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TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Kelvin Smith and Justin Rexing smiled happily while hanging art at Joshua Cup for the Crawfordsville Art Walk. Great job fellas!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton would like to invite the public to The Joshua Cup in downtown Crawfordsville this month to start conversations about any concerns, input, or suggestions that the public may have. Date: Wednesday, February 23, 202. Time: 8-9 a.m. Venue: The Joshua Cup, 115 E Main St., Crawfordsville, IN 47933

2 Applications are open for the Arts Project Support grant program, which is administered by The Arts Federation through the IAC's Regional Arts Partnership Program. These grants provide funding to nonprofit organizations for arts programming. First-time applicants are welcome to contact TAF to request a review of their application draft before February 23. Arts Project Support grants provide funding to nonprofit organizations to support a specific part of the organization's arts activities, such as a one-time event, a single production, an exhibition, an educational workshop, or a series of related arts activities such as art classes or training sessions.

3 Each year, millions of Americans come together to REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those that serve and their families, and TEACH the next generation about the value of freedom. This gathering of volunteers and patriots takes place in local and national cemeteries in all 50 states - most recently at more than 3,100 participating locations - as part of National Wreaths Across America Day. Each year, a new theme is chosen to help volunteers and supporters focus their messaging and outreach in their own communities. The national nonprofit announced the theme for 2022 is "Find a way to serve."

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The "Flushability" Of Flushable Wipes

Baby wipes, disinfecting wipes, napkins, and paper towels all seem like they shouldn't be a problem to flush, right? The packaging of some of these items even has "flushable" printed right on them. However, flushing these items down your toilet can sometimes cause expensive and unsanitary problems for businesses and homeowners. This is not a new concern for our wastewater facility, but it is important to remember the dangers of these items during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic where flushable and sanitary wipes are popular for many individuals.

Flushing wipes, even those that are labeled "flushable," and other non-toilet paper products can lead to clogs, backups, and equipment and pipe breakage. In some

instances, it can even lead to raw sewage backups into people's homes. Unfortunately, a homeowner's responsibility for a sewer line extends past the property line to where the sewer ties into the city's main line, and the cost to repair damages like this can be a significant expense for home and business owners.

For example, if you moisten a single sheet of toilet paper and rub it on your skin or a hard surface you'll discover it will quickly fall apart. These products are designed that way. You want your toilet paper to disintegrate as fast as possible so that it can be easily processed through your plumbing and our treatment facilities.

If you do the same test with flushable wipes you can see that they will often hold together, creating problems through-

out the waste management process. To dodge potential plumbing repair costs, it is always better to find an alternative way of disposing of these items than flushing them down your drains. Items that could cause clogs and blockages in your pipes include:

- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Kleenex or other tissues
- Diapers
- Wet wipes and baby wipes (even those labeled "flushable")
- Gauze/Band-Aids

Disposing of these items differently will help keep our community and facilities can and functioning. For any concerns or questions, please contact 765-364-5169.

Larry Kadinger, Dept. Head
Crawfordsville Wastewater Department
City of Crawfordsville

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:45 a.m.
SET: 6:19 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 43°F
Low: 27°F

Wacky Holiday Today
• International Day of Women and Girls in Science

What Happened On This Day

- 1990 Nelson Mandela is freed after 27 years as a political prisoner
- 1975 Margaret Thatcher becomes the first female leader of the British Conservative Party

Births On This Day

- 1847 Thomas Edison American businessman, invented the light bulb, phonograph
- 1969 Jennifer Aniston American actress, director, producer

Deaths On This Day

- 1963 Sylvia Plath American poet
- 2012 Whitney Houston American singer, actress, producer, model

Butch Revises His New Year's Resolutions

Well folks, I made my New Year's resolutions early...you know...the usual things like exercising more, eating healthy, saving more, watching less TV, etc. You get the idea. But then I decided that since I am 73 years old now, bullheaded, opinionated, and not afraid to kick the bucket, then why not come up with some more enjoyable and satisfying resolutions...right? So, here they are...



BUTCH DALE
Columnist



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

...I hereby resolve to double the amount of Krispy Kreme doughnuts that I consume each week, and to counter the extra calories...drink "ultra high caffeine" coffee in double the amount...that's the plan!

...I hereby resolve to continue my morning push-ups, but from now on...only use my right arm, as I still have hopes

of becoming a major league baseball pitcher before I reach the age of 80.

...I hereby resolve to continue to drink my usual Diet Pepsi each evening after supper, so that I can still make 47 trips to the bathroom each night. This will also keep me in shape for

➔ See BUTCH Page A6

Listen To Your Heart!

February is all about the Hearts. Chocolate hearts, candy hearts, boxes shaped like hearts, teddy bears holding hearts, oh and your own heart. Yes, February is the month of love but it is also National Heart Month. So, while you are spending time loving those near and dear to you, lets take some time to think about how we are treating our own hearts.

While you indulge on the chocolates from your sweetie on Feb 14th, take a moment to stop and think about the health benefits of that chocolate. Wait, what? Chocolate has health benefits? The idea that dark chocolate is good for you came



MONICA NAGELE
Purdue Extension Office

➔ See HEART Page A6

HONEST HOOSIER

Got big plans for Monday? I do!



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Chronic nasal congestion is often helped by routine irrigation of the nose using over-the-counter nose wash kits.

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



OBITUARIES

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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

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

Age does not protect you from love. But love, to some extent, protects you from age. —Anais Nin

TODAY'S JOKE

What'd the farmer give his Valentine?
Hogs and kisses (which might explain why he slept in the barn that night)!



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



13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

32 CLOUDY AND BREEZY THU	27/43 RAINY AND BREEZY FRI	21/25 CLOUDY AND FOGGY SAT	15/28 SUN AND CLOUDS SUN	15/30 SUN AND CLOUDS MON	20/42 SUNNY AND MILD TUE	34/52 WILD AND WINDY WED
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OBITUARIES

David Allen Allison

Nov. 24, 1972 - Feb. 8, 2022

David Allen Allison, 49, Wayne-town, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022 at IU Arnett Hospital with the love of his life, Dana, by his side.

He was born in Clinton on Nov. 24, 1972 to the late William F. Allison and Eva Joanne (Flaurr) Brissey.

Mr. Allison attended North Vermillion High School and worked as a truck driver for many years. He volunteered his time at the New Market Fire Department and most recently the Waynetown Fire Department. He loved being able to go on calls and help people. He was full of life and always happy. He always wanted to be around his family and friends.

He enjoyed hunting, camping, boating, and talking on the phone. He was always good at remembering phone numbers and could recite just about any number. He loved racing with his daughter at MWXC and seeing his racing family. He loved his children, his dog Millie, and his truck. Family cookouts and food in general were his favorite, especially potato, onions and steak. He enjoyed sharing experiences with Dana while traveling to different states. One of his favorite places that they traveled to was Las Vegas.

Survivors include his fiancée, Dana Adams; three children, Jacob (Audra) Cole, Brianna Allison and Jon Allison; future step-children, Jacob (Alex) Thompson and Wade (Lexi Tyo) Thompson; five brothers, Don (Rhonda) Allison, Jim (Linda) Allison, Ronald (Sonja) Allison and Billy (Millie); two sisters, Debra (Jeff) Caldwell and Gail (Larry) Woodard; grandchildren, Silas and Arlo Thompson; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a step-father, Myron Brissey; and a special cousin, John Flaurr.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street in Crawfordsville on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022 from 10 a.m. until the time of funeral service at 2 p.m., with Pastor Kurt Flora and Roger Doan officiating. The service will be live-streamed and recorded and can be viewed on his obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com. Burial will follow at Poplar Grove Cemetery. Memorial donations may be given to the Waynetown Fire Department. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care.

Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.

Ruth Irene Bratton

Oct. 29, 1927 - Feb. 8, 2022

Ruth Irene Bratton, 94, New Ross, passed away Tuesday afternoon at Hickory Creek in Crawfordsville.

Born Oct. 29, 1927 in Farmersburg, she was the daughter of Raymond Williams and Rhoda Alice Jones Fouts.

She graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1945. She was immediately hired to work as a telephone operator for Indiana Bell. She married Raymond Howard Bratton on Nov. 7, 1948. They settled on a farm just east of New Ross. She continued to make her home there after Howard's death on Jan. 16, 1995.

She began fulfilling a life-long dream when she went to beauty school in 1965. Upon her completion, she opened a beauty shop where she styled hair for more than 20 years. She was a member of the New Ross United Methodist Church for more than 50 years. She was also a founding member of the New Ross Golden Girls where the women lunched and laughed.

Survivors include her two daughters, Sue Bratton of Marion and Alice Bratton of Hawaii (Shari Ber- man); son, Matthew Bratton (Lynette) of New Ross and Parke County; grandchildren, Kevin (Jennifer) of Fishers, Tracy (Russell) of Indianapolis, Roger (Megan) of Columbus, Ga., Brian (Mercedes Buchanan) of Indianapolis, Roy Pence (Jessica Hite) of Huntington and Alexandria Pence (Dylan Giddings) of Indianapolis; step-grandchildren, Chelsea Warren of Hollandsburg and Seth Warren of Bloomington; eight great-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard; parents; step-father, Milo Fouts; son, William; and her brother, Richard.

Visitation is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13th at Burkhart Funeral Home, Crawfordsville. The people in attendance are recommended to wear a mask. Services are scheduled to begin at 2:30 led by Mike Hartley. Burial will follow at the Mace Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the New Ross United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 95, New Ross, IN 47968.

Online condolences at www.BurkhartFH.com.

Lori D. (Risner) Harrington

May 21, 1962 - Feb. 7, 2022

Lori D. (Risner) Harrington, 59, Crawfordsville, passed away on Feb. 7, 2022 at IU Health Arnett.

She was born to Bill and Wanda McCollum Risner on May 21, 1962.

She graduated from N.M.H.S and then she went on to fulfill her dreams of food catering as well as partial ownership of the local Fiesta Bar.

She was the widow of James Edward II and later in life married Kent Harrington, they later divorced, at which time she chose to dedicate herself to her son's and family.

Survivors include her sons, James Edwards III and Blake (Kristin) Harrington; a foster son, Joël Rhodes; two sisters, Debbie Robbins and Lisa (Joe) Abney; two brothers, Ross (Lois) Risner and Steve (Darlene) Risner; two step-brothers, Steve and David Hester; a step-sister, Diana Lyons; two grandsons, Luke Rooze and Elias Harrington; an aunt, Frieda (Jeff) Larkin; and several nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grand- parents; late husband; aunts; uncles; two nieces; one nephew; and one foster son, Jonnie Evans.

She will be missed dearly and forever loved by many.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street, in Crawfordsville on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 from 12 noon until the time of funeral service at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Grant Avenue Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the funeral home to assist the family with funeral expenses. You can mail a donation to Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 or click the donation tab at the top of Lori's obituary page. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care.

Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.

Susie E. Austin

Oct. 10, 1924 - Feb. 8, 2022

Susie E. (Johnson) Austin, 97, a long time resident of Mellott, passed away in the Lane House, Crawfordsville on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022 at 3:18 a.m.

Susie was born in Lafayette, Indiana on Oct. 10, 1924.

She was the daughter of the late Alva and Vonetia (Shroyer) Johnson Sr. She was raised in Tippecanoe County and attended school in Romney, West Point and Lafayette. She has been a resident of Mellott for the past 79 years.

She was a homemaker and also had worked as a clerk in the grocery store in Mellott. She also did washing and ironing for the local residents as well as babysitting when needed. She was a faithful member of the Hillsboro Church of the Nazarene. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and quilting. She provided several homemade quilts to family members.

She married Stanley W. Austin on Aug. 8, 1942 in Lafayette. Stanley preceded her in death on March 4, 2010.

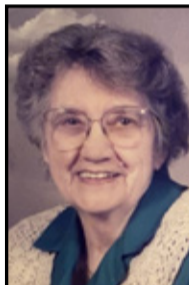
Survivors include her daughter, Marjorie (Michael) Bowman, Crawfordsville; two sons, Marvin "Bub" (Marianne) Austin, Mellott and Jerry (Julie) Austin, Dolton, Ill.; a daughter-in-law, Vickie Austin, Mellott; eleven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three step great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Austin; a great-grandson, Kyle Bowman; her parents; her husband; three sisters; and two brothers.

Friends may call at the Maus Funeral Home, Attica, on Friday, Feb. 11th, from 12 p.m. until service time at 2 p.m. with Pastor Greg McDonald officiating. Burial will follow in the Meharry Cemetery, north of Wingate.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or to the Hillsboro Church of the Nazarene.

Condolences may be sent online at www.mausfuneralhome.com.



Lip Smacking Column

Valentine's Day stresses me out. I never know what to buy for my wife. The worst part is looking for the perfect card. I've lurked on the holiday aisle at the Hallmark store, waiting until some guy about my age laughed at a particular punch line. If there was another one of those cards in the rack, I'd snap it up and buy it, assuming it didn't contain a crass, juvenile double entendre or risqué joke. For our entire marriage this has been my annual method to make the perfect selection. One thing is sure: the cards Mary Ellen received when we were dating were a touch edgier than in recent years.

Here's a statistic that's apropos for the upcoming day for sweethearts. The average person spends 20,000 minutes in his or her lifetime kissing. Again, this is an average: your smooching may vary, depending on whether you attend a lot of Greek and Jewish weddings or have more than six grandchildren. Of course, this is pre-Covid data, so the numbers have probably gone down.

How did the American Dental Association come up with this number? It took a little math, but it looks like if your kissing career spans 75 years, you need to kiss about 47.4 seconds a day to reach this target. I'm a happily married guy, but to reach this number would require counting my relationships with each of our three dogs as well as the seven iron I used to make two holes in one.

Even though we both have a competitive streak, Mary Ellen and I can't possibly keep up with the Joneses, who just happen to be the newlywed neighbors down the street. The Fettermans next door have been married 40 years like us, so their numbers may represent a more realistic goal for us to shoot for.

But how do I increase my output so my obit could read: "Exceeded the Standard Kissing Time



DICK WOLFSIE
Life in a Nutshell

by 3,500 minutes"? Even my harshest critics would be forced to concede that when it came to lips, I was successful at putting two and two together.

When I walked in the house after returning from a pickleball game last Wednesday, my wife received the customary smooch. Now if you multiply my average weekly number of YMCA visits by my predicted remaining lifespan, total osculation could be increased by 20 percent. Osculation, by the way, is the scientific name for kissing. Don't use that word during romantic encounters. It could have a negative impact on your lifetime kissing total.

Mary Ellen soon caught on that I was not enjoying the act as much as I was trying to run up my total time so we could surpass the Fettermans' totals.

"What was that all about?" asked Mary Ellen.

"What do you mean?"
"Your kiss. You were lingering a lot longer than usual. It's not even the weekend yet."

In order for my wife and me to someday surpass the national average, it will require her full cooperation. Last night I told Mary Ellen how beautiful she is and how great dinner was. Maybe now we'll be able to break that 20,000 mark... as long as kissing up counts.

Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com

Ivy Tech Lafayette Campus Dental And Massage Clinics Provide Free Services To The Community

Local residents can take advantage of free dental services and free massage sessions on the Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette campus during the Spring semester. The services help students in the Dental Assisting and Therapeutic Massage programs learn real world skills they can use in their careers following graduation.

Dental Assisting Clinic
The Ivy Tech Dental Assisting Clinic is designed to look like a dentist's office. Clients enter a lobby and are checked in at the front desk. Private exam rooms contain the same equipment used by dentists. The clinic is supervised by a local dentist.

Appointments for coronal polishing and x-rays can be made now by calling (765) 269-5167. Polishing appointments are available on Fridays from 10:00 – 11:50 am or 12:30-2:20 pm beginning February 18. X-ray appointments are available on Mondays from 12:30-4:20 pm or Tuesdays from 8:00-11:50 am beginning February 28. Following an X-ray appointment, clients



may schedule a visual exam with a dentist beginning in March. An X-ray appointment is required before a visual exam can be scheduled. After the visual exam, simple fillings can be scheduled with the dentist if needed.

There is no cost for the services. Clients can sign up for an appointment on campus or by calling (765) 269-5167 and leave a message.

Therapeutic Massage Clinic
The Ivy Tech Therapeutic Massage Spring Clinic helps students practice a variety of massage techniques. Sessions available include a 50-minute full-body Swedish massage, 40-minute chair massage, and 45-minute hand and foot session with reflexology. The clinic is accepting appointments now prior to the opening

on February 16. Appointments are available on Wednesdays from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm when school is in session. Appointments can be made online at Lafayette.clinicsense.com. Cancellations are frequent; clients should check the website often.

The clinic is open to the public and the sessions are offered at no cost. Clients must be over the age of 18 and are limited to one session per week. Clients and therapists are required to wear a mask at all times while in the clinic.

About Ivy Tech
Ivy Tech Community College is Indiana's largest public postsecondary institution and the nation's largest singly accredited statewide community college system, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout

Indiana and also serves thousands of students annually online. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering associate degree and short-term certificate programs, and trainings that align to the needs of the community. The College also offers courses and associate degree programs that seamlessly transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana, as well as out of state, for a more affordable route to a Bachelor's degree.

Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette serves Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren and White counties from the main campus in Lafayette and sites in Crawfordsville, Monticello and Frankfort. Ivy Tech Lafayette offers associate degrees and certificates in the areas of business, health sciences, computing, technology, nursing, public services, education, applied science, engineering technology, and liberal arts.

For more information, visit IvyTech.edu.

Holcomb Signs Executive Orders Granting Medical Clemency

Governor Eric J. Holcomb today announced he signed executive orders granting medical clemency for the first time while in office.

"Today I granted medical clemency to three offenders who are bed ridden and diagnosed with terminal health conditions. The three men will be released to the supervision of the Parole Board and will serve the remainder of their lives at a skilled nursing home under the state's care. In all three cases the offenders require 24-hour a day care as they are unable to care for themselves.

I granted the medical clemencies after a great deal of research and consideration. These men are no longer a threat to society, and it's been deter-

mined they are better cared for at a skilled nursing home. The Indiana Parole Board unanimously recommended a medical clemency for all three men," said Gov. Holcomb.

The executive orders include information regarding the offenders.

Executive Order 22-03 regarding Charles Calhoun. <https://www.in.gov/files/Executive-Order-22-03-Calhoun-Clemency.pdf>

Executive Order 22-04 regarding Alphonzo Griffin. <https://www.in.gov/files/Executive-Order-22-04-Griffin-Clemency.pdf>

Executive Order 22-05 regarding Jerome Maclin. <https://www.in.gov/files/Executive-Order-22-05-Maclin-Clemency.pdf>

Shamrock Shake® And OREO® Shamrock Mcflurry® Returning To Mcdonald's

Hacks Let the countdown to everyone's favorite SZN begin! Join us in welcoming back not only the legendary Shamrock Shake®, but also the fan-favorite OREO® Shamrock McFlurry® for a limited time at participating restaurants nationwide beginning Feb. 21.

The only thing more refreshing than the delicious taste of a Shamrock Shake is the way that minty green hue makes the 'will-winter-ever-end' blues go away. In our 50+ years of serving up this tasty treat, we've never given away the secret ingredient that makes ~Shamrock Shake green ~ so iconic. Until now...

#cbf2ac
No, we didn't just spill Shamrock Shake on our keyboard – that's the hex code for the unmistakably minty color of Shamrock SZN.

For years, Shamrockers across the country have gone green to show their love for this delicious dessert... from getting minty fresh manicures to proudly repping their Shamrock-inspired gear. And now, we're helping all our fans make it #cbf2ac official.

When the Shamrock Shake and OREO® Shamrock McFlurry make their return to U.S. menus later this month, show us how you're celebrating with #cbf2ac and #Shamrock-ShakeSZN!

And starting Feb. 21, our Shamrock green hex code just might unlock another tasty secret. That is, if you know where to look. Be one of the first to figure out the mystery and you could get a little something special from us.

It HAS been a full year since we've offered these fan favorites, so in case you need a refresher:

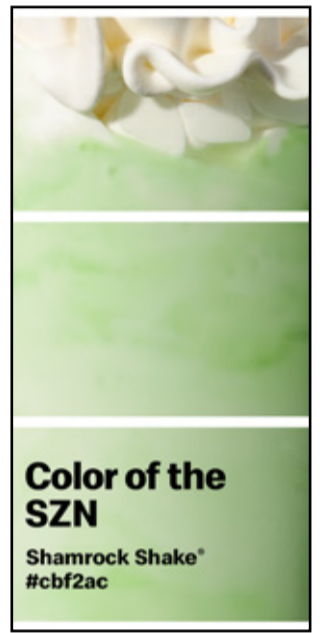


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Shamrock Shake will be returning on Feb. 21

The Shamrock Shake® – creamy, vanilla soft serve, blended with our unmistakable Shamrock Shake flavor and finished with a tasty whipped topping.

The OREO® Shamrock McFlurry – the perfect combo of vanilla soft serve with our Shamrock Shake flavor and OREO® cookie pieces. This menu item first debuted in the U.S. during 2020 Shamrock Shake SZN, and now it's back by popular demand.

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Championship Battle Set For Indiana Chamber's Coolest Thing Made In Indiana Contest

There are now only two companies left in the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Coolest Thing Made in Indiana tournament. In the semifinal – which had thousands of voters and concluded last night – Hoosier Bat Co. of Valparaiso knocked off Wag'n Tails Mobile Conversions from Granger and Janus Motorcycles in Goshen topped Old 55 Distillery from Newtown.

Hoosier Bat Co. makes wood baseball bats used in Major League Baseball and recreationally, while Janus Motorcycles manufactures small-displacement motorcycles.

The Indiana Chamber competition began with a packed field – 65 makers of all kinds of things from nearly 50 locations in 35 counties. The contest is sponsored by MCM CPAs & Advisors.

Public fan voting to crown a champion began this morning at www.indianachamber.com/coolestthing. Voting closes Monday, February 14 at 10 p.m. ET. The winner will be announced and all the final four companies 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 in 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 final two companies and vote at www.indianachamber.com/coolestthing.

Hoosiers Would Want The Indy 500 On Their State Flag (If It Were To Be Rebranded), Reveals Poll.

From all kinds of flora and fauna, stars, a peace pipe, and even a Union Jack, each state in America has its own symbol to represent their history and contribution to the nation. Indeed, 'Old Glory' represents the country's collective history and present - the 50 stars represent the 50 states and there are 13 stripes representing the 13 original colonies.

Most of these flags were created hundreds of years ago – some were a result of contests, while others were drafted through as a legislative process. But are these designs a modern reflection of what each state is known for today, given the centuries that have passed? New York, for example, often prides itself in its flashing Broadway performances, as well as hard-to-miss yellow taxis and of course, the Empire State Building, whereas the current state flag is not a representation of modern-day NY (it features a central coat of arms with a sun symbol, mountain, and ocean, sup-



ported by ladies Liberty and Justice on either side). Likewise, Maine nowadays is well known for its prized lobster trade; West Virginia for its country roads and Kansas is associated with The Wizard of Oz!

MOJOMOX.com, an online brand designing site, conducted a poll of 3,236 Americans across each state, asking them one question:

If your state flag was to be redesigned, how would you like it to look?

While some of the re-

sults of the poll were quite predictable (New Yorkers opted of the Statue of Liberty, and Pennsylvanians voted for their Liberty Bell), the research revealed some very interesting results, including:

In the Hoosier State, more than half (51%) of people said they thought if the state flag was rebranded, it should include a reference to the Indy 500 - the annual automobile race which is held in aptly-named Speedway, Indiana. The event is usually held over Memo-

rial Day weekend and is considered one part of the Triple Crown of Motorsport, along with the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the Monaco Grand Prix.

Another almost 2 in 5 (29%) Hoosiers thought the flag should include a nod to Johnny Appleseed (or John Chapman), a pioneer who introduced apple trees to the land here, as well as other areas, like Ohio and Pennsylvania. He is buried on site at Johnny Appleseed Park, a public park in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

And nearly 1 in 10 (8%) thought the Indiana flag rebrand should have something to do with geocaching: a recreational outdoor sport that requires participants to use a GPS device and other navigational techniques to essentially play a game of nature-inspired hide-and-seek!

Lastly, 2% of Hoosiers thought the hypothetical state flag rebrand should include an element to do with gasoline, considering the gas pump was created in Fort Wayne.

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Super Boilermakers In The Super Bowl: The Story of Purdue Football In The Big Game

By late Sunday night, either Ricardo Allen and Markus Bailey of the Cincinnati Bengals or Brycen Hopkins of the Los Angeles Rams will become the latest Purdue football alumni to earn a Super Bowl ring.

A former Boilermaker has been on the Super Bowl-winning team 15 of the last 20 years, most recently with linebacker Ja'Whaun Bentley of the New England Patriots in Super Bowl LIII.

Bailey, a second-year linebacker, has enjoyed the most playing time of the three former Boilermakers in 2021. He has started three games and compiled 34 tackles. Allen, a safety in his first year with Cincinnati after six seasons in Atlanta, has made 12 tackles in a mostly reserve role.

Bailey and Allen aren't the only Purdue ties with the Bengals. Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo is in his third season with Cincinnati. He coached defensive backs at Purdue from 2004-11, and one of his prized pupils was Allen.

Hopkins has played in just five games this season for the Rams, who have two veteran tight ends ahead of him in Tyler Higbee and Kendall Blanton. Los Angeles could have used Hopkins in the NFC championship game when Higbee went down early with a leg injury. Hopkins was not active for the NFC title



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Columnist

game, leaving the Rams with just Blanton available. It's a possibility the Rams will not risk being caught shorthanded again.

Purdue's ties to the Super Bowl go all the way back to the inaugural game in 1967 between Green Bay and Kansas City. Chiefs coach Hank Stram and quarterback Len Dawson tasted defeat that day in Los Angeles.

Three years later, Kansas City won Super Bowl IV and Dawson became the first of three former Purdue quarterbacks to claim a Super Bowl title. Dawson was 12 of 17 for 142 yards and a touchdown in a 23-7 victory against Minnesota, earning MVP honors.

Both Stram and Dawson are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame as is the second Purdue Super Bowl winning quarterback, Bob Griese.

Griese led the Miami Dolphins to three consecutive Super Bowls,

winning in Super Bowl VII and VIII. It's hard to believe in comparison to today's NFL but Griese only threw a combined 18 passes in the victories against Washington and Minnesota. He completed 14 of them, though, with one touchdown.

Dawson and Griese in the near future will be joined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame by Drew Brees. Brees led the New Orleans Saints to a 31-17 victory against the Indianapolis Colts in Super Bowl XLIV in 2010. Brees threw for 288 yards, two touchdowns and a Super Bowl record-tying 32 pass completions.

Former Purdue linebacker Keena Turner holds the distinction of the Boilermaker alumnus with the most Super Bowl rings. Turner played for the San Francisco 49ers in their victories against Cincinnati (XVI), Miami (XIX), Cincinnati (XXIII) and the San Diego Chargers (XXIV).

Including Bentley, Boilermakers have had a role in the New England Patriots' record-tying six Super Bowl victories. Offensive tackle Matt Light owns three championship rings for Super Bowls XXXVI, XXXVIII and XXXIX. Linebacker Roosevelt Colvin and offensive linemen Brandon Gorin and Gene Mruczkowski were champions in Super Bowls XXXVIII and

XXXIX.

Linebacker Rob Ninkovich was a key member of the Patriots' championship teams in Super Bowls XLIX and LI. Defensive lineman David Nugent picked up a ring for Super Bowl XXXVI.

Purdue legend Mike Alstott went down in history as the first Boilermaker alumnus to score a Tampa Bay in its Super Bowl XXXVII victory.

Rod Woodson, like Griese a member of the College and Pro Football Hall of Fame, is one of just 11 players in NFL history to play in three Super Bowls with three teams. Woodson won a ring with the Baltimore Ravens in Super Bowl XXXV while being on the losing side for Pittsburgh in Super Bowl XXX and Oakland in Super Bowl XXXVII.

Linebacker Cliff Avril is one of just seven NFL players to record a safety in the Super Bowl, doing so during Seattle's victory in Super Bowl XLVIII.

Defensive tackle Dave Butz earned two Super Bowl rings with the now Washington Commanders. In Super Bowl XVII, Butz helped hold Miami to 176 yards and nine first downs during a 27-17 victory. Butz earned his second ring in Super Bowl XXII, a 42-10 thrashing of Denver.

Safety Tim Foley was a

starter on the two Miami Dolphins Super Bowl championship teams.

Other Purdue alumni wearing Super Bowl rings are linebacker Gilbert Gardner and wide receiver John Standeford of the Indianapolis Colts (XLI), defensive lineman Mike Neal of Green Bay (XLV), offensive lineman Chucky Okobi of Pittsburgh (XL), safety Bernard Pollard of the Baltimore Ravens (XLVII), linebacker Jim Schwantz of Dallas (XXX) and Jeff Zgonina of the then-St. Louis Rams (XXXIV).

Batting 1,000

When Purdue became the first school to reach 1,000 Big Ten Conference victories thanks to last Sunday's victory against Michigan, I was curious to learn which Big Ten school was second on the all-time wins list.

Those of you who guessed Indiana, like I did, are wrong. The Hoosiers are third with a 954-714 record in conference play, a tidy .572 winning percentage.

It's Illinois, which after Tuesday's loss in Mackey Arena is 973-741 (.568). Third-ranked Purdue now stands at 1,001-686, a winning percentage approaching 60 percent (.593).

Through games of Feb. 8, here's the rest of the Big Ten all-time standings in order of victories: Wisconsin (854-857), Ohio State

(831-735), Iowa (807-811), Michigan (788-698), Minnesota (725-884), Michigan State (677-504), Northwestern (533-1,128), Penn State (170-349), Chicago (168-296), Maryland (85-59), Nebraska (61-136) and Rutgers (44-100).

Chicago left the Big Ten in 1946, to be replaced by Michigan State in 1950. Penn State joined officially in 1992, and Nebraska in 2012. Maryland and Rutgers completed the current conference lineup in 2014.

According to Fox Sports, the only school with more conference victories in its current league is Kentucky with 1,028 wins in the SEC.

However, Kansas' conference history spans the Missouri Valley (1908-28) and the Big 6/7/8 (1929-96) before the latter league evolved into the Big 12. Taking all of those conference wins into consideration, the Jayhawks have 1,138 league victories.

UCLA is next with 963 victories covering its history in the Pac-8/10/12. North Carolina owns 723 ACC victories and Villanova leads the Big East with 435 wins.

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Indiana Small Business Urges Senate To Act Now On Legislation

The NFIB Small Business Optimism Index decreased slightly in January to 97.1, down 1.8 points from December. Inflation remains a problem for small businesses as 22% of owners reported that inflation was their single most important business problem, unchanged from December when it reached the highest level since 1981. The net percent of owners raising average selling prices increased four points to a net 61% (seasonally adjusted), the highest reading since the fourth quarter of 1974.

"Significant tax cuts that would benefit all small businesses across the state are on the table and the Senate is holding the cards," said Natalie Robinson, NFIB State Director in Indiana. "Our members appreciate the House Republicans' \$1 billion tax cuts package that would provide them with much-needed tax relief as they face historic workforce shortages and inflation levels that are the highest they've seen in over 40 years. Our small business owners here in Indiana urge the Senate to

pass this tax cut package that would free up funds that owners could use to add jobs, increase wages, and expand their businesses. We can't sit back and hope this opportunity comes back next year. It's critical that the Senate acts on this proposal now."

Key findings include:

- One of the Index components improved, seven declined, and two were unchanged.
- Owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months increased two points to a net negative 33%. Small business owners remain pessimistic about future economic conditions as this indicator has declined 13 points over the past six months.
- Forty-seven percent of owners reported job openings that could not be filled, a decrease of two points from December.
- Inventory accumulation plans fell five percentage points.

As reported in NFIB's monthly jobs report, a net 50% (seasonally adjusted) reported raising compensation, a 48-year record high reading. A net 27%

plan to raise compensation in the next three months. Eleven percent of owners cited labor costs as their top business problem and 23% said that labor quality was their top business problem.

Owners' plans to fill open positions remain at record high levels, with a seasonally adjusted net 26% planning to create new jobs in the next three months, down two points from December and just six points below the highest reading in the 48-year history of the survey set in August.

Fifty-eight percent of small business owners reported capital outlays in the last six months, up one point from December. Of those owners making expenditures, 40% reported spending on new equipment, 22% acquired vehicles, 15% improved or expanded facilities, 8% acquired new buildings or land for expansion, and 15% spent money for new fixtures and furniture. Twenty-nine percent of owners plan capital outlays in the next few months, unchanged from December and two points

higher than the 48-year average.

Seasonally adjusted, 2% of all owners reported higher nominal sales in the past three months. The net percent of owners expecting higher real sales volumes decreased by six points to a net negative 3%.

The net percent of owners reporting inventory change increased two points to a net 9%. Eighteen percent reported increases in stocks while 15% reported reductions. Thirty-six percent of owners report that supply chain disruptions have had a significant impact on their business. Another 32% report a moderate impact and 22% report a mild impact. Only 9% report no impact from recent supply chain disruptions. A net 7% of owners viewed current inventory stocks as "too low" in January, down two points. A net 3% of owners plan inventory investment in the coming months, down five points from December, reflecting the success in inventory building in the fourth quarter.

The net percent of owners raising average selling prices increased four points to a net 61% (seasonally adjusted), the highest reading since the fourth quarter of 1974. Price raising activity over the past 12 months has continued to escalate, reaching levels not seen since the early 1980s.

Five percent of owners reported lower average selling prices and 62% reported higher average prices. Price hikes were the most frequent in wholesale (88% higher, 3% lower), manufacturing (71% higher, 1% lower), retail (69% higher, 4% lower), and construction (67% higher, 5% lower). Seasonally adjusted, a net 47% of owners plan price hikes.

The frequency of reports of positive profit trends decreased three points to a net negative 17%. Among the owners reporting lower profits, 32% blamed the rise in the cost of materials, 19% blamed weaker sales, 9% cited labor costs, 18% cited the usual seasonal change, 7% cited lower prices,

and 3% cited higher taxes or regulatory costs. For owners reporting higher profits, 63% credited sales volumes, 12% cited usual seasonal change, and 13% cited higher prices.

Three percent of owners reported that all their borrowing needs were not satisfied. Twenty-five percent reported all credit needs met and 62% said they were not interested in a loan. A net 2% reported their last loan was harder to get than in previous attempts. One percent reported that financing was their top business problem. A net 4% of owners reported paying a higher rate on their most recent loan.

The NFIB Research Center has collected Small Business Economic Trends data with quarterly surveys since the 4th quarter of 1973 and monthly surveys since 1986. Survey respondents are randomly drawn from NFIB's membership. The report is released on the second Tuesday of each month. The survey was conducted in January 2022.

Flu Season Is Underway; How You Can Protect Residents Who Are Most Vulnerable

Flu season is officially here in Indiana, with 682 influenza-like illness cases reported last week alone by the Indiana Department of Health. To help prevent the flu in people who are at high risk for severe complications, the American Lung Association and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation released a toolkit specifically for caregivers of adults 65 and over through their "Fend Off Flu" campaign.

Influenza (flu) is a serious and highly contagious disease that can have severe health consequences for all, and especially for vulnerable adults 65 and older, and those with chronic health conditions. The new toolkit is a resource to educate caregivers including healthcare providers and personnel in long-term care settings about the flu and the importance of vaccination

to protect adults 65 and older.

"Nationally, 50-70% of flu hospitalizations were in patients over 65. Flu shots are especially important for healthcare workers and caregivers of vulnerable adults," said Keith Knuth, MD, medical director at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Indiana. "Not only will getting a flu shot help reduce the chance of catching the illness, but it will also help reduce the severity if it's contracted. Especially for people with underlying health conditions, the flu can turn into a serious, even deadly, illness."

During the 2019 - 2020 flu season, it is estimated the flu sent approximately 380,000 people to the hospital with related complications and caused an estimated 20,000 deaths in the United States, which is why getting vaccinated

should be a priority. The flu vaccine is the best protection against contracting and spreading the illness.

"Especially during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, routine vaccination is more important than ever," said Tanya Husain, executive director at the Lung Association. "Flu vaccinations have been in use for more than 50 years, with hundreds of millions of Americans safely receiving them. It's recommended that everyone over six months of age receive a flu vaccine, but they are especially important for the 1,093,000 people in Indiana with lung disease, as well as their family members and caregivers."

In addition to vaccination, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends these everyday preventive actions:

Wash your hands with

soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth.

Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue or your elbow.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

The "Caregiver Flu Toolkit" is a comprehensive guide to educate caregivers of adults 65 and over about flu and the importance of vaccination to help protect them from contracting the flu. The free downloadable guide is available at Lung.org/Fend-Off-Flu.

About the American Lung Association

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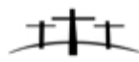
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Crouch, OCRA Award Over \$12.2M In Federal Grants To 20 Communities

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs today announced 20 rural Indiana communities will be awarded over \$12.2 million in federal grant funding to create and expand community facilities and improve water infrastructure.

"The grants provided to these communities will support necessary projects that may not have been possible without the help of this funding," Crouch said. "By improving water infrastructure and public facilities, communities are improving public health and safety for their residents."

The State of Indiana distributes Community Development Block Grant funds to rural communities, which assist units of local government with various community projects such as infrastructure improvement, downtown revitalization, public facilities and economic development.

"These grants are so important to our rural communities," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "This funding makes it possible for towns, cities and counties to carry out projects to prevent flooding, provide safe drinking water or expand community centers. Each of these projects will help to improve the quality of life for local Hoosiers."

The Public Facilities Program creates and expands community facilities to enhance the lives of residents. Eligible projects include fire stations, community facilities, libraries, museums, community centers and performance spaces that open doors to knowledge and ideas, culture, and enjoyment.

The Town of Macy is awarded \$500,000 to construct a new 5,550 square foot fire station consisting of five bay doors, office and training spaces, restroom and shower facilities, dedicated space for firefighter

turnout gear, radio and communication equipment, and a small kitchenette. The station will be located at the corner of Walnut and Powell streets in Macy and will serve all of Allen Township in Miami County.

The City of Rushville is awarded \$500,000 to expand the existing fire and EMS station to separate the living and sleeping quarters from potentially contaminated fire apparatus and gear. This project will not only provide a safer environment for fire and EMS personnel but will also help to keep the highest level of service available to all residents at all times, with healthy first responders at the ready.

The City of Vincennes is awarded \$500,000 to expand the Bettye J. McCormick Senior Center with a 3,450 square feet addition. This project will increase the capacity of the center to continue providing adult day services and to reestablish its Congregate Meal program for both the aging and disabled populations in the City of Vincennes and the surrounding area.

The Stormwater Improvement Program strives to reduce flooding, cut stormwater treatment and energy costs, protect rivers, lakes and vital landscape, and generate jobs to spur economic revitalization. Types of activities that are eligible for this grant funding include stormwater improvements, as well as demolition and/or clearance.

The Town of Carlisle is awarded \$600,000 for stormwater improvements that will reduce flooding along the residential streets of Saline and Eaton in Carlisle. With this project, the occurrence of street, sidewalk, yard and basement flooding will be reduced.

Porter County is awarded \$271,815 to utilize eco-friendly technology such as permeable roads and revetment systems to address and mitigate flood-

ing issues impacting the residents of the Blackhawk Beach area.

The goals of the Wastewater/Drinking Water Program are to protect the health and environment, reduce utility rates for low-to-moderate income communities, and improve rural infrastructure to enable long-term economic growth. Eligible Wastewater/Drinking Water Program projects include many aspects of wastewater improvements and drinking water system improvements.

The Town of Wheatland is awarded \$700,000 to install new water mains, hydrants, pumps and meters to improve the water quality for residents.

The Town of Cromwell is awarded \$700,000 to rehabilitate the water tower, improve the well field and water treatment plant, replace fire hydrants, and install new water meters.

The Town of Ridgeville is awarded \$700,000 to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project will also rehabilitate and replace the Waltz Street lift station and the Wastewater Treatment Plant lift station, 23 manholes throughout the collection system, and various sections of sewer mains throughout the collection system.

The City of Hartford City is awarded \$700,000 to make necessary improvements to the water utility system. This project consists of installing new filters, aerators, water lines, hydrants, and making improvements at both elevated water towers and the water treatment plant.

The City of Gas City is awarded \$700,000 to make improvements to the city's North H Street lift station. This project also includes the installation of 7,784 linear feet of 8" cured-in-place-pipe lining, 1,975 linear feet of 10" CIPP lining and 106 linear feet of

15" CIPP. The Town of Otterbein is awarded \$700,000 to complete a water utility improvement project. The project elements include upgrades at the existing water treatment plant, rehabilitation of the elevated water storage tank and the replacement of the 1st Street water distribution line.

The City of Jasonville is awarded \$700,000 for wastewater treatment system improvements. The improvements include cured-in-place-pipe lining to the least efficient collection lines and enhancements at the wastewater treatment plant. This will allow Jasonville to continue to put residential safety at the forefront and prosper into the future.

The Town of Shoals is awarded \$700,000 to replace the existing influent screen with a new mechanical fine screen at the wastewater treatment plant. Additionally, the project will reline 6,500 linear feet of sewer lines with cured in-place pipe, reline and rehabilitate 24 manholes, and install a new force main in insulated casing pipe.

The Town of Brownstown is awarded \$700,000 to address needed upgrades within the sanitary sewer lines and manholes scattered throughout the entire community. The project also entails improvements within the existing wastewater treatment plant and two existing lift stations.

The Town of Liberty is awarded \$700,000 to fund improvements to their water utility. This project will replace water mains.

The Town of Oldenburg is awarded \$414,870 to install cured-in-place-pipe lining with manhole rehabilitation of 3,000' of sanitary gravity sewer, 500' of 8" sewer lines, and a mechanical screen at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. These improvements will decrease the amount of inflow and

infiltration of storm water in the sanitary sewer system, resulting in sewage backups and overflows and less wear and tear on equipment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Town of Brooklyn is awarded \$700,000 to improve the wastewater treatment plant and collection system. The project includes a combination of collection system additions and upgrades, as well as new upgrades to the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and the addition of a new flow equalization tank.

The Town of Walkerton is awarded \$400,000 to replace structural material and install new mechanical equipment on two existing elevated water storage tanks. Improvements will include interior and exterior sandblasting to remove rust and corrosion, steel structure replacement, interior joint lining, interior and exterior weather guard epoxy coatings, installation of new internal mixing units, anti-freeze vents, and other

miscellaneous components. The Town of Seelyville is awarded \$700,000 to rehabilitate the most urgent at-risk water main in the oldest part of the system. These improvements will enhance water supply and quality, improve water hydraulics and flow during peak demands and flushing within water system's designated service area, both in-town and areas to the south, along with improving fire protection.

The City of Aurora is awarded \$700,000 for cured-in-place-pipe lining and/or line replacement. The project will also increase capacity and elimination of mechanical problems in the following lift stations.

Funding for OCRA's CDBG programs originates from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program and is administered for the State of Indiana by OCRA. For more information, visit in.gov/ocra/cdbg/.

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...And finally...I hereby promise to revert to my childhood by wearing a cowboy hat, my Lone Ranger holster and cap guns, and my Milwaukee Braves "Warren Spahn T-shirt" to the mall every weekend. While my wife is shopping, I will sit on the bench and look at all of the other weird people like me. It will be like "family!"

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