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TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 6:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Stacie Cook was cheerful and bright recently when one of our friendly roving photographers happened by. Thank you for your smile, Stacie!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Don't forget that U.S. 231 in Crawfordsville is closed until Friday at noon. CSX Railroad is making repairs at the Washington Street / U.S. 231 railroad tracks. You can take a detour that follows U.S. 231 south to east on Wabash Avenue, and then south on Mill Street and west on South Boulevard and back to U.S. 231. Traffic traveling in the opposite direction will use the same detour in reverse. Or, you know the area. Go whichever way you want!

2 It's a mystery! How did hundreds of envelopes containing cash and checks wind up inside a bathroom wall at the Lynwood Church in Houston? The Association of Mature American Citizens reports that the church had been robbed of an estimated \$600,000 about seven years ago and the perpetrators were never caught. Could the find be all or part of the loot that went missing in the break in in 2014? Police are investigating. Meanwhile, the plumber told reporters, "There was a loose toilet in the wall, and we removed the tile," the plumber said. "We went to go remove the toilet, and I moved some insulation away and about 500 envelopes fell out of the wall, and I was like 'Oh wow'."

3 The annual Purdue Ag Alumni Fish Fry returns to its in-person tradition on Feb. 5. Hailed as the unofficial homecoming of Indiana agriculture, it will take place at the Indiana State Fairgrounds inside the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Jerome Adams, the 20th U.S. surgeon general. Tickets are available through Purdue.

Donations received for Operation Toy Box

The local Kiwanians report that Operation Toy Box is in full swing this year. So far, the drive has accepted donations from numerous organizations to supplement the toys collected during their annual campaign. These donations are used to ensure that Operation Toy Box has the proper toys for all ages of children.

The Kiwanians reported that they want to thank the following organizations for their generous support:

- Byron Cox American Legion Post # 72
- Bowman-Cohee Construction
- Crawfordsville Sew & Vac
- Etter Ford
- Henthorn, Harris & Weliever



Photo courtesy Crawfordsville Kiwanis

American Legion Byron Cox Post 72 Commander Bonita Clement hands a donation to Operation Toy Box chair Gary Behling of Crawfordsville Kiwanis.

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Southmont continues 50th anniversary celebration Mounties invite community to celebration before South-CHS games

Southmont Schools is continuing a year-long celebration of its 50th Anniversary with a Winter Reunion on Saturday, Jan. 22 at Southmont High School from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Southmont girls varsity basketball will tip off against Crawfordsville High School at 5:30 p.m., with the boys varsity game following at 7 p.m.

1991 Southmont High School alum Steve Trent and his band

Schedule of Events

- 2:30 p.m. - Doors open
- 3 p.m. - Steve Trent & Small Town
- 5:30 p.m. - South vs. Crawfordsville (girls varsity)
- 7 p.m. - South vs. Crawfordsville (boys varsity)

Small Town will headline the celebration in the new high school commons. Children and those young at heart are invited to jump, race, and play on in-

flatables located in the field-house. Various Southmont High School athletics teams will be selling food items through-

out the event, including pork burgers and other concession favorites.

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Butch Dale remembers "the Montgomery County Tourney"

In the fall of 1931 the principals and coaches of the small county schools instituted the Montgomery County Tourney, and for the next 40 years, it assumed a level of popularity and competitiveness that could not be matched anywhere else in the state. Unlike the Sectional tourney, Crawfordsville was excluded from playing, although the Athenian B-team was allowed to participate the first four years, prior to the IHSAA forbidding their entry.

Tourney time united the residents of the "little towns," and from the time the pairings were announced, the students and fans found it difficult to concentrate on anything else.

Every possible offensive and defensive strategy was used by the coaches to win the tourney. In addition to superb talent and well-executed play, a lot of pure luck often made the difference in the final outcome of the games. Upsets were a regular occurrence during the week long tourney, but only one team came out on top. When my Darlington team entered the tourney in 1965, we had a record of 5-6, with no starter 6-ft. tall. In our first game had to play New Market, an

No matter what a team's talent or record might be, every team had a shot at the title, and each boy played his heart out to help his team win. The experience of playing before a capacity crowd in the Crawfordsville gym was an experience never to be forgotten. I could barely sleep the night before my team played in the tourney!

Nevertheless, I was there, reverse engineering all the knots listed in my old Boy Scout Hand-book, when Stevie's little

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All Glory to the Great Turtle God

I was out in my neighbor's front yard helping Ronnie, Stevie's father, put up Christmas lights on his roof. My job was to detangle the strands of lights as they came out of the plastic storage box, before hoisting them up to Ronnie for installation.

I'm surprised I got the job, because I'm certain that Ronnie can see my garden hose from atop his roof. That birds' nest of extruded green synthetic rubber is hardly a positive testimony to my detangling skills.

Nevertheless, I was there, reverse engineering all the knots listed in my old Boy Scout Hand-book, when Stevie's little



JOHN MARLOWE With the Grain

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The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 8:02 a.m.
SET: 5:23 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 53 °F
Low: 34 °F



Wacky Holiday Today
• Free Shipping Day
• Roast Chestnuts Day



What Happened On This Day
• 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting
• 1939 USSR expelled from the League of Nations
• 1911 Roald Amundsen reaches South Pole



Births On This Day
• 1988 Vanessa Hudgens American actress
• 1503 Nostradamus French astrologer

Deaths On This Day
• 1943 John Harvey Kellogg American surgeon
• 1799 George Washington 1st President of the U.S.

HONEST HOOSIER

Christmas is a week and four days away. One of my favorite memories is Christmas shopping. There weren't any big boxes or online options back then. And mom and dad knew all the merchants and they knew us.



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Treat burns by immediately soaking the area in cold water for at least five minutes and cover any open areas with antibiotic ointment. 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.



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TODAY'S QUOTE

"Remembrance, like a candle, burns brightest at Christmastime."
Charles Dickens

TODAY'S JOKE

How did Scrooge win the football game?
The ghost of Christmas passed!

OBITUARIES

NONE



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The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank Rick Gadberry of Crawfordsville for subscribing!



13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

32/51 SUNNY	34/53 PARTLY SUNNY	51/63 WARMER, SPOTTY SHOWERS	61/64 RAIN, STORMS LIKELY FALLING TOPO	31/47 COOLER	32/38 CHANCE OF SNOW, BREEZY, BLUSTERY	20/38 CHILLY
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

Nighttime sweetness and hope this time of year

There is a nighttime sweetness and hope that hovers over us this time of year here at home. This is a time for summing up and looking ahead ... and a time for dreams.

And at night... ah, that's the time, isn't it? Outside it's dark, December dark, and we're inside and warm and cocooned up. The cold makes our world shrink, especially at night. But we have our dreams.

For Janice Thomas, our art teacher at the high school, it's that painting she's planning. She makes starts at it, from time to time, but she's wise enough



Slim Randles
Home Country

Want MORE HOME COUNTRY?

In The Paper of Montgomery County. Slim is out of Albuquerque, N.M. and his writing is enjoyed all over the country.

to know she isn't good enough to paint it yet. She paints other things well, but that one ... it has to be perfect. It will be the painting of a lifetime, she knows.

Doc will drift off to sleep tonight thinking about that new fly rod. He has half a dozen, of course, that will take about any weight line, and let him

catch anything from mouse to moose. But even the most expensive rod isn't what he dreams of. This year, for Christmas, he's giving himself a rod-builder's jig, and he will make his own rod from a Sage blank. That will be the one. It will have his own wrappings and he'll put the ferrules on it himself. He'll be able to feel the fish breathe with this one. It

will be true and wonderful and last forever.

For cowboy Steve, the December dream is always the same: staying in that little cabin. The one with a turret and a corral. And hearing ol' Snort happily eating out there in the corral. And exploring. Time enough to explore those mountains with Snort.

There is a nighttime sweetness and hope that hovers over us this time of year. Here's to dreams.

Brought to you by Home Country (the book), published by Rio Grande Press and now available as a Kindle ebook on Amazon.

Meeting Notes

Crawfordsville Council

City of Crawfordsville
 Dec. 13, 2021 at 6 p.m.
 City Building, 300 E. Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933
 Council Chambers
 I. Pledge
 Presenter: Mike Reidy
 II. Prayer
 Presenter: Jeff Lucas
 III. Roll Call
 IV. Approval of Minutes - November 8, 2021
 V. Acknowledgment of receipt of the monthly Financial Reports
 VI. Roll Call for additions to the Agenda
 VII. Public Hearing
 A. An Ordinance Making an Additional Appropriation for the Year 2021 (Street Department)
 VIII. Fiscal Affairs
 A. Second reading of an Ordinance Making an Additional Appropriation for the Year 2021 (Street Department)
 B. A Resolution Regarding Receipt and Approval of Crawfordsville Electric Light and Powers Company's Proposed 2022 Budget and Salary Worksheets
 C. A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Crawfordsville and Clark Township, Montgomery County, Indiana regarding Crawfordsville Fire Department Ambulance Services
 D. A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Crawfordsville and Walnut Township, Montgomery County, Indiana regarding Crawfordsville Fire Department Ambulance Services
 E. A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Crawfordsville and Brown Town-

ship, Montgomery County, Indiana regarding Crawfordsville Fire Department Ambulance Services

F. A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Crawfordsville and Franklin Township, Montgomery County, Indiana regarding Crawfordsville Fire Department Ambulance Services
 IX. Ordinances & Petitions

A. Second reading of an Ordinance Designating The Masonic Cornerstone Grand Hall And Event Center (Crawfordsville Masonic Temple) As A Single-Site Local Historic District
 X. Traffic, Parking & Safety

A. Second reading of an Ordinance Prohibiting Parking on the North Side of Milligan Street between Crawford Street and Russell Avenue in Crawfordsville, IN

B. First reading of an Ordinance Vacating a Portion of a Street in Crawfordsville, Indiana - Old Oak Hill Road directly in front of 907 Lafayette Avenue

XI. Annexation

XII. Miscellaneous

XIII. Adjournment

The City of Crawfordsville acknowledges its responsibility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In order to assist individuals with disabilities who require special services (i.e. sign interpretive services, alternative audio/visual devices, and amanuenses) for participation in or access to City sponsored public programs, services, and/or meetings, the City requests that individuals makes requests for these services forty-eight (48) hours ahead of the scheduled program, service, and/or meeting.

Births

A son, Alexander Michael Moreland, was born at Witham Hospital in Lebanon on Dec. 10, 2021 to Gary Moreland and Lisa Brock of Frankfort, Ind. The baby weighed 5 pounds 4 ounces.

Alexander will be welcomed home by a brother, J.J. Zell.

Maternal grandparents are Ray and Janie Brock of Frankfort, Ind., and paternal grandparents are Teena and Eric Briggs of Plainfield, Ind.

Births

A son, Declan Kenneth Allgood, was born at Witham Hospital in Lebanon on Dec. 3, 2021 to Courtney Allgood of Crawfordsville. The baby weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces.

are Angie and Kenneth Allgood of Crawfordsville.

Maternal great-grandparents are Bob and Glenna Hedges of Crawfordsville, Dorsie Murphy of Greencastle, Ind., Ronald Allgood of Lawrenceburg, Ky. and Pasty Soloman of Crawfordsville, Ind.

Declan is Courtney's first child.

Maternal grandparents

Births

A daughter, Violet Kelly Linn, was born at Witham Hospital in Lebanon on Dec. 10, 2021 to Kaidence Linn and Arin Cook of Crawfordsville. The baby weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces.

Violet is the couple's first child.

Maternal grandparents are Brad Cook and Candace Cook of Crawfordsville, Ind., and paternal grandparents are Leo and Jill Lara of Crawfords-

ville and Kyle and Tracy Linn of Crawfordsville, Ind.

Maternal great-grandparents are Dorene and David Durrant of Perrysville, Ind. and Dwight and Jean Cook of Lafayette, Ind., and paternal great-grandparents are Jeff and Susan Linn of Crawfordsville, Ind., Barton Stonebreaker of Crawfordsville and Carletta and Scott Sorrells of N.C.

Conner Praire is full of last minute holiday gift ideas

Still looking for last-minute holiday gifts? Time's running out -- but the good news is, Conner Praire is full of great gift options for everyone on your list. Gift memberships to Conner Praire always fit, and let you give a year full of educational adventures and family fun. There's also a wide range of unique Conner Praire-made

pottery and textiles, Indiana-made food and gift items, and period clothing for children available at the Conner Praire Store. You can stop by to shop Thursdays-Sundays from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. without paying for admission, or send a gift from across the miles from the online museum store, <https://connerprairiemuseum-store.com/>.

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Holcomb on this 'pandemic of the unvaccinated'

"Disastrous."
That's Indiana University-Northwest Economics Prof. Micah Pollak's forecast for a second COVID perilous winter, mostly among the 50 percent of Hoosiers who are unvaccinated. Pollack added that that state and local leaders need to be "shouting from the rooftops" about the need for people to get vaccinated.

Gov. Eric Holcomb found himself facing the pandemic in February 2020. Last October, he told me that the only pandemic playbook on state government shelves was one for the flu.

After shutting the state down for nearly six weeks, then gradually reopening through the summer, Holcomb's modus operandi was always to "manage" his way through the crisis. A year ago, Holcomb and nearly 7 million Hoosiers, appeared to be anticipating the vaccine developed and approved under the Trump administration.

Today, he is confronted with a fifth surge of patients filling up hospital ICUs, while about



BRIAN HOWEY
HOWEY POLITICS

half of all Hoosiers have rejected taking the vaccine. At this writing, IU Health is appealing for National Guard deployment to help deal with this latest surge.

During my annual year-end interview with Holcomb, I observed: During 2020, you had the weekly Zoom press conferences, and you were given high marks for transparency and focus. After you gave what I call the "light at the end of the tunnel" speech in late March, you pulled back and stopped having them. You're a graduate of the "Mitch Daniels School of Using Your Political Capital." Why didn't you barnstorm the state urging people to vaccinate and protect themselves and their communities?

"It was absolutely counter to what I heard as I got around the state," Holcomb responded. "I don't pretend to be a know-it-all or have a crystal ball. All I know is I was tethered to all 92 counties and what was going on on the ground. I'll be in Fort Wayne tomorrow, I'll be in Upland on Friday, I was in Oldenburg last Saturday. That is my focus group. Those interactions are what I hear. And what I heard when the vaccine came on the scene and we started having the ability to manage this ourselves and that is the answer. We absolutely have to make sure the resources are available as a state."

Holcomb and state government did that. They provided three free vaccines, opening up hundreds of vaccination and testing sites. They've made boosters available. Yet the adult population is just above the 50 percent vaccination rate.

"When you look at about any measure, hospitalizations, death rates, it is all 70 percent to 80 percent unvaccinated, week after week after

week," Holcomb told me on Tuesday. "These stories are real that I pick up on a daily basis, people who are taken from us prematurely, who say, 'I just didn't think it would happen to me.'"

According to Indiana State Department of Health statistics, since the start of the pandemic, unvaccinated Hoosiers account for 97.7 percent of COVID-19 infections; 99.96 percent of COVID-19 hospitalizations; and 99.98 percent of COVID-19 deaths.

As for "breakthrough" cases involving the fully-vaccinated, the state reports 84,210 of them, or 2.4 percent of fully vaccinated people, with more than 80 percent of them among people 65 years old and older, resulting in 1,691 hospitalizations (.049 percent of the total) and 903 deaths (.026 percent of the total).

"Getting there, long way to go," Holcomb said in extending the public health emergency for another 30 days. Holcomb now calls it a "pandemic of the unvaccinated," adding, "I'm just shouting from the

rooftop, 'Get vaccinated.' This is the answer."

Gov. James Goodrich, who held office during the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918-19, played virtually no role in the government response to that pandemic which killed an estimated 10,000 Hoosiers. It was local health officials who mandated masking while suspending public gatherings.

While Gov. Goodrich confronted the 1918-19 pandemic with a hands-off approach, Holcomb has watched this pandemic claim more than 17,000 Hoosier lives, making it the most lethal health sequence in state history.

He has created the Governor's Public Health Commission that will reassess what has happened over the past year and what changes should be made. "This coincides perfectly with one of the reasons that came out of this, we've gone decades without major attention on our local health departments, and the state and local health delivery models," Holcomb said. "That's what this Governor's

Public Health Commission is all about. It's structure, delivery, funding."

Now with the General Assembly overriding his vetoes last session and is poised to pass employer mandate bans in its upcoming session, Holcomb has decided to allow local health and school boards to determine masking policy.

I have a 9-month-old granddaughter and she's the only one in our family who is unvaccinated. So we have this concept of "individual freedom" colliding with "personal responsibility" and half of the population doesn't appear to care about the impact on their community. What are your thoughts on that?

"That's the rub," Holcomb said. "What do liberty and freedom mean when it affects others, adversely, maybe fatally? Those are the discussions we will have in these halls in our state, and I think rightly should be made in this state."

The columnist is publisher of *Howey Politics Indiana* at www.howeypolitics.com

Six Wabash College seniors earn Orr Fellowships

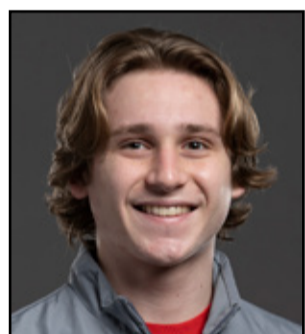
Six Wabash College seniors have earned Orr Fellowships, guaranteeing them two-year, salaried positions with a host company in Indianapolis. This marks the most Orr Fellows from Wabash in an academic year in the fellowship's history.

As Orr Fellows, Lucas Bender, Drew Bluethmann, Isaac Cloran, Kenny Coleman, Solomon Davis and Gerard Seig will receive executive mentorship and participate in a curriculum designed to develop understanding and skills vital to entrepreneurship and business leadership. Fellows will also grow professionally through an active and supportive network with opportunities for cultural and civic engagement.

"I am delighted with the success our six recipients achieved this year," said Steven Jones '87, Dean for Professional Development. "Orr Fellowship is a respected program and has more than 1,300 applicants each year. To reward six Wabash men with this great honor is a proud moment for the College. It also sends a message to high school students who have business and entrepreneurship goals in their future, Wabash is a great option to consider."

A student must demonstrate leadership potential on and off campus, have a cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher (students with a 3.2 GPA may be considered if they have extensive leadership experience), and have a strong interest in entrepreneurial business or organizational leadership to be considered for an Orr Fellowship.

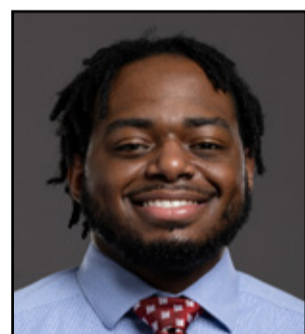
Bender is a financial economics major and biology, business, and religion triple minor from Zionsville, Indiana. He will serve as an engagement coordinator for the marketing team at Remodel Health, a software and service company focused on innovative solutions for employer health benefits.



Lucas Bender



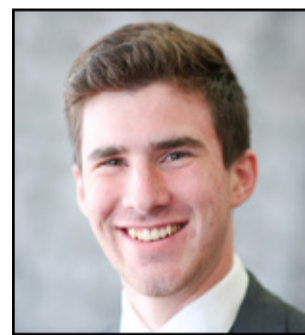
Drew Bluethmann



Kenny Coleman



Isaac Cloran



Gerard Seig



Solomon Davis

"I am incredibly excited for the opportunity to work at Remodel Health," Bender said. "To be selected as an Orr Fellow means that I'll be able to continue building in key competencies both in marketing and entrepreneurship over the next two years."

Bluethmann is a political science major and history and Germany double minor from Greenfield, Indiana. He will be working as an associate consultant at Resultant, a consulting firm focused on technology, data analytics, and digital transformation.

"I feel honored to be selected as an Orr Fellow, and I am excited to start my career with such an opportunity," Bluethmann said. "I only succeed in the process with the support of my family, fraternity brothers, and current Wabash Orr Fellows. I also could not be where I am today without the help of my career mentors, Rob Shook '83 and the late Roland Morin '91."

Cloran is a chemistry major and business and classics double minor from Zionsville. He will be starting his work with the data and analytics team at EM Brands, an apothecary.

"I'm feeling very excit-

ed to be a part of a great program and I'm looking forward to helping EM Brands grow over the next couple years," Cloran said. "Many thanks to the Wabash guys who are in the Orr Fellowship program for their advice."

Coleman is a rhetoric major and Black Studies minor from Muncie, Indiana. He will be working at Genesys, a tech-based company that specializes in creating software that helps businesses create a better customer service experience.

"Getting the fellowship is something I couldn't have done without Wabash," Coleman said. "I hope that being a fellow enables me to open the door for other students of color at Wabash to explore and better themselves. I'm truly thankful to God and the Orr Fellowship for this opportunity."

Davis is a religion major and education minor from Washington, Indiana. He will serve as a strategic relationships manager with NEXT Studios, a venture studio designed for startup companies.

"Being selected as an Orr Fellow is excellent, and is a testament to the environment I came from. Growing up in Washington, I was exposed to

the impact entrepreneurs can have on a community," Davis said. "Seeing members of my community strive to create and draw in businesses that help serve the locals made me so passionate about business. My hometown is what drew my interest in the Orr Fellowship and ultimately to NEXT studios, a company that seeks to support the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Indiana."

Seig is a financial economics major and Asian Studies and religion double minor from Noblesville, Indiana. He also will be joining EM Brands, serving in a business analyst role that focuses on projects across the company.

"I am very excited for the Orr because it is a great opportunity to make connections in Indianapolis, and it's a great community that pushes you to continue your professional development," Seig said. "I have wanted to participate in the Orr since my freshman year, so it is amazing to even have that opportunity and I cannot wait to draw all I can from the experience!"

Since 2007, 32 Wabash students have been awarded Orr Fellowships, including 19 in the last five years.



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Creating an environment where people of all ages feel comfortable to talk about their struggles is an important step in preventing unnecessary tragedies.

Don't let seasonal affective disorder keep you down in upcoming winter months

By **Scott Knight**
Education Specialist for the Jason Foundation

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is characterized as a type of depression that is related to changes in seasons, typically tied to the start of fall and persisting into the winter months. We know that depressive disorders don't take holidays and this time of year can be stressful. For individuals who suffer from or are at risk for depression, though, the impact of holiday stresses and pressures can be much more severe than the momentary frustrations that almost everyone experiences. Typical symptoms of SAD, sometimes referred to as winter depression, may include the following (Mayo Clinic):

- Feeling depressed most of the day, nearly every day
- A lack of energy
- Losing interest in activities you once enjoyed
- Feeling sluggish or agitated
- Oversleeping or having problems with sleeping
- Social withdrawal
- Feeling hopeless, worthless or guilty
- Substance abuse

Recently, more people are willing to engage in more meaningful conversations regarding mental health, but that has not always been the case. Many of the same symptoms listed above are commonly associated with

warning signs of suicidal thoughts or behavior, the second leading cause of death for ages 10 - 24. The Jason Foundation, a nationally recognized leader in youth suicide awareness and prevention, has developed a program designed to help reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues and suicide. #IWONTBESILENT is an awareness campaign to raise the conversation on suicide prevention and mental illness, allowing open conversation regarding these serious subjects. Visit www.iwontbesilent.com to learn how you can become involved and make a difference within your community. Creating an environment where people of all ages feel comfortable to talk about their struggles is an important step in preventing unnecessary tragedies.

Contrary to a prevalent myth, suicide rates do not peak during the holiday season. However, depressed individuals are hardly immune from either depressive episodes or suicidal ideation during this time. If you or someone you love is struggling with depression and/or thinking about suicide, get help now. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), is a free resource that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for anyone who is in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.

Five essential tips for a safe and happy holiday season with your furry friends

The holidays, along with all of its festive decorations, provides additional chewing opportunities for our furry friends - and potential emergency visits to the veterinarian. So as we all start to deck the halls this holiday season, Trupanion, a leader in medical insurance for cats & dogs, offers up these 5 tips to enjoy a safe and festive holiday with your pet.

1) Tinsel
Tinsel and ribbon can cause a tangled mess in the

intestines if swallowed by a pet - ideally it should not be used in households with cats.

2) Ornaments
Make sure to hang any small or fragile ornaments high enough on your tree to avoid the wagging tail of your dog or a paw swipe from your cat.

3) Snow globes
Snow globes can contain ethylene glycol (anti-freeze). If you drop and break one, they can cause a lot of harm, especially

to your small dog, puppy, or cat. If they lick up the liquid, immediately go to the closest emergency veterinary hospital!

4) Holiday lights
Pets are drawn to holiday lights, just like we are. The only difference is they may be tempted to chew on them. Be sure to also keep the electrical cords taped down or out of reach.

5) Holiday plants and trees
Many holiday plants can cause gastrointestinal upset

if ingested by your dog or cat. These include holly, mistletoe and amaryllis. Lilies are also extremely toxic for cats, even contact with the pollen or water in the vase may be enough to cause kidney failure.

"If you do have a tree as part of your holiday celebrations, they are quite the treasure trove of mischief to cats as they present an opportunity to climb, house many dangling ornaments which look like toys, and have needles

which cats love to chew," said Caroline Wilde, staff veterinarian at Trupanion. "There isn't much we can do to suppress those innate instincts, but we can try to maximize the safety of the tree."

Here are some steps pet parents can take:
- Avoid tinsel in any home with cats, as they love to eat it, and it can then cause intestinal obstruction in the form of a linear foreign body.
- Vacuum shed needles

frequently. Swallowed needles can potentially cause GI irritation and obstruction.

- Wrap the base of the trunk in tin foil to help deter climbing
- Keep the bigger, more breakable items out of the cat's reach, to minimize the risk of them falling and breaking into pieces.
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outstanding team with a record of 9-2. We fought hard and won the game 58-52. In our second contest we faced an undefeated New Ross team, who had the longest winning streak in the state. We played our hearts out, and by some miracle, we won 49-45 to reach the championship game. We faced Coal Creek, who had a record of 5-6...and we lost 47-45...a last second shot bouncing off the rim...our championship trophy gone!

New Ross had to wait 25 years before they won the County Tourney in 1956. The fewest points in a title game was in 1932 when Wingate beat New Richmond 16-14. The most points in a championship game came in 1968 when Darlington beat Coal Creek

100-78. There were two championship games that went into overtime... In 1950, Waveland beat New Market 40-33 in overtime... and in 1964, Linden defeated Ladoga 68-67 in the overtime period. I saw that game, and it was one of the most exciting games I had ever witnessed.

During its 40 year run, each school won at least one time, with the New Market Purple Flyers claiming seven titles, the most of any school (1939, '40, '42, '43, '58, '62, '66). Linden was a close second with six championships (1937, '48, '52, '60, '64, '71). Alamo won four times (1934, '38, '46, '57), as did Darlington (1954, '68, '69, 70), New Ross (1956, '59, '61, '63) and Waveland

(1950, '51, '53, '55). Wingate won three times (1932, '35, '36). Three schools won twice... Coal Creek (1965, '67), Waynetown (1944, '45), and Ladoga (1947, '49). And New Richmond won only once in 1933, along with Bowers in 1942... before their schools closed because of consolidation.

The winningest coach by far was Jack Hester, with six victories under his belt... five at New Market and one at Ladoga. Cliff Davis' teams won three times... Linden in 1937 and Waveland in 1950 and 1951.

The County Tourney meant a lot to the people of Montgomery County. The Crawfordville gym was always packed, and schools often had to have drawings



Linden Bulldogs...County Tourney Champs 1960

to see who would receive tickets. Sections were cordoned off for the students and fans for each school, and all you had to do was look at the colors of the clothing to see where each school was located. There was electricity in the air as the National Anthem was played, and the announcer said, "Good evenings, ladies and gentlemen... welcome to the Montgomery County Tourney!" As a player and later on as a fan, I always got goosebumps as I entered the gym, which seemed enormous compared to our gym at Darlington. Many years later, when I was in that Crawfordville gym, it seemed so small... compared to the gyms today. In that quiet and empty gym I could still see the players, the coaches, the students and the fans... and hear the cheers... of one of the oldest and most exciting basketball tourneys in the state of Indiana.

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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including The Paper of Montgomery County at 127 E. Main St.

Operation Toy Box was developed by Gloria and Dave Long is to provide that "one new toy under the tree" for area children.

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"It will be exciting for our alumni to visit our campus, and to see all of the recent building updates while reminiscing on the past," Southmont High School Principal Jesse Burgess said. "The whole community is invited to join us for the concert, entertainment, food, free 50th Anniversary giveaways, and what is sure

to be an exciting varsity doubleheader between the Mounties and our county rivals at Crawfordville."

Both the high school and junior high buildings will be open for alumni to tour, with Royal Ambassadors stationed throughout to answer questions. Classrooms will be available for any graduating class that wishes to have a class reunion. To

reserve a classroom please contact Samantha Cotten, Communications Director, at samantha.cotten@southmont.k12.in.us or (765) 866-0203 by Jan. 6.

More information about future 50th Anniversary events will be available through Southmont Schools' Facebook Page and Twitter (@SMontgomeryCSC).

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brother showed up under my feet. Sebastian — or "Sebby," as they call him — is nothing like his older brother.

He's normal. Brother Sebby is about 4 years old. I always marvel that Sebastian even exists. One would think that after living four years with Stevie, Ronnie and Kaity would never want another child. It just shows you how much love these people have for each other that they would want to give it another try.

Four years would be enough for me. The minimum sentence, by the way, for carjacking is also four years. I think that's meaningful.

After a barrage of 'what-cha-doin'-thers," and the fourteen follow-up "why" questions from Sebby, I finally was able to deflect the lad onto a subject that I thought would give me some control over the conversation.

"Do you like Christmas, Sebby?" I asked.

"Yes. Yes. I love Christmas!" he replied exuberantly, bouncing lightly as he spoke.

"What part do you like most about Christmas?" I asked.

"I like the Turtle God the most," he said, after thinking hard.

Now, I don't know about you, but I've heard a lot of versions of the Christmas story through the years, but in not a single one do I remember hearing anything about a role played by a marine reptile. My brother, Ben, has a turtle. Even though Spike is really cool, Christmas has never crossed my mind in his presence.

Nevertheless, Sebby was convinced.

Equating my bewilderment to my understanding of what myrrh is, I asked, "The Turtle God, Sebby?"

"Yes. He's the reason we have Christmas," he said proudly.

After convincing Sebby that I was going to need more information to completely understand, he said

this: "We learned about it in Sunday School. Our teacher taught us a prayer. It goes like this," he said, while clasping his small hands. "Jesus, we love that you were born with the animals in the manger. We love that Mary and Joseph loved you, and we love that you, ye Turtle God, loved us so much that you sent baby Jesus to love us."

Ronnie and I just stared at each other. Sure, this was a teaching moment. But there would be time later to explain the word "eternal" to Sebby. This was our opportunity to learn from a 4-year-old boy.

Sebby's God in his Christmas story might be a lot like the one familiar to the rest of us. We are not easy people to love. Like that turtle, maybe God really had to stick his neck out, for us to understand true love.

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