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**TODAY'S VERSE**

Psalm 119:89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. (KJV)

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People who call our community their own.



Randi Cowan, a nurse at Franciscan Health, took a second to offer a cheerful smile after celebrating the birth of another baby. Many thanks, Randi!

**THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Mark Geyer, Purdue alumnus and former head of the Johnson Space Center and manager of the Orion program, passed away earlier this week. Born in Indianapolis, Geyer earned multiple degrees from Purdue. Purdue University President Mitch Daniels said: "Purdue has lost another of its many great contributions to our nation and the world, our dear friend and distinguished alumnus Mark Geyer, former director of the Johnson Space Center. Mark's impact on space exploration and human spaceflight was immense. We mourn his loss but are proud and grateful for his legacy of innovation and leadership."

**2** The statewide donation effort to help Afghan evacuees at Camp Atterbury is ending today at 4 p.m. when the eight Indiana National Guard armories cease collections. The outpouring of support for the Afghans temporarily housed in Indiana has led to a surplus of some items, and planning is under way to determine how to provide needed resources in the months ahead to evacuees who have been resettled. Organizations that have been collecting items for the Afghans at Camp Atterbury can contact Tyler Smith with Team to arrange to drop off large donations. The items most in need include wallets, shoes, bras, fingernail clippers, personal hygiene items and activity items like crochet supplies, games, books and toys.

**3** According to Nora Tobin, CEO of Nora's Naturals and a media contributor to Fox, ABC, CBS, NBC and more, coffee can increase your natural beauty? She says quality coffee can play a role in cellular repair, collagen production and lowering inflammation. The B3 (niacin) vitamin and chlorogenic acid present in coffee can help reduce hyperpigmentation and can help decrease the appearance of sunspots, redness and fine lines. The polyphenols in coffee assist in cellular turnover and immune protection. Who knew?

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### Linden Library loves Christmas

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The Linden Carnegie Public Library's Christmas Open House was last Thursday. Crafts, snacks, free new books, a Reindeer Search and of course a visit with Santa were all part of the fun! The event was a great success and Amy King, who is in charge of the children's programming, is already looking forward to next year! Check out the Linden Carnegie Public Library Facebook page for more activities and events. Pictured with Santa is Library Board Member Christopher Hudson and his wife Ashley and son Lachlan. Lachlan is participating in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the library.



### Butch visits Grandma and Grandpa Dale's house

If you are like me, you perhaps have fond memories of staying overnight at your grandparents' home. My Grandpa and Grandma Dale lived in an old two-story farmhouse located about halfway between Darlington and Shannondale. The house, built in the 1880s, had ornate trim and louvered shutters on each window, and a small balcony extending from an upstairs bedroom. Like most houses back then, it had no air conditioning and no insulation, so they ran fans in the summer and used two fuel oil stoves in winter. Even though it has been almost 70 years ago, I can still remember certain things about my visits there as



**BUTCH DALE**  
COLUMNIST

a small youngster as if it were yesterday. For breakfast Grandma always fixed pancakes and sausage, or bacon and eggs . . . plus buttered toast topped with her homemade jam, and



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

**Butch's drawing of his Grandma and Grandpa Dale's house**

fresh-squeezed orange juice. She made the pancakes from scratch and even made the syrup. Of course, I was expected to clean up my plate at each

➔ See BUTCH Page A6

### The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 7:59 a.m.  
SET: 5:22 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures  
High: 63 °F  
Low: 45 °F



**Wacky Holiday Today**  
• Human Rights Day  
• Nobel Prize Day



**What Happened On This Day**

- 2001 Release of the first film in the Lord of the Rings trilogy
- 1817 Mississippi becomes 20th state



**Births On This Day**

- 1830 Emily Dickinson American poet
- 1815 Ada Lovelace English mathematician

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1967 Otis Redding American singer-songwriter
- 1896 Alfred Nobel Swedish chemist

**HONEST HOOSIER**

Christmas is two weeks and a day away. One of my favorite memories is the smell of the tree. Not many people had artificial ones then.



**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

If you feel overwhelmed, write down your to-do list and prioritize it. Simplify large tasks into smaller ones.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



**OBITUARIES**

- Anna Zachary Miller
- Connie Kouns
- Mary Patricia Edmonds

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**THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**  
**Blood drive in Waveland**

Want to do something that might save someone's life? Then head over to Waveland on Jan. 7 and donate blood. The Waveland Library, located at 115 E. Green St. in Waveland, has a blood drive scheduled from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. that day in conjunction with the American Red Cross. Contact the library for more details at (765) 435-2700 or e-mail them at director@waveland.lin.in.us

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Christmas can't be bought from a store. Maybe Christmas means a little bit more."  
Dr. Seuss

**TODAY'S JOKE**

Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?  
They always drop their needles!

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**Meeting Notes**

**Southmont Schools**

Regular School Board Meeting  
 Corporation Board Room  
 6401 US 231 South,  
 Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
 Monday, Dec. 13, 2021 - 6 p.m.  
**AGENDA**  
 I. Call to Order  
 II. Roll Call  
 III. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors.  
 IV. Revisions to Agenda  
 V. Communications To and From the Board  
 VI. Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):  
 VII. Consent Agenda: (minutes, monthly claims, field trips/facilities usage, contributions/gifts and personnel)  
 Minutes from previous meetings  
 Claims/Payrolls  
 Personnel:  
 -Approve teacher con-

tracts for the 2021-2022 school year.  
 -Approval to Post for Preschool Director.  
 -Approve resignation of Margaret Savage, SLP - New Market - effective Dec. 17, 2021.  
 -Donna Harrison - Medical Leave from January 18, 2022 through Feb. 4, 2022 - Special Ed. Teacher - Southmont HS.  
 -Approve resignation of Nashoba Lackey, Technologist Specialist - New Market - effective Nov. 26, 2021.  
 -Jessica Copeland - Building Technology Coordinator - New Market.  
 -Lana Gregg - 5th Quarter After School Remediation stipend - \$600.00.  
 -LeeAnn Thompson - 5th Quarter After School Remediation stipend - \$600.00.  
 -Tammy McGaughey - 5th Quarter After School Remediation stipend -

\$600.00.  
 -Kristin Paris - 5th Quarter After School Remediation stipend - \$600.00.  
 -Taylor Myers - 5th Quarter After School Remediation stipend - \$600.00.  
 -Julie Spencer - 5th Quarter After School Remediation stipend - \$180.00.  
 -Erin Barry - 5th Quarter After School Remediation stipend - \$180.00.  
 -Joni Long - 5th Quarter After School Remediation stipend - \$240.00.  
 -Beth Binch - 5th Quarter After School Remediation stipend - \$300.00.  
 -Casie Allen - 5th Quarter After School Remediation stipend - \$360.00.  
 -Kelly Clifton - 5th Quarter After School Remediation stipend - \$600.00.  
 -Danielle Coudret - 5th Quarter After School Remediation stipend - 480.00.  
 -Dana Hunt - 5th Quarter After School Remediation

stipend - \$120.00.  
 -Brittany Carr - 8th grade Girls Basketball Coach - Volunteer.  
 -Kevin Miller - 6th grade Boys Basketball Coach - Volunteer.  
 -Jason Cottrell - JH Swimming/Diving Coach - \$1500.00.  
 -Morgan Ross - Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball - rescind stipend \$2910.00.  
 -Morgan Ross - Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball - \$2457.50.  
 -Jeff Cochran - JV Girls Basketball Coach rescind stipend \$2716.00.  
 -Jeff Cochran - JV Girls Basketball Coach - \$2573.00.  
 -Stephanie Kennedy - Freshman Girls Basketball Coach - rescind stipend \$1862.00.  
 -Stephanie Kennedy - Freshman Girls Basketball Coach - \$2457.50.  
 -Phil Keller - Varsi-

ty Assistant Swimming Coach - \$1134.00.  
 -Mercedes McCormick - Varsity Assistant Swimming Coach - \$1134.00.  
 -Tricia Stanley - Varsity Assistant Swimming Coach \$400.00.  
 -Scott Dove - Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach - Volunteer.  
 -Alex Grino - Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach - Volunteer.  
 -Bill Whalen - Freshman Boys Basketball Coach - \$1920.00.  
 -High School Wrestling Team overnight trips.  
 -Donations made to Southmont High School in the amount of \$900.00.  
 -Approve Southmont Parents for After Prom request to use Fieldhouse on Friday, May 13, 2022 through Sunday, May 15, 2022 to host After Prom.  
 -Corporation Bus Driver proposal beginning with the Jan. 3, 2022 payroll.

VIII. Items for Action:  
 1. Resolution to Transfer Cash Balances of \$500,000 from Operations into the Rainy Day Fund.  
 2. Insurance Policy Renewal.  
 IX. Report from Superintendent:  
 1. Return to In-Person Instruction Plan.  
 X. Report from Director of Business  
 XI. Reports from the Principals and Directors  
 XII. Public Comments (All Items)  
 XIII. Items for Discussion by the Board  
 XIV. Adjournment  
 Future Meetings:  
 Jan. 10, 2022 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6 p.m.  
 This meeting site is handicap accessible. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the Superintendent in the School Corporation office.

**Meeting Notes**

**Montgomery County Board of Commissioners**

Meeting Agenda  
 Monday, Dec. 13, 2021 8 a.m.  
 100 E. Main Street - Room 103  
 Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
 Call to Order: Board President John E. Frey  
 Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer  
 Consent Agenda

Approval of Claims: Nov. 22, 2021 to Dec. 13, 2021  
 Accounts Payable: \$3,903,654.76 & Payroll Claims: 11/19 - \$398,098.94 & 12/3 - \$395,400.16  
 Approval of Meeting Minutes: Nov. 22, 2021  
 New Business  
 Open 2022 Annual Highway Department Bids  
 Open Culvert Quotes - CR700 N & CR950 S  
 2021 ADA Annual Report

2021 Title VI Annual Report  
 2021 State Transportation & Stormwater Grant Award  
 Ordinances  
 2nd Reading Ordinance 2021-38: Establish Clothing Allowance Policy  
 2nd Reading Ordinance 2021-39: Amending Provisions of the Economic Development Commission  
 2nd Reading Ordinance 2021-40: Establish Supplemental Health Workforce Grant Fund

2nd Reading Ordinance 2021-41: Establish 2021 EMPG Grant Fund  
 2nd Reading Ordinance 2021-42: Establish Montgomery County Bicentennial Donation Fund  
 Introduction Ordinance 2021-43: Establish 2022 Veterans Treatment Court Grant Fund  
 Introduction Ordinance 2021-44: Establish 2022 Family Recovery Court Grant Fund  
 Resolutions  
 Resolution 2021-23:

Approving Opioid Settlement Participation  
 Other Business  
 Adjournment  
 \*Agenda subject to change\*  
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participation in or access to County sponsored public programs, services, and/or meetings, the County requests that individuals makes requests for these services forty-eight (48) hours ahead of the scheduled program, service, and/or meeting. To make arrangements, contact ADA/Title VI Coordinator Lori Dossett @ 765-361-2623.  
 \*\*Next meeting Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021 @ 8 a.m. \*\*

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# Watch out for the 12 Scams of Christmas this holiday season

2022 is right around the corner, and that means the craziness of the holiday season is upon us. Add in labor and product shortages, along with shipping delays, and the end of 2021 is expected to be more hectic than usual. While we prepare for the added stress of this holiday season, it is important to remember that scammers are aware of the added difficulties this year presents too, and they will use this stressful time to take advantage of you.

BBB has twelve scams we would like you to watch out for this holiday season and tips on how to avoid them:

**1. E-Cards:** These are a popular alternative to physical Christmas cards, however, scammers are also using them as a way to retrieve your private information. If the sender's name is unclear or the email is asking you to share personal information or pay money to open it, it may be a scam. If your email has an attachment that ends in 'exe', it could contain a virus or some form of malware.

**2. Social Media Gift Exchanges:** Each holiday season this scheme pops back up, and this year is no different. A newer version of this scam revolves around exchanging bottles of wine; another suggests purchasing \$10 gifts online. Another twist asks you to submit your e-transfer email into a list where participants get to pick a name and send money to strangers to "pay it forward." In all of these versions, participants unwittingly share their personal information, along with those of their family

members and friends, and are further tricked into buying and shipping gifts or money to unknown individuals. And-- it's an illegal pyramid scheme.

**3. Holiday Apps:** Apple's App Store and Google Play list dozens of holiday-themed apps where children can video chat live with Santa, light the menorah, watch Santa feed live reindeer, track his sleigh on Christmas Eve, or relay their Christmas wish lists. This holiday season, when COVID-19 is causing kids to skip the traditional in-person visit with Santa, apps may play a more important role than ever. Review privacy policies to see what information will be collected. Be wary of free apps, as they can sometimes contain more advertising than apps that require a nominal fee. Free apps can also contain malware.

**4. Alerts About Compromised Accounts:** BBB has been receiving reports on Scam Tracker about a con claiming your Amazon, PayPal, Netflix or bank account has been compromised. Victims receive an email, call, or text message which explains that there has been suspicious activity on one of their accounts, and it further urges them to take immediate action to prevent the account from being compromised. Be extra cautious about unsolicited calls, emails, and texts.

**5. Free Gift Cards:** Nothing brings good cheer like the word 'FREE'. Scammers have been known to take advantage of this weakness by sending bulk phishing emails requesting



that you share personal information to receive free gift cards. In some of these emails, scammers impersonate legitimate companies like Starbucks and promise gift cards to loyal customers that have been supporting their business throughout the pandemic. They may also use pop-up ads or send text messages with links saying you were randomly selected as the winner for a prize. If you have received an unsolicited email with gift card offers, do not open it. Instead, mark it as Spam or Junk. However, if you opened the email, do not click on any links.

**6. Temporary Holiday Jobs:** Retailers typically hire seasonal workers to help meet the demands of holiday shoppers. Shippers and delivery services are top holiday employers this year because of the increase in online orders and the need to get most of these packages delivered before Christmas. These jobs are a great way to make extra money, sometimes with the possibility of turning into a long-term employment opportunity. However, jobseekers need to be wary

of employment scams aimed at stealing money and personal information from job applicants. Keep an eye out for opportunities that seem too good to be true.

**7. Look-Alike Websites:** The holiday season brings endless emails offering deals, sales, and bargains. Be wary of the emails you receive, and the links enclosed. Some may lead to look-alike websites that are created by scammers to trick people into downloading malware, making dead-end purchases, and sharing private information. If you are uncertain about the email, do not click any of the links. Instead, hover over them to see where they reroute.

**8. Fake Charities:** Typically, 40% of all charitable donations are received during the last few weeks of the year. Donors need to be on the lookout for fraudulent charities and scammers pretending to be individuals in need. Avoid impromptu donation decisions to unfamiliar organizations. Responsible organizations will welcome your gift tomorrow as much as they do today. Verify your charity at BBB's give.org or on the Canada Revenue Agency website. Where possible, donate to the charity through their website and use a credit card.

**9. Fake Shipping Notifications:** With more consumers making purchases online, there is also an increase in the number of notifications about shipping details from retailers and carriers. Scammers are using this new surge to

send phishing emails with links enclosed that may allow unwanted access to your private information or download malware onto your device. They may also try to trick you into paying new shipping fees.

**10. Holiday pop-up shops:** These temporary storefronts allow shoppers to avoid enclosed spaces while still getting to browse in person. Indoor pop-up shops allow landlords to fill vacant retail space in downtown areas and suburban malls. If you are buying from a seasonal store, ask whether it will be open after the holiday and whether it will accept returns when the season is over. If not, consider buying elsewhere or taking more time to be sure the item is exactly what you want before making the

purchase.

**11. Top Holiday Wishlist Items:** Low or ridiculously priced luxury goods, jewelry, designer clothing, and electronics are almost always cheap counterfeits and knockoffs. Be very cautious if you are considering purchasing these high-value items from individuals through social sites.

**12. Puppy Scams:** Many families, especially those with children, may be considering adding a furry friend to their household this year. However, you could fall victim to a pet scam. Do your research and request to see the pet in person, if possible, before making a purchase.

To stay up-to-date on the latest holiday scams and news, visit [bbb.org/holiday](http://bbb.org/holiday).

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**BUTCH** From Page A1

meal, whether I was full or not, before I could leave the table. Then Grandma would put on her sunbonnet and grab her wire basket, and off we headed to the chicken house to gather the eggs and feed the chickens...while Grandpa took care of the other livestock. On a few occasions I helped catch an unsuspecting chicken, which soon . . . hanging by its feet from the clothesline, met its fate with Grandma's butcher knife. I didn't want to watch! After it was butchered, I helped pluck the feathers and clean the gizzard. Along a rock fence row behind the house grew wild sassafras. Grandma would often send me back there to pull the plants and cut the roots into slivers, which she boiled to make sassafras tea.

Grandpa had an old Ferguson tractor, and he let me sit on his lap and steer. When hay or straw was baled by my Dad and my uncles, I rode on the haywagon. My older cousins, who helped with the baling, made tunnels and secret hideouts in the haymow, and we also swung on the hay rope hanging from the rafters. During the baling, Grandma always brought everyone a big cooler of her sweet tea, and it was certainly sweet, as there was about an inch of sugar resting on the bottom! I could also count on having a dish of Grandpa's homemade ice cream, topped with Grandma's homemade fudge sauce or fresh strawberries from the garden, in the evening after supper . . . a Dale tradition. On many occasions, after the day's work was done, Grandpa told me to dig up some worms, and we walked down the road to Horn's gravel pit, where we fished with cane poles until dark. Grandpa showed me how to scale and fillet the fish . . . next day's supper!

I don't remember my grandparents owning a TV. In the evenings Grandpa read the newspaper or a book while Grandma sewed on her quilts. Both of them wore old-fashioned wire-rimmed glasses, and Grandma wore copper bracelets, which she claimed prevented arthritis. There was a radio in the living room, and they often listened to old-time country music or comedy shows. In a short time, Grandpa would usually fall asleep in his old chair. I often played with a box full of toy metal cars, many of which had the paint worn off by all of my cousins, or I drew and colored pictures while laying on the living room floor. There was also an old wooden, hand-held "spelling board" with alphabet letters I could rearrange to make words. And Grandma always read me two or three little Golden books before I went to bed. Before she tucked me in the old feather bed upstairs, I bent down on my knees to say my prayers. Grandma kissed me good

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**Butch remembers those visits.**

night . . . and I lay there staring at the moon and the stars through the window . . . and thanking God that I had such nice and loving grandparents. On warm nights, sometimes I would walk out on that upstairs balcony and watch for falling stars . . . to make a wish.

Grandma and Grandpa Dale never gave presents for birthdays and such. They were not wealthy, and after

**Grandma Dale**

all, there were twenty-two grandchildren! But as I have said many times, they gave us something more precious than gifts . . . their love and their time. When our grandchildren stay overnight with us today, my wife and I try to make their visits enjoyable . . . and someday perhaps they will remember their visits to their Grandma and Grandpa Dale's house . . . like I still do today.

*John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.*

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