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For The Versailles Republican, by Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

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medical evacuation, resupply or airlift by helicopter.

Myers' unit was fortunate, lucky perhaps, to have an RTO who knew the commander's job and how to take care of his unit in the heat of battle.

For his service, Myers received the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge and Purple Heart.

His wounds were severe enough that his tour was cut short, requiring several months of recovery to regain his health.

As more of Huntington's story came to light, however, the choice of Myers as the memorial's recipient seemed to make even more sense. The similarities between the two men continued to emerge, almost as though providence had been guiding the decision from the beginning.

After returning home, Huntington spent 31 years working for Cummins Engine Company. Later in life, he worked as a groundskeeper for the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association in Friendship. He was also a member of Northcutt-Laaker American Legion Post 292 in Dillsboro.

Huntington loved fishing, hunting and golfing, three things Myers also enjoys. Huntington spent part of his retirement working as a groundskeeper. Ironically, the Versailles Legion has its own volunteer groundskeeper in Myers.

The more Davis shared about her grandfather, the more it seemed the memorial had somehow found exactly where it was supposed to go.

And then there's Myers himself. Myers is one of those Legionnaires who simply shows up. He volunteers his time keeping the Legion park mowed and looking good. He brings in delicious homemade dishes to share with everybody, although fellow members might recommend asking what kind of meat is being served before taking a bite, because there's always a chance it's rabbit.

When the post hosts a large event, Myers is usually involved in the operation of retrieving John Holzer's gigantic canopy and then directing everyone else on how they're supposed to put the thing up.

At Christmas, he gives his time to help distribute toys to local children.

Myers is the kind of member every American Legion post would be fortunate to have. In that regard, the Versailles post has been lucky to have Myers and others like him.

Myers served his country, and all these years later, he continues serving his fellow veterans, Post 173 and his community. Not because anyone asks him to, and certainly not because he expects recognition for it.

Davis requested to attend the Versailles American Legion Post's weekly meeting Thursday, Oct. 1, when the memorial would be presented to its new owner, giving her an opportunity to hear his story.

Knowing all the little things her grandfather and Myers had in common, it was becoming clear why the memorial could not have found a better home.

And perhaps most importantly, the memorial wasn't leaving the American Legion family.

But as those gathered at Post 173 would soon discover, the two men were connected by something even more significant, a bond known only to those who have shared the experiences of military service and combat.

Instead of being tucked away because the memories attached to it were painful, the memorial would continue doing exactly what Davis intended when she had it made in the first place: honoring the service and sacrifice of a Vietnam veteran and showing love from one generation to another.

What had belonged to one Vietnam veteran was now passing to another.

Upon receiving the memorial, Myers was visibly humbled and grateful. His response moved Davis and brought a lump to the throats, if not tears to the eyes, of several veterans in attendance.

"I didn't know Gene during my time in the service. He had served in Vietnam just prior to my own tour; however, I served in the same unit and was a fellow Wolf Hound in 2-27 Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. I heard ALL about him, especially when the guys there found out that we were from the same area. I knew what kind of Soldier and NCO that he was and what he had meant to them. I am honored to have this memorial, and I will give it a good home," Myers shared.

The faraway stare that briefly crossed his face before disappearing spoke volumes. It was the subtle, telltale sign of strong emotions carefully guarded over the years, something familiar to many combat veterans and military spouses who recognize those moments and know to let them pass without further inquiry.

What began as an effort to find a deserving Vietnam veteran to receive Huntington's memorial had resulted in something no one could have anticipated.

Not only had the memorial found another Vietnam veteran, it had found a fellow Wolfhound who had served in the very same battalion as Huntington.

Although their tours had not overlapped, Myers knew of Huntington's service and the reputation he had earned among the soldiers who served alongside him.

And what were the odds that Davis' memorial would remain within an even tighter family, one consisting of veterans who lived, fought and sacrificed for the daily survival of the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment of the 25th Infantry Division during the Vietnam War?

It was a brotherhood forged through the baptism of fire, among soldiers serving their country half a world away from the peaceful hills and farmlands of southeastern Indiana.

Decades later, that bond had come full circle in a small American Legion post in Versailles.

What began as a granddaughter's loving tribute to her grandfather had become an unexpected connection between two soldiers who shared far more than anyone initially realized.

A memorial created to honor the life and service of Staff Sgt. Gene Huntington had found its way into the hands of a fellow Wolfhound, Mert Myers, who would give it the same respect and appreciation with which it had first been created.

Luck or fate?

Perhaps it was simply meant to be.

Here's to Staff Sgt. Gene Huntington and a life well lived. May he rest in peace.

And to the Wolfhounds who answered their country's call to arms and endured the sacrifices that duty entailed: Thank you, and welcome home.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE OF GENERAL *(OR SPECIAL)* ELECTION

The voters of RIPLEY County are notified by the county election board in accordance with Indiana Code 3-10-2-2 that a general (or special) election will be held in the county on November 3, 2026, (or applicable date) with the polls open for voting from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

In accordance with the list of candidates and the public questions certified to me by the State of Indiana or this county's election board, and the certificates of candidate selection filed in the office of the circuit court clerk of this county (or the Lake or Porter County election director), the following offices and public questions or judicial retention questions, if applicable, will be on the general (or special) election ballot:

OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY VOTERS

SECRETARY OF STATE, INDIANA
STATE COMPTROLLER (AUDITOR OF STATE), INDIANA
TREASURER OF STATE, INDIANA
US REPRESENTATIVE, 9
STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 055
STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 067
JUDGE, CIRCUIT COURT, RIPLEY
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT, RIPLEY
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, RIPLEY
COUNTY AUDITOR, RIPLEY
COUNTY SHERIFF, RIPLEY
COUNTY SURVEYOR, RIPLEY
COUNTY ASSESSOR, RIPLEY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, RIPLEY
COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, 1
COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, 2
COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, 3
COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, 4
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, ADAMS
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, BROWN
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, CENTER
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, DELAWARE
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, JACKSON
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, JOHNSON
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, OTTER CREEK
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, SHELBY
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, WASHINGTON
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER, ADAMS
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER, BROWN
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER, CENTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER, DELAWARE
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER, JACKSON
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER, JOHNSON
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER, OTTER CREEK
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER, SHELBY
TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER, WASHINGTON
TOWN CLERK-TREASURER, SUNMAN
TOWN CLERK-TREASURER, VERSAILLES
TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER, MILAN
TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER, OSGOOD
TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER, SUNMAN
TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER, VERSAILLES
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, BATESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, JAC-CEN-DEL
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, MILAN
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, SOUTH RIPLEY
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, SUNMAN-DEARBORN COMM.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS

The text of public questions submitted to voters, if applicable, are as follows:

Public Question #1

Currently, under the Constitution of the State of Indiana, a person charged with murder or treason is not entitled to be released on bail if the proof is evident or the presumption strong. Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to provide that a person charged with an offense other than murder or treason is not entitled to bail if:

(1) the proof is evident or the presumption strong; and

(2) the state proves by clear and convincing evidence that no release conditions will reasonably protect the safety of any other person or the community.

(This question concerns Article 1, Section 17 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.)

Public Question #2

Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to permit the judge of a city or town court to reside in: (1) the county in which the court is located; or (2) the bordering county closest to the city or town in which the court is located? (This question concerns Article 6 Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.)

JUDICAL RETENTION QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS

The text of judicial retention questions submitted to voters, if applicable, are as follows:

Court of Appeals Judicial Retention - Fifth District

Shall Judge Paul A. Felix be retained in office?

Court of Appeals Judicial Retention - Fourth District

Shall Judge Mary A. DeBoer be retained in office?

Retention of Judge of the Indiana Tax Court

Shall Judge Justin L. McAdam be retained in office?

IN-PERSON ABSENTEE OR "EARLY" VOTING INFORMATION

The dates, times and locations of in-person voting at the circuit court clerks office and, if applicable, at satellite offices are as follows:

Location Address	Location Hours
SUNMAN AMERICAN LEGION- EV 412 E EASTERN AVE SUNMAN, IN 47041	Open Saturday 10/31/2026 until Saturday 10/31/2026 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM
RIPLEY COUNTY CLERK 102 WEST FIRST NORTH STREET VERSAILLES, IN 47042	Open Tuesday 10/06/2026 until Friday 10/30/2026 from 8:00AM to 4:00PM Open Saturday 10/24/2026 until Saturday 10/24/2026 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM Open Saturday 10/31/2026 until Saturday 10/31/2026 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM Open Monday 11/02/2026 until Monday 11/02/2026 from 8:00AM to 4:00PM
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DATED, THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.
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Legal Notice

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Find it in the newspaper

U.S. Attorney's Office Joins DOJ Fraud Division, SBA, and SBA OIG in Surge Takedown Exceeding $245 Million in COVID-era Loan Fraud

The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana today announced one sentencing as part of a nationwide enforcement action led by the Justice Department's National Fraud Enforcement Division, the Small Business Administration, and the SBA Office of Inspector General targeting fraud in the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The Southern District of Indiana was a key participant in this surge effort.

From June 12 to September 1, federal prosecutors across the country facilitated fraud enforcement actions spanning over 160 criminal defendants, including approximately 80 newly charged defendants, reaching approximately $245 million dollars in intended loss to American taxpayers.

In the Southern District of Indiana, U.S. Attorney Tom Wheeler announced that Sandra Pierce, 42, of McCordsville, has petitioned the court to plead guilty to two counts of wire fraud for PPP-related fraud involving approximately $632,905 in losses. According to court documents, Pierce was the sole owner of a business called Sandy's on the Run and purported to help individuals and businesses obtain COVID-19 relief program loans. In that position, Pierce executed a wire fraud scheme by drafting and submitting 22 fraudulent COVID-19 relief loan applications under the names of others in exchange for more than $100,000 from clients. Additionally, Pierce submitted applications in her own name and received $48,191 from the government. The total loss was approximately $632,905.

This case is being prosecuted by U.S. Postal Services – Office of Inspector General. Pierce faces up to 20 years in federal prison per count. A sentencing hearing will be set by a U.S. District Court Judge at a later date.

"Exploiting a national crisis for personal gain goes against every fiber of Hoosier decency," said U.S. Attorney Tom Wheeler. "Programs like the Paycheck Protection Program were created to help honest small business owners survive an unprecedented hardship, not to serve as an opportunity for fraud. Our office will continue working with our federal partners to identify those who took advantage of this moment of need, hold them accountable, and protect relief programs meant to support Hoosiers when they need it most."

"Pandemic loan relief was meant to keep American small businesses alive during government lockdowns— not line the pockets of fraudsters," said Attorney General Todd Blanche. "The defendants charged during our summer surge allegedly fabricated businesses, submitted false payroll and revenue claims, stole identities, and concealed foreign ties on their applications— but they will now be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

"This summer surge shows what is possible when dedicated public servants across the country work together with a single purpose," said Assistant Attorney General Colin M. McDonald of the National Fraud Enforcement Division. "Our mission is clear: protect taxpayer funds, safeguard the integrity of federal relief programs, and deliver justice to those who exploited them. We will remain steadfast every day—standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our partners—to identify fraud, pursue those responsible, and restore confidence in the programs meant to help American small businesses thrive."

"Today's announcement represents the largest-ever action against perpetrators of SBA fraud, with 870,000 suspended borrowers tied to $39 billion in suspected fraudulent PPP and COVID EIDL activity. In partnership with Vice President Vance and the White House Task Force to Eliminate Fraud, we're putting fraudsters on notice: the federal government will no longer turn a blind eye to those who stole from taxpayers and exploited programs designed to sustain small businesses during the pandemic," said SBA Administrator Kelly Loeffler. "With demand letters going out to suspected fraudsters, we're also sending a clear message that they must repay their debts or face Treasury collections and possible federal law enforcement. Under this Administration, the free ride is over. We are restoring accountability, recovering taxpayer dollars, and protecting SBA programs for the legitimate small businesses they were created to serve."

"Operation No Doze brings a focused and coordinated approach to pursuing fraud in SBA's pandemic relief programs," said SBA Inspector General William Kirk. "By concentrating our investigative resources and working closely with SBA and our law enforcement partners, we are strengthening our ability to identify fraud, recover taxpayer funds, and hold accountable those who exploited programs created to help small businesses in a time of extraordinary need. This initiative makes clear that the passage of time does not diminish our commitment to accountability."

On April 7, the Department of Justice announced the creation of the National Fraud Enforcement Division ("Fraud Division"). The Fraud Division is laser-focused on investigating and prosecuting those who commit fraud against the American people. The Department's work to combat fraud supports President Trump's Task Force to Eliminate Fraud, a whole-of-government effort chaired by Vice President J.D. Vance to eliminate fraud, waste, and abuse within Federal benefit programs.