

TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

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People who call our community their own.



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

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 On Feb. 12, Turkey Run is highlighting the Mating Game! Springtime brings lots of bird songs and frogs calling. Fall is when the rut begins for white-tailed deer. Both natural occurrences are due to animals looking for a mate. Hear all about animal reproductive strategies during Turkey Run State Park's Nature's Mating Game. Enjoy dinner, desserts, a cash bar, and a glimpse at the adult side of the natural world. Tickets available online while they last.

2 It's not often one can see a meteor entering earth's atmosphere: the sun gives them cover in daytime, if it happens too late at night most of us are sleeping or they make entry where few people live, explains the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. But the large green fireball that fell in Hungary recently made its way across the country early at night, giving witnesses a show they won't soon forget, although you can bet that that many of them quickly reached for their iPhone's to video the event.

3 The Tannenbaum Center is hosting a ceramic painting class on February 11. Classes begin at 5 p.m. and conclude at roughly 9 p.m. Bring your drink, snack, or dinner and come create something fun, useful, and beautiful! Parking in neighboring business parking lots is prohibited, on street parking is available. All pieces completed will be fired and ready for pick-up the following Friday. Registration is not required but seating is limited and spots will fill in FCFS. If you arrive and the class is full, or too full for your comfort level, try by around 7/7:30. Cash or card is accepted, card is preferred.

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Candidate Filings for 2022 Primary

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

- County Offices
- First; Last; Party; Office; Date Filed
- Sherrri 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
- Lindsey Hamilton; Democrat; County Council Dist 3; 2/7/2022
- Steve Loy; Republican; County Council Dist. 3;



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- 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
- Jack Reynolds; Republican; Brown Township Board; 1/25/2022
- Paul Surface; Republican; Brown Township Board;

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Basketball Coach Alex Cox Loved the Sport

Just about all of the successful coaches in Montgomery County pre-consolidation days played basketball when they were youngsters. That's how they learned the basics of the game and what it took to win. But there was one notable exception, Alexander Cox, who coached at Darlington, Bowers, and Linden, only played basketball one time. As an 8th grade student at Garfield, he played a game against Youngs Chapel, his first, and only, interscholastic contest. He never participated in high school, possibly because of his size, as he told me, "I weighed 125 pounds and stood a massive 5' 4" tall!" But although he did not play, he loved the game and attended all the contests he could wrangle a ticket for. After graduating from Darlington in 1925, Alex headed off to



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale



BUTCH DALE
COLUMNIST

Wabash College to earn his degree in mathematics. Since Wabash had no physical education or coaching classes at that time, he enrolled in a football, basketball, and track coaching course at Indiana University in the summer of 1929, subsequently landing his first teaching and assistant coaching job at Francesville, where he stayed until 1935.

Darlington welcomed Alex back in 1935 as their head basketball coach for the next four years, during which time his teams enjoyed much success. Alex kept up with new phases of the game by attending coaching schools around

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Snow Buddies Business

Ah, alas, the first big snowfall of the year.

I love standing on my deck in the tranquil dawning of a new snowstorm, watching the horizontal white blur layer the yard in its downy nuzzle. The quietude of the swirling milky crystals is dis-turbed solely by the howling wind, whose turbulence kicks snow into big piles, like a child kicks blankets to the end of the bed, before rushing to wipe the fog from the frosted window to reveal a dangerously cold scene.

It is at this point, somewhere between my first a second sip of warm tea, right before the cinna-mon stick discharges its



JOHN MARLOWE
COLUMNIST

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HONEST HOOSIER

Isn't it funny that people who hated Trump for all their reasons pretty much give Biden a pass for the same things?



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

When foods carry healthy labels like "low sugar," we often eat more of them and end up eating more calories.

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



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Have you voted yet?

Readers' Choice '22 has kicked off and the most popular and largest contest in Montgomery County is already hot! The Paper's Readers' Choice contest debuted more than 15 years ago and has been copied and imitated, but no one else does it as good as the folks who originated it. Weigh in by simply going to www.thepaper24-7.com and clicking on the top Readers' Choice banner! It's that easy!

TODAY'S QUOTE

If I had a flower for every time I thought of you ... I could walk through my garden forever.
Alfred Tennyson

TODAY'S JOKE

What's better than Valentine's Day?
Feb. 15 when all the candy is on sale!

The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:49 a.m.
SET: 6:15 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 40 °F
Low: 30 °F



Wacky Holiday Today
• Boy Scouts Day
• Opera Day



What Happened On This Day
• 1910 The Boy Scouts of America is founded
• 1879 Sanford Fleming proposes the use of time zones



Births On This Day
• 1931 James Dean American actor
• 1941 Nick Nolte American actor

Deaths On This Day
• 2007 Anna Nicole Smith American model, actress
• 2007 Ian Stevenson American biochemist

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TUE	4/38 BECOMING MOSTLY SUNNY	30/40 NOT AS COLD	26/32 COLDER	24/43 LATE DAY RAIN CHANCE	21/24 FLURRIES WHO CHILL NEAR ZERO	7/26 MOSTLY SUNNY	18/35 MOSTLY SUNNY

OBITUARIES

Donovan "Van" David Johnson

Feb. 4, 2022 - April 29, 2005

Donovan "Van" David Johnson, 16, Crawfordsville, passed away on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022 from injuries sustained in a car accident.

He was born in Lafayette on April 29, 2005 to Chad & Amy (Lacy) Johnson.

He was a Junior at South Montgomery High School and studied Broadcast Journalism, was the track manager, worked at Starbuck's and loved spending time with his family and friends. He was a collector of all things, was an avid Goodwill shopper and loved his car. He was a very outgoing and caring, and was loved by everyone. He will be missed by many.

Survivors include his parents, Chad and Amy Johnson of Crawfordsville; a sister, Ally (Kole) Bort of North Carolina; paternal grandparents, Dave and Meg Johnson of Ladoga; aunts and uncles, Connie (Dave) Casselman, John (Liz) Lacy, Linda Stark and Lisa (Matt) Chandler; cousins, Elijah, Cort and Elle; and best friends, Brooke Ellenberger, Nick Curtis and Joey Riggins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Sally Lacy and Bob Pickering; an uncle, Andrew Lacy; and great grandparents, Donald and Ruth Johnson, Hugh and Ruth Detchon, Donald and Ruby Games and Marvin and Cozette Lacy.

Visitation is scheduled at Whitesville Christian Church, 3603 S Ladoga Road, Crawfordsville on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. The funeral service is scheduled at the church on Friday, Feb. 11, 2022 at 11: a.m., with Pastor Mike Whitacre officiating. The service will be live-streamed and can be viewed on Donovan's obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com. Burial will follow at Ladoga Cemetery. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com

Curtis Alan Pithoud

March 15, 1955 - Feb. 4, 2022

Curtis Alan Pithoud, 66, Kingman, passed away on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022 at his family home.

He was born in Danville, Ill. on March 15, 1955 to the late Elisha Moore & Helen L. (Day) Pithoud.

Mr. Pithoud graduated from Fountain Central High School in 1974. He was married to Starla Wilson from 1982-1993 and they had 3 children together. He owned and operated Pithoud Painting & Drywall and worked with his son Christopher for many years. He loved to take time off work in the spring to go mushrooming. His grandkids were the light of his life and brought him so much joy. He enjoyed spending time with his family and reminiscing about the good ole days. He was a Nascar fan as well as a fan of the Chargers and the Colts. He liked old westerns, classic Rock music and was quite the food critic.

Survivors include his four children, Chrystal Walton of Waynetown, Jonathan (Karmen) Pithoud of Attica, Christopher (Courtney) Pithoud of Kingman and Tyler (Kathy) Pithoud of Tangier; three step-children, R.J Zoerb of Kingman, Phil (Lee) Zoerb of Covington and Danielle Reissmann of Kingman; 15 grandchildren, Gabriella (Cody) Maston, Mackenzie Pithoud, Tyson Pithoud, Maleek Collins, Taylor York, Ellie Pithoud, Natalie Rutland, Elizabeth Pithoud, Naomi Pithoud, Jack Zoerb, Lauryn Kempen, Cruz Kempen, Jovie Zoerb, Abe Al-Mansour and Isabelle Tesoriero; four great-grandchildren, Braxton, Zayden, Xavier and Eliyza; four siblings, Steve (Cheryl) Pithoud of Williamsport, Randy (Wanda) Pithoud of Kingman, Alesa Pithoud of Lafayette and Jeff (Sibyl) Pithoud of Buckeye Arizona; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Eric Pithoud; two sisters, Denise Pithoud and Andrea Bradley-King; and two nephews.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Funeral Care, 203 S 1st Street in Kingman on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. The funeral service will be at the funeral home on Friday, Feb. 11, 2022 at 11 a.m. The service will be recorded which can be viewed on his obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com Burial will follow at Kingman Fraternal Cemetery. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com

Reports Of Shots Fired

On Sunday, 02.06.2022, at approximately 9:56 pm, there was a report of gun shots in the area of the 600 block of S Walnut St. Crawfordsville, Indiana. Upon officer arrival, officers were able to locate several dispensed casings, evidence that a weapon had been fired. At

this time, we do not have any knowledge of person injury or property damage as a result. It is an ongoing investigation and additional information is needed. Anyone with relevant information on this incident please contact Det. Sgt. Jared Templeman at 765-307-2636

Mentoring Can Be Fun! Join The JUMP Program

The Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, JUMP program has plenty of kids on the waiting list. They are hoping to be matched with an adult to spend time together and do fun things. But what most people don't know, it that mentoring is a fun, learning experience for adults as well. Studies show that adults who mentor are more active and healthier because they are getting out and doing more activities and they absolutely learn and grow from spending time with their mentee! Mentoring is a win/win for everyone!

Currently, the JUMP program is running 6 weekly profiles on the

kids on the waiting list. Their names and ages have been changed slightly to protect their privacy. The following is a profile on a girl named Mary.

Mary is a 10-year-old girl who is part of a large family. Mary's mom says Mary gets along good with her family and really tries hard to help out and be kind. She has a good attitude at home and at school. Mary is smart, cheerful and always smiling. Her mom says she likes to draw, ride a bike, go to parks, walk, go swimming, bowling, roller skating and doing her nails. She makes good grades in school and is liked by everyone. Her

mom thinks Mary could benefit from a mentor because it would help her boost her confidence. Also, since her family is so large, it would get her out of the house more with some one on one time with another adult.

Mary says she likes school and her favorite subject is Art. Mary would like to be a veterinarian when she grows up because she likes all animals. Mary says she likes to go swimming, ride bikes, go to movies, eat out at Wendy's and do her nails. Mary also collects jewelry. If she could learn something new, it would be how to paint! Mary says she is good at

art and cleaning but could improve her math skills.

If Mary were matched with a mentor, she would like it to be a female who is funny and nice. She thinks it would be nice to get out of the house and is open to doing anything but especially swimming. She would like her mentor to know she is a little shy at first but is better once she gets to know someone.

Mary is very kind and well liked by everyone. She's very helpful and easy to get along with. If you would like to mentor Mary, please contact Jill Hampton at 362-0694 ext. 103 or email jill@mcsyb.org.

CareSource Foundation Supports IN's Social Safety Net

CareSource, a nationally recognized nonprofit health plan, announced today the CareSource Foundation has completed the last round of 2021 funding in Indiana for a total of \$672,900 to organizations focused on improving health outcomes for Hoosiers. The CareSource Foundation awarded a total of \$3.9 million to 106 nonprofit organizations across the country.

"I'm proud of the partnerships we've developed and the impactful work we've been able to support through the CareSource Foundation," said Steve Smitherman, president of CareSource Indiana. "The work we're able to accomplish through our foundation giving is at the heart of who we are as CareSource - enhancing the lives of our members by working

toward equitable access to care and building safe, healthy communities."

The CareSource Foundation partners with community organizations on innovative approaches to reducing health disparities and improving health outcomes across Indiana. Notable projects included a Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Doula Scholarship Program that will increase the capacity of women of color in maternal and infant care and a school district-wide Growth in Academics through Innovation and Neuroeducation (GAIN) program to improve the mental health of educators and students affected by trauma.

"As a leader of Indiana Philanthropy Alliance's Health Disparities Collaborative, CareSource Foundation has been instrumental in helping Hoosier

philanthropic institutions understand and better address health outcomes in communities throughout the state and across demographic groups," shared Indiana Philanthropy Alliance President and CEO Claudia Cummings.

Since 2006, the CareSource Foundation has awarded \$25.1 million in grants to 1,027 organizations as they aid communities across the country. Find more news about the CareSource Foundation in the CareSource Newsroom.

About CareSource CareSource is a nonprofit, multi-state health plan recognized as a national leader in managed care. Founded in 1989, CareSource administers one of the nation's largest Medicaid managed care plans and offers a lifetime of access to care through health insurance, includ-

ing Medicaid, Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare Advantage and dual-eligible programs. Headquartered in Dayton, Ohio, CareSource serves 2 million members in Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. CareSource is also a partner in CareSource PASSE, which serves Arkansans with complex behavioral health and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. CareSource understands the challenges consumers face navigating the health system and is transforming health care with industry-leading programs that improve the health and well-being of our members.

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Surprise Billing & Balance Billing - What You Need To Know

The Indiana Department of Insurance wants you to be aware of the new protection from surprise medical bills.

Indianapolis - New federal laws are in place to protect you from surprise bills in many cases. Here are the basics of the new protections.

What is balance billing?

Balance billing occurs when a health care provider bills a patient after the patient's health insurance company has paid its portion. The balance bill is for the difference between the amount the provider charges and the price the insurance company sets, after the patient pays any co-pay, co-insurance, or deductible.

Balance billing can occur when a consumer receives health care services from an out-of-network provider or an out-of-network facility. In-network providers agree with an insurance company to accept the insurance payment in full. In-network providers agree not to balance bill. Out-of-network providers do not have this agreement with the insurance company. Therefore, in the past they sometimes billed the patient for the amount not

covered by insurance.

Some health plans, such as Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) or Point of Service (POS) plans, offer some coverage for out-of-network care, but the provider can still balance bill the patient. Other plans offer no coverage for out-of-network providers and leave the financial responsibility entirely on the consumer.

Balance billing is prohibited in both Medicare and Medicaid.

What is surprise billing?

Surprise billing occurs when a patient receives a balance bill after unknowingly receiving care from an out-of-network provider or an out-of-network facility, such as a hospital. This can occur in emergency and non-emergency situations.

Some states have enacted protections for consumers against surprise billing. However, state laws do not apply to self-insured health plans, which account for the majority of people who get coverage through an employer. Now, federal law adds additional protections.

What protections are in place?

A new federal law, the No Surprises Act, protects you from:

- emergency out-of-network medical bills including air ambulances, and

- non-emergency services at an in-network facility.

The federal law applies to plans starting in 2022 and will be enforced by the federal government in Indiana. It applies to self-insured health plans offered by employers as well as health insurance companies.

- A facility (such as a hospital or freestanding emergency room (ER)) or a provider (such as a doctor) may not bill you more than your in-network cost sharing amount for emergency services.

This is true even if the emergency services you received were at an out-of-network facility or performed by an out-of-network provider.

- Under your health plan, you are still responsible for cost sharing amounts that may include copays, coinsurance, and deductibles.

- You are also protected when you receive non-emergency services from out-of-network

providers at in-network facilities. An out-of-network provider may not bill you more than your in-network co-pay, co-insurance, or deductible for services performed at an in-network facility.

- o You can still consent in advance to receive care from an out-of-network provider in some situations and agree to pay the provider amounts above your in-network co-pay, co-insurance, or deductible.

What else should I know?

- You must receive notice of your rights under the new law from your health plan and from the facilities and providers that serve you.

- If you think the protections have not been applied correctly, you can file an appeal with your insurance company or request external review of the company's decision.

- You also can file a complaint with the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

Visit the Indiana Department of Insurance No Surprises Act page for additional resources and FAQs with examples of Surprise Bill Protections.

One good thing about the cold? Fireplaces

It's natural to mumble nasty things about the cold weather. We all do it from time to time. But even the cold has its merits.

One big plus is that it makes fireplaces a reasonable addition to our lives. In cold weather, we can build a fire in our home with a clear conscience. This is something that doesn't translate well to summer heat, but when it's cold, here comes the fire. Strange, isn't it, our love affair with a fireplace? Makes absolutely no sense. Today, we can make houses so impervious to cold that every time we light a candle, the temperature goes up ten degrees. So what do



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this sealed anti-cold unit so we can sit and look at the flames, the way our ancestors have done since they learned to walk upright and invented kindling.

But we don't care. We'll spend a lot of extra money to buy a house with a fireplace, and not think a

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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.

we do? We cut a hole in thing about it. Because this fireplace is the spiritual center of a home, as it's always been. It's the gathering place. It's the place to read, to learn, to meet and tell stories. It's the core of our universe. The fireplace – and those waiting for us there – is what we dream about when we're miles from home in the woods or desert. It warms us, inside and out, cooks our food, and answers our questions. Questions? Sure.

When the fire's burning low, and you can just see the little blue lickem flames curling around the glowing embers late at night, and when we've about talked out the day's adventures, we can look at those embers and find answers to questions we didn't even know we had. And we feel sorry for people who don't have these advantages.

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Attorney General Garland Announces Justice Department Strategy To Combat Human Trafficking

Recently, U.S. Attorney General Merrick B. Garland released the Justice Department's new National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking pursuant to the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act.

Rooted in the foundational pillars and priorities of the interagency National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking, which President Biden released on Dec. 3, 2021, the Justice Department's National Strategy is expansive in scope. It aims to enhance the department's capacity to prevent human trafficking; to prosecute human trafficking cases; and to support and protect human trafficking victims and survivors.

"Human trafficking is an insidious crime," said Attorney General Garland. "Traffickers exploit and endanger some of the most vulnerable members of our society and cause their victims unimaginable harm. The Justice Department's new National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking will bring the full force of the Department to this fight."

"While the threats our fellow citizens face are many and varied, because of the physical and emotional toll human trafficking offenses take on vulnerable victims, these cases deserve our purposeful focus," said U.S. Attorney Zachary A. Myers. "We will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to focus our efforts on seeking justice for vulnerable victims and holding traffickers and those who prey on trafficking victims accountable. We will

expand our collaboration with victims and the organizations that serve them to help get them the services and support they need. Whether the survivor is a child or an adult, no human being deserves to be coerced into commercial sex for the benefit of another."

The department's strategy will be implemented under the direction of the National Human Trafficking Coordinator designated by the Attorney General in accordance with the Abolish Human Trafficking Act of 2017. U.S. Attorney Myers has appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence Hilton to serve as the Human Trafficking Coordinator for the Southern District of Indiana. Hilton will continue to build on the district's strong foundation of investigating and prosecuting human trafficking cases throughout the Southern District.

Working closely with law enforcement, prosecution, and probation partners, as well as victim-service providers and child protection agencies, the Southern District of Indiana has successfully prosecuted multiple sex trafficking cases. This includes work with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, the Boone County Prosecutor's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, the Whites-town Police Department, the Indiana State Police, and Homeland Security. Notable results include the following:

- United States v. James Young resulted in a 26-year prison sentence for the

primary trafficker of four minors. Raheem Simmons was also prosecuted for his role in the operation, and Wayne Wilson received a three-year federal prison term for obstructing justice during the prosecution.

- United States v. Nahtanha Garcia-Herrera, et. al. resulted in a 20-year prison sentence for the primary offender and a ten-year prison sentence for Tyrece Jones. Two other individuals, Rhonda Badger and Vaughn Isom, were imprisoned for their respective roles in the offenses against 2 minor girls.

- United States v. William Muzzall resulted in an 11-year prison sentence for the primary trafficker of one minor. Ashani Burnett-Cisse was also prosecuted for Attempted Witness/Victim Tampering and sentenced to 2 years of imprisonment.

- United States v. Marvin Rankins, et. al. resulted in a 10-year prison sentence for the primary trafficking of one minor. Two other women were prosecuted for their respective roles in the trafficking enterprise.

- United States v. Breanda Smith resulted in a 78-month prison sentence for a woman who trafficked a minor. Her co-defendant, Cordney Thurman, was sentenced to 40 months in prison for his role in the offense.

- In 2021, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a jury's verdict and the 40-year prison sentence in United States v. Elijah Vines. Vines trafficked a minor female in the Indianapolis area in the fall of 2016. He was convicted after a jury trial in 2019.

Two other individuals were also convicted for their roles in the trafficking enterprise. That case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Kristina Korobov, Brad Shepard, and Lawrence Hilton.

On December 23, 2021, the Justice Department's Office of Justice Programs (OJP) announced almost \$87 million in funding to combat human trafficking, provide supportive services to trafficking victims throughout the United States and conduct research into the nature and causes of labor and sex trafficking.

OJP's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) continues to manage the largest amount of federal funding dedicated to providing services to victims of human trafficking. OVC strengthens the victim service response to human trafficking through grant funding, training and technical assistance and leadership in the field. For example, OVC-funded human trafficking task forces initiated more than 2,800 new investigations nationwide between June 2019 and July 2020, and its victim service grant programs reached nearly 10,000 clients over a 12-month period. OJP's investments figure prominently in the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking.

If you believe that you or someone you know may be a victim of human trafficking, please contact the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888, or Text 233733.

Meeting Notes

Crawfordsville Community Schools

Regular Board Meeting
February 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Location: Crawfordsville Middle School
705 Wallace Ave
Notice of Regular Meeting

The Board of School Trustees of the Crawfordsville Community School Corporation will

Meeting Notes

Crawfordsville Council Committee Meeting

The City of Crawfordsville, Indiana
February 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM EDT

City Building, 300 E. Pike Street,
Crawfordsville, Indiana
Council Chambers

I. Fiscal Affairs
A. An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund under Indiana Code 36-9-15.5

B. An Ordinance Re-Establishing a Cumulative Fire Fund under Indiana Code 36-8-14

C. A Declaratory Resolution Approving the

meet for a regular meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Crawfordsville Middle School, 705 Wallace Avenue, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. The public is invited to attend. The Board of School Trustees may impose reasonable restrictions on the number of attendees to control audience density in consideration of the existing COVID-19 national emergency.

Designation of An Economic Revitalization Area for Real and Personal Property Tax Abatement for Second Phase Leasing, LLC, and Closure Systems International, Inc.

II. Ordinances & Petitions

III. Traffic, Parking & Safety Annexation

A. A Resolution Approving Proposed Annexation Fiscal Plan

B. An Ordinance to Annex Property known as 23.184 acres located at S. US Highway 231 and associated right - of - way Parcel Nos. 54-10-08-300-072.003-025 and 54-10-08-300-072.008-025

IV. Miscellaneous
V. Adjournment

House Supports Bill To Protect Hoosier Women

The Indiana House of Representatives recently advanced a bill supported by State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica) to protect pregnant Hoosier women and their unborn children from coerced abortions.

Under House Bill 1217, it would be a felony in Indiana to coerce a woman into having an abortion. The bill also holds abortion clinics accountable for failing to report coercion to law enforcement. If passed into law, Indiana would join 18 other states that provide protections to women and babies from coerced abortions.

"This legislation adds new protections for pregnant mothers who are being threatened into making a life-changing decision," Negele said. "Unfortunately, some women face this pressure from their partners and even family members, and they'll accompany them to the appointment. We want to make sure these women are given information and resources in a safe environment, and the ability to get out of these bad situations."

According to 2017 Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons study, nearly 75 percent of the 987 American women who participated in an after-abortion survey admitted that they experi-

enced at least subtle forms of pressure to terminate their pregnancies.

Negele said the bill would require medical providers to ask women seeking an abortion if they have been coerced. If coercion is detected, the provider would give information about counseling and financial resources, provide the patient access to a telephone, and an alternative exit from the health care facility. The provider must also report the crime to law enforcement.

Negele said the legislation could also help victims of domestic violence or sex trafficking escape their abusers by providing a safe space for women to speak to medical providers privately.

Under this bill, anyone who knowingly or intentionally coerces a pregnant woman to have an abortion commits a Level 6 felony, which is punishable by a prison term ranging from 6 months to 2.5 years and a fine of up to \$10,000. Any medical facility that employs a mandatory reporter who fails to report coercion is subject to a Class C infraction.

Visit iga.in.gov for more information on House Bill 1217, which now moves to the Indiana Senate for further consideration.

Final Four Revealed In Indiana Chamber's Coolest Thing Made In Indiana Contest

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Coolest Thing Made in Indiana tournament began with a packed field – 65 worthy manufacturers from nearly 50 locations in 35 counties. Now, we are down to the final four companies.

The semifinalists for the contest – sponsored by MCM CPAs & Advisors – are:

Hoosier Bat Co. – wood baseball bats used in Major League Baseball (Valparaiso);

Janus Motorcycles – production motorcycle (Goshen);

Old 55 Distillery – bot-

tled-in-bond 100% sweet corn bourbon (Newtown); and

Wag'n Tails Mobile Conversions – mobile pet grooming salons and veterinary clinics (Granger).

Public fan voting to see who reaches the finals is underway at www.indianachamber.com/coolestthing.

"For our four semifinalists, it's time to really rally the troops and call on your supporters to vote. You're two steps from the mountaintop and being the first ever Coolest Thing Made in Indiana champion," says Indiana Chamber President and

CEO Kevin Brinegar.

"We are pleased with the enthusiasm shown for the tournament and the thousands of votes cast each round. It really has brought the state's rich manufacturing tradition into the spotlight – where it belongs."

Note that the timing of the rounds has shortened. Voting for the semifinals runs through Wednesday at 10 p.m. ET. The championship matchup will commence this Thursday, February 10 and voting for that round will close at 10 p.m. ET on Monday, February 14. The champion, run-

ner-up and two semifinalists will be honored February 15 at the Indiana Chamber's annual Chamber Day Event at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in downtown Indianapolis.

For fairness, an online randomizer generated the initial matchups. Entry into the competition was free. To participate, a company did not need to be headquartered in Indiana, but the product entered must be manufactured in the state.

Learn more about the semifinalists and vote at www.indianachamber.com/coolestthing.

Bud Light's First-Ever Zero Carb Beer Launches

Bud Light is turning the beer industry on its head once again with the launch of its newest, industry-leading innovation, Bud Light NEXT – its first-ever zero carb beer.

Zink Distributing Company, headquartered in Indianapolis and Indiana's largest Anheuser-Busch distributor, will begin delivering this barrier-breaking product to Central and Southwest Indiana retailers on Monday, February 7, 2022.

Nearly ten years in the making, Bud Light NEXT is the result of a brewing breakthrough making the impossible possible. In addition to offering zero carbs, the new super crisp light beer boasts 80 calories, 4% ALC/VOL and offers a clean and refreshing taste. Bud Light NEXT is a new type of beer brewed for today's 21+ consumers who have long desired a beer that breaks the barriers of a traditional lager and offers the sessionability and stats of a seltzer.

"Zink Distributing has a long history of bringing Anheuser-Busch's best-selling products to

Hoosier consumers as Indiana's largest Anheuser-Busch distributor," said Jim Zink, Jr., president of Zink Distributing. "With Bud Light NEXT, we're part of a team strengthening our commitment to meeting the desires of the evolving taste preferences of consumers."

Bud Light NEXT will be available nationwide wherever Bud Light is sold beginning Monday, February 7, 2022.

Zink added, "Super Bowl Weekend is the perfect time to pick up Bud Light NEXT and give zero-carbs a try."

To follow the latest on Bud Light, visit BudLight.com and follow Bud Light on Facebook at [Facebook.com/BudLight](https://www.facebook.com/BudLight), on Twitter at [@BudLight](https://twitter.com/BudLight), and on Instagram at [@BudLight](https://www.instagram.com/BudLight).

About Zink Distributing Company, LLC

Zink Distributing is a local, family owned business with its headquarters located on the south side of downtown Indianapolis. Since opening in 2001, Zink Distributing has grown tremendously to become the largest

Anheuser-Busch InBev distributor in Indiana providing its products to retailers in Marion, Hendricks, Morgan, Vigo, Montgomery, Parke, Putnam, Vermillion, Clay, Sullivan, Greene and northern Johnson and Owen counties. To learn more about Zink Distributing, visit www.zinkdistributing.com.

About Bud Light
The Bud Light brand name represents a family of products including Bud Light, Bud Light Seltzer, Bud Light Peels, Bud Light Chelada, Bud Light Platinum and Bud Light Platinum Seltzer. At the forefront of innovation, Bud Light continues to expand its product portfolio, offering a wide range of products brewed to meet the ever-changing preferences of consumers everywhere. Since 1982, Bud Light has delivered the best-selling premium light lager in America that is consistently brewed with a fresh, clean finish. For more information about Bud Light and our full family of products, visit www.BudLight.com.

About Anheuser-Busch

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Federal Court Partners With Court Historical Society To Create A New Learning Center

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana is collaborating with the Historical Society of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana to create a new Learning Center.

The Federal Court Learning Center, expected to open at the Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Indianapolis in the autumn of 2022, will provide all visitors to the courthouse an opportunity to enjoy exhibits about the role of the federal courts, learn how judges make decisions, discover the history of the courthouse, and much more. Artifacts from the Court's 205-year history will be on display, and visitors

will also be able to participate in interactive games and learning opportunities. The content will be appropriate for Indiana's new civics education standards, which are expected to go into effect for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please view the colorful Fact Sheet for more details about the project, including graphics from the conceptual design.

Teachers, groups, and individuals are also able to schedule virtual and in-person field trips and can visit the Tours and Field Trips page to learn more.

The Historical Society of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Inc., is an Indiana public-benefit, nonprofit

corporation dedicated to recovering, preserving and promoting the history and artifacts of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, and to educating the public about the role and function of the Court. As part of its mission, the Historical Society also undertakes projects designed to preserve and enhance the historical, artistic and architectural character of the Court's facilities. The Historical Society produces publications, special events and other projects to achieve its goals in education and restoration.

Learn more about the Court Historical Society at <https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/court-historical-society>.

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peppery vanilla essence into my brew, that I begin to contemplate the world's peaceful slumber, until at last, the spell is broken by my favorite sound ... my neighbors firing up their Kubota™ tractors.

I've got the best neighbors. Real snow buddies.

That's because they are handy. Because they are handy, they have the best equipment. And because they have the best equipment, and are handy, I haven't had to clean snow from my own driveway in thirty-seven years.

In fact, if statistics are kept for the most utility tractors per capita, I'm sure my neighborhood rivals Canada. There are eight homes in my neighborhood, and we claim ownership of five utility tractors.

But that's not to say they aren't all needed. Nearly all of us in this end of town have what I'd call unconventional driveways, and we haven't had any municipal snow removal services on the main drag here, since my neighbor Jack lost his seat on the Town Board.

My neighbor Lewis has the toughest go. He owns a hobby farm at the end of the street. Only his mailbox lies within the town limits; the rest of

the farm lies just outside. Consequently, the town only plows up to Lewis' mailbox, even though they tax his entire farm for sewer services. Lewis' Bx Series tractor plows nearly two hundred yards of snow to release him from his drifted driveway. As for the sewage, luckily its downhill to Lewis' mailbox.

Dickie has the next longest run. His house sits way back off the street, and his 100-yard driveway runs perpendicular to Lewis. My driveway is next longest. My garage sits behind my house, and about forty-five yards to the throughway. However, mine is a cutout driveway. The snow of ten drifts from bank to bank, and can reach thigh-high in even the most modest of storms -- high enough to bury a neighbor kid or two, something I've often contemplated trying.

Of those with tractors, Dave has the shortest driveway. Dave bought a brand new L Series tractor this year. He is so proud of that tractor. When the winter storm was forecast, he moved his wife's S-Class Mercedes out of the garage, to make room for the tractor. Char was displeased, of course, until she saw

how much snow the tractor moves out of that deep depression at the end of their driveway. Much more than a Mercedes, anyway.

With this many utility tractors in the neighborhood, it's not unusual to see them all on the move at once. Like Hitler in the Sudetenland, once one driveway is vanquished of snow, each neighbor is on the lookout for more land to conquer.

Dave got me, this year, for which I am "e-thermally" grateful.

For my part, I grab my ergonomically shaped snow shovel -- formed one winter when I backed over the handle with my car -- and clean all my neighbors' sidewalks and patios, which the tractors cannot reach. It's a small contribution, but a fair little tradeoff. It has worked well-- except for the year I accidentally scooped up my neighbor Shawna's favorite ceramic garden gnome, and unknowingly threw it under their truck tire.

She never said anything, but it was easy to catch her drift.

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

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the state. He was impressed by Everett Case of Frankfort and Glenn Curtis of Martinsville. Alex's teams played "smart ball," and he devised one of the best zone defenses that any team had ever faced. The 1936 team was edged out by Wingate in the final game of the County Tourney, but his 1939 team became the only Darlington team to ever beat Crawfordsville in Sectional Tourney play. The Athenians were ranked in the top ten in the state, but the Indians defeated them 25-21 in a hard fought contest. After taking a year off from coaching, Alex headed to Bowers, where he guided the Blackshirts for three years, helping them win that school's only County Tourney championship in 1942.

Alex then coached at Richland Township for one year before deciding to return to Montgomery County as head mentor at Linden in the fall of

1944. At Linden, he compiled a 57-14 regular season record during the next four years, with the Bulldogs winning the County Tourney in 1948. In one game, the Linden boys were having a tough time during the first half. Nothing was going right, and the team was down by eight points in a game they were supposed to easily win. As the boys sat there in the locker room with their heads in their hands, Coach Cox sat down and said nothing. After several minutes, the Linden center, Albert Brown, who hardly ever said anything, blurted out, "Tell us a joke, Cox." Everyone roared with laughter and they were still laughing when they went back on the floor for the second half. Alex said it changed the game dramatically, the boys relaxed, and won the game handily.

In the classroom, Alex was quite a character not

to be outdone. He was a master storyteller and had a joke for every occasion. His students thought the world of him, and he always had a cherubic grin and interesting conversational wisdom. Upon his retirement from teaching and coaching, Alex purchased the Standard Oil service station in Darlington and also sold used cars from that location for many years. It was considered the "best hangout" for many men in the Darlington community, as "ol Coxie" had hundreds of jokes and stories in his repertoire until he passed away in the late 1970s. And those local men had great respect and admiration for Alex Cox...and they still called him "Coach."

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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