

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 119:9-11 "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." (NIV)

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



The Kleine family loves The Paper because it keeps us informed about local happenings - like the 1st day hike at Shades State Park and the Ice Hikes at Turkey Run!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The Indianapolis Home Show is in full swing and if you'd like to score as many as eight free tickets, just send a selfie of your beautiful smiling face to ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com and tell us why you like The Paper. Also, be sure to let us know how many tickets you want. If we use your photo in The Paper, you win the tickets. It's that easy! The show ends Thursday so best hurry!

2 The January 26 flyby of asteroid 2004 BL86 will be the closest by any known space rock this large until an asteroid flies past Earth in 2027. But don't worry, it's still going to miss us by 745,000 miles! Still, it will be the closest of any known space rock this large (bigger than three football fields) until asteroid 1999 AN10 flies past Earth in 2027. The asteroid is expected to be observable to amateur astronomers with small telescopes and strong binoculars.

3 Paginator needed by your favorite Montgomery County daily! We are losing the lady who has been doing the job for us and are looking for her replacement. She left some pretty big shoes to fill though! If you are interested in helping produce daily editions in Crawfordsville and Noblesville, as well as learning the basics of journalism, let us know - SOON! You can e-mail jobs@thepaper24-7.com. Did we mention soon?

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For the veterans



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Montgomery County got a new van to help transport veterans to appointments with the VA, medical and more. The van was paid for by the DAVE, the Montgomery County Community Foundation, HHSB and Tri-County Bank.

CSI adding up to 50 jobs in C'ville

Closure Systems International announced that the global leader in designing and manufacturing innovative closures is expanding its Crawfordsville facility. This expansion represents an additional 50 jobs and investments totaling approximately \$25 million in the construction of an additional 200,000-square-foot facility and new manufacturing equipment in the Crawfordsville Commerce Park.

After a year-long process to identify an ideal location for a new facility to accommodate CSI's increased production demand, the search came down to

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Responsibly ending the public health emergency

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Indiana has been under a state-wide public health emergency, allowing many state government decisions to be made by the governor via executive orders.

In order to end this emergency declaration, the governor and lawmakers have identified key issues that need to be addressed through legislation.

Senate Bill 3 would ensure Indiana continues to receive

certain benefits for those who still need them; that recently retired, graduated or out-of-state health care professionals can still temporarily practice; and that the state can still hold voluntary community vaccination clinics as needed.

At present, those items are made possible through executive orders issued by the governor. Introducing this bill through the normal route - the General Assembly's legislative process - ensures public testi-

mony and conversations about the best practices going forward are had in an open and deliberate manner.

Indiana has continued to adapt and respond to the hardships the pandemic has brought, and we believe the normal legislative process is well-equipped to address any other issues that may remain.

To learn about this bill and others being considered this

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The Wingate Spartans... 1913 and 1914 State Champions

As many of you readers are aware, the Wingate basketball team won the Indiana state championships in 1913 and 1914. In the 1970s, I had the pleasure of interviewing Leland Olin, who was a member of those teams. He learned to play the game when he was a student at Elmdale grade school.

He and his playmates practiced on a rough outdoor court by throwing a ball through a metal hoop fashioned by a local blacksmith. Sometimes the boys improvised by nailing a peachbasket to a wall!

When Leland attended Wingate High School, the team practiced twice a week in New Richmond's tiny little gym five miles away, and on the other



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

Wingate Spartans state basketball champions in 1913 and 1914

at the time. The seven team members in 1913 were Leland, Forest Crane, Jesse Graves, John Blacker, McKinley Murdock, Lee Sinclair, and Homer Stonebraker, with Jesse Wood as their coach.

During the regular season, the Spartans had a record of 16-4, losing to Lebanon,

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I'm activated: Bank on it

Each January the small bank in my hometown -- The Loanly Bank and Mistrust -- attracts new customers to their banking services by offering premium gifts to anyone signing for a loan or opening a new account.

To anyone opening a savings account, the bank will bestow a \$25 gift card to Sleepy Joe's coffee shop down the street. Overlooking the fact that \$25 covers the cost of only one cup of Sweet Vanilla Mocha Creme coffee at Joe's, it's not a bad prize.

Sign for a new car loan, and you receive one year of free car washes. Restrictions apply,

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JOHN MARLOWE
COLUMNIST

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:56 a.m.
SET: 5:54 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 22°F
Low: 2°F

Wacky Holiday Today

- National Irish Coffee Day
- National Opposite Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1977 The world's first solar power plant is opened
- 1924 The first Winter Olympics begin
- 1919 The League of Nations is founded

Births On This Day

- 1981 Alicia Keys American singer-songwriter, pianist, actress
- 1882 Virginia Woolf English author, critic

Deaths On This Day

- 1947 Al Capone American gangster
- 2005 Philip Johnson American architect, designed the IDS Center, PPG Place

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

On this date in 1915, Mr. Alexander Graham Bell sat in New York and spoke to Tom Watson in San Francisco!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Fat has over twice the calories per unit weight as carbohydrates and protein.

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

"Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness, and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again."
Og Mandino

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Why do snails always lose at racing?
Because they're sluggish!

➔ OBITUARIES

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



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WTHR 13 7 DAY FORECAST

14/23 A.M. SNOW SHOWER TUE	2/20 WIND CHILL -15 TO -5 WED	11/35 SNOW POSSIBLE LATE THU	19/28 SNOW POSSIBLE FRI	11/28 PARTLY CLOUDY SAT	15/40 NOT AS COLD SUN	20/38 MAINLY CLOUDY MON
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OBITUARIES

Barbara A. Sutherlin

Dec. 19, 1931 - Jan. 21, 2022

Barbara A. Sutherlin, 90, Crawfordsville, passed away Jan. 21, 2022 at Franciscan Health in Crawfordsville.

She was born on Dec. 19, 1931 in Crawfordsville to Harry and Mary (Perry) Hunley.

She was retired from R.R. Donnelly's. Survivors include her children, Monte Joe (Dana), Mark and Sally Otenburg; along with seven grandchildren; and several great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her son, Mark; and siblings Lloyd, Rex and Loise Hollinger.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday at Hunt & Son Funeral Home with visitation beginning two hours prior. She will be laid to rest at Sutherlin Cemetery. Condolences may be left at www.huntandson.com

James W. Grimes, Jr

March 3, 1925 - Jan. 20, 2022

James W. Grimes, Jr. 96, Crawfordsville, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 20, 2022.

He was born March 3, 1925, in Danville, Ill., the son of James W. "Bill" Sr. and Jewell (Pyle) Grimes.

In 1935, the family moved to Wallace, Ind., where he graduated from Wallace High School in 1942. He worked at Donnelley's until he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in March 1943, serving in the Southwest Pacific.

After discharge, he responded to a call to the Gospel ministry and trained at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. He married Mary Kathryn Jackson of Wallace on Dec. 18, 1949. He was ordained to the ministry in 1950 and they were commissioned for missionary service by Pleasant View Baptist Church in Crawfordsville. They served the Lord in Munich, Germany with Baptist Mid-Missions until 1959, at that time, their infant son contracted Polio, making it necessary to return to America for extended medical care. They continued Home Missions, serving several churches in Indiana until retirement. The moved to Kingman, where they helped in their home church, Yeddo Baptist, plus pulpit supply to area churches. In 2006, they moved to Crawfordsville, where he taught a Bible Class for the past several years.

Survivors include his wife, Mary K.; two daughters, Judith Ann Kuriatnyk of Gig Harbor, Wash., and MaryRuth Taylor of Crawfordsville; a sister, Lois Jean Larsh; eleven grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by a son, James William III; and daughter, Deborah Sue.

Visitation is scheduled on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, from 12 - 1:30 p.m. with service following, Rev. Phil Taylor officiating, at Sanders Shoemaker Funeral Care, in Waynetown. Interment will be at the Waynetown Masonic Cemetery. Gifts may be sent to Baptist Mid-Missions earmarked "Jewish Missions."

Jonathan Doyle Gipson

May 11, 1971 - Jan. 19, 2022

Jonathan Doyle Gipson, 50, Wallace, Ind. entered into the presence of the Lord on Jan. 19, 2022 at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

He was born May 11, 1971 in Decatur, Ill. and he was the son of Joseph Junior and Catherine Beverly Gipson.

His childhood was mostly in Macon, Ill. He married his high-school sweetheart Tawnya Ray (Addison) Gipson on Jan. 13, 1990 at Oak Grove Church of the Nazarene. He was a very loving husband, father and grandfather. His passion was in woodworking, carpentry and mechanics over the years. His most recent career was working for Drug Plastics in Oxford, Ind. At work everyone called him the gentle giant and they will forever remember his kind heart and willingness to help out with his great work ethic. He was also passionate about hunting with his father and brother, fishing adventures with the family and projects of any sort from home repair to vehicle modifications.

Survivors include his parents, Joseph and Catherine Gipson of Macon, Ill.; his wife, Tawnya R. Gipson of Wallace, Ind.; his four children, Victoria L. Gipson of Gardner Ill., Joseph T. (Tasha) Gipson, Mersadys L. Gipson and Charles D. Gipson all of Wallace, Ind.; a brother, Nicholas C. (Brittney) Gipson of Dieterich, Ill.; a sister, Ashley (Justin) Dixon of Eureka, Mo.; six grandchildren, Billie, Eli, Kimmie, Rose, Oliver, Holdyn and one on the way; his mother-in-law, Wanda Addison; and many brother and sister-in-law's, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Thomas A. Addison; and a sister-in-law, Toni Stockton.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Funeral Care, 203 S 1st Street in Kingman on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022 from 12 p.m. till the time the of the funeral service at 2 p.m., with Jeff Tackaberry officiating. Burial will be at Wallace Phaniel Lutheran Church Cemetery (across the street from his home). Memorial donations may be given to the family to assist with medical expenses. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com

Karyn Fowler Moody

May 2, 1984 - Jan. 22, 2022

Karyn Fowler Moody, 37, Crawfordsville (formally of Pittsboro) arrived home with our Savior on Jan. 22, 2022.

She was born May 2, 1984, in Danville, Ind. Karyn is the daughter of Steven and Cheryl Fowler of Brownsburg, IN.

Mrs. Moody was active in 4H and enjoyed showing her horse in high school. She also was a member of the Civil Air Patrol where she won multiple titles as a member of a military color guard. She graduated from Vincennes University with a degree in Outdoor Recreation Leadership. Soon after graduation she met her future husband Isaac Moody. They were married on March 18th, 2006. Together they had three children Ziva, Lydia and Ezra. They attended Rock Point church where they were active members.

Survivors include her husband Isaac, her daughters, Ziva and Lydia; her son, Ezra; her parents, Steve and Cheryl Fowler; her sister, Mia (Eric) Bley and their children, Ella and Micah; her brother, Brett (Katie) Fowler and their children, Annalise, Emilia and Madeleine; her grandmother, Virginia Fowler; her husband's parents, Adam and Lucy Moody; her husband's sister, Rachel (Chad) Hassler and their son, Oliver; and her husband's grandmothers, Sue Moody and Shirley O'Neal.

The final arrangements are being handled by Hunt and Son Funeral Home. Interment will be at Indian Creek Cemetery. Donations can be made to Wind River Ranch, 5770 Highway 7, Estes Park, CO 80517, a ministry in Colorado that blessed the Moody family tremendously over the years.

A visitation is scheduled from 4 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 26 at Rock Point Church. A brief, additional viewing time is scheduled on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. followed by a service at 2:30 p.m. at Rock Point Church. The graveside service will be attended by family.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.huntandson.com

Rodney Eugene Strong

April 1, 1961 - Jan. 14, 2022

Rodney Eugene Strong, 60, Veedersburg, passed away Jan. 14, 2022 at home.

He was born on April 1, 1961 in Crawfordsville to Raymond and Anna (Koble) Strong.

He married Sharon Douglas and she is deceased. He had served in the U.S. Navy and worked at Crawfordsville Electric Light and Power. He was a member of the American Legion and the V.F.W. where he held various positions.

He was a member of Byron Cox American Legion Post 72, where he was an Honorary Life member, in Crawfordsville, having joined the Post in 1990 and served there continuously for 32 years. He served the nation during Lebanon/Grenada, was at Lebanon twice and Grenada as a member of the United States Navy July 1980 to July 1984, service having been rendered honorably.

He served Post 72 in a variety of offices including Commander, Chaplain, and First Vice Commander (Membership chairman). He served in the various positions for more than ten years. He served the 6th District Department of Indiana in different offices, including Vice Commander and Commander in 1996-1997. During his leadership as Commander the district achieved 100 percent of their membership goal.

He continued his Legion service as Department Commander in 2018-2019, Past Detachment of Indiana Sons of The American Legion Commander 1993-1994 Department Southern Vice Commander, Chairman of all four Department commissions, and served the National Organization as a member of the National Security Committee, Aerospace. He was also active in the community, serving as Chairman of the Veterans Expo, and as a Volunteer Board member of the Friends of Ernie Pyle World War II Museum.

Survivors include his children, Ryan and Patrick Strong, both of Veedersburg and Nicole Spivey (Brandon) of Crawfordsville; brothers, Roy of Brownsburg and Richard of Florida; along with three grandchildren.

Funeral services is scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hunt & Son Funeral Home with military rites by the U.S. Navy and American Legion/V.F.W. Norris Keirn will be officiating. Visitation is scheduled 4-7 p.m. Friday evening. He will be laid to rest with his wife Sharon Strong at Oak Hill Cemetery on Grant Avenue. Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana Veterans Home. Condolences may be left at www.huntandson.com

Sharon Marie Strong

Sept. 9, 1961 - Jan. 14, 2022

Sharon Marie Strong, 60, Veedersburg, passed away Jan. 14, 2022 at home.

She was born in Crawfordsville on Sept. 9, 1961 to Robert L. and Barbara (Cravens) Douglas.

She had been a caregiver and a member of American Legion Auxiliary where she had served as past president. She married Rodney Eugene Strong and he is deceased.

Survivors include her mother, Barbara Douglas of Clearwater, Fla.; her children Patrick and Ryan Strong, both of Veedersburg, and Nicole Spivey (Brandon) of Crawfordsville, and two siblings, Hobert (Kay) Douglas of Rossville and Victoria (Randy) Burgess of Clearwater, Fla.; also surviving are three grandchildren.

Funeral services is scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hunt & Son Funeral Home. There will be a visitation on Friday evening from 4-7 p.m. She will be laid to rest at Oak Hill Cemetery on Grant Avenue. Norris Keirn will be officiating. She will be laid to rest with her husband Rodney Strong. Online condolences may be left at www.huntandson.com Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana Veterans Home.



Births

A daughter, Evelyn Sue Cory, was born at Witham Health Services in Lebanon to Jacob and Allison Cory of Thorntown on January 22, 2022. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

She is the couple's first child.

Maternal grandparents

are Alan and JoAnne Ostler of Frankfort; paternal grandparents are Jeff and Cindy Cory of Darlington. Maternal great-grandparents are Jerry and Patricia Ostler of Frankfort; paternal great-grandparents are Sandra Ryan of Lebanon and Mary Jones of Kuttawa, Ky.

Updated candidate filings for 2022 Primary

Primary Election Day is May 3, 2022. Visit Indiana.gov for more information.

County Offices
 First; Last; Party; Office; Date Filed

Sherri Bentley; Republican; Assessor; 1/5/2022

Jennifer Bentley; Republican; Auditor; 1/5/2022

Mindy Byers; Republican; Auditor; 1/5/2022

Ryan Needham; Republican; Sheriff; 1/7/2022

Heather Laffoon; Republican; Treasurer; 1/5/2022

Jim Fulwider; Republican; County Commissioner 2; 1/6/2022

Joyce Grimble; Republican; County Council Dist. 1; 1/6/2022

Matt Nelson; Republican; County Council Dist. 2; 1/5/2022

Greg Rutledge; Republican; County Council Dist. 2; 1/21/2022

Steve Loy; Republican; County Council Dist. 3; 1/5/2022

Brett Cating; Republican; County Council Dist. 4; 1/11/2022

Trustee Offices
 First; Last; City; Party; Office; Date Filed

Kylene Simpson; Republican; Brown Township Trustee; 1/10/2022

Richard Graham; Republican; Brown Township Board; 1/13/2022

Paul Surface; Republican; Brown Township Board; 1/18/2022

Amy Cating; Republican; Clark Township Trustee; 1/11/2022

David Orwig; Republican; Clark Township Board; 1/20/2022

Roger Kunkel; Republican; Coal Creek Township Trustee; 1/7/2022

Mike Claycomb; Republican; Coal Creek Township Board; 1/20/2022

Barbara Clark; Republican; Coal Creek Township Board; 1/21/2022

Jayne Lough; Republican; Franklin Township Trustee; 1/11/2022

William A Fugate; Republican; Madison Town-

ship Board; 1/21/2022
 Greg Fuller; Republican; Madison Township Trustee; 1/21/2022

Chasity Surface; Republican; Madison Township Board; 1/19/2022

Sally Evans Molin; Republican; Union Township Trustee; 1/5/2022

Stacey Guard; Republican; Union Township Board; 1/10/2022

Dennis Hohlbein; Republican; Union Township Board; 1/5/2022

Alan Plunkett; Republican; Union Township Board; 1/11/2022

Michelle Kinkead; Republican; Walnut Township Board; 1/12/2022

N Kathy Ryker; Democrat; Wayne Township Trustee; 1/11/2022

State Delegates
 First; Last; Party; Office; Date Filed

Jennifer Bentley; Republican; State Delegate; 1/5/2022

Philip (Phil) Boots; Republican; State Delegate; 1/21/2022

Danielle Busse; Republican; State Delegate; 1/7/2022

Bob Cox; Republican; State Delegate; 1/14/2022

Leah Denbo; Republican; State Delegate; 1/12/2022

Karyn D. Douglas; Republican; State Delegate; 1/14/2022

Sally Evans Molin; Republican; State Delegate; 1/5/2022

John Frey; Republican; State Delegate; 1/5/2022

Jim Fulwider; Republican; State Delegate; 1/6/2022

Dan Guard; Republican; State Delegate; 1/10/2022

Dennis Hohlbein; Republican; State Delegate; 1/5/2022

Jim Johnson; Republican; State Delegate; 1/5/2022

Steve Loy; Republican; State Delegate; 1/5/2022

Scott Molin; Republican; State Delegate; 1/12/2022

Aaron Morgan; Republican; State Delegate; 1/21/2022

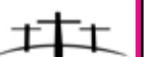
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Rokita sues Google over deceptive practices in harvesting Hoosiers' location data

Attorney General Todd Rokita filed a lawsuit alleging that Google has misled consumers by falsely representing the extent to which users may control how their location data is accessed, stored, used and monetized by Google.

"Protecting Hoosiers from Big Tech's deceptive and unfair practices continues to be a major focal point of my administration," Attorney General Rokita said. "Consumers tend to believe the promises that companies make to them, and I'm here to hold businesses accountable when they unlawfully betray consumers' trust."

Attorney General Rokita's lawsuit aims to penalize Google for violations of the Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act and to ensure that going forward consumers can both understand and control the ways in which their personal data is obtained and used.

Attorney General Rokita and his team have worked in bipartisan collaboration with the attorneys general of the District of Columbia, Texas and the state of Washington — all of whom are also filing lawsuits against Google over their handling of location data.

From at least 2014 through the present, Google has falsely indicated that consumers can protect their privacy through settings supposedly enabling them to stop Google from tracking and using their locations. In

reality, however, there is effectively no way for consumers to prevent Google from collecting, storing and profiting from their location data.

"Google has prioritized profits over people," Attorney General Rokita said. "It has prioritized financial earnings over following the law. We Hoosiers are the first to salute business success, but we also expect companies to be honest and obey the rules."

Although Google is known for a variety of products and services, most of its revenues come from targeted advertising and advertising analytics. To support this lucrative arm of its business, Google harvests consumers' personal data in order to pitch them products based on their predicted interests. Google also uses such data to evaluate the effectiveness of its targeted ads in influencing consumers' purchasing decisions.

The company's deceptive practices became widely known following a 2018 story by the Associated Press. After that story, multiple states began investigating Google's location tracking practices.

The states' investigation revealed that Google purports to offer consumers customizable controls enabling them to choose the data Google collects and uses. But Google's ambiguous, contradictory and incomplete statements about these controls have all but

guaranteed that consumers would not understand when their location is retained by Google or for what purposes.

Even a limited amount of location data, aggregated over time, can expose a person's identity and routines. Location can be used to infer sensitive personal details, such as political or religious affiliation, income, health status or participation in support groups — as well as major life events such as marriage, divorce and the birth of children.

With this lawsuit, Attorney General Rokita seeks to ensure that Hoosiers are no longer coerced into trading away their privacy. Further, he seeks to force Google to disgorge all profits and benefits obtained from its unlawful practices. And finally, he seeks to impose civil penalties for Google's violations of the Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act.

In addition to this lawsuit involving data privacy, Attorney General Rokita has also pursued antitrust litigation against Big Tech companies Facebook and Google. Further, he has battled Big Tech's censorship of Hoosier voices with investigations into Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Google, and Twitter — probing how these companies have potentially harmed Indiana consumers through business practices that are abusive, deceptive, and/or unfair.

Letters

Councilman Jake Bohlander endorses Loy for County Council

Dear Editor,
I am excited to endorse Steve Loy as a District 3 County Council Candidate. I have known the Loy family most of my life as we both attended Linden United Methodist Church and believe Steve would be a terrific addition to our Council Team. Steve has and continues to be a great leader, both professionally in his banking career and

through serving in many different government roles. Currently, Steve serves on the Montgomery County Plan Commission and President of Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals. His vision has played a key role that has helped create positive momentum for Montgomery County. Steve has a commitment to see the commu-

nity prosper and shares the controlled growth direction of not only the County but also the city of Crawfordsville. It would be an honor to serve with Steve as a fellow Councilman, helping promote promising ideas for Montgomery County. Jake Bohlander
Montgomery County Council, at large jrbohlander@gmail.com
765-376-6796

Sweet 16 set in Indiana Chamber's Coolest Thing Made in Indiana Contest

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Coolest Thing Made in Indiana tournament is down to the Sweet 16. Public fan voting is now underway in those matchups, with companies representing 15 communities from around the state.

The Coolest Thing Made in Indiana contest, which celebrates the state's rich manufacturing history, is sponsored by MCM CPAs & Advisors. Online voting for the competition takes place at www.indianachamber.com/coolestthing. Voting for the Sweet 16 round ends January 30.

In the single-elimination bracket, each winner goes to the next round until the Coolest Thing Made in Indiana champion is crowned. The competition started with 65 companies from nearly 50 locations in 35 counties.

With thousands of votes cast in each round-of-32 matchup, two of the battles were decided by less than 25 votes, notes the Indiana Chamber.

"We encourage the remaining entrants to continue to get the word out to their employees, customers and partners, to local media and on their social media accounts to rally support for their product. A little extra effort may make the difference in moving on to the next round," says Indiana Chamber President and

CEO Kevin Brinegar. The Sweet 16 field is comprised of the following manufacturers, listed with the product entered and their location:

- Anchor Industries – fire shelters (Evansville)
- Birthday Chocolates – birthday chocolate candy (Greens Fork)
- ChefsFridge Co. – ArcticRx, #VaccinEquity in a box (Anderson)
- Coal Iron Works – forging presses (Anderson)
- Glass Gripper – glass gripper (Decatur)
- Hoosier Bat Co. – wood baseball bats used in Major League Baseball (Valparaiso)
- Hudson Aquatic Systems LLC – underwater treadmills for dogs, horses and humans (Angola)
- Janus Motorcycles – production motorcycle (Goshen)
- Lafayette Instrument Co. – LX6 polygraph instrument (Lafayette)
- Old 55 Distillery – bottled-in-bond 100% sweet corn bourbon (Newtown)
- Trek Container Pools – shipping container pools (Anderson)
- Valeo Thermal Commercial Vehicles – UV purifier (Elkhart)
- Wag'n Tails Mobile Conversions – mobile pet grooming salons and veterinary clinics (South Bend)
- Warm Glow Candle Company – candles (Centerville)

• Wheelin' Water – portable hydration sports equipment; used by Kansas City Chiefs (Fort Wayne)

• Wood-Mizer – portable sawmills; various uses include building houses and making baseball bats (Batesville and Indianapolis)

Learn more about each product at www.indianachamber.com/coolestthing.

Anderson has three companies left in the contest – the only city with more than one. Elkhart County and Wayne County both have two remaining contenders.

Voting for the third round concludes on Sunday, January 30 and overall on February 14. The timeline of future voting periods:

Round 4: Week of January 31

Semis: February 7-9

Finals: February 10-14

The champion will be announced February 15 at the Indiana Chamber's Chamber Day Event at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis.

Entry in the tournament is free. To participate, a company did not need to be headquartered in Indiana, but the product entered must be manufactured in the state. Companies are limited to having one product nominated for entry.

Per the Indiana Chamber, the initial matchups were generated via an online randomizer for fairness.

Indiana is awash in guns as homicide records proliferate

Last year was one of the bloodiest years in Indiana history as Indianapolis set yet another homicide record with 271 murders, while Evansville, Fort Wayne and South Bend all had deadly years.

Perhaps, just perhaps ... it's because Indiana is awash in guns.

On Tuesday, the Indiana House voted 63-29 on HB1077 the "constitutional carry" bill that would abolish permits to carry handguns. According to National Instant Criminal Background Check System that was created by the 1998 Brady Act, these checks have increased steadily over the past three years after spiking during the 2016 election cycle.

Indiana NICS firearms checks totaled 1,815,531 in 2021, down slightly from 1,935,587 in 2020. In 2019, there were 1,450,565 checks. These checks spiked to 1,436,725 in 2016 and 1,076,917 in 2015 when there was speculation that Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton was heavily favored over Donald Trump. Rumors were rampant that a third Clinton administration would herald new gun restrictions.

While Indiana has a population of 6.8 million people, the NICS checks during these five years totaled 7.7 million.

Donald Trump pulled off the most stunning upset in American history in 2016, and afterwards NICS checks declined to 830,357 in 2017 and 896,145 in 2018.

In 2021, Indiana had 972 suicides for a rate of 14.2 per 100,000 people, which ranked 36th in nation, with 58.6% of those suicides were by firearms.

According to the website Bearingarms.com, a recent review of Indianapolis' violence issues, specifically involving guns, from March 2018 to February 2020 found around 75% of people had multiple arrests before the homicide.

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department said on average, both suspects and victims had more than five prior arrests. "The suspects, on average, were arrested at least seven times by the time of the homicide incident," Allison Davids,



BRIAN HOWEY
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Intelligence Analyst at the Crime Gun Intelligence Center, said.

The number of non-fatal shootings in Indianapolis has almost doubled since 2015, when there were 426 shootings, increasing to 424 in 2016, 433 in 2017, 448 in 2018, and 746 in both 2020 and 2021. Nearly half of the 271 homicides committed in Indianapolis last year (45.7%) are still unresolved, according to the 2021 homicide report released by IMPD.

In 2021, Allen County and Fort Wayne had 48 homicides, just short of the record of 49 set in 2016, while in Evansville 21 people were murdered, the most since 2017 and, according to the Evansville Courier & Press, "one of the highest totals since the late 1960s."

This mayhem is also occurring on Indiana's doorsteps. Chicago recorded 836 murders in 2021, the most since 1994. In Louisville, there were 188 murders, topping the old record set in 2020 of 173.

HB1077 is sponsored by State Rep. Ben Smaltz, R-Auburn, who said last week as the bill passed out of committee on a 9-3 vote, "I'm here with House Bill 1077 representing Mr. and Mrs. Lawful Hoosiers to tell that person that they don't need to be delayed; they've done nothing wrong their entire life. They should be able to defend themselves in public, at home and where they choose."

"This bill represents a big win because it cuts government red tape for law-abiding Hoosier gun owners," Smaltz said. "As lawmakers, we need to do what's necessary to protect our Second Amendment rights. That means getting this legislation across the finish line. It's my hope the Senate considers and acts on this important bill

this session."

The Fort Wayne Journal Gazette reported that a Smaltz constituent survey in 2019 asked, "Do you believe Hoosiers who are legally permitted to possess a handgun should be able to carry a handgun in public without first applying for and obtaining a state-issued license?" Smaltz's results showed 64% saying no, 31% yes, and 5% undecided.

The bill, similar to a measure that died in the Senate last year, is drawing opposition from law enforcement agencies. Lafayette Police Chief Patrick Flannelly told the House Public Policy, "Should this bill pass, there will be no means for our officers to know if a person is legally carrying a handgun. Law enforcement relies on the license ... as a precious filter to prevent the carrying of handguns in public by applicants with prohibiting criminal histories, drug addiction or mental illness. This bill shifts the burden to officers."

Indiana State Police statistics revealed about 30% of the 10,000 rejected handgun applications were due to a prior felony conviction. Without licensing, intrusive traffic stops will take longer as officers seek to determine whether a subject is prohibited from gun ownership

"It's still a process of begging the government for permission to exercise a right you already have," said Guy Relford, a 2nd Amendment attorney, who spoke before the committee.

But Democrat State Rep. Mitch Gore, who serves as a captain in the Marion County Sheriff Department, explained, "Law enforcement generally is opposed to the bill, and it's not because the law enforcement profession is a bastion for liberalism, but it's because it has serious negative implications for what we do every day. The more information that law enforcement can get, the more secure they feel at a traffic stop or on the scene of an incident."

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

AGENDA
WEDNESDAY JAN. 26TH, 2022, 10:00 AM
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROOM 103
100 E MAIN ST CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933
I. CALL TO ORDER
II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2021 MEETING MINUTES
III. REORGANIZATION
A. NOMINATION OF

CHAIR
B. NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIR
C. NOMINATION OF SECRETARY
IV NEW BUSINESS:
A. ZV2201 - Public Hearing- Development standard variance, Ratcliff Homes
B. ZV2202 - Public Hearing- Development standard variance, Ratcliff Homes
C. ZV2203 - Public Hearing- Development standard variance, Kimberly Ashley
IV. OTHER BUSINESS
V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Notes

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JAN. 24, 2022 @ 11:00 AM
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Crawfordsville, IN 47933
CALL TO ORDER
APPROVE MINUTES
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NEW BUSINESS
2022 CCC Director
Sherrri Henry Contract
OTHER BUSINESS
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Notes

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION

AGENDA
JAN. 26TH, 2022 4 PM
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE RM

103
100 E MAIN ST. CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933
I. Call to Order
II. Approval of December 2021 meeting minutes
III. Reorganization:

Meeting Notes

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AGENDA

Jan. 26, 2022 at 9 a.m.
Crawfordsville District Public Library
I. CALL TO ORDER
II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER
III. HEARINGS
• CLAUDE MOODY #583 - Reconstruction hearing
IV. OLD BUSINESS
V. OTHER BUSINESS
VI. NEW BUSINESS
VII. PUBLIC COMMENT
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Americans usually need a coffee refill

Steve pulled his pickup to the curb in front of Windy Wilson's small house and started to become erect. This has become more of a project than it used to be because there's still a lot of Steve to uncramp, and he's not as young as when it was easy.



Slim Randles
Home Country

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

"Come on in, Steve," Windy yelled. "Coffee's on."
Steve petted the dog, Ramses, and then went to the kitchen table. "Kinda wondering why you asked me to come over, Windy. I mean, heck, we talk to each other every morning over coffee at the Mule Barn."
"This here's gotta be a private conversation, Steve," Windy said, pushing his hat back

some as he sat. "Need your advice."
"You sick? You should go see Doc if you need some help."
"Naw, I'm fitter'n a fried egg, Pard. But I wanted to see about getting' me one a-them honorary degrees ... you know, like ol' Doc did."
Doc was recently honored by Jerry Hat Trick Junior College with an honorary Asso-

ciate in Arts degree in Humanities. And they don't even teach humanities there, but Doc had contributed to their new gym.
"How far'd you go in actual school, Windy?"
"Oh, I got pretty high up into high school there," he said, "but my grades wasn't too pretty good, so I quit and become a cowboy on 'em."
Steve stirred more sugar into his cup. "Don't know what to tell you. An honorary degree isn't something you work for, you know.

The school usually looks around for someone who has gone 'way beyond the ... well, what's expected of them. Not sure how you'd do it.
But this is America, Windy. Americans don't quit. Americans figure out new ways of doing things. Americans usually need a coffee refill."
"I'll take care of that," Windy said, "and I'll work on that 'way beyond American stuff later, if it don't get too cold."

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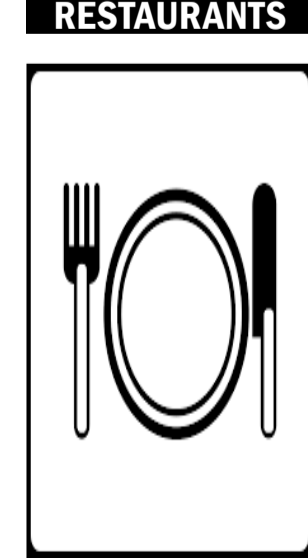
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US Department of Labor commits to continuing the fight against human trafficking

As National Human Trafficking Prevention Month concludes, the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division continues to support the updated U.S. National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking by committing resources, collaborating with criminal enforcement agencies and providing outreach to combat labor trafficking.

In the U.S., trafficked migrant workers are often intimidated and abused by callous, dishonest employers seeking to exploit their labor. In a recent case, an employer subjected farmworkers in Georgia to unsafe conditions, paid much less than their promised wages and forced workers to reside

in dangerously cramped and unsanitary employer-provided housing. Another employer in Florida was found to be part of an alleged multi-state racketeering conspiracy that victimized farmworkers by imposing debts, confiscating passports, isolating workers and forcing them to live in degrading and unsanitary conditions. This employer also threatened to harm workers' family members if they did not comply with demands.

"The Wage and Hour Division is engaged in the fight to prevent and identify human trafficking and is committed to ending the exploitation of workers," said Acting Wage and Hour Division Administrator Jessica



Looman. "The Wage and Hour Division works with its partner agencies to combat the crimes employers commit to increase their profits at the expense of the dignity, respect and, in many cases, freedom of work-

ers. The Wage and Hour Division is determined to end the cycle of fear and intimidation."

As part of the national action plan, the division is offering its investigators increased training on human trafficking

nationwide. Training will enhance their ability to identify the indicators of human trafficking and make referrals to criminal enforcement agencies. In addition, offices will seek opportunities to engage actively with local human trafficking task forces and partners on the ground who have longstanding relationships with communities at risk.

To raise awareness of the issue, the division's Southeast region will host a virtual roundtable on Jan. 31 with stakeholders combating human trafficking to discuss the prevalence and indicators of labor trafficking in the agriculture industry. The event will take place from 1 to 2 p.m. EST. Participation is free, but

advance registration for this virtual roundtable is required.

Register to attend the virtual roundtable on human trafficking.

For more information about H-2A, MSPA, FLISA and other laws enforced by the division, contact the agency's toll-free helpline at 866-4US-WAGE (487-9243). Learn more about the Wage and Hour Division, including a search tool to use if you think you may be owed back wages collected by the division. Workers can call the Wage and Hour Division confidentially with questions – regardless of their immigration status – and the department can speak with callers in more than 200 languages.

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expanding its current facility in the City of Crawfordsville and a site in a neighboring state.

"The expansion of our Crawfordsville facility is an important milestone to support the growth of the company's closure business," Floyd Needham, CSI president and chief executive officer, said. "We are excited to increase our footprint in Crawfordsville, where we have maintained a strong presence for many decades. The plant's culture and our employees' dedication to making this plant successful differentiated this location and solidified our decision to expand the facility."

Of course the news generated excitement in the city.

"Crawfordsville is proud to already have a great relationship with

CSI, and we are excited to continue that through this new project," Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton said. "Due to the availability of site-ready land, existing infrastructure and rail services, along with highly competitive incentives, Crawfordsville is an ideal location for CSI's expansion."

The new facility addition will create up to 50 jobs, adding to the approximately 260 existing jobs at the Crawfordsville location. As a part of their location decision-making process, CSI will seek a tax abatement incentive from the city. Pending city approval, construction on the site will begin this spring.

"With our state's pro-growth business climate, and the most concentrated manufacturing workforce in the nation, Indiana

is the perfect place for companies like Closure Systems International to scale operations," said Brock Herr, senior vice president of business development for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. "The company's dedication to sustainable development in Indiana and around the globe is admirable, and we're grateful CSI continues to choose to grow in Indiana, creating even more quality career opportunities for Hoosiers."

The IEDC committed an investment in Closure Systems International Inc. of up to \$1.3 million in the form of incentive-based tax credits based on the company's plans to create up to 50 new jobs in Crawfordsville and up to 10 in Indianapolis. These tax credits are performance-based,

meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired.

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THE INDIANA SMALL BUSINESS Development Center recently announced applications are open for the Indiana Technical Assistance Program (INTAP) through Feb. 20. This statewide initiative connects small businesses with critical professional assistance to complete growth and improvement projects.

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Sen. Phil Boots represents Montgomery, Fountain, Parke, Vermillion and Warren counties and a portion of Boone County. He is one of the shareholders of The Paper of Montgomery County.

MARLOWE From Page A1

like: You have to be there on Monday nights when the local Fire Department flushes the hydrants.

Opening a new checking account with a \$500 initial deposit qualifies you for a new 2022 calendar

Now, I'm a sucker for a new calendar every year. However, this year's calendar was even more enticing. It features on each page a blonde model standing in a field of sunflowers. Wait until you see Miss August!

I'm rather partial to sunflowers and blondes, not necessarily in that order. I like the idea of maybe standing right there with them some day, enjoying our time together in a sea of yellow.

I opened a new account. It certainly wasn't that I had an extra five hundred dollars laying around. I transferred the money from my bank in another town. They were only offering calendars with vintage tractors on them.

Honestly, I wouldn't mind staring at a bright orange Allis-Chalmers WD45 for thirty straight days, but I have to put my money where my mouth drools. Did I mention blondes standing in fields of sunflowers?

The transaction went smoothly, and aside from hitting my thumb with the hammer, while installing my new calendar above my desk, there was only one other problem. My new checking account comes with a free debit card, too, and before using it, it has to be "activated."

I called the number, and was greeted on the other end of the line by a charming female voice. By virtue of her unemotional Brooklyn accent, I'm certain it was Rosey, the maid on the Jetson's. I always wondered what happened to Rosey.

"If you'd like to continue the call using speech recognition, please press two," instructed Rosey. I punched No. 2, and Rosey continued.

"What may I help you with, today?"

"Yes, I was wondering. What happened to No. 1?" I inquired.

"I'm sorry. I did not understand that question," Rosey admitted. "Please punch No. 2 to continue in English, or No. 3 to continue in Spanish."

"I thought we were talking in English," I said, "and the only Spanish I know is arroz con pollo. Is there another option?"

"If you would like to speak with an operator, please hit zero. If not, please hit No. 1 to continue."

"Finally! We found No. 1! Good job, Rosey!"

She continued ...

"Please enter the 16 digit Debit Card number, followed by the 'pound key'." Luckily, I've been tripped up on this one before. Just hit the Tic-Tac-Toe key. It works the same.

Tap-tap-tap-tap. [Pause]; Tap-tap-tap-tap. [Pause]; Tap-tap-tap-tap. [Pause]; Tap-tap-tap-tap. [Pause].

"Enter the card expiration date."

Tap-tap [backslash] tap-tap.

"Enter the card security code on the back."

"Enter the phone number associated with this account."

"Enter the zip code associated with this account."

"Enter your current PIN number."

"Enter your new PIN number."

"Enter your new PIN number to verify your new PIN number."

"Congratulations, this card is activated!"

Congratulations? Sounds like I won a contest. Makes me wonder what the runner-up gets. I'm quite certain I typed more digits than will ever appear in my account balance.

"Do you have any other questions?" Rosey asked.

"Yes," I said. "How do you feel about sunflowers?"

John O. Marlowe is an award-winning columnist for Sagamore News Media.

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Thorntown, and twice to Crawfordsville. A majority of the final scores were in the teens or twenties, but Wingate recorded scores of 75-7 against Waveland, 85-9 against Cayuga, and a phenomenal 108-8 against Hillsboro...a game in which Stonebraker scored an amazing 37 field goals!

There were 38 teams entered in the 1913 state tournament, held at Indiana University. New Richmond also had an outstanding team that year, but the principal forgot to send in the team's application form, which made them ineligible. In their first game, the Spartans defeated Whiting 24-12, but their second contest against Rochester went into overtime, which they won 19-17. The determined crew then set aside powerful Indianapolis Manual and Lafayette Jeff to reach the championship game against South Bend.

The title game was fought hard all the way,



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

Wingate Spartans state basketball champions

and when the buzzer sounded, the score was knotted at 13 each. The first team to score two points would be declared the winner. Four overtimes went by, and still neither team could manage a goal. In the fifth overtime, a South Bend player made a free throw to put his team ahead 14-13, but they were still one point short.

However, seconds later, Forest Crane plunked in the winning goal, and tiny little Wingate became the state champion! They became the first back-to-back champions when the team won again in 1914, defeating Anderson 36-8 in the title game. In that game, Stonebraker scored 18 points, even though he was roughed up under the basket the entire

game. He collapsed from exhaustion near the end of the game, and suffered two broken fingers and three cracked ribs!

After graduating, Leland told me he played two years for Wabash College, and then served in the army in World War I. When he returned from the war, he started farming near New Richmond, where he remained all of his life. He loved watching basketball his entire life...at all levels...elementary, high school, and college. He was proud of his team's accomplishments, and showed me the gold Elgin pocket watch that the hometown people awarded him and the other members of his team after the 1914 victory.

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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