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### ■ TODAY'S VERSE

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

### ■ AWL TRIXIE

Say hello to little Miss Perfect, Trixie!! Trixie is a 3 year old female American Pit Bull Terrier that is available for adoption from AWL since 6/17/2025. Trixie loves going out for walks, playing fetch, and being showered with love/attention. Trixie will also gladly sit for treats! Trixie is spayed, dewormed, and up to date on of her shots!! Trixie is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks. AWL is open Monday-Friday from 2p-5p and Saturday's from 12-3p. Come snuggle cats in a community cat room, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!



If the sale of Donald Trump Halloween masks are down, does that mean the shine is wearing off?

### ■ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Waveland Strong will host its annual Fall Fest Saturday at the Waveland Volunteer Fire Department, beginning at 5 p.m. Entertainment will include The Dead Neetles Band from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. A free will donation chili dinner will be served by the Waveland Volunteer Fire Department from 5 p.m. or when the chili runs out. Help support our brave first responders! Brown Lucky Leaf 4H Club will be having their annual Bake Sale. Waveland Strong will be having a 50/50 raffle to help with the costs of the beautification project they are working on. For more information contact Amy Isenberg (765) 376-1591 or Teresa Ciulla (765) 366-8701.

### ■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"True love is like ghosts, which everyone talks about but few have seen."

- Unknown

### ■ JOKE OF THE DAY

What did one ghost say to the other ghost?

Do you believe in humans?

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## Hickory Bus Coming to Town Saturday

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the filming of the movie Hoosiers this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Crawfordsville District Public Library parking lot, courtesy of the Carnegie Museum.



Photos by Phyllis Boone

The bus from Hoosiers will be on display Saturday in the Crawfordsville District Library parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

County. Visitors Saturday will be able to tour the bus and learn about its use in the movie. This is a great photo op for sports-loving families and teams!

Visitors can also head across the street to the Carnegie Museum to see the display Hoosiers: Hometown 'Hickory' about the filming in New Richmond.

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## Butch Remembers Those 5 and 10 Cent Days!



John 'Butch' Dale  
Columnist

If you fellow baby boomers are like me, you are likely amazed at what some things cost today, compared to prices when we were little whippersnappers growing up in the 1950s. A one-dip ice cream cone now can be \$4 or more at some places...a candy bar \$3...a fountain Coke...\$3.50...and on and on. I know...It's CRAZY!

This got me to thinking about what I could buy with that nickel or dime that Dad handed over to me each time I tagged along with him to town. There were several places for a kid to visit to spend those coins... Arthur Friend's drug store, Rentschler's IGA grocery, Brown's Cafe, Cox's Standard Oil gas station, Wray's pool room, Warren Hardware, and Yount's Farmers Feed and Grain elevator. I visited all of these busi-

nesses many times as a child.

Both the gas station and elevator had 5 cent Spanish peanut dispensers, along with 5 cent pop machines...7 oz. bottles of Nehi soda or Coke, take your choice, and if you returned the empty bottle, you were refunded 2 cents! The drug store and grocery had large selections of all types of candy bars...

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## But It's Only Words, Right?



Tim Timmons  
Columnist

We take a break from our regularly scheduled Halloween season for this brief announcement.

(remember The Matrix?). Didn't even watch The View, smack my head and say, "Oh Wow, Whoopi and Joy have been right all along!"

None of that.

I was reading a story that quoted comedian Dave Chappelle. He was in Saudi Arabia at the Riyadh Comedy Festival and said something that stopped me

in my tracks.

"It's easier to talk here than it is in America."

Saudi Arabia? Yup, the place where you go to prison for a long time if you say something the government, i.e., the king, doesn't like. Remember a couple of years ago when a teacher was sentenced to death

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### ■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

**1.** The State of Indiana has been honored as a leading state in providing digital government services by the Center for Digital Government (CDG).  
**■** Indiana placed second among the states in the overall state government experience in the annual Government Experience Awards, which evaluates how states, cities and counties are providing online government services. This year, the State launched Ask Indiana, a generative artificial intelligence bot that has made it easier for citizens to find information across state government websites.

**2.** A new study reveals that Japanese is the language that Hoosiers want to learn the most. Conducted by Asian language specialists LTL Language School, analyzed Google search data for nearly 1,400 language learning terms and found that Indiana ranked 39th, recording 157 average searches respectively. Our state shows the greatest interest in Japanese, with 1,576 monthly searches on average. Hebrew is the second most searched language, with 1,281 average monthly searches, while Arabic ranks third with 1,262.

**3.** It's Fall, y'all – even if it doesn't feel like it. And for those looking to see the sights beyond Indiana's borders, Ohio might be a good answer. Consistently ranking as one of the most spectacular destinations in the U.S. for fall foliage, Ohio's Hocking Hills offers more than 13,000 acres of unbroken forest filled with more than 100 different tree species that paint dazzling panoramas. It inspires legions of travelers to chalk up five-star reviews for this stunning corner of the Buckeye State, citing spectacular scenery marked by deep gorges, lush forests, soaring rock faces, unique rock formations and picturesque waterfalls. A warm, wet spring and sunny summer with plenty of rain have resulted in strong foliage this year.

## MoCo Free Clinic Braces for Next Healthcare Shock



A woman walked into the Montgomery County Free Clinic

for a free mammogram, not expecting much – until the test revealed something life-threatening. A follow-up biopsy confirmed breast cancer. Because of that early detection, she was treated quickly and is now living well. Another patient, once terrified of needles and struggling to manage her diabetes after decades without seeing a doctor, began working with the clinic's nurse practitioner. With gentle nutrition coaching and simple movement routines, her blood sugar levels fell so dramatically that she no longer needs medication.

Stories like these, Executive Director Ashley Menard says, are what the Montgomery County Free Clinic is built for – quiet victories that change and sometimes save lives. But those victories could soon become harder to sustain. With cuts to Medicaid and the expiration of Affordable Care Act subsidies looming, Menard believes the need for care in Montgomery County is about to surge. For her and the clinic's small team, the question isn't if they'll feel the impact, but how soon – and how severely.

Due to state and federal cuts and procedural restrictions, the Kaiser Family Foundation estimates that 15-16 million Americans will soon be without health insurances: 7.8 million Americans will be left uninsured due to unprecedented cuts to Medicaid and HIP 2.0. Another 3.1 million will be uninsured from provisional changes to the ACA marketplace due to the

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## ■ BUTCH'S FLASHBACK TRIVIA



**Do You Recognize This 1974 Southmont Grad?**

**HINT:** She became a teacher and a coach.

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The Dead Nettles Band begin at 5 p.m. and entertain you until 8 p.m.

## Waveland Strong Fall Fest This Weekend

Waveland Strong will host its annual Fall Fest Saturday, at the Waveland Volunteer Fire Department, beginning at 5 p.m. Invite a neighbor and come out for a fun evening of music and dinner. You will want to make sure and visit all the wonderful vendors. And for those early birds, it's a wonderful time to get your Christmas shopping started.

Put on your dancing shoes for the evening while listening to The Dead Nettles Band. They are scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. and entertain you until 8 p.m. They will be singing all your favorite songs.

A free-will donation chili dinner will be served by the Waveland Volunteer Fire Department from 5 p.m. until the chili runs

out. Invite a neighbor and come out and enjoy the music and a bowl of chili. Help support our brave first responders!

Brown Lucky Leaf 4H Club will be having their annual Bake Sale. You will not want to miss all the wonderful goodies these kids make. The proceeds go to help them with their club activities throughout the year.

Waveland Strong will be having a 50/50 raffle to help with the costs of the beautification project they are working on for the town. Make sure and stop by to get your tickets. They will be \$1 a piece or \$20 for a wingspan.

For more information contact Amy Isenberg (765) 376-1591 or Teresa Ciulla (765) 366-8701.

### BUTCH

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Snickers, 3-Musketeers, Milky-Way, Almond Joy, etc. for a nickel. A pack of Wrigley's chewing gum was a nickel, or you could buy five pieces of Bazooka bubble gum (with comics inside), or five of those wax bottles that contained flavored water. Most of the time, I opted for a pack of Topps baseball cards, which contained 10-12 cards and a stick of bubble gum. I sat on the bench in front of the store, hoping and praying to get that elusive Mickey Mantle or Eddie Mathews card.

A scoop of Sealtest or Glover's Ice Cream on a cone or dish was a nickel, or I could choose a popsicle or ice cream bar for the same price. Older folks at the counter often ordered a cup of coffee, yes...5 cents. Have you been to a Starbucks lately and purchased a cup of coffee? If not, be prepared.

Of course there were many other things that I could purchase when Dad was in a good mood and forked over a dime...a fountain Coke or Green River phosphate, a box of Cracker Jack (which contained a small toy), a small bag of potato chips, a yo-yo, a plastic squirt gun, a paddle ball, or an "Archie, Veronica, and Betty" comic book. (However, I usually just sat and read those while in the store so I wouldn't have to spend my dime!) Alvie Warren sold balsa wood airplanes, boxes of caps, kites and packs of playing cards...all for a dime each, at his hardware store.

A ticket to see the latest movie at the Sunshine theater was a quarter, but candy bars were a nickel and a large bag of buttered popcorn cost a dime. After the movie I headed to the drug store for a hot fudge sundae, also a dime. If a friend needed to call his parents after the movie was over, the Bell telephone booth on the corner was handy...yep, the call cost a dime. Send a Valentine letter to your girlfriend? No problem. A Valentine card was a penny and a postage stamp cost a nickel.

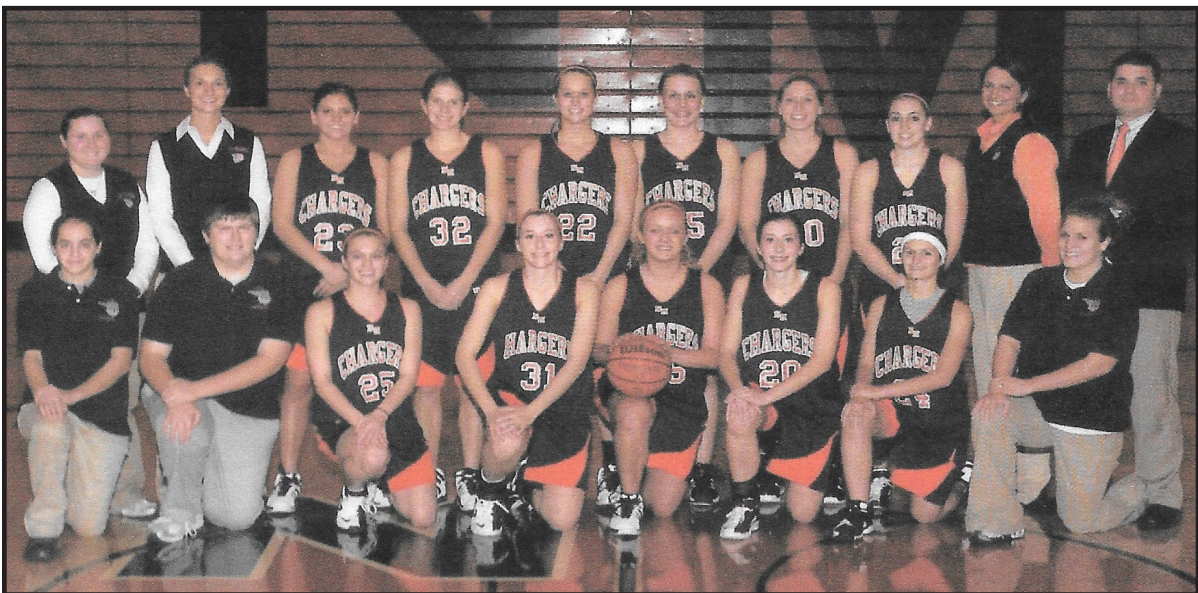
Recently there has been talk of doing away with pennies, as they cost more to mint than what they are worth. Back in the day, I saved my pennies to buy hard candy, bubble gum or extra milk at school (2 cents, or 3 cents for chocolate milk). My folks kept pennies to use in the parking meters when they shopped in downtown Crawfordsville (one penny gave 12 minutes of parking time).

There isn't much we can do about high prices nowadays, and yes, I am still going to buy those \$4 ice cream cones. I just can't resist!

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 the day there were no sports in which girls could participate. But all of that has changed! Many times there are more spectators at the girls' games than the boys' games! Shown above is the 2008 North Montgomery girls varsity team. Front row: Bailey Carpenter, Tanner Wilson, Tori Bowerman, Sarah Sparks, Brittney Asbury, Kate Sparks, Kia Davenport and Tenica Wrightsman. Back row: Julie Seagraves, Kristi Kospelke, Stephanie Ferling, Heather Keiser, Ashley Buis, Nicole Kingma, Natalie Robinson, Schyler Bane, Alison Skapin and Isaac Hook.

## Music From 'The Voice' Coming Here

This Saturday, Concerts on the Corner at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church will sponsor a Coffee House reminiscent of the '60s and '70s. Hailing from Nashville Tenn. and southern California, singer/songwriter Jesse MacLeod will entertain with memorable folk songs from this period as well as his original music. Two of MacLeod's songs were featured on NBC's The Voice. He was the winner of "Best Performer" in the Westcoast Songwriter's competition

and named one of the top three male finalists in the So Cal live music competition.

The concept of the coffee house is to encourage intergenerational conversation in the community with music of peace and good coffee. Wabash Avenue Church is excited to welcome Wabash student groups, teenagers, and all community members to attend. Wabash 1832 Espresso Bar will provide the coffee which is included in

a cover charge of \$5 for adults. Students are free. Attendees are encouraged to wear 60's outfits, share memories, and discuss what we can learn for today from a past time of conflict.

In keeping with the theme of Peace, donations are welcome for the Peace and Global Witness Offering of the Presbyterian Church USA. Forty percent of the collection will go to the local Humans United for Equality organization.



Photo courtesy Wabash Avenue Church

Coffee House Coming to Wabash Avenue Church

## Music on Grant Studios Fall Recital



Photo courtesy Barb Wilson, Music on Grant Studios

Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church graciously hosted Music on Grant's annual Fall Recital on Saturday, Sept. 27. Nearly 40 students performed on a variety of instruments featuring students from children to adults. Front: Jude McClamroch, Stella Corbin, Addison Hodges, Elaine Guthrie, Madeline Gentry and Matthew Hershberger. Middle 1: Fletcher Petrie, Hayden Corbin, Brooklyn Woolwine, Cole Arthur, Clara Brown, Lorelei DeWitt, Lorelai Pennington, Ellie Gentry, Bruce Madsen, Connor Brown, Ethan Riley, Grayson Bolgren, Everett Bolgren and Thomas Wilson. Middle 2: Graham Petrie, Kris Myers, Sierra Pigg, Avery Siple, Prudence Madsen, Barbara Wilson-Instructor, Jensen Presslor and William Hershberger. Back: Pamela Myers-Instructor, Elyse Garrett, Brendan Young, Poole Presslor, Zachary Hicks, Max Short, Lindsey Young and Hadley Arnett. Performing, but not pictured: Adam Bonebrake and Alexis Nelson.

# CASEY WILLIAMS



Nobody but noooooobody gives you a better inside scoop on new cars than Casey Williams. Each week Casey puts you behind the wheel and gives you the lowdown on the latest out of Detroit, or other places! If you drive a car, this is a must read!

Catch Casey every Monday in The Paper!

## Well-Read Citizens to Discuss ‘Everyone Who is Gone is Here’

The League of Women Voters of Montgomery County invites members of the public to join their Well-Read Citizen Book Club

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15, the book club will discuss *Everyone Who Is Gone Is Here: The United States, Central America, and the Making of a Crisis* by Jonathan Blitzer. The book club meets in Whitlock Hall of St John’s Episcopal Church, 212 S Green St.

in Crawfordsville.

The book, published by Penguin Press in 2024, tells the sweeping story of immigrants from Central America to the United States. It covers the choices these migrants face, the reasons they are leaving their home in pursuit of a new life, and the response in the United States by politicians, activists, and average Americans.

Blitzer’s book was a

New York Times Top 10 Book of 2024 and was named a Best Book of the Year by *The New Yorker*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Newsweek*, *PBS NewsHour*, *LitHub*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Publishers Lunch*, *Christian Science Monitor*, and *Counterpunch*.

The book club is free and the public is welcome. Contact Maria Reynolds-Weir at [mlweir@duck.com](mailto:mlweir@duck.com) with questions.

## Newport Hill Climb



Photo courtesy Andy Chandler

On the first Sunday in October, ever since 1968, the Newport Lions Club has sponsored the Hill Climb. The race up a hill for antique cars draws thousands to this tiny Vermillion County community – and this year was no exception. With unseasonably warm weather, a big crowd was on hand to watch antiques race up the hill.

## BUS

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New Richmond was a buzz of activity back in the 1980s when the film crew was there.

There will be different items on display, including the banners that hung in New Richmond during the filming.

The folks at the Museum ask you to cast your vote while there, does

basketball mean more in Indiana than in any other state? Or is it all just Hoosier Hysteria?

The exhibit is on display through Saturday, Nov. 1.

The Carnegie Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the Carnegie Museum is free, and the building is wheelchair and stroller accessible.

## LWV

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One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). And 4.2 million Americans will likely not be able to afford insurance without the tax rebates.

This means that for Menard and the Free Clinic team, the question is not if the clinic will feel the impact.

The Montgomery County Free Clinic serves roughly 200 to 280 individual patients per year, with about 800 visits recorded annually. Their eligibility rules are clear: patients must reside in the county, they must earn under 300 percent of the federal poverty guideline and they must not have private or public insurance.

Menard knows the Free Clinic is not reaching even 10 percent of the county’s 5,000 eligible residents. But they are making a difference for a narrow slice of residents, many of whom come from the Latino community – families who are often disqualified from state insurance programs and may carry deep fears about going to public hospitals. Because the Free Clinic takes no money from the federal government, it can provide a degree of trust that other healthcare providers cannot.

Yet the new wave of cuts threatens to completely redefine that patient base. As Menard explains, when ACA subsidies vanish in 2027, many families – her own included – will find health insurance premiums unaffordable. The same is true for those currently on Medicaid losing coverage under government rollbacks. Those patients, newly uninsured, will have nowhere else to go but the local free and charitable clinics.

“If you look at the median household income in Montgomery County, which is about \$70,000,” Menard notes, “Ninety percent of folks here could qualify

for our services. I just don’t think they know they could.”

That paradox – vast potential need but limited reach and resources – defines the challenge ahead.

Unlike some nonprofits, the Montgomery County Free Clinic is not supported by state or federal funding. Around 90 percent of its annual \$350,000 budget comes from local donors – individuals who, year after year, quietly sustain a vital safety net. The rest is stitched together from Community Foundation grants, the local United Way and the Montgomery County Medical Care Trust.

That self-sufficiency has been a blessing, shielding the clinic from immediate state or federal clawbacks. But it is also a vulnerability. As Menard puts it, “High eligibility is both a blessing and a curse.” If demand were to double – or triple – because hundreds lose ACA coverage or Medicaid slots, the clinic’s financial groundwork would need to be rebuilt almost overnight.

Plans are already forming: by 2027, the organization hopes to operate as a full-time primary care center, open five days a week instead of part-time. To do that, however, the budget must swell to \$700,000. Put simply, the clinic will need either more community donations or brand-new funding streams, all while more patients crowd through the doors. And that’s only part of the equation.

If money is one side of the challenge, people are the other. The Montgomery County Free Clinic has long leaned on volunteers for frontline services, from nurses and physicians to front desk staff. But as Menard recognizes, volunteerism is a challenge for busy families.

“Our generations can’t take off time during the week to volunteer at a clinic,” she says. “That used to be easier for a stay-at-home mom or a retired nurse or teacher. We’re just not seeing that anymore.”

As a result, Menard herself is often balancing five jobs at once: grant writer, bill payer, referral coordinator, and even front desk assistant, on top of overseeing the whole organization. More hands, she insists, would lighten the load and make it easier to sustain programs long-term.

Asked where the clinic might compromise if resources tighten, Menard doesn’t hesitate: the medical program and Meals on Wheels will be preserved at all costs. Already, in 2025, the clinic made the painful decision to cut its dental program to protect core healthcare.

Menard’s message to our community is twofold. First, that if you need help, resources like the clinic exist – and walking through the door should not be a source of shame. Second, if you can give more – whether time, money or skills – now is the moment to rise to the challenge.

For small counties like ours, the test will be whether we dig deeper and become a community that cares for and protects each other, knowing one day, we might be the person in need.

*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](http://www.lwvmontcoin.org); or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.*

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**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 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

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OF THE STREET ADDRESS PUBLISHED HEREIN

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

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURT  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY )  
) CASE NUMBER: 54D01-2507-DC-000898

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:  
JENNIFER DOMINGUEZ  
PETITIONER  
v.  
JOSE ADAN DOMINGUEZ SUAREZ  
**ORDER SETTING PROVISIONAL HEARING**

A Verified Petition for Dissolution of Marriage asking the court for provisional orders has been filed in this Court. The Court has set this matter for a Provisional Hearing, where the court will make decisions for how important family and property matters will be handled while the case is still ongoing. The parties must go to court and be prepared to show evidence to support how they want the court to decide on the issues of child custody, parenting time, child support, health insurance, spousal support, who will need to pay what debts and bills, and who should have what property. The provisional orders will only be in force while the case is still ongoing. Provisional orders end when the court issues the final order, which is the decree. If a party does not come to this hearing, the court may make decisions without that party.

IT IS SO ORDERED that this case will be heard on: December 3, 2025 at 1:30 PM

Date: 9/30/2025 Heather Barajas  
Judicial Officer

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**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 appraisement 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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**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.

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**▶ LETTER TO EDITOR  
Boone County Group Addresses Scandal**

Dear Editor,

Hoosiers deserve more than platitudes, conflicts of interest and unbid contracts. We deserve leaders who answer to the people, not to a select circle of insiders with the right connections. Unfortunately, the unfolding scandal at the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) proves yet again that when politics, money, and power collide, it is everyday Hoosiers who are left footing the bill.

excused with a shrug. That double standard is corrosive to democracy. These findings need to be referred to the Inspector General and an investigation launched.

Governor Braun has dubbed himself as a reformer, but his actions suggest otherwise. His administration's first instinct was to control the narrative by hiring an out-of-state firm for nearly a million dollars to conduct a tightly managed audit, then withholding findings until after a legal review. That is not transparency; that is damage control. And when it came time to answer questions from the press, the Governor literally walked away. Hoosiers see through this.

The recent revelations about "The Three Kings"—former IEDC executive Dave Roberts, Purdue Research Foundation President Chad Pittman, and former advisor to Governor Mitch Daniels, Paul Mitchell—should concern every taxpayer in Indiana. Over six years, entities tied to these men collected more than \$180 million in taxpayer-funded grants and no-bid contracts. These weren't isolated missteps. They were patterns of behavior, aided and abetted by a quasi-public state agency that operated in secrecy and with little accountability.

The Boone County Preservation Group cares about this issue because the IEDC was less than transparent on plans for the LEAP district in our community. The recently-released audit shows that during the review period, one-third of overall IEDC expenses went to the LEAP Project - about \$495 million. Of that, \$77 million went to Pure Development, which kept about \$18 million for its work and paid the remainder to subcontractors. The Pure contract was not bid out and was just given to them with no competition.

Let us be clear: while Governor Mike Braun's audit may have reportedly found "no criminal activity," that is hardly a stamp of integrity. Ethical impropriety does not need to rise to the level of criminality in order to erode public trust. Rules were clearly bent, disclosures were kept behind closed doors, and oversight was bypassed. Ordinary citizens know that if you break the rules, there are consequences. Yet when politicians or their allies do it, the refrain is always the same: "Mistakes were made, but let's move on."

We believe the solution is not another round of half-measures or insider promises of "better controls." The solution is independent oversight, free from political ties. We need further investigation from the Inspector General and an executive order banning the individuals who violated ethical norms from participating in future contracts, grants, or state business. Otherwise, bad behavior is not punished: it is rewarded.

We reject that.

What message does it send if those responsible are allowed to continue cashing in on state contracts? Is the message that corruption is acceptable as long as you wear a suit and call it economic development? A factory worker who cut corners would be fired. A farmer who failed to meet reporting requirements would lose subsidies. But insiders with access to millions in public funds are

We also believe it is time for the Governor to stop pretending that this scandal is someone else's mess. The LEAP District, the IEDC's crown jewel, continues to swallow up farmland, deplete water resources, and saddle Hoosiers with billions in hidden costs. These deals weren't coincidences; they happened

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over a social media post? Yeah, THAT Saudi Arabia.

Easier to talk there than the land of the free, home of the brave?

OK, so comedians say things. I get it – that doesn't make Chapelle right.

But is he wrong?

We all heard U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi when she said "there's free speech and then there's hate speech, and there is no place . . . for that in our society." She wasn't done there though. She said her office would "target you, go after you, if you are targeting anyone with hate speech."

If that doesn't absolutely chill you, think again.

Bondi is the top law enforcement official in these here United States – a land I love. When she says she can target you and go after you, those words carry the full weight of the Justice Department, the FBI and more than 100,000 people at her disposal.

Did she later walk those words back? A little. And can you make the case that it was only a few sentences? Sure. Just words.

Those words. Her words. Powerful words. The irony wasn't lost on me that she's using powerful words to scare Americans who are doing what? Talking. With words.

Wouldn't it be neat if we had a time machine and could put Bondi in a room with some guys in Philly around 1776 or so? Wonder

how her words would be taken in a room where they decided to make the ability to say "words" the very first amendment?

Let's be clear. I could not disagree more with the lunkheads who are ripping on the assassinated Charlie Kirk – who was killed for what?

Words.

I could not disagree more with a lot of positions my friend on the left take.

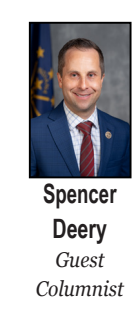
But, by God, they have the right to say them.

It's been said in this space many, many times that we need civil discourse in our society. Maybe that's not possible anymore, I don't know. How about less hostile discourse?

I sure didn't like where this country was going when Mr. Biden sat in office. And sorry my liberal friends, but I like the direction a whole lot more now. But things ain't perfect. They never are. These last few terms, it seems it doesn't matter who's in office. What started out as a concern – and is becoming more so by the day – is this idea that if you use your words to say something those in power don't like, a lot more than words might be coming back your way.

*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.*

**Sen. Deery Shares Updates**



**Spencer Deery**  
Guest Columnist

**Strengthening Property Rights**

It's often said that property rights are the foundation of

your thoughts.

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**PROTECTING Taxpayer Funds from Fraudulent and Inept Financial Accountability**

Recently, as a new member of the Legislative Council Audit and Financial Reporting Subcommittee, I heard testimony from representatives of the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) on ways to better protect taxpayer dollars from mismanagement and abuse at all levels of government.

The SBOA regularly audits most local units of government, state agencies and public universities across Indiana to ensure they are properly following state laws regarding public finances.

Despite the dry sounding name, this is a fascinating and important subcommittee that oversees the accounting of government dollars. Without strong reporting, we will have waste and abuse. I am honored to add this responsibility to my legislative duties to help protect taxpayers across the state.

liberty because so many of our other rights depend on the respect for property. As George Washington put it, "Freedom and property rights are inseparable. You can't have one without the other." Protecting property is also one of the primary reasons governments were established.

For me, this is a core principle that guides how I approach a wide range of issues – from taxation and free enterprise to supporting law enforcement, fighting crime and protecting privacy.

One violation of property rights that is still rare, but is increasing in frequency nationwide, is the problem of squatters. Legally, squatters are defined as individuals who occupy a property without permission and without ever having had a rental contract.

To strengthen property rights in Indiana, I supported a new law to expedite the removal of squatters. Senate Enrolled Act 157 requires a law enforcement agency to remove squatters from property as soon as possible once the property owner signs an affidavit stating that a squatter does not have a legal right to live there.

Indiana is one of five states that has recently enacted this kind of legislation.

If you have ideas for how Indiana can better defend property rights, please share them with me using this form. I look forward to hearing

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**CELEBRATING Fall in Indiana**

The arrival of Autumn in Indiana brings many fall festivals as leaves begin to change colors.

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

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because Indiana's leaders, both past and present, placed secrecy and speed over accountability and stewardship.

Governor Braun cannot phone in reform. He cannot duck out of press conferences. He cannot promise transparency with one hand while delaying reporting with the other. If he truly serves the people of Indiana, he must stand up to the very insiders who built their empire on the backs of Hoosier taxpayers.

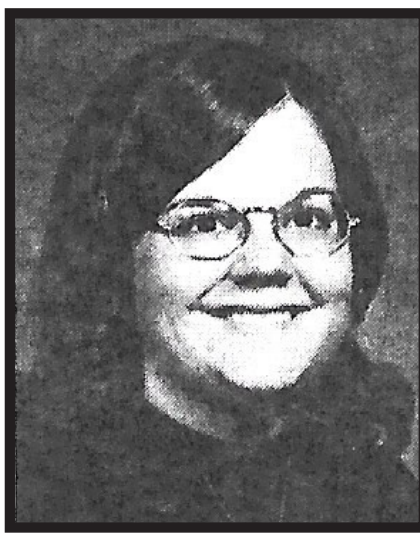
Until that happens, we will continue to speak out. Because preserving Indiana's farmland, our water, and our communities requires more than ribbon cuttings and glowing press releases; it requires honest leadership. And right now, that's what's missing at the Statehouse.

Brian Daggy and  
Jim Love

Boone County  
Preservation Group

*Note: The Boone County Preservation Group is an organization formed in opposition to the LEAP project. The group's mission is to create a unified community voice focused on preserving local farmland and natural resources, while supporting responsible land development. You can follow the Boone County Preservation Group on Facebook or find out more on their website.*

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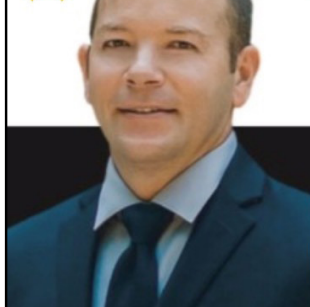
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