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TODAY'S VERSE

Proverbs 3: 5-6 *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.*

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Suzy of Suzy's soaps was pitching goat's milk and other homemade soap creations in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville recently. Thank you for your smile, Suzy!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Just a day to go for the scheduled repair of the rough railroad tracks on U.S. 231 in Crawfordsville. The nice folks at CSX Railroad reported that everything will be open again at noon tomorrow. But it's best to check first when perhaps you are not running late for work!

2 Tonight is the Free Soup & Game Night sponsored by the Linden Public Library – but held at the Linden United Methodist Church. Dinner is scheduled to be served at 6 p.m. and then board games will be provided to guests. Soup and drinks will be provided. You may bring a side dish but it is not required to attend. In addition, there is an Adult Reading Program that goes through Feb. 28. But when you think about it, there's always something good happening at a library!

3 The Indiana Legislature will be back in session soon and there are already rumblings about the politicians taking public notice ads out of newspapers so that the foxes are finally guarding the henhouse. Rep. Tim Brown of Crawfordsville recently sent a survey out that included this question: "Currently, most units of local government, including schools, must buy newspaper advertising space for certain announcements, like budgets. Do you believe posting this information online as well as in a public building should be alternative options to this sometimes costly notification requirement?" Rep. Brown did not mention that governmental public notices are the cheapest rate of advertising we offer – preferring instead to add the word "costly." We hope you'll let Brown know you don't appreciate his attempt to pull public notice from the last guardians of a free press. You can reach his legislative assistant at (317) 232-9651.

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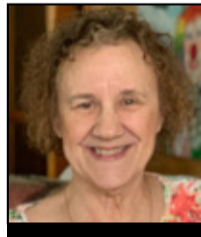


Photo courtesy of Crawfordsville District Public Library

The Ransdell and Rogers were two local families in the barber world.

Karen up a tree – two family trees

Just love this picture from the Crawfordsville District Public Library's database and wanted to tell you today about two local families who were in the barber world, some in this photo. The Ransdell and Rogers families both had several members to remain here and others who went elsewhere,



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

but almost all remained in the barbering business. Let's begin with the partners in the photo. Although none are tagged, from ages in this 1909 picture, and descriptions on their WWI draft cards, I have an intellectual guess (keep the "guess" in mind) that Melvin Rogers is the dapper one in front on the left with the dark hat as he was described as tall, with brown eyes and John E. Ransdell is the one on the other side on the right standing with his hands in his pockets. John was described as stout with blue

eyes and gray hair. To me, it also makes sense that the owners would be in the front of the photo. They had men working for them which tallies the others in the picture. Usually at this time, the barbers wore white shirts and nice ties or else a white jacket over their clothes and often had 3, 4 or 5 chairs, always busy. Usually, there was a waiting area in the front and many would come in and buy a paper or magazine and read while waiting or sometimes just

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Crawfordsville Fire Dept. announces two new hires

The Crawfordsville Fire Department (CFD) is pleased to announce the addition of Gage Corbett and Timothy Blye to the department this week. Blye is a 2017 Jefferson High School graduate from Lafayette, Ind. He previously received high school training with the Lafayette Fire Department and St. Elizabeth School of Nursing and employment with the Cass County Fire Department. Corbett is a 2017 Elwood Jr./Sr. Highschool graduate from Elwood, Ind. He previously worked with the Pipecreek Township Fire Department and the Tipton Fire Department. "It is always great to welcome new members to the Crawfordsville Fire Department family," said Crawfordsville



Photo courtesy of the Crawfordsville Fire Department

Blye (left) and Corbett pose for a photo during one of their first shifts on the CFD.

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HONEST HOOSIER

Christmas is a week and two days away. One of my favorite memories is watching *White Christmas* with Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen. I still get teary eyed when they sing "We'll follow the old man . . ."



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Don't smoke around kids – it can lead to increased numbers of ear infections and lung infections. 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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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

John Oilar at 'Trees'

Renowned artist John Oilar will be at the Masonic Cornerstone Grand Hall and Event Center's Festival of Trees doing portraits Saturday to help out with the fund-raising efforts. John will be doing wonderful drawings from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Portraits are only \$10 a person, and half will go to the Masonic Temple renovation fund. The size of the portrait is a generous 11x14.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things – not the great occasions – give off the greatest glow of happiness."
Bob Hope

TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?
Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!

OBITUARIES

Donald Gene French



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



The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 8:03 a.m.
SET: 5:24 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 64 °F
Low: 55 °F

Wacky Holiday Today
• Boston Tea Party Day
• Stupid Toy Day

What Happened On This Day
• 1707 Last eruption of Mount Fuji
• 2010 Last episode of Larry King Live aired

Births On This Day
• 1901 Margaret Mead American anthropologist
• 1775 Jane Austen English author

Deaths On This Day
• 1980 Colonel Sanders American businessman
• 1988 Sylvester American singer-songwriter

Eyes on skies for windy weather

Everyone is paying attention to the weather after the recent devastating storms that left a deadly swath of destruction in several states, most notably Kentucky. So a lot of people, including us in Montgomery County, should be alert this evening.

The National Weather Service has issued a wind advisory for portions of Indiana, including Montgomery County. The advisory, which goes into effect at 7 p.m. tonight and lasts until 7 a.m. tomorrow morning, forecasts that we could see wind gusts in Crawfordsville in the mid-40 mph range.

To our west and north, the forecasts call for much more vigilance. A moderate risk of severe thunderstorms is forecast for today through tonight. The NWS says that widespread severe wind gusts of 60 to 75 mph, along with at least a few tornadoes, are likely from late afternoon through this evening across the Mid-Missouri Valley to the Upper Mississippi Valley. Embedded gusts of 80 to 100 mph and a nocturnal strong

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TODAY CLOUDY, WINDY, AREAS OF RAIN HIGH 64

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| 55/64 THU | 31/47 FRI | 32/40 SAT | 26/39 SUN | 26/39 MON | 25/38 TUE |
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OBITUARIES

Donald Gene French Dec. 9, 1943 - Dec. 13, 2021

Donald Gene French, 78, Crawfordsville, passed away on Monday, Dec. 13, 2021 at St Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born in Crawfordsville on Dec. 9, 1943, to the late Ralph Henry and Alleen (Morrison) French.

Mr. French graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1962 and proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He worked as a grinder operator at Raybestos Powertrain, where he retired after 39 1/2 years. On July 29, 1967 he married the love of his life of 54 years, Delores "Dee" Conner, who survives. He had a passion for woodworking and sold many of his wood pieces at different craft shows. He loved to visit and talk and was one that never knew a stranger. He was a member of the Scroll Saw Club and Cross Roads Nazarene Church.

Survivors include his wife, Delores "Dee" Conner; three sons, Michael (Sherry) French of Brazil, Gregory (Tricia) French of Waynetown and Scott (Shon) French of Hillsboro; a brother, Raymond (Carole) French of Waveland; a sister, Peggy (Kenny) Ferrand of Fla.; five grandchildren, Taylor, Sam (Raeleigh), Lacey, Hanna and Eli; one great-granddaughter, Brooklynn; and one great-grandson on the way, Malakai.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Richard, Dennis and Henry French; two sisters, Patricia Earl and Beverly Sanders; and infant sister, Mary French.

Cremation was chosen with a visitation at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington Street, in Crawfordsville on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021 from 4 p.m. till the time of the memorial service at 6 p.m., with Pastor Mark Roberts officiating. The service will be live-streamed and recorded which can be viewed on his obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.

Memorial donations may be given to the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com



Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana Broadband Office have now designated the Town of Ladoga as Broadband Ready

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Broadband Office have announced that the Town of Ladoga is now designated as an official Broadband Ready Community. The Broadband Ready Communities Program was created as a tool to encourage broadband development throughout Indiana.

The Broadband Ready Community certification sends a signal to the telecommunication industry that a community has taken steps to reduce barriers to broadband infrastructure investment.

"We are excited to announce another Hoosier community that has officially been certified Broadband Ready. Congratulations to the Town of Ladoga to remain competitive and progressive in broadband

development and investment," Crouch said. "We look forward to continuing our state's outreach in ensuring residents and businesses have reliable, high-speed internet across all corners of the state."

The certification was approved by the Indiana Broadband Office following the Ladoga Town Council's adoption of a Broadband Ready Community ordinance.

"By becoming a Broadband Ready Community, Ladoga demonstrates that we are ready to be a launching point for broadband internet in the area," said Mike Hubble, Sr., Ladoga Town Council President. "We stand ready to accommodate and help boost internet infrastructure capabilities throughout our

community."

According to Earnie Holtrey, Project Manager at the Indiana Broadband Office, 2021 has been a successful year for Broadband Ready Communities across Indiana.

"This is a monumental day for the Town of Ladoga," Holtrey said. "Congratulations to the Ladoga Town Council on your initiative to lead your community forward. We recognize your collaboration, work and momentum, and anticipate your continued success."

Via 2020 legislation, the Broadband Ready Community Program was transitioned from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). IBO

began the day-to-day management of the Broadband Ready Community Program on July 1, 2020. For more information, visit in.gov/indianabroadband.

Under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as the Secretary of Rural Development, the Indiana Broadband Office (IBO) mission is to assist residents in need of affordable and reliable broadband connectivity. This mission of reaching Hoosiers where they live, work and play is accomplished by communicating with stakeholders, providing resources to a diverse audience, and leveraging established relationships with elected officials, associations, and providers.

For more information, visit in.gov/broadband.

Meeting Notes

Board of Works and Public Safety

Meeting Agenda
 Crawfordsville Indiana
 Dec. 15, 2021
 at 10 a.m.

City Building 300 E
 Pike St Crawfordsville, IN
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I. Approval of the minutes from Dec. 8, 2021.

II. Approval of the claims for the week of Dec. 13, 2021.

III. Old Business

IV. New Business
 A. Emergency Ambulance Services by Crawfordsville Fire Department in Clark Township, Montgomery County, Indian

B. Emergency Ambulance Services by Crawfordsville Fire Department in Walnut Township, Mont-

gomery County, Indiana

V. Miscellaneous

VI. Department Heads

VII. 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. To make arrangements, contact Renee Demoret, Mayor's Assistant, at 765-364-5160

New statewide blood pressure policy will help Hoosiers lower heart disease risks

Thousands of Hoosiers with high blood pressure may now have easier access to monitoring devices that will allow them to check their own blood pressure, which could help them better control their blood pressure and lower their risk of heart disease, thanks to a

change in state policy that was recommended by the American Heart Association.

On Dec. 2, the Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) approved a policy request to expand coverage of blood pressure monitoring devices for the diagno-

sis and management of patients with hypertension and to address barriers to the implementation of self-measured blood pressure monitoring. The OMPP also removed a requirement for prior authorization, eliminating a barrier for patients receiving a device.

Nearly half of Hoosier adults are estimated to have high blood pressure, consistent readings of 130/80 or higher, and for half of those individuals their hypertension is uncontrolled, doubling their risk for cardiovascular complications.

Self-measured blood pressure monitoring, the regular measurement of blood pressure by the patient outside the clinical setting, either at home or elsewhere, is a validated approach for out-of-office blood pressure measurement and is endorsed by several national and international hypertension guidelines, including the American Heart Association. The best available science supports the removal of patient exclusions and barriers to the use of self-measured blood pressure monitoring for improved diagnosis and management of high blood pressure by expanding coverage for clinical services to encourage provider utilization and use of validated automated blood pressure devices for home use.

"High blood pressure is one of the biggest risk factors for heart disease and heart events," said Dr. Sandeep Dube, a car-



American Heart Association.

diologist who is president of the American Heart Association's Indianapolis board of directors. "Growing evidence indicates that monitoring blood pressure outside of the doctor's office, including self-measured blood pressure monitoring, confirms the diagnosis of hypertension and also helps people control their blood pressure. This policy move by the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning is a critical step to expanding self-measured blood pressure monitoring and increasing coverage of patient- and provider-related costs."

"We're excited to learn of this expansion of coverage," said Tony Gillespie, vice president of public policy and engagement with the Indiana Minority Health Coalition. "Many Hoosiers, including racial and ethnic minorities who

utilize Medicaid, face substantial barriers to accessing the healthcare services that could help them prevent or control risk factors for conditions including heart disease. By expanding access to devices which allow people to measure their own blood pressure, communities will be empowered to take control of their blood pressure and in turn live longer, healthier lives."

The American Heart Association believes everyone deserves adequate, accessible, and affordable health care. The Association published a presidential advisory earlier this year calling for eliminating inequities in the health care system, promoting diversity within the public health and health care workforce, and improving the health care system's ability to address social determinants of health.




THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CLIENTS AND EMPLOYEES FOR A GREAT 2021!
May 2022 be as bright and prosperous!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Dave, Haley, Kim, Lisa, Paula

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Donating to help Kentucky and other areas hit by tornadoes

Many donors are seeking ways to help those in need as Kentucky and other states begin to recover from the damage caused by severe storms and multiple tornadoes.

BBB's Give.org recommends before making a contribution or sending a donation to verify if the charity they choose to support meets the BBB Standards for Charity Accountability and review this list of charities.

Instead of clicking on links that others may send in texts and social media, consider making a cash donation directly through the charity's own website. In an emergency situation, this is likely the fastest way of sending help. In-kind donations of supplies may be well intended but can sometimes be difficult and costly to manage if the charity does not already have an established means to help distribute them to those in need.

Shelters and Emergency Centers

To help locate available shelters and other assistance, the two following national organizations are BBB Accredited Charities with local affiliates across the country:

American Red Cross (a BBB Accredited Charity) announced how they are providing assistance across multiple states.

Salvation Army (the national office is a BBB Accredited Charity) also shared how they are providing assistance in some areas. Check with local affiliates for additional information about specific assistance available in a particular community.

Food Banks

Feeding America (a BBB Accredited Charity) is active in providing groceries to those in need.

Crowdfunding

Crowdfunding campaigns are already being set up for those in need.



While some may be drawn to providing direct assistance to individuals, BBB Wise Giving Alliance recommends the following tips:

Give to people and organizations you know. It is safest to give to crowdfunding postings of people you personally know. If that is not possible, consider a posting that is being managed by an established charitable organization that can be checked out.

Not all crowdfunding sites operate alike. Some

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crowdfunding platforms do a better job of vetting postings and projects that appear on their site than others. Review the site's description of its procedures. If they do take precautions, they generally announce that fact loudly to help encourage giving.

See if the posting describes how funds will be used. Vague descriptions of how the collected funds will be used should also be a yellow caution light. Thoughtful collections will take the added step of iden-

tifying and verifying needs before money is raised.

Don't assume pictures represent an official connection to the person or family identified. Unfortunately, some crowdfunding postings may be using pictures of needy individuals without their permission. As a result, you can't assume an official connection. Again, each site has different rules on what they allow.

Your contribution may not be deductible as a charitable gift. If a crowd-

funding posting is claiming to be helping a specific named individual or family, donors in the U.S. generally cannot take a federal income tax deduction, even if the individual or family is in need. See IRS Publication 526, for more information on this subject.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Runser

More than 800 service members and civilians gathered at Camp Atterbury for Cyber Shield 18 at Camp Atterbury, Indiana from May 6-18, 2018. Cyber Shield 18 is part of the National Guard's ongoing effort to be a versatile capability for governors of all 54 states and territories. This is the seventh iteration of this training exercise.

Indiana National Guard to offer new way to serve with electronic warfare battalion

The Indiana National Guard will add approximately 200 new positions with the establishment of an intelligence and electronic warfare battalion.

Indiana Guardsmen will need specialized skills and high-level clearances so that they can use advanced technologies to protect and defend Hoosiers, Americans and the nation's allies from threats around the globe.

"Indiana's brave men and women who serve in our armed forces consistently demonstrate their ability to adapt, to remain flexible, and to rise to the occasion as conditions and missions change," said Gov. Eric J. Holcomb.

"Our ability to attract yet another high-tech unit speaks volumes of the talent pool in the Hoosier state, and aligns with our efforts to help keep Indiana in the top three in the nation in the concentration of the industries of the future, including life sciences, aerospace, healthcare, defense, ag-bioscience, cyber, orthopedics and advanced manufacturing."

While the Indiana National Guard soldiers will be globally engaged, they will enter cyber battles from the Hoosier State at the Indiana Intelligence Center in Indianapolis.



"We are committed to bring a new, cutting-edge skill sets to the Indiana National Guard," said Brig. Gen. Dale Lyles, the adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard, which numbers approximately 13,500 citizen-warriors. "This new intelligence and electronic warfare battalion will do just that and will be a showcase to not only the nation, but also the Hoosier state."

The Indiana National Guard's newest battalion will open an array opportunities for recruits and existing Guardsmen. The battalion will need intelligence officers and warrant officers, information technology maintainers, all-source intelligence analysts, geospatial analysts, signal intelligence analysts, human intelligence collectors and analysts, and counter intelligence personnel.

Indiana National Guard Maj. Grover Smith, the director of intelligence

operations and plans, said he sees the battalion as a fantastic opportunity for new recruits and seasoned Guardsmen alike.

"You begin the path to the skills highly sought after in civilian industry," said Smith. "Also the high-level clearance opens the doors for highly marketable career fields which will not only benefit the state, but also benefit the National Guard as we grow and change."

While the Hoosier Guardsmen prepare for the new unit, the state will ultimately see an increased economic impact.

"During the emplacement of this unit in Indiana, the U.S. Army will invest approximately \$44 million across the first two years with an annual investment in manpower, training and equipment of \$1.5 million," said Col. Jeffrey S. Hackett, the Indiana National Guard's operations officer.

Indiana National Guard soldiers and airmen work around the clock to maintain their readiness to serve at home and abroad at a moment's notice as directed by the United States president or the Indiana governor. The Indiana National Guard is community based yet globally engaged to protect life and liberty.

Holcomb says Hoosiers taxpayers get refund

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb announced Wednesday that an estimated 4.3 million taxpayers will receive a \$125 refund after they file their 2021 taxes.

"Despite a pandemic, Indiana exceeded all expectations and closed the state fiscal year with an unprecedented amount in reserves," said Gov. Holcomb. "We have an obligation to put this money back in the hands of taxpayers instead of leaving it in the hands of government."

An estimated \$545 million will be returned to Hoosiers after taxpayers file their 2021 state taxes. The governor said



Eric Holcomb

he is working with leaders of the general assembly on legislation that will streamline the process and make an additional 910,000 taxpayers eligible for the credit. The typical taxpayer liability is approximately \$1,000. This payment represents about

a 13 percent one-time tax cut.

Once the legislation passes, the Department of Revenue will begin processing payments for taxpayers. The form of taxpayer payments will be based on how the 2021 return was filed. Taxpayers who apply for an extension will receive the payment after filing their return.

The department of revenue expects to complete refunds for taxpayers filing by the April 18, 2022, filing deadline by May 1, 2022. One the details are finalized DOR will provide additional information in 2022.

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MyndVR announces new partnership with American Senior Communities in Indiana

MyndVR, the leading provider of virtual reality solutions for older adults in the United States, announced today a new partnership with American Senior Communities (ASC) to bring MyndVR's virtual reality program to their residents. MyndVR's immersive VR platform allows seniors to engage in an array of fields including learning, travel, art, music and nature.

The new partnership is also reflective of MyndVR's continued growth into new markets and highlights the strength behind the growing VR/AR

industry. MyndVR will be debuting the technology at ASC's Allisonville Meadows Assisted Living Community in Fishers, In on Friday, December 17.

"We are so excited to be partnering with American Senior Communities to bring our headsets to their residents," said Chris Brickler, CEO of MyndVR. "Their team has been incredible to work with and we can't wait to see how the community responds to the technology on Friday."

ASC is an Indiana owned and operated senior community that

takes pride in incorporating Hoosier hospitality in all of their services. ASC has created an Integrated Care Network with a full range of lifestyle and care options to bring innovative ways to serve their residents. Their latest partnership with MyndVR is one of the ways their team is honoring this commitment.

"ASC is intentional in choosing partnerships that allow us to leverage cutting edge technology to enrich the lives of the residents that we are honored to serve," said David Stordy, Chief Operating

Officer at ASC. "We are truly excited to partner with MyndVR to bring these innovative virtual reality experiences to our residents as part of our mission to serve each customer with quality care and excellence."

About MyndVR MyndVR is the leading provider of Virtual Reality solutions for senior living communities, home health care agencies, State and Federal Veteran homes and individual adults aging in their own homes. The company has licensed a vast library of VR content and created MyndVR

Studios to produce therapeutic experiences that positively impact the lives of seniors, Veterans, and other groups. The company's technology enables older adults to interact with the outside world in truly innovative ways that foster engagement, cognitive wellness and above all, joy and happiness.

MyndVR is committed to conducting extensive research in order to measure the therapeutic effect of VR. These studies will continue to measure the health care outcomes, including cognitive, visual, emotional and physical

effects on older adults. About American Senior Communities American Senior Communities offers a variety of senior lifestyle and care options throughout Indiana and Louisville. To learn more visit ASC-Care.com. For more information about MyndVR, please contact James Lambert, Account Director at HeraldPR, at j.lambert@heraldpr.com or at 504-256-0925. For more information about American Senior Communities, please visit ASCCare.com.

Solar-powered solutions: Purdue-affiliated company completes crop production facility microgrid

A newly completed solar microgrid system near Greensburg, Indiana, in Decatur County, is expected to generate enough emissions-free clean energy to offset nearly 4,000 tons of carbon dioxide over its lifetime, the same amount produced from driving 5 million miles.

Emergent Solar Energy, located in the Purdue Research Park of West Lafayette, created the system for the Corya System PCF crop production facility. It consists of a 65-kilowatt, bifacial ground-mount solar array plus 30 kilowatts of energy storage with a natural gas and propane backup generator. It also includes charging stations for electric vehicles that will replace the farm's gas-powered vehicles over time and further use clean energy production for their operation.

Jeremy Lipinski, managing partner at Emergent Solar Energy, said it is the company's first design with multiple sources of power generation and energy storage.

"This microgrid solution uses solar energy plus energy storage along with being connected to the REMC, or Rural Electric Membership Corp., utility grid," Lipinski said. "It optimizes the farm's energy use of the lowest-cost source of energy at any moment, thereby reducing the energy costs and fixing an increasing input."

This is the first addition to the Corya System renewable energy portfolio. Adding solar power with energy storage was the first step in the company's long-term vision of lowering its carbon footprint and using clean energy to power its operation. P. David Corya, general manager of the Corya System, decided to implement solar energy options for several economic and sustainability reasons.

"From an economic perspective, the project offsets traditional grid usage and insulates our operation from rising energy prices, creating a significant and growing cost of production advantage, while enabling



Photo provided by Jeremy Lipinski/Emergent Solar Energy

Emergent Solar Energy has completed a solar microgrid system for the Corya System PCF crop production facility in Decatur County, Indiana. Solar panels are visible on the right side of this photo. The system will offset nearly 4,000 tons of carbon dioxide in its lifetime.

additional future cost savings from electric vehicle fleet conversion," Corya said.

"From a sustainability perspective, we are committed to stewardship practices that protect air, soil, water and wildlife. We use the best available technology to manage our properties and utilize management practices that protect and conserve natural resources for the benefit of future generations."

Lipinski said the application of on-farm solar plus energy storage makes sense when renewable energy can be dispatched to offset the highest-cost demand and charge the battery bank at the lowest cost.

"We are at the tipping point of commercial energy storage here in Indiana, and as utility prices continue to increase, solar plus storage will only become more of a viable solution

for energy independence," Lipinski said. "This project allows the Corya System to reduce the amount of energy it needs to buy from the utility and minimizes its exposure to increasing energy costs while it continues to integrate clean energy in their facilities."

About Emergent Solar Energy Emergent Solar Energy is a leading commercial solar construction firm in

the state of Indiana. Headquartered at Purdue Research Park in West Lafayette, Indiana, the company provides solar solutions to the commercial, industrial, municipal and agricultural sectors across the state of Indiana. Emergent Solar Energy seeks to bring renewable energy to the communities it serves and to help organizations gain energy independence while achieving their sustainability and stewardship goals.

About the Corya System The Corya System is an integrated agribusiness development platform helping production partners reach new levels of success. Founded in 1902, it has grown to become one of the premier privately owned agricultural investment companies in the Corn Belt. The group consists of numerous wholly owned and affiliated investment and operating entities that deploy capital into permanent investments in farmland and specialized infrastructure associated with large-scale agricultural production.

KAREN

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hang out and talk about what they'd read. Just as often, it was a cigar store along with the barbering.

It doesn't seem that the two had this shop together for too many years, however, as in 1914, Ransdell was in the same building but his partner was R.J. Corey. John Elias Ransdell was 76 at his passing and had barbered all those years in our city - except for Bill Carpenter doubt another Crawfordsville barber would equal that. John Ransdell continued owning a shop all his life and often employed others.

Born in Thorntown, April 17, 1876, he was the son of Thomas and Mary (Hendrickson) Ransdell and was in the middle of several children born to them. His father was a butcher and once listed as a "fish dealer" which is in that line, I guess. John and his wife, Mary "Emily" Wilson lived at 603 S. Washington for several years (married way up in LaPorte County in 1898 but lived here) where he passed away from rheumatism (I can see where he'd get that) and heart disease. Their home was

at 112 N. Grant earlier on. They had two daughters, one dying young and Mary "Isabel" who married Leonard Lavin and lived in Columbus, Ohio, plus a son, Thomas Frederick, who moved to Sarasota, Fla. where he was a salesman for a large candy company. He married Fern Rogers who I assume is some relation to Melvin but didn't find for sure how. Thomas was described on his WWII draft card almost identical to his father. Isabel, John and Emily are all buried here in Oak Hill.

Melvin Byno Rogers was born in Stockwell, Tippecanoe County, son of George Washington and Elizabeth Ransdell Rogers - see a pattern going with these folks? Caught it immediately but still bogged down in Rogers and Ransdell relationships to straighten it out as of now. I will! George was a carpenter all his life, passing away a few months after his son. Melvin was a newlywed when this photo was taken but I couldn't see a wedding ring on the one I think is him but could also be the one petting the dog. At photo time, Melvin had married Flossie Vessie Stonebraker (father Elmer) on January 27th. Melvin left for a bigger (better?) realm moving to Champaign County, Illinois about 1916 where he ran the Champaign Beauty and Barber Supply Company. Don't believe

Melvin and Flossie had children. They are buried in their adopted city. Melvin and John E. weren't the only Ransdells or Rogers to be in the barber business here. Another long-time barber was Clayton Albert Rogers and he may be in the photo as well, having began his career about this time. He was the son of Charles and Nannie (Hole) Rogers and married Maude Tweedy. They were active members of the First Methodist Church. I was amazed that in 1930, they lived at 508 Binford St. and her father Ralph Tweedy (he and his wife living with them) was age 70 and listed as an engineer at the power company. May have to write on him next Clayton passed away before the next census at the young age of 49 years 4 months 25 days after having fought high blood

pressure (died of a stroke) for 15 years. Buried Indian Creek. Also, Thomas Frederick Ransdell above did some barbering before moving away forging into other careers. If the Ransdells or Rogers weren't barbers, then likely they were electricians (Ben, Clyde) or carpenters (Buford, Thomas), all wonderful professions, good at whatever career they chose to do! Sure enjoyed writing about the Ransdells and Rogers families but now, I need to go figure out the whole realm of their family tree - heehee!!

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known for its state and nationally recognized paramedicine program, extensive outdoor recreational opportunities at Shades State Park and Sugar Creek River, and is home to the Ironman Lucas Oil AMA Pro Motocross Championships and Wabash College.

WINDY

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tornado or two are also possible, particularly across western to northern Iowa and southeast Minnesota.

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only reach into the 40s and will struggle to reach 40 for the remainder of the weekend.

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