in electrical and computer engineering.

## LWV Dives Into Gerrymandering



Indiana's leaders, including Gov. Mike Braun, are being

squeezed like something out of The Godfather over redistricting. Just read the governor's words:

"If we try to drag our feet as a state on it, probably, we'll have consequences of not working with the Trump administration as tightly as we should," he said to WOWO radio station on Sept. 15. He said he wants Republican state legislators to evolve toward redistricting and not to feel pressured.

When President Trump personally summoned Indiana lawmakers to the White House, pushing them to redraw maps before the 2026 midterms, he wanted them to join a multi-state Republican effort to maintain a U.S. House of Representatives majority. The governor keeps floating a special legislative session for November to address redistricting.

The push involves more than polite persuasion. As the Indiana Capitol Chronicle reported, Braun publicly tied state action to federal cooperation, as Braun's use of the word consequences shows. The Trump Administration has repeatedly threatened to withhold funding from other states and institutions if they don't cave.

Congressional district lines are traditionally re-drawn by the state legislature once a decade, in the year after the U.S. Census is completed. Those district lines are then in place for 10 years until the next Census and its subsequent redistricting cycle.

But supporters of mid-decade redistricting, like Republican State Rep. Andrew Ireland say the national stakes are too high to passively accept potential disadvantage. Ireland told NPR's Steve Inskeep, "We can sit on our laurels and say that we have this map ... [that] Princeton election lab ... rates as one of the least gerrymandered in the country. Or we can get in the fight and level the playing field. And I think that's the conversation we're having now." Ireland went on to say redistricting was only fair game.

"Candidly, I would like to see a world where Congress

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was no welfare, food stamps, government aid or loans, child care centers, etc. If those types of things had been present, we wouldn't have taken advantage of them anyway.

Our family today is like many other families. Grandma and Grandpa passed away in the early 1970's. My folks are deceased, and all of my aunts and uncles are gone except for one aunt. Five of my seven-teen cousins are also deceased. Of the ones remaining, we haven't had a family get-together or reunion in many years. I see a few of them every once in a while, and I know I could depend on them if I needed help, but it's just not the same as when I was young. In the good old days, family members were closer, both geographically and emotionally. They looked after each other. Most families counted on two things... family and church...in that order. That's just the way it was. Aging parents were taken into the homes and cared for by relatives...not nursing homes. Grand-

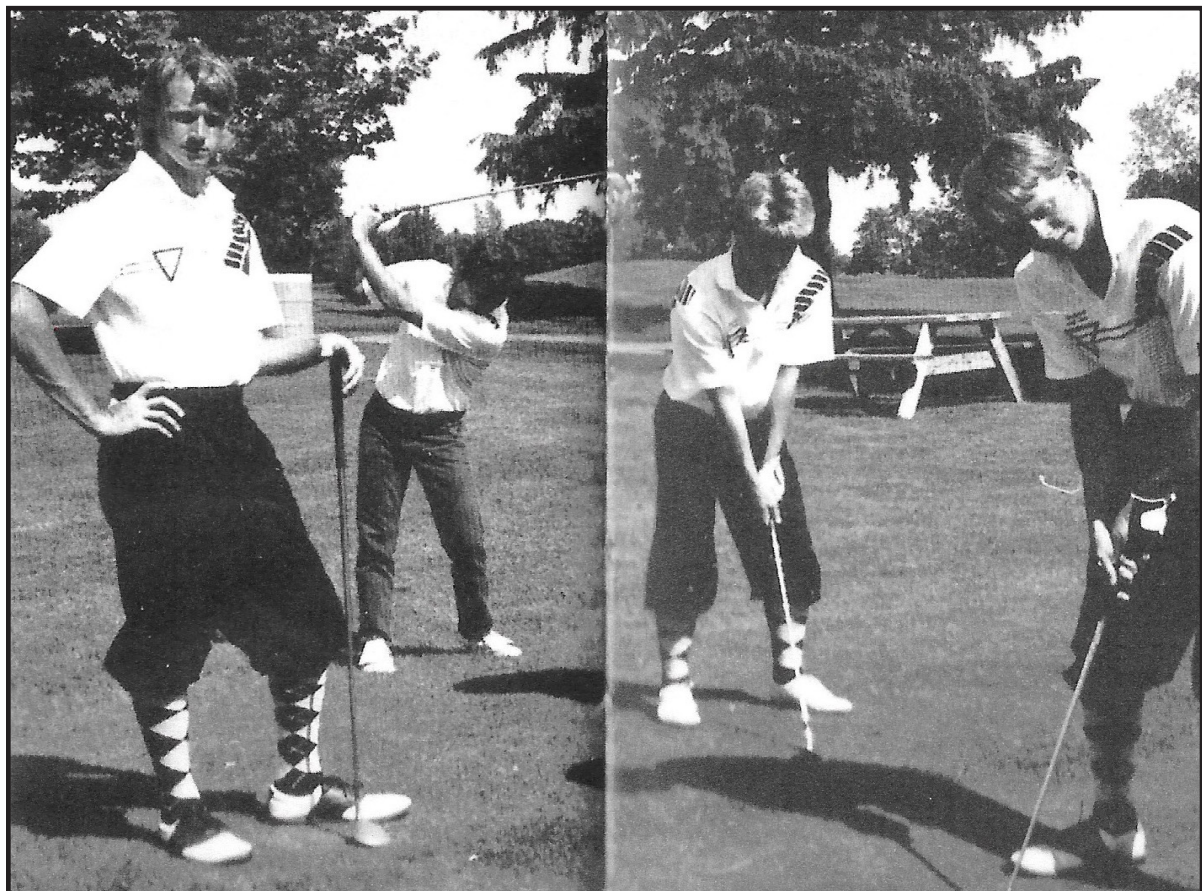
parents watched over and babysitted their grandkids.

Many families today are scattered all over the country. Some have never met their aunts, uncles, or cousins. There are no family meetings or get-togethers. There are no family traditions or stories to tell. Just like many neighbors today have never met each other, many families have become isolated from their relatives.

I guess a few people might think that I am looking at the past with rose-tinted glasses. Perhaps I am to some degree, but it was a great time in my life, and I am the person I am today because of the love and caring that I received from being a member of the Dale family tribe. God Bless them all!

*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.*

**■ BUTCH DALE'S BACK IN THE DAY**



**Back in 1990, the Southmont boys golf team went for the retro look. Shown above are seniors Nate Garlock, Shawn Gregg, Robb Williamson and Greg Bradley. Love those cool knee socks!**

**Sen. Deery Shares Updates**



**Spencer Deery**  
Guest Columnist

As a member of the Interim Study Committee on Public

Stay tuned to this newsletter for updates on the committee's work.

In the meantime, if you are like me and have an interest in this issue, as well as an interest in studying data and charts, I encourage you to browse the state's Birth Outcomes and Infant Mortality Dashboard. This website allows Hoosiers to view a county-by-county snapshot on various postpartum health metrics.

As always, if you have thoughts or recommendations on this or other topics, please contact me.

avoided.

One way Indiana is slowing health care inflation is by increasing transparency and reintroducing market forces. For example, Hoosiers can now compare prices for services through the Indiana All-Payer Claims Database, a resource created by a 2020 law that allows patients to see where they can get the most cost-effective and highest quality health care.

While I wasn't a Senator in 2020, during my time in the Senate, I have supported legislation that:

- Bans noncompete agreements for primary-care physicians in Indiana, increasing patients' choice in doctors;
- Enacts common-sense reforms to the prior authorization process so insurance companies can't slow-walk or totally deny appropriate coverage for Hoosier

- Requires the companies that negotiate coverage for Hoosiers' health insurance plans to act in the best interest of plan sponsors instead of padding their own profits; and
- Prohibits Indiana's largest health care systems from automatically billing at the higher hospital rate for services performed by their office-based providers.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, I will continue to pursue lower costs and better health for us all.

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

**FOR THE RECORD**

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**NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOL BOARD**  
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Approve the 2026 Budget  
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Health, Behavioral Health, and Human Services, I returned to the Statehouse for a hearing on ways to improve health outcomes for both new mothers and babies.

As you can see below, the good news is that Infant Mortality Rates in our state are on the decline. The bad news is that we still trail the national average.

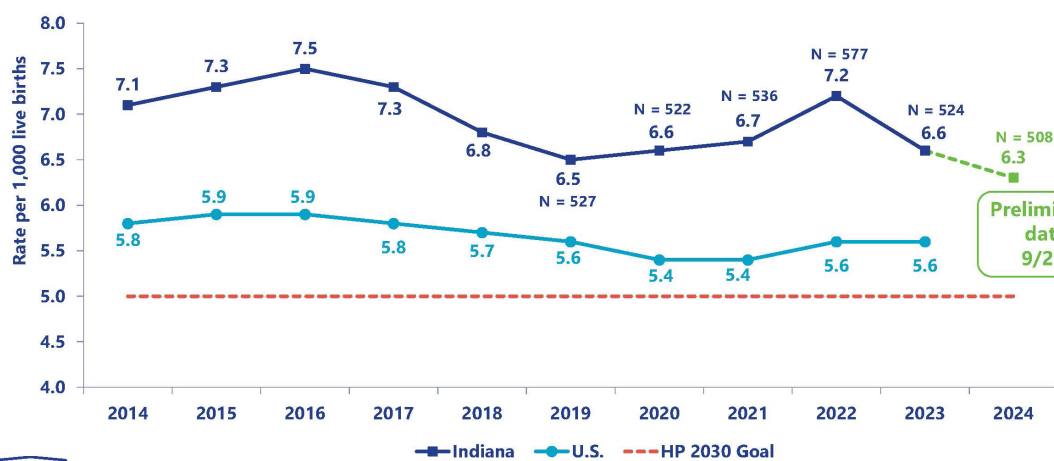
The committee will reconvene in October to vote on recommendations for future legislation.

As a father, a husband, and a Hoosier, I consider this to be one of the most important issues the General Assembly can address. New babies are a gift from God, and they, and their mothers, need all the health and support possible.

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**CUTTING Health Care Costs**

One of the defining problems of this decade has been rising costs – but when it comes to health care, the problem has been building for far longer than the last six years. Rising medical costs hurt families by causing debt and by prolonging or aggravating suffering when care is delayed or

**Infant Mortality Rates (IMRs)**  
2014-Preliminary 2024



Source: Indiana Department of Health, Family Health Data and Fatality Prevention Division (June 23, 2025)  
United States Original Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Health Statistics  
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steps in and does its job to rein in partisan gerrymandering. But until Congress does its job, I think states have an obligation to really protect the interests of the majority, and in particular [on an] aggregate and national scale. And right now, candidly, states like Indiana kind of sat by and said, 'Even though Illinois is doing this, even though California, Maryland [and] other states – that we're going to sit back and try to do it the right way.' And I respect that. I think there's something to be said for that. But at the same time, you can't put your partisan kind of bend at a strategic disadvantage on a national level and really marginalize your own voters in the process."

He notes that certain other, bluer states are aggressive in redistricting – so why should Indiana play by more principled rules? In short, he seems to make this into a national chess match and suggests that if one side plays dirty, so should the other.

While Indiana is a majority Republican state, about 40 percent of Indiana voters typically punch a vote for Democratic candidates. Proportionally, this means that three Democrats of the state's nine congressional representatives would be a more accurate representation of the average Hoosier voter, noted David Hadley, professor emeritus of political science at Wabash College. Instead, 2 out of 9 representatives represent the current minority. The GOP-majority map doesn't perfectly reflect partisan proportionality – but redrawing for partisan purposes would wipe out the recognition that current maps are among the least gerrymandered in the country.

Opposing mid-decade redistricting is practical too. A special session will be on the taxpayer dime and Indiana's population hasn't moved around, justifying a redraw at this point. Former Republican State Sen. Phill Boots spells out the case against mid-decade redistricting, drawing on both practical and ethical grounds.

"I see no positives to changing the current maps without new census data to consider," Boots said. "Redistricting is a major undertaking, and extremely expensive, which is why it should be done only every 10 years after a census." He went on to say that he objects to "the process known as gerrymandering."

Here's a textbook refresher of what gerrymandering is: "Manipulating district boundaries for political gain," wrote Ronak

Mohanty in the Purdue Exponent. "This often involves either splitting apart opposition voters to ensure they don't have the numbers to win in any individual district, or cramming them all together so they can only win in one district.

"I don't believe there will ever be a perfectly drawn map, but the current maps drawn by the state legislature have been judged to be some of the fairest in the nation," Boots said. "There is no benefit to changing them now."

Boots indicated that the "win" would be negligible, resulting in maybe one additional Republican seat in Congress, "hardly worth the effort and expense."

"Changing district lines now, without proper vetting, will simply prompt several groups to challenge them in court. That may well delay implementation." Boots called cost of defending those lawsuits significant. Additionally, he said, "I believe this redistricting proposal is purely political and a poor precedent to set for the future. In my opinion, state leaders are responding to outside pressure rather than to the citizens of Indiana."

One of the first voices to make a stand against mid-decade redistricting was Republican State Sen. Spencer Deery. He objected to the process on similar terms. In an August press release, he criticizes the heavy-handedness of the administration's approach, and the danger of prioritizing national party strategy over local norms and Hoosier independence.

Wabash College Professor of Political Science Shamira Gelbman, said: "I've not heard that any updated population records are being used; just that district lines would be adjusted to benefit one particular political party. It's hard to see any objective gain from that. Meanwhile, the losses can be substantial – further erosion of civic morale and political trust."

Citing evidence from the Economist Intelligence Unit's Democracy Index, Gelbman called political trust an essential component of democracy that "has been tanking in the United States in recent years."

She said she is especially troubled by the "chess game" rhetoric. "The chess game analogy is especially distasteful because it conceptualizes people – constituents, citizens – as pawns. It's dehumanizing and it makes it hard to argue seriously for citizens' meaningful participation in their own

governance."

Isaac Saul, journalist and founder of The Tangle News, paints the consequences in vivid terms. "Instead of us choosing our representatives by vote, our two major political parties are choosing the voters they want." Saul warned in August that parties are undermining voters voices "in broad daylight, using sophisticated computer systems to draw up the perfect, serpentine, totally self-motivated maps."

Common Cause Indiana's recent polling shows that the public is not fooled. A clear majority of Americans, 64 percent, oppose mid-decade redistricting; 81 percent support balanced maps and nearly two-thirds want gerrymandering outlawed nationally. Why? The costs are paid by everyone. Financially, lawsuits and redraw efforts stretch state budgets for dubious benefits – Boots estimates just one seat gained, hardly justifying the expense.

The Trump administration's highly coordinated pressure exposes two fundamental questions: Should Indiana march to Washington's tune, or defend its traditions, its voters and its sovereignty? And what happens to Founding Father James Madison's concern in Federalist Paper #10: that "the superior force of an interested and overbearing majority" would make decisions to advance its own ambitions at the expense of "the rules of justice and the rights of the minor party?"

For independent-minded Hoosiers, the answer may be clear. As Gelbman noted, "Arguing that a state legislature should work to advance the presumed interest of a partisan majority seems counter to the spirit of the Constitution and the representational framework it established."

It is a corrosive influence – destructive to faith in democracy and bad for local self-government. The question isn't just whether new maps help Republicans win one more seat; it's whether Indiana party leaders are committed to representing their constituents, majority and minority and earning the trust of Hoosiers.

*The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, multi-issue political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the League, visit the website [www.lwvmontcoin.org](http://www.lwvmontcoin.org); or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.*

## CenterPoint Shares Tips for Changing Weather

CenterPoint Energy encourages customers to leverage energy and money saving tools, tips and resources as part of their preparation for the changing temperatures as autumn begins. Customers can unlock energy savings through a combination of easy-to-implement tips, remain connected to company programs and stay safe as they wrap up outdoor projects for the year.

"Regardless of season, at CenterPoint, we have tips, tools and programs to help customers save energy and manage their bills. As the season changes, we encourage our customers to take steps to increase the energy efficiency of their homes to stay comfortable inside year-round while also reducing energy use. By taking some easy actions, customers can make a big difference in reducing monthly energy bills," said Mike Roeder, Senior Vice President, External Affairs at CenterPoint.

Roeder added, "We also want to remind customers to keep safety top of mind by taking the time to contact 811 prior to planting trees or conducting any final landscaping projects at home for the season as temperatures start to drop. Through this easy step, our customers and community members are taking a critical first step in helping keep themselves, their loved ones and neighbors safe."

CenterPoint offers customers tips and programs to fall into energy and cost savings. Customers can do

the following for energy and cost savings:

\*Verify the furnace or boiler is working: Prior to using a furnace or boiler for the first time this season, use a qualified technician to perform a tune-up and system inspection.

\*Change or clean the filters in HVAC systems: Maintaining a comfortable indoor temperature can represent approximately 50 percent of a home's energy use. Regular maintenance is one of the best ways to extend the life of a home's system, so swap out or clean filters to minimize costly repairs and keep the system running efficiently.

\* Visit the online Energy Efficiency Store: CenterPoint offers a variety discounted products through its online Energy Efficiency Store <<https://centerpointenergyinshop.com/>> including smart and programmable thermostats, window insulation kits, weatherstripping, low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators.

\*Keep a comfortable temperature indoors year-round: Use weatherstripping or caulk areas in and around a home, such as around windows and doors or where air from the outside could enter.

\*Save hot water while maintaining comfort: Showering accounts for 40 percent of a home's hot water use. Energy-saving showerheads and faucet aerators can help lower energy costs and reduce hot water use without sacrificing comfort.

\*Upgrade to more energy efficient appliances and equipment: When replacing appliances and equipment, look for ENERGY STAR®-certified products for increased energy efficiency and cost savings over time. Energy efficiency rebates may be available for new, qualifying appliances.

Customers can learn more about energy savings tips and tools that help them prepare for the colder days ahead in addition to ways to manage their monthly energy bills at [CenterPointEnergy.com/SavingsTips](http://www.CenterPointEnergy.com/SavingsTips) <<http://www.CenterPointEnergy.com/SavingsTips>> .

Fall can also be a great time to plant a tree or finish up outdoor projects before temperatures start to decrease. Anyone planning to plant a tree or work on any other type of project that requires digging should contact 811 at least three business days prior to starting work to have underground utilities located and marked at no cost. Everyone can use this free service to have underground utility lines like natural gas, electric, water and telecom facilities located and marked.

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“Nice try, Bubba but I don’t even know if they do collect calls any more. And besides, Bob Carter passed away a few years ago.”

“Bob who?”

“Carter. Bob Carter, Bubba. He was Sammy Terry.”

“No, no, no, no,” Bubba yelled. “Sammy Terry was Sammy Terry! I grew up watching him every week on Channel 4. Don’t be telling me that he was named Bob. I know a real ghoul when I see one.”

Sometimes it’s just easier to not argue with Bubba.

“Listen Bubba, I’m kind of busy here. What can I do for you?”

“Well sir, seeing hows this here’s the season for Halloween, I thought I’d tell you what happened to me this weekend because it’s the spookiest, downright scariest thing

I ever done seen in my entire life.”

I didn’t say anything. At this point Bubba was going to tell me some cockamamie story whether I wanted to hear it or not. I figured I’d just get this over with asap.

“Timmons, you there?”

“Yes, Bubba. Tell me what happened.”

“Well, I was out somewhere in the middle of nowhere, I think we were going toward Clare. Shoot, I’m not sure. But ol’ Bessie died again and-”

“Old Bessie?”

“My F-75.”

“F-75?”

“Well yeah. It’s a real old Ford and I figured it was made way before the F-150s so I’ve always called it a F-75.”

Sigh. “Go on, Bubba.”

“Well, it was just a pouring down. I mean the kind of rain where you can’t see more than a few feet in front of you. If it was raining any harder, Noah wudda come out of retirement. But Bessie wasn’t going nowhere and I done forgot my cell phone back at the house so I knew I was going to have to walk. So I climbed out and started walking. I hadn’t got very far when I saw this car coming toward me, real slow like. I was so excited and it was raining so danged hard that I didn’t even bother trying to flag it down, I just ran around the side and jumped in! But Timmons, guess what I saw?”

“No idea.”

“Timmons, there wasn’t nobody in that car and the engine wasn’t even turned on.”

“So you just thought the car was moving then Bubba. You already said that you couldn’t see

very well.”

“I know, but I swear that it was, and anyways, as soon as I was in it started going forward again.”

“Bubba, I think you’re mistaken.”

“Timmons, I swear to you! This car just started creeping forward, real slow like. I sat there soaking wet and I wasn’t sure if I was shivering from fear or the cold. But that wasn’t the worst part. Just ahead was a curve in the road and a bridge over the White River. And the car was headed straight for the front edge just before where the bridge started and I was sure we were going to roll off into some pretty rough water.”

Although you never know how to take Bubba, he sure did seem like this experience had left him shaken.

“As strange as all that was though, that wasn’t

even the worst part! Just when I thought we were going into the drink, this hand appears out of nowhere and turns the wheel! I swear it did, Timmons!”

There was no doubt that Bubba saw something.

“So what’d you do, Bubba?”

“I jumped out, that’s what I did. I didn’t care how hard it was raining. I bailed and ran like a greyhound! And I got to this farmhouse and pounded on the door and these kind folks was good enough to let me in and let me call Elvis to come pick me up. As soon as I hung up I was going to tell these folks the story when there came a banging on the door.”

At that moment someone knocked on my door and I about jumped out of my seat! I motioned that I was on the phone because I had to find out what

happened next.

“Well, there’s these two guys just as soaking wet as I was and they started to ask something when the one guy spies me and turns to his buddy. ‘Look John, there’s the moron who jumped in our car when we were pushing it.’ “

And with that Bubba let out a howl and started laughing hysterically.

“I got you, didn’t I Timmons! I got you!”

I could still hear him laughing as I slammed the phone down.

*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.*

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

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By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54C01-2505-MF-000513, wherein Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC was Plaintiff, and Emily A. Vanhook and Brady R. Vanhook, et al., were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 12th day of November, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. with the Montgomery Sheriff's Office at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville 47933 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery, Indiana:

PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 10 RODS; THENCE EAST 8 RODS; THENCE NORTH 10 RODS, THENCE WEST 8 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1/2 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA.

Commonly known as 2499 W 650 N, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Parcel No. 54-03-35-700-011.000-011

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Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. All sales are subject to any first and prior liens, taxes and assessments legally levied and assessed thereon.

Ryan Needham  
Sheriff of Montgomery County, Indiana  
/s/ Brian K. Tekulve  
Brian Tekulve

PL5165 10/1 10/8 10/15 3t hspaxlp

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Crawfordsville Community School Corporation has preliminarily determined to issue bonds in one or more series in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,460,000 to fund the proposed renovations and improvements to school facilities, including deferred maintenance, HVAC improvements, roofing improvements, site improvements, and the purchase of equipment, technology, and buses.

Dated: September 24, 2025

/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees  
Crawfordsville Community School Corporation  
PL5162 9/24 10/1 2t hspaxlp

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CRAWFORDSVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to hear the request for a special exception from the schedule of uses of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow a crematory and a development standard variance from the lot and yard requirements of the City Zoning Ordinance in a B-2, business zoning district.

The property location: 315 S Washington Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana (Parcel No. 54-10-05-222-021.000-030)

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

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

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

Department of Planning & Building Services  
Megan Huckstep, Director, City of Crawfordsville  
PL5167 10/1 1t hspaxlp

**SALE #25-050709 TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54D02-2505-MF-000525, wherein UNIVERSITY LENDING GROUP was Plaintiff, and Unknown Heirs-at-Law, Beneficiaries, Legatees, Devisees and Donees of Mary A. Largent, et al., were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 12th day of November, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 am or as soon thereafter as possible, at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A

More Commonly known as: 801 Tuttle Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Parcel No. 54-10-05-113-050.000-030

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

“Subject to all lines, encumbrances and easement of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 54D02-2505-MF-000525 in the SUPERIOR Court of Montgomery County, Indiana.”

Plaintiff Attorney: C. Wesley Pagles  
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(513) 396-8100 Fax: (847) 627-8805  
cwpagles@logs.com  
Ryan Needham, Sheriff of Montgomery County  
Union Township  
801 Tuttle Avenue  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein

**EXHIBIT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION FIVE (5), TOWNSHIP EIGHTEEN (18) NORTH, RANGE FOUR (4) WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH MARGIN OF TUTTLE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, 383 FEET WEST OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID WEST HALF OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER SECTION AND RUNNING THENCE EAST 70 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 210 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT 150 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTH MARGIN OF CHESTNUT STREET IN SAID CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, THENCE WEST 70 FEET; THENCE NORTH 210 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

PL5166 10/1 10/8 10/15 3t hspaxlp

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CRAWFORDSVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

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- To allow two (2) free standing pylon signs;
- To exceed the total allowable sign square footage, and;
- To allow the pylon sign(s) to exceed the height requirements.

The property location: 2518 Lafayette Road, Crawfordsville, Indiana (Parcel Nos. 54-07-19-400-025.000-028 & 54-07-20-300-011.005-028)

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

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Department of Planning & Building Services  
Megan Huckstep, Director, City of Crawfordsville  
PL5168 10/1 1t hspaxlp

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CRAWFORDSVILLE PLAN COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that the Plan Commission of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to hear the request for two primary and secondary subdivision plat approvals for commercial development.

The property location: North of Purple Heart Parkway, east of US Highway 231

(Parcel Nos. 54-10-08-300-072.016-029 & 54-10-08-300-070.000-029)

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

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Department of Planning & Building Services  
Megan Huckstep, Director, City of Crawfordsville  
PL5170 10/1 1t hspaxlp

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CRAWFORDSVILLE PLAN COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that the Plan Commission of the City of Crawfordsville will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 in the Common Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Municipal Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, to hear the request for primary and secondary subdivision plat approval for commercial development.

The property location: 900 feet south of Smith Avenue, west of Phil Ward Boulevard

(Parcel Nos. 54-07-20-300-011.008-028 & 54-07-20-300-011.009-028)

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

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Department of Planning & Building Services  
Megan Huckstep, Director, City of Crawfordsville  
PL5169 10/1 1t hspaxlp

On Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, the Montgomery County Drainage Board will open sealed bids on the reconstruction of the **Otis Thompson Tributary #3 #708** regulated drain. Notice is hereby given that the Montgomery County Surveyor will be receiving sealed bids for the reconstruction of the **Otis Thompson Tributary 3 #708** until 9:00 am on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. The project is located in Madison Township in Montgomery County, Indiana.

**Otis Thompson Tributary #3 #708**  
T20N, R4W, Sec. 29 & 30  
Install 907 feet of 8” smooth-corr HDPE pipe  
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PL5172 10/1 1t hspaxlp

**Reconstruction of Otis Thompson Tributary #3 #708.**

Per IC 36-9-27-52, on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, the Montgomery County Drainage Board determined that the costs, damages and expenses of the proposed reconstruction are less than the benefits accruing to the owners of lands benefited by the reconstruction. The Board adopted the reconstruction report of the county surveyor and the schedule of damages and assessments including annual assessments for periodic maintenance into its findings

An order declaring the proposed reconstruction is established. The findings and order of the board have been filed and are available for inspection in the office of the surveyor.

Unless judicial review of the findings and order of the board is requested under IC 36-9-27-106 within twenty (20) days after publication of this notice, the findings and order are conclusive.

PL5171 10/1 1t hspaxlp

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**State May Require Biological Sex on Birth Certificates**

A federal district court handed a victory Monday to Indiana’s policy of listing biological sex rather than gender identity on birth certificates. The court denied a request by the Americans for Civil Liberties Union for a preliminary injunction against the policy.

“This ruling is a win for truth, reason and, of course, common sense,” Attorney General Rokita

said. “Biological sex is an undeniable fact, not a feeling to be rewritten on official documents. Indiana will continue standing firm in protecting the integrity of birth certificates, ensuring they reflect reality, not ideology.”

Earlier this year, Governor Mike Braun issued an executive order reiterating that the terms “sex” and “gender” in the Indiana code

refer to the biological characteristic of being male or female. To implement the order, the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) stopped changing birth certificates to list a person’s gender identity instead of the person’s sex.

This policy change prompted a lawsuit from individuals represented by the ACLU.

The federal district

court declined to preliminarily enjoin Governor Braun’s executive order and IDOH’s policy. It rejected arguments that refusing to let a person self-define gender on birth certificates discriminates on the basis of sex, that transgender-identifying persons are a quasi-suspect class, and that there is a fundamental right to have gender identity listed on birth certificates.

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## Rokita Eliminates DEI for Indiana

Attorney General Todd Rokita today unveiled a robust new policy to protect Hoosiers from the unconstitutional diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) practices infiltrating law firms seeking to represent the State of Indiana. Effective October 2025, this policy will ensure that only firms committed to merit-based excellence and traditional American values of fairness will serve the state.

The Office of the Indiana Attorney General, tasked with approving most executive branch requests for outside counsel, is cracking down on woke ideologies that undermine equal treatment under the law. This move reinforces Indiana's commitment to rejecting discriminatory practices that prioritize race or sex over competence.

"The executive branch of the Indiana state government is leading the charge against the radical left's woke DEI agenda, which undermines our constitutional principles and divides Hoosiers with race-obsessed schemes," said Rokita. "This policy is a firewall to protect our state's legal representation, ensuring that law firms reject divisive ideologies and uphold the meritocracy and

fairness that reflect the values of hard-working Hoosiers."

Recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings, including *Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President & Fellows of Harvard Coll.* (2023) and *Ames v. Ohio Dep't of Youth Servs.* (2025), have reaffirmed that race-based policies violate the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection Clause and federal civil rights laws. These landmark decisions expose DEI initiatives as not only divisive but illegal.

Under this new policy, the Attorney General will block contracts with law firms that engage in discriminatory practices, including:

- Using race or sex to make hiring, promotion or disciplinary decisions, undermining meritocracy.
- Forcing employees into trainings that push racial or sex-based stereotypes, indoctrinating workers with divisive narratives.
- Participating in programs like the Mansfield Certification, which impose quotas disguised as "diversity goals."
- Setting diversity

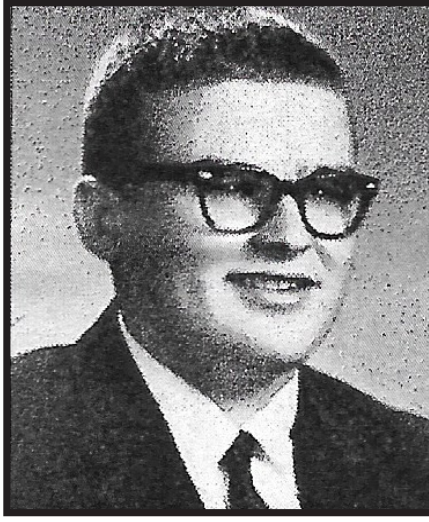
preferences, targets or set asides that prioritize identity over qualifications.

- Operating DEI fellowships, offices or committees that promote race or sex-based classifications, further entrenching woke ideology.

This policy applies to all new requests for outside counsel, as well as amendments or renewals of prior requests, ensuring a clean break from existing DEI-driven practices. It does not affect previously approved contracts but sets a strong precedent for future engagements.

Rokita's policy builds on his ongoing partnership with Governor Mike Braun to restore fairness in state contracting. In January 2025, Braun issued an executive order banning state agencies from using taxpayer funds to support DEI initiatives that grant preferential treatment based on race. In July 2025, Rokita and Braun further strengthened state contracts by adding language to prohibit race- and sex-based discrimination, including DEI practices that violate Indiana and federal civil rights laws.

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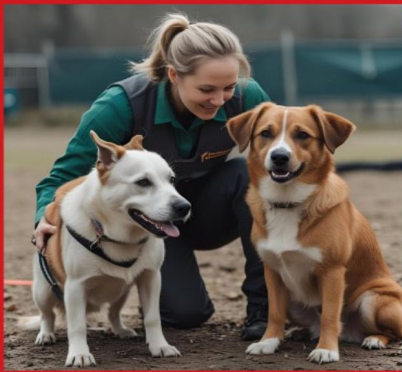


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