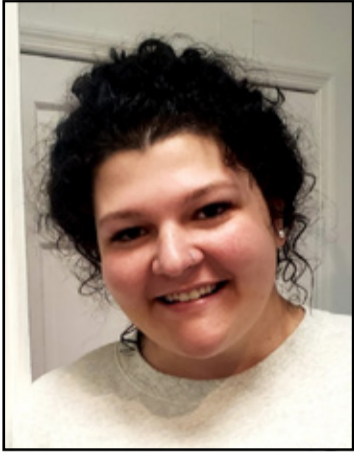


➔ TODAY'S VERSE

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

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Hannah Lauderbaugh offered a friendly smile while helping her friend. Thank you for your smile, Hannah!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 City Bus, in partnership with The Arts Federation, is seeking qualifications from graphic artists interested in designing artwork that will be displayed on the exterior of a bus in Greater Lafayette. Artists must be 18 years or older. City Bus and TAF will select one artist to create an original design that will be reproduced on a vinyl wrap for a 60' bus. Potential themes for the project include belonging, community, and connectivity. The selected artist must be proficient in using Adobe Illustrator and will be paid \$2000 upon delivery of the artwork. Interested applicants should visit The Arts Federation's website to download a copy of the official Request for Proposals.

2 You never know what you are going to find at a yard sale; after all, as the saying goes, "one man's trash is another man's treasure." The maxim proved true for art collector Clifford Schorer, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. He was in a bookstore in Massachusetts. The store's owner asked him if he could find out the worth of a sketch that was purchased by a friend of his for \$30 at a yard sale in 1919. As it turned out, it was a genuine work of art by German Renaissance artist Albrecht Durer and is likely to fetch its anonymous owner more than \$10 million at auction.

3 The board of directors of The International Center has chosen Tamika Catchings, four-time Olympic gold medalist and philanthropist, as recipient of the 2022 International Citizen of the Year (ICY) Award. The award honors individuals whose work has achieved global impact and elevated Indiana on the world stage. Catchings, the 35th recipient, will accept the award at an event on October 18 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in downtown Indianapolis.

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Maintaining A Talented Workforce

Like many other states in the country, Indiana has seen a worker shortage in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. To help combat this, I am supporting legislation that would give our local communities more ways to attract and retain skilled workers.

Senate Bill 4 would allow local government units to create a Workforce Retention and Recruitment program. These programs could then allocate funds, in the form of loans or grants, to incentivize recent Indiana college graduates to stay in our state. They could also be used to attract valued workers from other states.

This bill comes on the heels of the creation of the Regional



Sen. Phil Boots

Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI). This program aims to make communities across the

state places where people are excited to live and work.

Through these pieces of legislation, it is my hope that we can continue to grow our local economies, keep generations of talented workers in our state and improve the quality of life and business across Indiana.

SB 4 passed the Senate unanimously and will now be considered by the House of Representatives.

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.

Butch Finally Got A Mickey Mantle Card

Well, baseball season is just around the corner...hopefully, that is...if the players and owners can reach an agreement before the season starts.

Like most baby boomers who played sports here in Montgomery County, I participated in the only three sports that our school offered...basketball, baseball, and track. While



BUTCH DALE
COLUMNIST

basketball was the most popular for the fans in our county, and deservedly so, I always preferred baseball...the first team sport I played beginning at the age of 8. The next year the Milwaukee Braves won the 1957 World Series, and they became my favorite team, with stars such as Eddie Mathews, Warren Spahn, Hank Aaron, Del Crandall, and Lew Burdette. I imitated each of the player's batting or pitching styles. Beginning around 1960, I watched the "game of the week," with Dizzy Dean and PeeWee Reese

describing the action. My Dad bought me a Milwaukee Braves baseball hat and a Lew Burdette autographed baseball glove, and they were my prized possessions!

Of course, like millions of other boys, I also began collecting baseball cards. The most desired brand was Topps, which cost a nickel and contained approximately ten cards and a stick of gum. Other popular brands were Fleer and Bazooka, but cards could also

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Under That False Flag

With tens of thousands of soldiers poised to cross over the border into a fledgling independent nation -- a nation only a few years pulled from beneath the thumb of an imperial superpower -- the world anxiously awaited the outcome of military conflict that ultimately will change borders, and skew the balance of global power.

The ensuing war will pit a politically divided and militarily disorganized nation against an expansionist-minded administration, headed by a megalomaniacal president, who believes his nation has a right -- a "manifest destiny," if you



JOHN MARLOWE
COLUMNIST

will -- to spread it's borders across the continent.

In a distant capitol, the hawkish executive repeatedly squashes political enmity to what many of his critics are calling an "unjust war". He does so successfully, because the opposition party is weak, and his sycophants have custody of policy-making power and the public message.

He rejects responsibility for the anticipated incursion. Troops will roll through the countryside under a "false flag" of peace-keeping. The leader asserts legitimacy for his invasion by blaming others, claiming that settlers from his homeland, who colonized the disputed lands, are now being persecuted and threatened with physical harm from the host

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Lane Closure on US 231

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces the right lane of U.S. 231 southbound, just north of C.R. 300 N, in the four lane section, will be closed beginning this week through mid-June. This is for the installation of a new culvert pipe under the roadway and CSX Railroad. There will be one 12' lane open for southbound traffic.

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What Happened On This Day
• 1998 Titanic becomes the first film to gross \$1 billion
• 1995 Internet giant Yahoo! is incorporated



Births On This Day
• 1994 Justin Bieber Canadian singer-songwriter, dancer
• 1944 Roger Daltrey English singer-songwriter, producer, actor

Deaths On This Day
• 1980 Dixie Dean English footballer
• 1912 George Grossmith English actor, singer

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Welcome to March. I don't care if the first day of spring isn't until the 20th, this is the start of it for me!



➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Breast cancer is not the number one killer of women - heart disease is.

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

- Albert George Zentko
- Jean Smith
- Owen Russell Thomas
- Richard D McNeely

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank Christine Mariano 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

"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear."
Rosa Parks

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

In honor of St. Paddy, we'll share some jokes for a bit that'll have you Dublin over with laughter! Why should you never borrow money from a leprechaun? They're always a little bit short.

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OBITUARIES

Albert George Zentko

Jan. 8, 1927 - Feb. 26, 2022

Albert George Zentko, 95, passed peacefully at home early Saturday to reunite with Jesus.

Born Jan. 8, 1927 in Carbon, Indiana, he was the son of Albert John Zentko and Gladys (Wright) Zentko.

He finally laid down the pack and rifle he carried on his heart since the Battle of Chosin Reservoir in 1950. He saw active combat in Korea, earning a bronze star for saving the lives of several men in his squad. He was proud of his military service and was active in the Army reserves for several years as an instructor.

He was married many years to Elsie (Phelps) Zentko, deceased, the mother of his five children. He later married Vivian Myers, who is also deceased.

He operated his own construction company, Custom Flo Guttering, for several years, was a contractor and real estate developer in Montgomery County and was active in the Home Builders' Association. He was also a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, DAV, American Legion, VFW and the Chosin Few organization.

A Hoosier native and farm boy at heart, he attended equipment auctions and enjoyed many programs on RFD-TV. He enjoyed basking in the sunshine in his cabin in the woods, planting his garden and listening to the music of his beloved Sugar Creek. He loved his little dog, Abbey and mourned her passing over a year ago.

Survivors include four daughters, Mariah Julio, Linda (Lee) Burnside, Debbie Clapp and Kimberly (Dyke) Largent, all of Crawfordsville; two grandsons, Aaron (Sara) Clapp of Darlington and Brandon Largent of California; great-grandson, Kody; sister, Theresa Newport of Lodi, Calif.; and much-loved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother; two sisters; son, George Zentko; and his son-in-law, Mark Clapp.

Visitation is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 3rd at Burkhardt Funeral Home. Services with military honors by American Legion Post 72 honor guard are scheduled at 1 p.m., with Father Michael Bower officiating. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Mr. Zentko can be made to either: the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 or the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County, 1104 Big Four Arch Road, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

Online condolences may be made at www.BurkhardtFH.com.

Jean Smith

July 7, 1929 - Feb. 24, 2022

Jean Smith, went to her heavenly home on Thursday, Feb. 24th, 2022. She was greeted in heaven by her husband, Jack Smith Sr.

She was born on July 7, 1929 to the late Clarence and Maude (Cason) Lowe.

On March 13, 1948 she married Jack B. Smith Sr. He preceded her in death June 5, 2004.

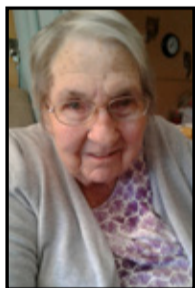
She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and aunt to so many. She served the Lord with her whole heart. She attended New Life Ministries and Grace and Mercy Ministries in Crawfordsville.

Survivors include her six children, Jack Smith, Jr. (Linda Smith, deceased) of Lafayette, Carol Folck (Gary Gravens, deceased) of Noblesville, Donna (Mike) Jones (Richard Haltom, deceased) of Crawfordsville, Brenda (Dan) Sharp of Crawfordsville, Janet (Michael) Spencer of Crawfordsville and Jeanette (Shane) Cook of Crawfordsville; 15 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren; and four siblings.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and nine siblings.

The funeral service is scheduled at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at New Life Ministries, 1434 Darlington Avenue, Crawfordsville, Ind., with Pastor Terry Gobin officiating. Burial will follow in Freedom Cemetery. Friends are invited to visit with the family at the church on Wednesday from 11 a.m. until time of service.

You are invited to visit www.machledtservices.com where you may share a memory or leave an online condolence for the family. Machledt & Servies Funeral Home has been entrusted with funeral arrangements.



Owen Russell Thomas

March 21, 1958 - Feb. 25, 2022

Owen Russell Thomas, 63, Waynetown, passed away on Friday evening on Feb. 25, 2022 at home while surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Urbana, Ill. on March 21, 1958 to the late Russell Edward & Lola Mae (Viles) Thomas.

Mr. Thomas attended Waynetown High School and worked as a mechanic at Crown Cork & Seal for 42 years. He enjoyed hunting, tinkering in the garage, wood working and working in his sawmill. He never knew a stranger and if you ever visited you were always offered a cup of coffee. He loved spending time with his family and will be missed by many.

He married the love of his life, Pamela Shelton, on Nov. 2, 1985, she survives.

Survivors also include four children, Amanda (Thomas) Babb, Travis (Deanna Lynch) Thomas, Jesse (Polly) Thomas and Erin (Kris Mortimore) Halsey-Thomas; two brothers, William "Bill" (Sarah) Thomas and Ed (Nancie) Thomas; lots of grandchildren and great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Joshua Kein Thomas; and a brother, John Thomas.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Shoemaker Funeral Care, 202 Bratton Road in Waynetown, on Friday, March 4, 2022 from 5 - 8 p.m. The funeral is scheduled at the funeral home on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 11 a.m., with Pastor Glenna Joyce Warren officiating. The service will be recorded which can be viewed on his obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com Burial will follow at Waynetown Masonic Cemetery.

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

Richard D McNeely

April 19, 1945 - Feb. 26, 2022

Richard "Dick" Dean McNeely, 76, rural Attica, passed away in the Ascension St. Vincent Williamsport Hospital on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 at 1:56 a.m. from complications of a stroke.

Mr. McNeely was born in Lafayette, Ind. on April 19, 1945. He was the son of the late Grant and Marie Elizabeth (Hays) McNeely.

He grew up in Lafayette and graduated from Lafayette Jefferson High School in 1963. He later received a degree in Liberal Arts from Purdue University in 1974. He moved to rural Attica in 1986.

He was a vocational welding teacher at Fountain Central High School from 1979 - 1991. While at Fountain Central High School he also coached the wrestling program for several years. After his retirement from Fountain Central Dick went on to teach welding at Vincennes University and later at Purdue University. After leaving the universities he taught welding at Wabash National in Lafayette until his final retirement in 2010.

Mr. McNeely had attended the Newtown Community Church where he sang in the choir for 20 years. He was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity at Purdue. He was a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. He was very creative and enjoyed designing metal sculptures for the Bicentennial Anniversary. They are located at the Harrison Bridge in West Lafayette and a mobile sculpture located at the Armstrong Building on the Purdue University campus. In his earlier years he enjoyed painting. He also enjoyed playing the banjo and harmonica at various occasions in the area.

On July 30, 1972, he married Rebecca "Becky" Ann Caldwell in Tippecanoe County, Ind.

Survivors include his wife of soon to be 50 years; three children, Melissa (Phil) Matthews, Federal Way, Wash., Jessica (Andrew) Harvey, Lafayette and Brian McNeely, Lynnwood, Wash.; three grandchildren, Mercedes Reyes, Brandon (Brittany) Carnahan and Patrick (fiancée-Amber) Carnahan; a great-granddaughter, Lily May Carnahan; two brothers, his twin, Michael McNeely, Lafayette and James McNeely, Camano Island, Wash.; three sisters, Patricia (Richard) Sawyer, Alexandria, Va.; Linda Pavol, Phoenix, Ariz. and Debbie (Ricky) Adams, Lafayette.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Donna McNeely.

Friends may call at the Maus Funeral Home, Attica on Tuesday, March 1st from 5 - 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Attica-Williamsport Evangelical Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, March 2nd at 2 p.m., with Gary Eason and Pastor Shawn Carafa officiating. Following the service a reception will be held at the West Mill Social Hall in Attica from 3 - 5 p.m. with sharing of memories by friends and family. Memorial contributions may be made to Natalie's Second Chance No Kill Animal Shelter, 10 S 16th St, Lafayette, IN 47905 or to the Attica-Williamsport Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 300 E. Main St., Attica, IN 47918.

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



John Downey



Rod Curran

F.C. Tucker West Central Announces Listing And Sales Leaders

F.C. Tucker West Central is pleased to announce their January Listing and Sales leaders. Agent John Downey was the January Listing leader for F.C. Tucker West Central. John led the way with \$692,300 in listing volume.

John Downey is a life-long resident of Montgomery County. He has been married to his wife Thoma for 22 years. They have three children, Jarett, Clayton and Gavin. He received his bachelor's degree from Wabash College in 1989 and MBA from Indiana Wesleyan in 1999.

John has worked in real estate as an appraiser in Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Fountain and Warren counties since 2006. He joined F.C. Tucker in 2016 and currently specializes in residential listings in West Central Indiana.

Call John with all of your real estate questions at 765-230-6335 or visit his website at

TalkToTucker.com/John.Downey.

Real Estate Agent Rod Curran was the January Sales leader. Rod sold \$980,000 in volume during the month of January.

Rod has been a REALTOR® with F.C. Tucker

West Central since 2007. Rod and his wife, LeAnn Wiatt Curran have been married for 46 years. In addition to helping buyers and sellers, Rod owns Rod Curran's Tax Service and has been preparing taxes since 1983. Rod and LeAnn attend Rock Point Church and Rod is one of the ministry leaders for Celebrate Redemption. Rod and LeAnn are the proud parents of 3 children and 7 grandchildren. If you are interested in buying or selling your home, call Rod at 765-376-3495 or visit his website at TalkToTucker.com/Rod.Curran.

F.C. Tucker West Central has been helping serve the real estate needs in west central Indiana for the last 14 years. The local real estate market is seeing a reduced number of homes for sale, if you have been thinking about selling now is a great time to contact your F.C. Tucker West Central REALTOR® for a free Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) on your home. F.C. Tucker West Central has offices in Crawfordsville and Covington. To buy or sell a home in our area, please call 765-362-4700 to speak with one of our 17 experienced realtors.



DRONEDEK Drops Plans To Extend Patents To Russia To Stand In Solidarity With Ukraine

In response to aggression perpetrated by the Russian government on the Ukrainian people, DRONEDEK Corporation has discontinued its plans to establish its intellectual property in Russia and will not do business in the future with the invading country.

"DRONEDEK is a "we the people" story and we highly value honesty, transparency, integrity and inclusivity and democratic freedoms," said DRONEDEK Founder and CEO Dan O'Toole. "None of those values are present in the recent hostile act against the Ukrainian people by Russia. DRONEDEK is set to change the last-mile logistics world forever, and we want to stand tall for positive, forward-reaching policies that help people around the globe."

O'Toole called on other corporate leaders here and abroad to also discontinue working with, or end plans to work with Russia to signal their support for human rights.

"We are a small company right now, and we know our decision on its own won't mean a lot to others," O'Toole said. "Collectively, though, the business community can make a difference. We hope others will join us."

DRONEDEK, whose smart mailboxes are being manufactured in India, is one of the first companies in the world to patent a

receptacle designed for both traditional and drone parcel delivery, has spent months working to extend its U.S. patents to be effective in countries like Australia, Brazil, the European Union, Israel, Japan and the United Kingdom among several others. Until yesterday, that list had included Russia.

DRONEDEK's "mailbox of the future," is a platform-agnostic smart receptacle designed to consolidate all deliveries to one secure and connected point. The units accept all types of deliveries from any carrier; traditional, robotic, autonomous and drone and keep delivered items away from porch pirates, weather and animals until the user retrieves the products using a smart phone app. Other key features:

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About DRONEDEK: DRONEDEK is one of the first companies in the world to focus on drone delivery for commercial and residential use. Its smart mailbox enables customers to fully automate their delivery process for the last inch of the last mile. See the mailbox and learn more at DRONEDEK.com

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IDOI Announces PCF Surcharge Rates Will Not Increase In 2022-2023

On February 22, 2022, Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) Commissioner Amy L. Beard issued Bulletin 263 outlining the 2022-2023 annual surcharge rates for healthcare providers to pay into the Indiana Patient's Compensation Fund (PCF) to be qualified under Indiana's Medical Malpractice Act.

For physicians and hospitals, the overall surcharge will not change from the current rates. The surcharge rates are effective for coverage beginning July 1, 2022.

The PCF is a dedicated fund administered by the IDOI as a component of the Indiana Medical Malpractice Act. It provides excess payments of damages to patients who



have experienced medical malpractice and excess medical professional liability coverage to participating healthcare providers in Indiana. The PCF is funded by a surcharge paid as part of a health care provider's liability insurance premium.

For more information about surcharge calculations, you can find the complete Bulletin 263 on the Indiana Department of Insurance website at

www.in.gov/idoi on the Insurance Laws, Rules & Bulletins page.

About the Indiana Department of Insurance

The Indiana Department of Insurance protects Indiana's insurance consumers by monitoring and regulating the financial strengths and market conduct activities of insurance companies and agents. The IDOI monitors insurance companies and agents for compliance with state laws to protect consumers and to offer them the best array of insurance products available. The IDOI also assists Hoosiers with insurance questions and provides guidance in understanding how insurance policies work.

Good Luck Prayers From Ol' Seven Dog Slim

You know, it didn't really seem like the day was so auspicious. It was cold. There was snow on the ground there on the baseball diamond. But then, it's winter in Alaska ... Anchorage, actually, and it should be cold.

First Saturday in March, 1973. More than 40 dog teams were there, getting lined out and harnessed by mushers and their handlers. I was one of those dog mushers. We had a couple of world champions to race against and a lot of folks like me ... called "recreational" mushers by the big shots in racing. In my case, my cabin was more than 12 miles from pavement, and dog sledding was how we got to the car.

We kept looking at each other and silently asking, "Are we really going to do this?"

Are we really going to drive these teams 1,100



Slim Randles
Home Country

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

with seven dogs.

There are still some old people up in that country who'll know who you're talking about if you mention "Seven Dog Slim." And this Saturday, as the teams leave Anchorage on that long, cold, camping trip, you mushers and dogs can count on good luck prayers from ol' Seven Dog Slim.

Be careful and take care of your dogs. It's a very long way to Nome.

Brought to you by "Dogsled, A True Tale of the North" by Slim Randles, now an Amazon.com book.

miles across Alaska and end up in Nome?

Well, yet. Most of the teams got there. I didn't. I crushed an ankle about halfway to Nome ... and was flown by helicopter back to a hospital in Anchorage.

But at least I was part of it. "It" was the very first Iditarod Dog Sled Race. I had seven dogs, which was the minimum allowed, and I had to borrow someone's house pet to get the seven. The next year the minimum was nine dogs, so my one distinction is being the only guy to start the race

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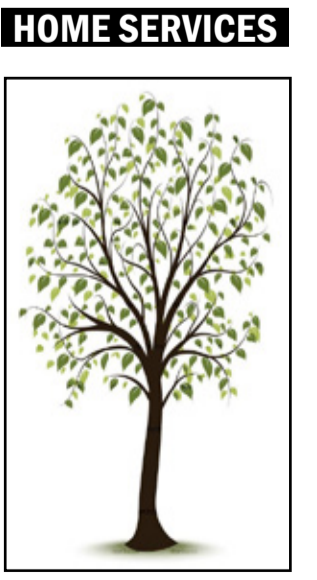
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Independence Science Receives NSF Grant To Develop Braille Device

An educational technology company in Purdue Research Park has received a grant from the National Science Foundation to create a more inclusive laboratory experience for blind and deaf-blind students to prepare them for careers in STEM fields.

Independence Science has received a one-year, \$254,767 Phase I grant from the National Science Foundation to develop Sci-Dot, a multiline Braille device that collects and analyzes scientific data. Ashley Nashleanas will serve as primary investigator on the project.

Greg Williams of Independence Science said blind and deaf-blind students are put at a disadvantage if they are not able to view and analyze graphic representations of data in real time and at the same time as their sighted classmates. He also said being solely reliant upon audio output of data in a laboratory setting can be hazardous



Photo courtesy of Independence Science

Sci-Dot is a multiline Braille device that collects and analyzes scientific data to create a more inclusive laboratory experience for blind and deaf-blind students. Independence Science received a \$254,767 grant from the National Science Foundation to develop the device.

blind and deaf-blind users to set up and collect experimental data independently and examine it graphically in real time along with their sighted peers."

Independence Science will partner with Vernier Software & Technology,

ize products that have a profound impact on those who use them but would not necessarily receive interest from typical funding sources.

"Without the funding support that Independence Science received from a previous NSF SBIR

award, we would not have been able to develop and commercialize the Talking LabQuest, which has made a significant difference in the lives of blind students who have been able to participate with a level of independence previously unimaginable in lab courses," Williams said. "Now, once again, with the support of the NSF SBIR program, we look forward to making the next great leap in STEM accessibility for blind students with the goal of inspiring the next and, hopefully, much larger generation of blind scientists."

Independence Science has also received \$50,000 from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and Elevate Ventures to develop Sci-Dot.

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Five HBCUs Combat Erasure By Preserving Architectural Legacy

The National Trust's African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund announced more than \$650,000 in grant awards to five Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) as a part of its HBCU Cultural Heritage Stewardship Initiative. The program empowers HBCUs with resources to protect, preserve and leverage their historic campuses, buildings, and landscapes, ensuring these symbols of African American excellence and American achievement are preserved to inspire and educate future generations. The initiative offers two kinds of grants, a \$150,000 grant for the development of campus-wide cultural stewardship plans or a \$60,000 planning grant to help preserve an individual historic building on or associated with an HBCU campus.

These plans are intended to guide the grantees as they define preservation solutions to existing architectural or landscaping challenges and to identify a course of action that helps conserve their historic resources. The plans will also assist the HBCUs as they engage in capital campaigns and leverage funding and resources to restore and rehabilitate campus facilities.

The program, launched by the National Trust's Action Fund in 2020, is a partnership with The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, National Endowment for Humanities, Ford Foundation, The JPB Foundation, J.M. Kaplan Fund and the Executive Leadership Council. The current program is a \$3.2 million initiative that offers the HBCUs funding but also leverages the Trust's 70 years of experience and expertise to help guide the restoration and preservation process at each college or university. In total, the National Trust's Action Fund has partnered with 13 HBCUs and funded 6 campus-wide and 7 individual-building plans to date.

"These grants are significant in light of the recent threat to HBCU campuses," said Brent Leggs, Senior Vice President and Executive Director of the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund at the National Trust, "Preservation is the strategic counterpoint to centuries of erasure, and it underscores the critical nature of the African American contribution to our nation. Without the doctors, lawyers, engineers and other professionals HBCUs have produced, the American story would not

be the same. The Action Fund's work to preserve the legacies of intellect, activism, and enlightenment on these campuses will inspire future generations of all Americans to believe that, despite the challenge, they too can overcome."

This year's HBCU awardees are:

- Florida A&M University (Tallahassee, Florida) to develop a campus-wide stewardship plan for its 422 acre campus (1887);
- Johnson C. Smith University (Charlotte, North Carolina) to develop a preservation plan for its Historic Quad (1867);
- Rust College (Holly Springs, Mississippi) to develop a campus-wide stewardship plan for its campus (1866);
- Shaw University (Raleigh, North Carolina) to develop a campus-wide stewardship plan for its 65-acre campus (1865); and
- Voorhees College (Denmark, South Carolina) to develop a campus-wide stewardship plan for its 380 acre campus (1897).

"The Shaw University community expresses its sincerest appreciation to the National Trust for Historic Preservation for awarding the campus a \$150,000 planning grant," said Shaw Uni-

versity President Paulette Dillard, "to assist our efforts in preserving African American history. From educating the former enslaved to graduating some of the first African American doctors to helping ignite the civil rights movement, the legacy of Shaw University is woven into the fabric of American history. Preserving the treasures of our historic buildings extends the powerful narrative that describes the indelible contributions of this university."

In addition to the planning grant, each HBCU awardee will receive resources for a paid student professional development opportunity, enabling one student from each campus to work alongside the project team of architects, engineers, and consultants. This support is provided through the Initiative. These paid positions will support building a more diverse and equitable field of African American preservationists.

"Florida A&M University is the third oldest campus in the State University System of Florida," said Florida A&M President Dr. Larry Robinson. "We appreciate the support of the National Trust for Historic Preservation to assist the University in furthering

preservation of landmark buildings on our campus. The planning grant will allow the faculty, staff, and students across the disciplines of architecture, engineering and the humanities to collaborate in ways that highlight the national impact of Johnathan C. Gibbs, Lucy Moten and Andrew Carnegie and the buildings named in their honor. They also will help preserve the history of the Civil Rights Movement on our campus where iconic figures like Booker T. Washington, Mary McLeod Bethune, Marian Anderson and others changed American history."

Since their founding in the 1830s, the number of HBCUs has grown to 105 Congressionally designated schools that tell the remarkable story of African American activism and the fight for education equality. These campuses and landscapes—many of which were designed and built by African American architects and students—display beauty, ingenuity, and craftsmanship, and serve as landmarks in their communities. Since listing HBCUs in the list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places in 1998, the National Trust has advocated and worked to strengthen the steward-

ship capacity of HBCUs, while also raising national awareness of their significance.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, through its African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund and with the support of its partners, aims to grow the leadership and preservation capacity of HBCUs, which steward assets of the most diverse and exceptional historic assets in the world.

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Bullying In School Hampers Skill Development, Healthy Adulthood

Miguel Sarzosa, an assistant professor of economics in Purdue University's Krannert School of Management, finds that victimization depletes an average middle school child's noncognitive skills by 40%. This skill depletion causes the child to become 34% more likely to experience bullying again.



Miguel Sarzosa

While bullying negatively impacts the development of both cognitive and noncognitive skills, the effects of victimization are much more severe for noncognitive skill accumulation.

Noncognitive skills — also referred to as socioemotional or soft skills — include the ability to recognize and control emotions and reactions, establish and maintain positive rela-

tionships, make responsible decisions, and set and achieve positive goals.

Sarzosa finds that children who start middle school with less developed noncognitive skills are more likely to be bullied — those scoring in the bottom 10% for noncognitive skills are twice as likely to be bullied than those in the

top 10% and 36% more likely to be bullied than the average student.

This snowball effect can continue into adulthood and puts those who experience bullying at higher risk for depression, substance abuse and suicidal ideation.

Sarzosa points to two tools to reduce victimization's negative effects: Invest in helping children develop noncognitive skills at a younger age, and be mindful of classroom composition as students benefit from having peers that share common characteristics. For each additional classroom peer with similar characteristics, victimization drops by about 10%.

More information is available online: Bullying in school hampers skill development, healthy adulthood

MARLOWE *From Page A1*

government.

The false flag is that of restoring order, while his opponents believe the real aim is annexation.

The fledgling defender is no match for the military and technological superiority of its northern neighbor, itself a relatively new republic. The giant superpower overwhelms its former vassal in a matter of months, after thousands of incursion forces crossed into the disputed territories known as ... Texas.

That's right. The scenario we see playing out in the world, today, is replicate of the Texas Revolution of 1835.

Colonists from the United States, many of them slave owners, settled into the Texas Territory in the early 1800's, and quickly became resistant to the centralist government of Mexico, who had declared Mexico slave-free in 1830.

An armed uprising opposing the regime of President Antonio López de Santa Anna (Remember the Alamo?), resulted in the formation of the

independent Republic of Texas. That rebellion led directly to a wider conflict — The Mexican-American War — a decade later.

In 1835, the United States was the bully. President James K. Polk trusted in Manifest Destiny. He believed his nation had the heaven-sent right to expand to the Pacific Ocean. In 1845 the U.S. annexed the Republic of Texas, and war ensued.

When the dust settled, Mexico had lost about one-third of its territory, including nearly all of pre-present-day California, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico.

I'm not going as far to say that today's Russia-Ukraine War is some benign conflict on the world history timeline. Anytime a broad conflict with nuclear weapons is threatened, we must give it our utmost consternation.

I think I'm sharing this, because I want to help us all understand that history repeats itself, and that deciding who the righteous

are may solely depend on which side of the border you live on.

That the Hollywood version of right and wrong is not as simple as seeing who is wearing the white hats. That outcomes we celebrate today do not nullify the undesirable acts of persecution of yesterday.

Understanding that roles now occupied by Vladimir Putin, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Valery Gerasi-mov, and Valerii Zaluzhnyi, are recurring roles, once played by the likes of Polk, Santa Anna, Zachary Taylor, Steven F. Austin, Ulysses S. Grant, Winfield Scott, and Robert E. Lee.

And that, when we scratch our heads wondering what the Sam Houston is wrong with the world, we find the willingness to recognize that seeking dominion over another is more innate in our human existence than we all wish to admit.

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Thanks for reading The Paper!

BUTCH *From Page A1*

be found on Post cereal boxes, Jello boxes, and even Kahn's hot dog packages, just to mention a few. But the Topps cards were by far the best and most popular. Each time I visited Arthur Friend's drug store, I forked over a nickel for a pack of Topps cards...and then sat on the bench out front to see if I had received a star player, while chewing my gum and slugging down a cold bottle of Choc-cola on a hot summer day.

Within a few years, I had a nice collection containing many of the most popular players. One summer, my cousin Ronnie Baker gave my brother and me THREE full shoe boxes containing his baseball card collection... cards from the early to mid-1950s... WOW! I hid my best cards in a secret place under a floorboard in our bedroom. No one was going to steal my fa-

vorite players. One afternoon, I was determined to obtain an elusive Mickey Mantle card, and I purchased an entire box of Topps... twenty packs, which cost me a dollar of hard earned money...but no luck...Mickey was not to be found!

In 1961, Eugene "Beamer" Hampton invited my Dad and my brother and me to go with him and his son, Bill, to attend a Cubs game at Chicago's Wrigley Field. The Cubs were playing the Milwaukee Braves in an afternoon game. I was thrilled to death! When we took our seat in the upper deck, I looked out over the beautiful ball field, and the first person I saw was my idol, Eddie Mathews,



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

the Braves third baseman. We took our baseball mitts, hoping to catch a foul ball, and Cubs catcher Don Zimmer did foul one in our direction, but the person next to me caught the ball...DRATS! Oh well, I was in heaven that afternoon...a day in

my life that I will always treasure.

Like most boys who enter their teenage years, baseball card collecting started to lose its appeal, as a cute girl in my class seemed to be much more interesting. I still loved the game of

baseball, playing each summer and pitching for the good ol' Darlington Indians. But my Topps collection gathered dust on the top of my dresser, and then ended up in the closet. And yes, unfortunately, like many boys, after I graduated from high school and college and was married, most of my baseball cards disappeared...likely discarded without a second thought. Many of those cards are worth hundreds of dollars today.

People buy and sell baseball cards at shows and conventions and on the Internet. You can buy baseball cards today, but certainly not for a nickel. The price of old and new baseball cards has esca-

lated to ridiculous levels, much like the salaries of today's players. But in an old cigar box, I still have many of the star players' cards from the late 1950s and early 1960s...and yes, I finally bought a Mickey Mantle card online. I could sell the cards for quite a bit of money, but I won't. They are a part of my childhood. When I get those cards out and look through them every once in a while, I feel like a kid again...sitting on a bench in front of Friend's drug store, chewing bubble gum, sipping a Choc-cola, and opening my pack of Topps...and I hope God has another Wrigley Field in Heaven.

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