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“I Am Because You Are” By Trustee Washington

Women’s History Month is a time of reflection and gratitude. It is a reminder that none of us walk this journey alone. I stand on the shoulders of other women, from all walks of life, who came before me. Their courage, resilience, and quiet strength have paved the way for opportunities many of us now hold.

Being named the Journal Gazette’s “2025 Citizen Of The Year,” I do not see this recognition as an individual achievement. Instead, I see it as a reflection of the community of women who walk alongside me every day. I walk alongside amazing women like Fort Wayne Mayor Sharon Tucker, East Allen County Schools Superintendent Marilyn Hissong, Community Mother Joyce Caldwell, Manny’s Restaurant Waitress Ms. Hayley, Community Advocate Ms. Lena Green, Legacy One’s Mrs. Linda Golden and so many others who are doing extraordinary work. These women lead with vision and integrity. They show up, they serve, and they make a difference, not for applause, but for impact and with a deep love for our community.

Women’s History Month celebrates women in all facets of life, from every background and socioeconomic status. It celebrates women whose stories may never make headlines, but whose contributions shape entire communities. Women’s history is written not only in books, but in boardrooms, classrooms, churches, kitchens, and community centers.

True history-makers are often servant leaders. They work in silence and beyond social media posts. They move for the community, not for recognition. They understand that leadership is not about being seen; it is about meeting needs. It is about becoming what your city or your community requires in that moment.

History-makers also tend to face scrutiny, silent suffering, and unfair treatment. Yet in spite of all of that, they press forward for the cause. They choose to serve the unserved. They choose to love. They are not necessarily trying to break the glass ceiling; they are simply answering the call to make things better for someone else.

That is the heart of Women’s History Month. It is about honoring the women who give, who sacrifice, and who serve, often without recognition.

My call to action is simple: Honor the women in your life. Give them their flowers now. Do not wait, and do not limit your celebration and uplift to the month of March. Let them know that their work matters. Let them know that their time matters. Let them know that they matter all year-round.



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Community Information

Winter Disconnection Moratorium Ends Soon....

Indiana's **Winter Disconnection Moratorium** will end on **Sunday, March 15, 2026** and disconnections will begin on **Monday, March 16, 2026**. If you or someone you know received help from the federally funded Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), the protection against disconnection of your electric and/or gas services will be lifted. Please review your utility charges to see where you stand and make the necessary payment to avoid disconnection.



Five Smart Ways To Spend Your Tax Return

Do you want to be able to have some financial grace throughout the year? If so, here are five ways that could help you achieve that goal!

1. **Pay Off Credit Card Debt:** Life is expensive and can sometime get hard to manage throughout the year. The average credit card interest rate in 2026 is 21.7%. To help you in future years, paying off this debt will be beneficial. Your credit score will increase, and you will not be stuck paying insane interest rates. If you cannot afford to completely pay off all debt, making a lump some payment is still wise.

2. **Pay Up Rent/Mortgage:** Paying your rent and mortgage up when you get your taxes is a great way to set yourself up for future success. This could give you leeway for a few months to get caught up on other expenses. When you take the biggest portion of your monthly bills out of the picture, you will be able to relax more. You can save that money throughout the month to continue paying previous debts or stack up your savings account.

3. **Add To Savings/Emergency Fund:** Life sometimes tends to throw us unexpected curveballs, and you always want to have something to land on. A popped tire or high electric bill could be just enough to push you over the edge. It would be smart to put any extra money in an emergency fund, so you do not find yourself putting more things on a credit card or having to borrow funds.

4. **Pay Up Utilities:** If you are renting or buying a house, you must pay for utilities every month. This furthers your monthly debt going out so why not cut that short if possible? Throwing a few hundred on each utility service with your tax return could save you the stress of having extra monthly expenses for a few months.

5. **Invest In Your Home:** If all financial burdens are covered and you have some extra tax money, investing in your home is great! Even if it is not a new bathroom or kitchen, you can fix the small things that have been needing repaired, so your home experience becomes more comfortable for you. We sometimes lose those options when more important bills occur so finally doing it with the leftover cash would be a nice treat!

Set up your financials throughout the year so that you can have more monthly income. Life happens and you want to be able to catch yourself if something falls.

Community Information

Do You Dread Springing Forward?

“Springing forward” for Daylight Saving Time (DST) provides increased evening sunlight, which boosts outdoor recreation, improves mental well-being, and reduces crime rates by extending daylight hours. It promotes healthier lifestyles through increased physical activity and potential Vitamin D exposure, while benefiting economic sectors like retail, golf, and dining.

Key Benefits Of Springing Forward

- **Increased Afternoon Light:** Longer evenings encourage more time spent outdoors for sports, gardening, and socializing, improving overall mental health.
- **Reduced Crime:** Data suggests that robberies drop significantly during the extended evening light, as criminals are less active in well-lit environments.
- **Economic Stimulation:** Retailers, restaurants, and tourism industries often see increased revenue as people are more inclined to go out after work, increasing consumer spending.
- **Energy Savings:** While debated in modern times due to air conditioning, historically, DST was designed to reduce the need for artificial lighting, leading to lower electricity consumption.
- **Improved Safety:** Longer daylight hours can reduce traffic accidents and improve driving conditions for evening commuters.

While the transition can cause temporary sleep disruption, the long-term benefits of the extended, light-filled evenings are seen by proponents as a major boost to public health, safety, and economic activity.



Clear Your Record Change Your Future!

1ST STEPS TO A 2ND CHANCE

Join us for this presentation by a local attorney explaining **Indiana's Expungement process**

Tuesday March 24, 2026
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

IVY TECH
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

3701 Dean Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46835
North Campus in the Tech Center building. (Room TC1225)

In-Person attendance required to receive packet

More Information
www.volunteerfortwayne.org

NO COST event

Looking For A Fresh Start?

SAVE THE DATE

Allen County Hiring Event

Franke Park Pavilion #1
3411 Sherman Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46808
1-3 p.m., Thursday, March 19, 2026

Multiple area employers are looking for qualified candidates to fill openings
For more information, visit www.indianaCAREERconnect.com, Job Order# 10833400

Find us on @WorkOneNorthwest

Northeast Indiana Works and WorkOne Northeast are equal opportunity employers that administer equal opportunity programs. Free auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. The TDD/TTY number is 1-800-743-3333. Free language interpretation and translation services are also available upon request.

Community Information

Mustard Seed Furniture Bank: Furnishing Hope

Since 2002, **Mustard Seed** has helped families turn empty housing into homes by providing essential furniture and household items. In order to utilize this once-in-a-lifetime service, residents must have a referral from an approved agency. If you're a resident of Adams Township, you may call our office at 260.749.4162, option 1, for information on eligibility and how to receive a referral.



Food Distribution Locations

The Impact Center (WOW), Every 2nd Tuesday, 11-1, 3420 E. Paulding Rd, Fort Wayne, IN

First Baptist Church, Every Thursday, 1-4, 1716 Werling Rd, New Haven, IN

New Haven Food Bank, Every Tuesday, 9-11:45, 800 Green St, New Haven, IN

Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, Monday & Wednesday, 9-11, Tuesday 4-6, Thursday, 2-4, 1316 Broadway St, Fort Wayne, IN

New Haven Community Center (WOW), Every 4th Tuesday, 10-12, 7500 SR 930 East, New Haven, IN

The League (WOW), Every 4th Thursday, 10-12, 5821 S. Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN

CALL 211 TO LOCATE MORE FOOD BANKS AND PANTRIES



Financial Resources

In As Much (Broadway Christian Church)
930 Broadway Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 (Door #11)
Contact Info: 260.422.3498

Salvation Army
2901 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46805
Contact Info: 260.744.2311

211 First Call For Help For More Resources

Mental Health Resources

Raphael Bosley, Licensed Therapist, 260.255.4182

Women's Bureau
260.424.7977

Parkview Behavioral Health
260.373.7500

Park Center, 260.481.2700

Mental Health America Of NE Indiana, 260.422.6441

Uniquely You Counseling & Wellness Center, 260.387.7445

Oaktree Guidance, 260.570.4515



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