

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Proverbs 1:7 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Thomas Campbell was cleaning up debris from his property when one of our roving photographers happened by. Thank you for your smile, Thomas!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The Arts Federation (TAF) is currently seeking nominations for the 2022 Suzanne Stafford Memorial Award. This year's recipient will be honored during a virtual presentation at TAF's Annual Meeting on March 28 at 6 pm. The Stafford Award seeks to recognize individuals who are lifelong contributors to the arts and outstanding volunteers. The ideal recipient is an individual with either several outstanding volunteer contributions in one discipline or in multiple arts disciplines. Nominators must be a TAF member artist, representative from a member organization, or donor and should use this form. The deadline to submit a nomination is February 28.

2 Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton would like to invite the public to the Joshua Cup, 115. E Main St., Crawfordsville on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 8-9 a.m. to start conversations about any concerns, input, or suggestions that the public may have.

3 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.

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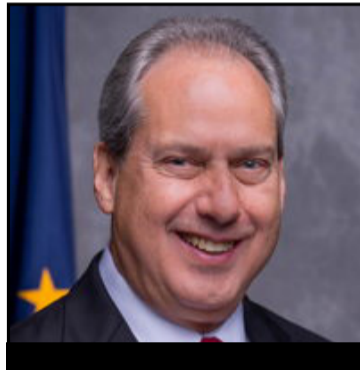
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Fighting Human Trafficking

This session, I am supporting legislation that increases the penalties for criminals involved in human trafficking.

Under current law, individuals who purchase the services of a trafficked person receive a less severe penalty than the trafficker. Senate Bill 155 would make the penalty equal for both parties at a Level 4 Felony.

SB 155 would also eliminate the defense that the trafficked individual gave consent, since victims of human trafficking are in no position to give consent to their continued abuse. Lastly, this bill would re-



PHIL BOOTS
State Senator

quire law enforcement agencies to report any investigations into

human trafficking to the Attorney General, allowing the state to have a better overall view of potential trends and possible solutions going forward.

Although it is incredibly sad that we need to address this issue, my hope is that these changes in policy will crack down on these criminals and, as a result, keep more Hoosiers safe.

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

The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:40 a.m.
SET: 6:24 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 45 °F
Low: 24 °F



Wacky Holiday Today
• National Hippo Day
• Singles Awareness Day



What Happened On This Day
• 2001 The first draft of the human genome is published
• 2003 The largest peace demonstration in history takes place



Births On This Day
• 1564 Galileo Galilei Italian astronomer, physicist
• 1934 Graham Kennedy Australian actor

Deaths On This Day
• 2005 Samuel T. Francis American journalist
• 1988 Richard Feynman American physicist, Nobel Prize laureate



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

Front Row (L to R): Coach Chayce Cox, Martin Campbell, Principal Bernal Klipsch; Standing (L to R): Walter Tribbett, Lawrence Deck, Lee Wells, Boyd Price, Maurice Clouser, Willis Loveless and George Boots

Little Bowers High School Wins The 1927 Sectional

On the first day of school in the fall of 1959, my sixth grade teacher announced to the class that there would be ten new students joining us, as their school...



BUTCH DALE
COLUMNIST

Bowers... had closed. I didn't know much about Bowers school, except that there was a cute little girl I had seen that summer who was going to be in my class. I had never seen the school building, but I had been to Bowers Station, the only "town" in Sugar Creek Township...not much there...

an elevator, general store, and five or six houses. I soon found out that the Bowers students were very friendly and were great classmates. But I also learned that, as far as athletic ability, the boys from Bowers who played sports were smart and tough...and did not like to lose! Being the smallest school in the county, the Bowers boys were always underdogs, and they really enjoyed competition. I played basketball with Joe and Phil Mahoy, Ed Gable, Don Carpenter, Steve Emmert, and Dick Clouser, and I learned how to be more aggressive on the court and be a "team player."

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Save The Spoon

Regardless of what you're hungry for, the next time you dine out, I'm going to change the way you look at your next meal. There's something you've enjoyed at every feeding that is fast be-coming extinct.

No, it's not the snowy egret or the flamingo. Although I've been told they both taste like chicken, few of us have dined on those through the years. What I've noticed missing is actually not on the plate. It is next to it.

Gone, gone perhaps forever, is the spoon.

Have you noticed? It took my friend, Brian, to bring it to my attention.



JOHN MARLOWE
COLUMNIST

He likes sweetener in his iced tea, and goes livid every time he has to stir his beverage with a knife or fork. Each time we dine at a restaurant, he sets the tone for indigestion when he asks the waiter to retrieve a tea-spoon for his drink.

"What's a guys supposed to do to get a spoon around here?"

The spoon used to be the mainstay of our table setting. It is the oldest of our utensil trinity. The fork wasn't innovated until conceived by the Ancient Greeks and Persians in the fourth century. The knife dates way back 1.8 million years when early humans discovered how hard it was to pierce dinosaur flesh with chop sticks.

Nevertheless, we were all gatherers of food long before

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Can you be born with a photographic memory, or does it take time to develop?



➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Generic medications are safe and effective for the majority of medical conditions.

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

Esther G. Freed Barnes Rich
Lee Harold Williams
Liddy Denham Summers
Mary Elizabeth Klutzke

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



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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

Journalism is printing what someone else does not want printed; everything else is public relations."
George Orwell

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

The future, the present, and the past walk into a bar. Things got a little tense.

13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
12/32 MAINLY SUNNY	20/45 WARMER AND DRY	41/55 MILD & BREEZY	52/52 WINDY, RAIN TO SNOW	13/32 COLDER	21/40 SUNNY	28/53 MILD

OBITUARIES

Esther G. Freed Barnes Rich

Feb. 12, 2022

Esther G. Freed Barnes Rich, 94, Lafayette and a former New Richmond resident, passed away Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022 at IU Health Hospital Lafayette, following a period of failing health.

Arrangements are incomplete at Family and Friend Funeral Home of Wingate. Visit us at www.familyand-friends@tds.net

Mary Elizabeth Klutzke

Feb. 13, 2022

Mary Elizabeth Klutzke, 92, rural Wingate, passed away Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022 in her home following a lengthy illness.

Arrangements are incomplete at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate.

Lee Harold Williams

Nov. 2, 1946 - Feb. 11, 2022

Lee Harold Williams, 75, rural Veedersburg, passed away 4:56 PM Friday Feb. 11, 2022 at St Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

He was born Nov. 2, 1946 in Danville, Ill., the son of the late Harold Lee and Rosemary Gretchen (Brown) Williams.

He married Betty Jean Davis Aug. 3, 1975 at the Pleasant Hill Church in Thorntown, Ind.

Mr. Williams graduated from Kingman High School in 1964, and worked as a life-long dairy and grain farmer in rural Veedersburg. He was a member of the Sterling Christian Church, Indiana Guernsey Breeders Association, Fountain County Soil & Water Board, South Fountain Pioneers and board member of Bonebrake Cemetery. He was very involved with the Fountain County 4-H program, and had served there as the Dairy Superintendent for 29 years.

He loved and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed being outside tending to his cows and tinkering with his tractors.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Jean Williams of Veedersburg; three daughters, Nancy Jean (Devin) Bell of Colfax, Lee Ann (Josh) Thompson of Crawfordsville and Laura Sue (Andrew) Bush of Veedersburg; six grandchildren, Jayden Thompson, Tyler Thompson, Dawson Bell, Bryce Bush, Ainsley Bell and Avery Bush.

Funeral service is scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday Feb. 18, 2022 at Sterling Christian Church 701 South Sterling Avenue in Veedersburg, with Pastor Gary Johnson officiating. Visitation is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. Friday and continue until the time of service. Burial will be at Bonebrake Cemetery near Veedersburg. Memorial contributions may be given to the Fountain County 4-H, payable to Fountain County 4-H Council. Online condolences at www.dickersonfuneralhome.com

Liddy Denham Summers

Nov. 9, 1968 - Feb. 10, 2022

Liddy Denham Summers passed away Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022 at Franciscan Hospital East in Lafayette.

She was born Nov. 9, 1968 to Robert and Barbara Allen Denham.

She graduated from North Montgomery in 1987 and worked as an LPN at Ben Her Nursing Home.

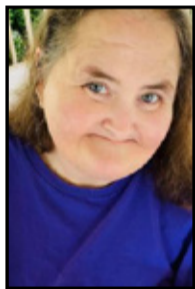
She married the love of her life Neal Summers on August 25, 1990. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Neal of Crawfordsville; a daughter, Shelby (Kyle) Summers Rowe of Waynetown; three sons, Robert (Karen) Summers of Ohio; Quentin Summers of Crawfordsville and Nicholas Summers of Crawfordsville. She has four grandchildren, Landon Wayne Pugh of Waynetown, Chase Summers, Matthew Summers and Jeremy Summers all of Ohio. She is also survived by her mother, Barbara Denham of Lafayette; sister, Lorinda Swank; brothers, Greg (Connie) Denham, Tony (Tracy) Denham and Jeff (Kim) Denham; mother in law, Dorothy Summers; sister in law, Tracey (Ace) Kinner; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Denham; and father in law, Pete Summers.

A funeral service is scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday Feb. 18 at Hunt & Son Funeral Home with Pastor Terry Gobin officiating. Visitation is scheduled from 12-2 p.m. on Friday. Interment will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Hillsboro, Ind.

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



Become A Mentor Today And Change The World

The JUMP program is part of the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau. The goal of this program is to match adult volunteers with the kids in the community. Our youth need this one on one experience so they have more opportunities to grow, develop important skills and have a caring adult in their lives. The JUMP program currently has a waiting list of children who want to be matched with an adult volunteer. With this in mind, a series of articles will be written to let the public know more about these kids in hopes that it will touch the hearts of many and that people will come forward to volunteer to mentor these children. The names and ages of the children

will be changed to protect their privacy.

One child currently on the waiting list is Brent. Brent is a 7-year-old boy who comes from a family with 3 siblings where one sibling has some mental health issues that take up much of the family's time. Because of this, Brent is often not given as much time and attention as his mother would like him to have. She is seeking a mentor for Brent so that he can have a better life and more time spent with a positive adult role model. Brent's mom describes him as very laid back and not a problem at home. In fact, he is very helpful with his younger brother and with his mom. She states he can be shy at first

but comes out of it very quickly. He's a great kid and likes to watch tv, play with hot wheel cars, build with Legos, and play with their chickens. He hasn't learned how to ride a bike yet but that is something he would really like to learn.

Brent stated he really likes school and his favorite subject is Art. He is involved in Cub Scouts and wants to be a firefighter when he grows up. He said he likes to play with trucks, play outdoors with a ball or riding his power wheel, and as his mom stated, he like to build with Legos and play with the chickens. If he had a mentor, he would like to go to the zoo, eat at McDonald's, make and eat cookies, go swimming

or go to a water park. He says he is good at climbing and reading but would like to get better at kicking a ball. He loves books about Dragons and if he could be anyone in the world, it would be Spiderman.

Brent is a great kid and would be fun to spend time with, doing just about anything. If you are interested in becoming a mentor to Brent, you must be over the age of 21 and a male or a couple if you prefer mentoring together.

Mentoring is important for the youth of our community but it is also fun for both the adult and the child. Please contact Jill Hampton at 362-0604 ext. 103 or email jill@mcysb.org if you are interested in learning more!

Franciscan Health Crawfordsville Recognized As A 2022 Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital

Franciscan Health Crawfordsville announced on Monday that it has been recognized as a 2022 Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital. Compiled by The Chartis Center for Rural Health, this annual recognition program honors outstanding performance among the nation's rural hospitals based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX™.

"Rural communities are the ones that suffer when it comes to accessible healthcare," said Terry Klein, COO and vice president of Franciscan Health Crawfordsville. "We are proud to be recognized for our dedication to providing top-of-the-line medical resources to Montgomery county and will continue serving this rural population with the care it deserves."

"Despite unprecedented

adversity, rural providers continue to display resiliency and a steadfast commitment to their communities," said Michael Topchik, national leader, The Chartis Center for Rural Health. "Honoring the Top 100 is one of the highpoints of our year. We are delighted to recognize the exceptional performance and innovation of this year's recipients, particularly in light of the extraordinary challenges facing America's rural health safety net."

Over the course of the last 12 years, the INDEX has established itself as the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Leveraging publicly available data, the INDEX is trusted by rural hospitals, health systems with rural footprints, hospital associations and state offices of rural health

across the country to measure and monitor performance across a variety of areas impacting hospital operations and finance.

Franciscan Health Crawfordsville is located at 1710 Lafayette Road in Crawfordsville, Ind. To learn more, please visit FranciscanHealth.org.

About Franciscan Health Crawfordsville

Franciscan Health Crawfordsville is a member of the Franciscan Alliance healthcare ministry which began in Lafayette, Ind., in 1875. Today, Franciscan Alliance is one of the largest Catholic healthcare systems in the Midwest with 12 hospital campuses, more than 19,000 employees and a number of nationally recognized Centers of Health Care Excellence. Hospitals include: Franciscan Health Carmel; Franciscan Health Crawfordsville; Francis-

cian Health Crown Point; Franciscan Health Dyer; Franciscan Health Hammond; Franciscan Health Indianapolis; Franciscan Health Lafayette; Franciscan Health Michigan City; Franciscan Health Mooresville; Franciscan Health Munster; Franciscan Health Olympia Fields (IL); and Franciscan Health Rensselaer.

Celebrating more than 100 years of service to the community, Franciscan Health Crawfordsville provides dedicated outpatient women's services, a fully-staffed emergency department, extensive radiology and therapy services, orthopedics, cancer care, wound care and geriatric behavioral health and also has Franciscan Physician Network offices located throughout Montgomery County. For more information, please visit FranciscanHealth.org.

Nikki Keller Celebrates 10 Years With HHSB

Nikki Keller, Assistant Vice President of Operations at HHSB, is celebrating 10 years at the bank.

Nikki has been an HHSB employee-owner since 2012, when she was hired as an Ag/Commercial Underwriter Assistant. In April of 2017, she became the Operations Manager before being promoted to AVP of Operations last February.

"Nikki has been a tremendous asset to HHSB over the last 10 years and we are fortunate to have



Nikki Keller

her on our team" stated Trent Smaltz, Chief Lending Officer. "We are excited to celebrate her 10 years and look forward to

many more!"

Nikki and her husband Aaron reside in Crawfordsville with their two boys Jaron and Griffin. In her spare time, she enjoys crafting, spending time with her family and making memories with her kids.

Contact Nikki Keller today at nkeller@myhhsb.com or 765-364-0784

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customers, family and community. HHSB offers consumer and commercial banking products, investment services, phone, online & mobile banking and bill pay, unmatched personal service, and a genuine commitment to bettering the communities in which they live.

For more information or to arrange an interview via phone or in-person, please contact Lacey Wheeler at 765.323.4833 or Brad Monts at 765.942.2000 or visit www.myhhsb.com.

Nominations Sought For Statewide Human Resources Award

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2022 Ogletree Deakins Human Resources Professional of the Year Award, which will be presented at the 58th Annual Indiana HR Conference, May 4-6 at the Indiana Convention Center.

The award is open to all full-time human resources practitioners in Indiana. Individuals who have made significant contributions to their organization over the past year through implementation of best practices, organization design and

effectiveness, and alignment and accomplishment of the strategic direction of their company are encouraged to apply. Nominees for Ogletree Deakins HR Professional of the Year should also have a proven track record of giving back to the community and the HR profession.

"HR professionals are increasingly expected to administer a multitude of tasks at their respective organizations," says Indiana Chamber President Kevin Brinegar. "Throw in the challenges of the pandemic and a talent shortage and

you have the makings of a very difficult job. We'll be especially excited to recognize an HR star this year."

Nominations can be made via self-nomination or by a peer, subordinate, supervisor or other, but must be accompanied by a sponsorship letter from a nominee's organization.

The award winner will be announced during the 2022 Human Resources Awards Luncheon on May 6 at the Indiana Convention Center.

Deadline for nominations is March 4. Sub-

missions can be made at www.indianachamber.com/hrpro. Please send direct questions to Jesse Brothers at jbrothers@indianachamber.com.

Three industry leaders shared the award in 2021: Geoff Gailey, vice president of human resources at Miller Pipeline in Indianapolis; Melissa Hubler, senior manager of human resources at Subaru of Indiana Automotive (SIA) in Lafayette; and Jean C. Neel, vice president of corporate affairs at Haynes International, Inc. in Kokomo.

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Slim Randles
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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.

He almost gave heart attacks to two old ladies and a one-eyed cat the other day. It was a pleasant day for this time of year and they were just walking silently along the sidewalk here in town when the voice seemed to beam down from the heavens.

"Okay now ... listen up! Ast yerself this ... has you had any good chopped stewy lately? No. Well, jest haul it on down to the Gates of Heaven Chinese joint here in town and chow down!"

The ladies smiled and waved at Windy Wilson as he drove past in the official loudspeaker announcement car of Del Chin's restaurant. Since it was the only Oriental restaurant for miles, the ladies wondered why the advertising. If you were craving chow mein ... you knew where to go on Main Street to get some. But it's rude to be impolite. Windy kept cruising.

Doc stepped out of his office to wave at Windy and noticed that W.W. had borrowed a necktie from someone to wear beneath his whiskers and Stetson.

"I know you been askin' yerself ... self ... how do I see to it that ol' Windy Wilson gits

hissself a honorary college degree? One a-them good ones with Alphonse Wilson spelled out right on the front ... Well, you could allas start yerself a letter-writin' campaign to git it done, a-course.

"Let's face it, Pard, jest how many experienced cowboy camp cooks you know with a honorary college degree? That there's what I thought you'd say, if you ever stopped and pondered it. Same as me ... none."

Windy drove the car down to the park and turned around to bring the message back up. Kinda like driving a tractor, he thought.

"And while yer figgerin' out the honorary degree thingie for Windy, you most as well be settin' down and makin' notes on the free paper napkins at that there Gates of Heaven Chinese joint while you bullsnake down some a-that Kung Pow Wow. So come on down to Del Chin's nice and clean Chinese joint and you can see right off that his plates are clean enough to eat off!"

Doc was right, thought Windy. Real Americans never quit.

Pick up "Home Country: Drama, dreams and laughter from the American heartland" www.lpdpress.com.

Indiana Department Of Education Provides Update On Indiana GPS Dashboard Development

At last week's State Board of Education (SBOE) meeting, the Indiana Department of Education provided an update on development of the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed (Indiana GPS) dashboard. This included an update on how data could be used to show performance of student populations across a range of measures.

"We know that the pandemic's academic disruptions disproportionately impacted many of our students who were already struggling to master foundational skills," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "As we develop the Indiana GPS dashboard, we will continue working with stakeholders to ensure each indicator is accessible and useful. This includes



functionality that empowers users to dive in to learn more about how student populations have been impacted by learning disruptions and how they are recovering. Transparency will help drive continuous improvement for our students."

By allowing users to view data disaggregated by student population across multiple indicators, the Indiana GPS dashboard will allow stakeholders to

view where students are today – and work towards helping students gain support where they need it the most. For example, as just one data point, last spring's ILEARN results show that achievement gaps persist among Indiana's racially and ethnically diverse, low-income, special education and English language learner students – gaps that were exacerbated by the pandemic.

As IDOE works to have the initial version of the dashboard operational this fall, the department is engaging school leaders, teachers, families and community members to gain feedback on how data is displayed – making it accessible across a variety of indicators. This information will be presented on landing pages, school summary pages and informational pages that display trends and data comparisons.

Dashboard development follows the SBOE's unanimous approval last year of five characteristics that best indicate a student's preparation for success after high school, as well as the indicators that will measure these characteristics. These characteristics and indicators will be the basis for the dashboard.

IDEM Offers Free Virtual Earth Day Presentations

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is offering free virtual presentations to elementary schools across the state to celebrate Earth Day 2022. Every year, IDEM staff meet with students to talk about their careers and share science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) based lessons about air, land, water, and recycling.

"IDEM's annual Earth Day presentations are a great way to teach students about the importance of protecting our environment," said IDEM Commissioner Brian Rockensuess. "These virtual lessons encourage students



to understand how their actions can impact themselves and their community."

Virtual Earth Day presentations are available for elementary schools across

the state and vary in length from 30 to 50 minutes. The interactive presentations offer activities such as reduce, reuse, recycle your trash; or a demonstration on how water flows through a watershed. Teachers who participated in IDEM's virtual presentations last year commented about how much they enjoyed the "hands-on way of learning" and "my students are still using the words they learned from the presentation."

Registration is required and is now open. Please visit www.idem.in.gov/iee/index.htm to see dates, and to register. Educators may direct ques-

tions to IDEM's Environmental Education Outreach Coordinator at education@idem.IN.gov or 800-988-7901. Presentations are also available throughout the year. For more information, please visit IDEM's Environmental Education website: www.idem.IN.gov/iee/.

About IDEM
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Meeting Notes

Crawfordsville Council Meeting

The City of Crawfordsville, Indiana
 February 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM EDT
 City Building, 300 E Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933
 Council Chambers
 I. Pledge
 Presenter: Jeff Lucas
 II. Prayer
 Presenter: Mike Reidy
 III. Roll Call
 IV. Approval of Minutes - January 10, 2022
 V. Acknowledgment of receipt of the monthly Financial Reports
 VI. Roll Call for additions to the Agenda
 VII. Public Hearing
 A. An Ordinance to appropriate American Rescue Plan Funds
 B. An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of a Street in Crawfordsville, Indiana - Old Oak Hill Road directly in front of 907 Lafayette Avenue
 C. 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
 VIII. Fiscal Affairs
 A. Second reading of an Ordinance to appropriate American Rescue Plan Funds
 B. First reading of an Or-

dinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund under Indiana Code 36-9-15.5
 C. First reading of an Ordinance Re-Establishing a Cumulative Fire Fund under Indiana Code 36-8-14
 D. A Declaratory Resolution Approving the Designation of An Economic Revitalization Area for Real and Personal Property Tax Abatement for Second Phase Leasing, LLC, and Closure Systems International, Inc.
 IX. Ordinances & Petitions
 X. Traffic, Parking & Safety
 A. An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of a Street in Crawfordsville, Indiana - Old Oak Hill Road directly in front of 907 Lafayette Avenue (Tabled in January)
 XI. Annexation
 A. A Resolution Approving Proposed Annexation Fiscal Plan
 B. First reading on 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
 XII. Miscellaneous
 A. Fire Commissioner - 1 appointment of a 4-year term
 B. Board of Zoning Appeals - 1 appointment (term expires 12/31/23)
 XIII. Adjournment

Meeting Notes

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 14, 2022 8AM
 100 E. Main Street - Room 103
 Crawfordsville, IN 47933
 Consent Agenda
 Claims:
 Accounts Payable: February 14, 2022
 Payroll Claims: January 28, 2022
 Minutes: January 24, 2022 Meeting
 Public Hearing
 Ordinance 2022-3 - Re-establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund
 Ordinance reestablishes the cumulative capital development tax rate at \$.0333 per \$100 of Assessed Value.
 Ordinance 2022-4 - Re-establishing the Cumulative Bridge Fund
 Ordinance reestablishes the cumulative bridge tax rate at \$.075 per \$100 of Assessed Value.
 New Business
 Agreement: IWM Consulting Group
 Consultant will assist the County in applying for the State Brownfields program for the property known as Tri County Petroleum

along South 231. The agreement is for a lump sum amount of \$1,000.
 Agreement: Montgomery County Family Recovery Court and Montgomery County Community Foundation
 Establishes a pass through fund at the Foundation for use by the Family Recovery Court.
 Agreement: Indiana Finance Authority
 The County has received a State grant in the amount of \$446,200 for stormwater improvements. The agreement outlines the obligations of the County to construct the project including the requirement to complete the project within 18 months from the date of the agreement. It also requires that the project commences within 6 months from the date of the agreement.
 Contracts: Public Defender's Office
 Alex Robbins, Melissa Garten, Riley Parr and Todd Meyer
 Contracts with attorneys to provide public defense representation. Alex Robbins' contract will be for 75 cases per year at a fixed fee of \$16,000. Melissa Garten's contract will be for 75 cases per year at a fixed fee of \$16,000. Riley Parr's contract will be \$16,000 per year with no set number of cases. Todd

Meyer's contract will be for 60 cases per at a fixed fee of \$18,000.
 Agreement: Civil Con, Inc.
 For bridge #182: engineering design, preparation of construction plans and submittal for an IDEM 401/USACOE 404 Regional General Permit. The replacement of bridge #182 will be funded with the Cumulative Bridge Fund and the project is part of the 10-year bridge improvement plan. Agreement amount is \$20,000.
 Change Order: Bridge 114 Project-CLR, Inc.
 The construction documents, prepared by BLN, were set up as a unit cost contract. Based upon the measured field quantities the project required additional milling, asphalt paving, bridge pier/deck patching and latex modified concrete. The project was completed 28 days beyond the contract date, therefore liquidated damages were applied.
 The total change order amount, including liquidated damages, is \$37,422.51. The amount will be paid from the Cumulative Bridge Fund.
 Bid Award: 2021-2 CCMG Resurfacing Project
 The apparent low and responsible bid is from Rieth Riley Con-

struction Co., Inc for \$1,362,851.45. 9.2 miles of road will be resurfaced with hot mix asphalt. 75% of the project cost will be funded from the CCMG State program. Montgomery County will fund \$362,851.45 towards the project.
 2022 Gravel Road Dust Control Program
 Program consists of an oil application that is sprayed in front of properties along gravel roads. The County will pay for 50% of the cost of application up to 600 feet and the property owner is responsible for paying the remaining amount.
 Ordinances
 Final Reading: Ordinance 2022-2 - Create 2022 VASIA Grant Special Condition Fund
 Superior Court 2 has been awarded a grant to establish a Volunteer Adult Guardianship Program. The grant is for \$38,500 and will be used to recruit and train 5 new volunteers by June 30, 2022.
 Introduction: Ordinance 2022-5: Amending Inclement Weather Policy
 Ordinance establishes a leave benefit for employees that work during an inclement weather event that closes the County offices.

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➔ Meeting Notes

Psi Iota Xi, Gamma Xi Chapter Meeting

Ten members attended a Zoom meeting of the Gamma Xi Chapter of Psi Iota Xi held on February 7, 2022. Co-president Jennie Hesler called the meeting to order with the Opening Verse, attendance, and the announcement of a February birthday and anniversary. The treasurer's report and minutes of the last meeting were shared by email. Our chapter received a grant in December from the Harold and Doris Larsen Fund for area children to receive speech and hearing therapy. Parents of the 2022 Summer Speech Clinic clients will receive details about the application process in June. Many notes of thanks were received from the Meals on Wheels recipients of donated cheeseballs. Thank you messages were received from our legacies for finals e-gifts. The chapter received the annual report on our Elizabeth Backe Scholarship Endowment

from Purdue University. Tori Elizabeth Baker, a Purdue graduate student in speech and hearing, received the scholarship this year. In new business, two members will attend the state meeting on April 23, 2022. Jenner Hunter will also attend as a state officer. Since art is one of the primary focuses of Psi Iota Xi, members approved the purchase of a piece of art at the sale on February 24th for the new government center for Montgomery County. Two members will be attending the sale.

Committee reports were presented. Vicky Reynolds sent out several get well cards to members. It was announced that one of our legacies, Sara J. Hemmerlein, graduated from Purdue University in psychology. We are so proud of her! Plans are being made for our Easter Bunny project, geranium sale, and Summer Speech Clinic. It will be a busy spring!

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned with our closing verse by Co-president, Jennie Hesler.

➔ Meeting Notes

Southmont Schools Board of Trustees

Regular School Board Meeting
Corporation Board Room
Monday, February 14, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA
Public Meeting
I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors.
IV. Revisions to Agenda
V. Communications To and From the Board
VI. Public Comments (Agenda Items Only):

VII. Consent Agenda: (minutes, monthly claims, field trips/facilities usage, contributions/gifts and personnel)

Minutes from previous meetings
Claims/Payrolls
Personnel:

-Approve personal leave from February 7, 2022 until end of 2021-2022 school year for Mrs. Amy Johnson, Special Ed Teacher - New Market Elementary.
-Stephanie Timmons - Special Ed. Teacher - New Market Elementary. (covering the personal leave of Mrs. Amy Johnson).

-Approve resignation of Mr. Eric W. Brewer as the Director of Transportation - effective June 30, 2022. He will still remain Principal of Walnut Elementary School.

-Approve resignation of Patricia Hobson, Math Teacher - Southmont High School - effective January 28, 2022.

-Jana Boggess - Math Teacher - Southmont High School.

-Approve resignation of Philip Keller, PE/Health Teacher - High School - effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

-Approve Leave of Absence for Jerilyn Mitchell effective January 10, 2022 through February 18, 2022.

-Approve resignation of Paige Livesay - Preschool Instructor - Walnut - effective

February 25, 2022.

-Approve resignation of Leandra Long - Instructional Assistant - New Market - effective February 8, 2022.

-Increase Laura Moore's hours from 10 hours to 29.5 hours each week.

-Reecie Gilliam - Instructional Assistant - Southmont Jr. High.

-Tony Gonczarow - Holocaust stipend - 1/10/22 - \$50.00.

-Cindy Armbruster - Holocaust stipend - 1/10/22 - \$50.00.

-Jerry Long - Holocaust stipend - 1/10/22 - \$50.00.

-Deryk Bengé - Holocaust stipend - 10/10/22 - \$50.00.

-Kathryn Yoakum - Holocaust stipend - 1/10/22 - \$50.00.

-Lesley Lashley - Holocaust stipend - 1/10/22 - \$50.00.

-Erin Jones - Holocaust stipend - 1/10/22 - \$50.00.

-Lacey Haseley - Holocaust stipend - 1/10/22 - \$50.00.

-Lesley Lashley - Holocaust Education PD - 1/11/22 - \$200.00.

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-Nicki Reimondo - Holocaust Education PD - 1/11/22 - \$200.00.

-Erin Jones - Holocaust Education PD - 1/11/22 - \$400.00.

-Courtney Williams - BrainSpring Orton-Gillingham Training - \$500.00.

-Beth Binch - BrainSpring Orton-Gillingham Training - \$500.00.

-Lenna Schroll - K-5 Second Step Elementary Planning - \$1250.00.

-Sara Burkhardt - K-5 Second Step Elementary Planning - \$1250.00.

-Anna Roth - Resilient Youth Grant Coordinator - \$2150.00.

-Kristin Paris - BrainSpring Orton-Gillingham Training - \$500.00.

-Kathryn Yoakum - Holocaust stipend - 1/26/22 - \$50.00.

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-Amy France - Holocaust stipend - 1/26/22 - \$50.00.

-Jaclyn Baxter - Holocaust stipend - 1/26/22 - \$50.00.

-Caitlyn Tennison - Holocaust stipend - 1/26/22 - \$50.00.

-Reecie Gilliam - JH Softball Coach - \$950.00.

-Tim Flagg - JH Track Coach - \$1455.00.

-Amy Reeves - JH Assistant Track Coach - \$1053.00.

-Ed McGaughey - 7th grade Baseball Coach - \$950.00.

-Javier Hernandez - 7th grade Assistant Baseball Coach - Volunteer.

-Shelly Allen - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - \$1334.00.

-Brad Acton - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - \$1294.00.

-Jeremiah Sparks - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - \$1294.00.

-Justin Lowe - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - \$1334.00.

-Matt Allen - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - Volunteer.

-Matt Williams - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - Volunteer.

-Chet Remley - Varsity Assistant Softball Coach - \$2000.00.

-Kathryn Yoakum - JV Softball Coach - \$1604.00.

-John Warren - Varsity Assistant Softball Coach - Volunteer.

-Barry Lewis - Varsity Assistant Softball Coach - Volunteer.

-Assistant Softball Coach - Volunteer.

-BPA State Leadership Conference - March 13-15, 2022 to Indianapolis Marriott.

-FFA students to Indiana FFA Leadership Center, Trafalgar, Indiana on February 25 & 26, 2022.

-FFA Livestock Evaluation Team to Black Hawk College East, Galva, IL on March 5, 2022.

-FFA Livestock Judging Team to Lakeland College 5001, Mattoon, IL on March 19, 2022.

-FFA Livestock Evaluation Team to Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL on April 8, 2022 through April 9, 2022.

-Donations made to Southmont High School in the amount of \$7,855.36 and to Walnut Elementary School in the amount of \$450.00.

-SA-5 Reports from Central Office, Ladoga Elementary, New Market Elementary, and Walnut Elementary for the period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

VIII. Items for Action:

1. IX. Report from Superintendent

X. Report from Director of Business

XI. Reports from the Principals and Directors

XII. Public Comments (All Items)

XIII. Items for Discussion by the Board

1. XIV. Adjournment

Future Meetings:

February 21, 2022 - Executive Session - Corporation Board Room - 5:30 PM

February 23, 2022 - Executive Session - Corporation Board Room - 5:30 PM

February 28, 2022 - Executive Session - Corporation Board Room - 5:30 PM

March 14, 2022 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM

April 11, 2022 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF EXECUTION OF LEASE BETWEEN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Pursuant to action previously taken by the Montgomery County Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), a lease between the Commission and the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority was executed and entered into on February 9, 2022 ("Lease") and the Montgomery County Council is expected to approve the Lease by resolution on or about March 8, 2022. The Lease covers the acquisition of Nucor Road from the intersection at State Road 32, south to the intersection at Ladoga Road. The Commission will use the acquisition proceeds to fund the redemption of certain outstanding Redevelopment District Bond Anticipation Notes of 2021 and the construction of certain road, drainage and sanitary sewer improvements, in, serving or benefiting the Nucor Road Economic Development Area, located in Montgomery County, Indiana. A copy of the Lease is on file in the office of the Department of Redevelopment, 100 Main Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, and is available for inspection during normal business hours.

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5 Reasons Why Divorced Dads Play A Vital Role In Their Child's Life

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there is a crisis in the country involving fathers. They report that one out of every three children, or 24 million, live without their biological father in the home. The problem is that fathers play an important role in their child's life. When dad is missing from a child's life, there's a lot that society is missing out on as a result.

"Mothers and fathers give different, but equally important things to their children," said Jeffrey Steiner, executive director of the Dads' Resource Center. "Children need both their mother and father fully engaged in their upbringing to have the best chance to be successful in

life." The government report also says there is a "father factor" in nearly all the societal ills facing the country. Divorced dads must get the opportunity to play an active role in their child's life. In today's society, dads are far too often pushed aside by the court, legal, county, and human services systems.

According to the Dads' Resource Center's analysis of the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997, here are 5 reasons why divorced dads play a vital role in their child's life:

- Prosperity verse poverty. Children who have the active involvement of their father during their childhood earn 26% more than those who don't

(\$59,490 versus \$43,938).

- Social program usage. Children who did not have the active involvement of their father during their childhood were 94% more likely to have used government programs such as Women, Infants & Children, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and Workers Compensation.

- Better health. Children who did not have the active involvement of their father during their childhood were 11% more likely to have smoked and 20% more likely to have used hard drugs.

- Engaged citizens. Children who did not have the active involvement of their father during their childhood were 11% less

likely to volunteer their time to the community, 13% less likely to donate to a charity, and 26% less likely to vote.

- Increased resiliency. Children who did not have the active involvement of their father during their childhood were 13% more likely to have needed mental health treatment.

"Father absence either plays a role in or is the primary driver of every societal problem this country faces," said Steiner.

"But the systems meant to protect the well-being of children pervasively deny or hinder father family involvement. Many of those in these systems know the problem exists, but there is no will to reform in a way that better serves

children."

Dads' Resource Center was started by Dr. Joel N. Myers, a father of eight and the founder and CEO of AccuWeather. Its mission is to help combat the issues associated with children growing up without their fathers in the home. At its heart, the center is a child advocacy organization that aims to ensure that each child has the appropriate involvement and contributions from both parents.

Dads' Resource Center has been established to benefit children of separated or divorced parents by advocating the importance of fathers having adequate opportunities to fulfill their role of fatherhood. The group helps get informa-

tion regarding the issues out to the public and works with fathers to help make improvements. To get more information, visit the site at: <https://dadsrc.org>.

About Dads' Resource Center

The Dads' Resource Center is committed to providing education, resources, and advocacy for dads who are separated or divorced and are determined to uphold their sacred responsibility as fathers. The Dads' Resource Center was founded by Dr. Joel N. Myers, who is the founder and CEO of AccuWeather. His own experience as a single father led him to start the group. To get more information, visit the site at: <https://dadsrc.org>.

➤ BUTCH

From Page A1

Bowers was the first school in the county, other than Crawfordsville and Wingate, to win the Sectional Tourney...in 1927. An article in the Darlington Herald newspaper stated: "You can't judge a man by the kind of clothes he wears... neither can you judge the strength of a high school basketball team by the size of the school it represents. The truth was clearly demonstrated when the Bowers high school team, representing the smallest high school in the county, won the Sectional tournament at Crawfordsville, defeating Wingate by a score of 20 to 10 in the final game, last Saturday night. To the all-wise dopsters throughout the county, the victory of the Bowers team came as a complete surprise, but to the people of this community, who are personally acquainted with Coach Chayce Cox and the members of the Bowers squad, the wonderful playing of this team was not luck or just happen so, but the result of excellent coaching, clean living, constant training, and a lot of basketball brains on the part of the players."



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

Bowers won the 1927 championship by defeating Ladoga 17-12 on Friday night, demolishing New Ross 34-16 on Saturday afternoon, and then winning over Wingate 20-10 on Saturday night...holding the Spartans to only two points in the second half. The Blackshirts went on to the Greencastle Regional, winning their first game against Montezuma 23-19, but then losing to Greencastle 24-15 in the finals, with two of Bowers starters ill during the game. It is interesting to note that there were only 47 students in the top four grades at Bowers that year! And Bowers didn't even have a gym, except for a basement with a low ceiling in the school building. All games were played away from home until the team began using the Darlington Armory, which was

constructed in 1938. The Blackshirts also won their first and only County Tourney in 1942, twelve years before Darlington won their first. And Darlington never won a Sectional at Crawfordsville, although they did win a tremendous Sectional championship at Lebanon in 1969.

Linden, Ladoga, and Alamo all won at least one County Tourney, but never a Sectional.

After the 1927 Sectional championship, the Bowers community had a big celebration, with a pitch-in supper, music, and the presentation of honor sweaters. The Darlington businessmen also donated fifteen gallons of ice cream to their Bowers neighbors.

Well, that's Bowers and their basketball legacy... And oh yes...that cute little 6th grade girl from Bowers...I married her two days after I turned 18...and we have been married 55 years!

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.

➤ MARLOWE

From Page A1

we became meat eaters, and let's face it, there's little reason to stab a raspberry.

The word itself gives us a clue to its antediluvian ancestry. "Spoon" is derived from the Scandi-navian/German "Span", which means "chip of wood". I imagine that our caveman forerunners finally got tired of scooping Ranch™ dip with their fingers at their Super Bowl™ parties.

The spoon is the most elegant of our dinnerware. It is smooth, with inviting lines and soft rounded edges. It is graceful and welcoming — almost intimate. Lovers "spoon". And when we snuggle, front to back, with our knees folded inside the bend of our partner's knees, that's called "spooning".

Split up, and we are knifed in the back.

We give babies spoons! Who wants to be impaled by flying peas? We don't introduce babies to forks until age 15 months, and let kids have knives until they are much older ... age seventeen, in some cases.

Today, unroll the napkin shrouding your dinnerware next time you eat out, and you will normally find only a knife and fork. Often, you'll find a knife and two forks, which is awfully pretentious. I've discovered very little food that is so delicious that we need to shovel it in with both hands.

The only time a restaurant brings a spoon these days is if you order the soup. Even then, the utensil that arrives looks more like a ladle, with a

scoop so wide they must have pinched it from Carol Channing's silverware drawer.

I understand the reasoning. We have no one to blame but ourselves. We don't order soup like we did in the past. We have sacrificed elegance for efficiency. Restaurants must wash every utensil that is brought to the table, regardless if it is used or not.

Personally, at the fancy establishments that I frequent, I believe that if restaurant owners just understood how hard it is to scoop out the last remnants of ketchup from those little white cups, they'd bring spoons back immediately.

Stick a fork in it.

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

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