

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

Luke 10:19 I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

**➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Mark and Denise Patton smile and enjoy some cake for their 50th anniversary. Thanks for the smile and happy anniversary!

**➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Was it whimsy or a brash gesture when Karly Sindy in Asheville, NC ordered her personalized license plate from the Department of Motor Vehicles? She received the plate, which reads F-A-R-T, put it on the back of her pickup truck and off she went for a drive, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Apparently, it caused quite a stir among fellow drivers and that, in turn, caused the DMV to send her a letter asking her for an explanation. Friends and strangers heard of her plight and, with their help, Karly started a new club, which is called Friends of Asheville Recreational Trails. She informed the DMV that the club's acronym is the reason she requested her customized plate and is now waiting to see if she can keep.

**2** The Indianapolis International Airport (IND) has been named the Best Airport in North America. This is the tenth year in a row – a big deal in itself – but even more incredible that they continued to maintain this award-winning status through the challenges of the pandemic. They are the only airport in the United States to win the honor for a straight decade.

**3** TAP & GO is a beer-tasting walk that pairs regional craft brews and public art in our community. This year's event will take place on April 9 along Wabash Avenue. Purchase a ticket, and you'll be able to sample all the craft brews you can responsibly drink. They'll also have food from Corn in the USA, L-Kora Fast Food, Wildfire348 Wood Fired Pizza, and none nonalcoholic beverages for purchase. You must be 21 years or older to attend and tickets must be purchased in advance. \$50 VIP Early Entry: 2-6 p.m. \$40 General Admission: 3-6 p.m.

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Photo courtesy of Amy Woodall, Southmont Drama Club

Southmont Jr.-Sr. High school performs the toe-tapping musical Footloose this Friday and Saturday March 18th and 19th at 7pm, and Sunday March 20th at 2 pm in the Southmont Auditorium.

## Footloose Opens At Southmont!

Jump Back! It's time to "kick off your Sunday shoes" when Southmont Jr.-Sr. High school performs the toe-tapping musical Footloose this Friday and Saturday March 18th and 19th at 7pm, and Sunday March 20th at 2 pm in the Southmont Auditorium. Based on the popular 1984 movie starring Kevin Bacon, the Tony Award-nominated musical by Dean Pitchford tells the uplifting story of a one small town's journey toward celebrating life.

Set to the tune of an

Academy award-nominated soundtrack, Footloose follows Chicago transplant Ren McCormick (Wyatt Woodall) and his mother Ethel (Emma Phillips) as they try to adjust to both their new life in rural Bomont and the loss of Ren's father from the family. Ren quickly begins to feel out of step as friction develops with his Uncle Wes (Thomas Woods) and Aunt Lulu (Bracy Slavens), with whom he and his mother are now living. When Ren attempts to use his favorite past-time of

dancing as a way to fit in, he is dismayed to discover that the town has outlawed all public dancing!

"Ren feels sad and misunderstood when he finds out he can't just dance and have fun like he did before. I think all of us kids have felt a lot of that same thing lately." Woodall said when asked about his character.

Both a dancer and a wrestler just like his character in the

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## "Indian Ed" Miller ... A Great Teacher And Coach

All of the small schools in Montgomery County before consolidation had many outstanding teachers and coaches through the years. Certainly one of the most respected and loved teachers at Darlington was Edwin "Ed" Miller, who taught sixth grade and coached from 1916 to 1944. According to his former students, Ed's teaching style was unique, as he masterfully weaved fun and learning together that left his eager students spellbound and actually longing to be in school. He instilled in each



**BUTCH DALE**  
COLUMNIST

student the desire and discipline to attain one's goals and prepare for the future, and he set high standards that he expected everyone to achieve. Ed did use his paddle if a pupil got out of line, but he was fair to all students and loved them as a father. One former student told me, "I will always remember Mr. Miller the best. During the afternoons, when we had studied enough and were getting restless, Ed would suddenly announce that it was time for judgeball, ciphering matches, spelling bees, or ghost stories."

When Ed came to Darlington in the fall of 1915, the school had lost some of its enthusiasm for basketball. There had been no teams for three years, but

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## It's In The Double-Bag

So, I am at Walmart scanning and bagging almost \$200 worth of groceries, when the employee that "monitors" the self-service checkout lanes leaves her station, and walks over to me.

"Why are you double-bagging all of your groceries," she asks without saying hello.

"Excuse me?"

"You don't need two plastic bags every time," she instructs. "You're wasting our bags!"

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## The Daily Almanac



**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 7:59 a.m.  
SET: 7:55 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 64 °F  
Low: 43 °F



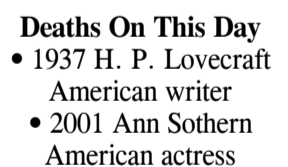
- Wacky Holiday Today**
- National Peanut Lovers Day
  - Ides of March
  - World Social Work Day



- What Happened On This Day**
- 1985 The world's first internet domain name is registered
  - 1972 Francis Ford Coppola's The Godfather is premiered



- Births On This Day**
- 1975 Eva Longoria American actress, producer
  - 1979 Kevin Youkilis American baseball player



- Deaths On This Day**
- 1937 H. P. Lovecraft American writer
  - 2001 Ann Sothern American actress

**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

Three years ago today 51 people were gunned down at the Christchurch Mosque. When does all this end?



**➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION**

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**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

One or two sugary drinks a day can increase your risk of developing diabetes by 25 percent. 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.



**➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

**Want To Go?**  
The Kingman Fire Department is sponsoring a JONAH Fish Fry, DRIVE THRU ONLY, with 3-fish, bake beans, slaw and applesauce on Saturday March 26th at the firehouse in Kingman, Ind. from 4-8 p.m. \$10 per meal. In town deliveries call 397-3025 on March 26th. Any questions please call Fire Chief, Allen Brown 765-498-3850

**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"If you're lucky enough to be Irish, you're lucky enough."  
Old Irish saying

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

In honor of St. Paddy, we'll share some jokes for a bit that'll have you Dublin over with laughter! What do you call a Leprechaun who's a felon? A Lepre-Con!

**➔ OBITUARIES**

**Blaine Baker**  
**William A. Collings**

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



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**13 WTHR** 7 DAY FORECAST

62 MAINLY SUNNY, WINDY	43/64 SPRINKLES EARLY	43/69 WARMING UP	47/71 BRIGHT AND BALMY	50/59 WET AND BREEZY	36/52 A.M. SHOWERS, P.M. SUN	37/60 MOSTLY SUNNY
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

## Births

A daughter, Liliana Ann Bayless, was born March 12, 2022 at Witham Health Services to Lindsay and Zack Bayless. The baby was 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

Liliana will be welcomed home by a brother, Carson Dean Bayless. Maternal grandparents are Laurie and Tim Howard; paternal grand-

parents are Greg Bayless and Scott and Lynette McDonald.

Maternal great-grandparents are Barbara Phillips (late), Carson Freeland (late), and Ed and Lou Howard; paternal great-grandparents are Jerry Bayless (late), Joy Bayless, Shirley Harrison (late) and Bill Harrison.

## OBITUARIES

### William A. Collings

Nov. 23, 1923 - March 10, 2022

William A. Collings of Crawfordville, passed away on March 10, 2022.

He was born on Nov. 23, 1923 at Waynetown, Indiana to Arthur and Flora Duke Collings.

He married Mary Elizabeth Gardner on June 11, 1949. She passed away June 20, 1987. Mr. Collings then married Frances Drook on Sept. 28, 1991.

He was a pressman and inspector at R. R. Donnelley and Sons Company for 44 years, retiring on Jan. 31, 1986. After retirement, he enjoyed reading about all aspects of WWII, reading about the latest cars for each year and keeping his cars, vans or trucks in tip top shape. He loved to play his drums to Big Band music and to go ballroom dancing. He was a Red Coat at St. Clare Medical Center for 19 years.

His memberships included the First Christian Church, where he had been a Deacon, Eagles Lodge No. 1005, Byron Cox American Legion Post 72, and was an Army Veteran of WWII, serving in North Africa, France and Germany. He graduated from Waynetown High School in 1942.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; his daughter, Cynthia Grimes; two step-daughters and their families, Rhonda Rogers and Mrs. Chad (Bambi) Garrett, all of Crawfordville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Michael Collings; sister, Eileen Hudson; his parents; and his son-in-law, Ron Grimes.

Funeral services are scheduled for Wednesday, March 16th at 3 p.m. at Burkhart Funeral Home, with the Rev. Darla Goodrich presiding. Friends and family may call from 1 p.m. until the time of the service. Masks will be required. Burial will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery Grant Ave. Military rites will be performed by the Byron Cox American Legion Post 72 Honor Guard.

Online condolences may be made at [www.Burkhart-FH.com](http://www.Burkhart-FH.com).

### Blaine Baker

Dec. 21, 1935 - March 10, 2022

Blaine Baker, 86, of Crawfordville, passed away Thursday March 10 at Witham Hospital in Lebanon.

He was born Dec. 21, 1935 in Muncie to Emory and Mamie McCorkle.

He served in the US Army during Korea. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion. He had worked for the Montgomery County Sheriff, he later retired from Indiana Bell. He married Joyce Kling, she survives.

Survivors also include his children, Wade (Angela) Baker, Diana (Pete) McGuire, Cathy Carter and Jeff (Daris) Baker. He has eight grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at Oak Hill Cemetery Mausoleum with Pastor Pete McGuire officiating. Military rites will be given by American Legion post #72.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.huntandson.com](http://www.huntandson.com)

## Info About Pandemic-Related Emergency SNAP Benefits

In March 2020, the U.S. government allowed the state of Indiana to issue "emergency allotments" to help Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program households during the COVID-19 pandemic. This allowed SNAP families to receive the maximum benefit allowed based on the number of people in the household. For many Hoosiers, this meant they received more SNAP benefits than they would have under non-emergency conditions.

Due to the end of the state public health emergency on March 3, 2022, and a recent change in Indiana law, the last month that Hoosiers will receive emergency

enhanced SNAP benefits is May 2022.

Beginning in June 2022, the SNAP benefit amount a household receives will again, as it was before the pandemic, be based on eligibility factors - household size, income and allowable deductions.

For more information on how the benefit amount changes during and after the pandemic, visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/benefit-changes-2021#:~:text=30%2C%202021,.permanently%20adjusted%20as%20of%20Oct>

For more information on the SNAP program, eligibility requirements, and how to apply, visit <https://www.in.gov/fssa>

## Southmont Junior High School Honor Roll - Period 4

Grade 6 High Honor Roll: Isabella Cade, Brita Cleek, Gavyn Gleason, Margaret Klein, Zoey Larue, Claire McCutchan, Lucinda Patton, Camryn Priebe, Astrid Rabeyrin, Espen Sutton, Kaylee Turner.

Grade 6 Regular Honor Roll: Annie Alesi, Jasmine Ashment, Ella Barry, Layla Bauman, Ava Bradshaw, Jackson Brown, William Butcher, Ernesto Campos, Annika Caswell, Kooper Charles, Hayden Cornelius, Daxton Cottrell, Bethany Cregger, Reva Douglas, Braxton Ebert, Ezekiel Endicott, Jenna Evans, Ella France, Kaleb Frazier, Regan Freeland, Maggie Gilliland, Emma Gleason, Aubrey Hall, Vivyan Haltom, Rylan Haslam, Hannah Hester, Makinzie Highland, Judah Hoen-

shell, Ethan Hutchison, Rebekah Johnson, Makenzie Lacy, Ella Largent, Fiona Leahy-Lonas, David Long, Caden Miller, Graisen Million, Arlon Musick, Maxwell Myers, Lillie Otenburg, Kaycee Perez, Creek Plemons, Amy Roeder, Kaelynn Sanburn, Alex Sexton, Lane Slavens, Molly Slavens, Abigail Smith, Haylyn Wallace, Kaylee Wallace, Caden White, Lillian Zimmerman.

Grade 7 High Honor Roll: Lily Bushong, Caelyn Carpenter, Paxton Gentry, Addison Kendrick, Claire Kessler, Peyton Long, Dean McGaughey, Luke Parker, Trent Reeves, Natalie Rhoads, Hunter Slavens, William Stumph, Lennon Woods.

Grade 7 Regular Honor Roll: Lino Aguiar, Indeya

Albertson, Isaac Becerril, Andrew Blaydes, Savannah Bradley, Elizabeth Brown, Edwin Burris, Makenzie Clate, Tyler Coudret, Kayden Davis, Lillian Davis, Emmalie Dexter, Marley Dillion, Damian Douglas, Jacea Edwards, Jaycee Gerald, Jaiden Golladay, Layla Gomez, Gavin Gray, Landon Grimes, Eden Hernandez, Kimber Hill, Briana Howard, Clayton Kessler, Kalee Knox, Josiah Lacy, Kaydence Lewin, Emerie Lieske, Emily Link, Austin Manning, Keanu McQueen, Samaya Morton, Hayden Overfelt, Olivia Phelps, Madelyn Roberts, Michael Schindler, Amarah Shannon, Layla Shaw, Daniel Simpson, Rhianah Smith, Isla Stetler, Layla Testerman, Jaycee Todd, Alexis Weiler, Molly Williams,

Makinzie Wood.

Grade 8 High Honor Roll: Helen Butcher, Darby Cottrell, Jaysa Crull, Mackenzie Douglas, Jozee Jones, John Lock, Kolie Murphy, Kadee Plank, Kendall Priebe, Luc Rabeyrin, Chloey Ross, Gunnar Shirk.

Grade 8 Regular Honor Roll: Christopher Badillo, Cale Chadd, Parker Church, Elijah Cornett, Taylan Dinius, Gavin Downey, Karley Fisher, Rylee Freeland, Camden Haile, Haylee Hall, Jameson Keough, Myah Knox, Owen McCutchan, Natalie Nelson, Karder Newell, Madisyn Posthauer, Carson Powell, Benjamin Rhodes, Chloe Robertson, Kynlee Scott, Ethan Smith, Ian Snook, Avery Stadler, Avery Stokes, Heath Tolliver, Tyler Walls, Emilee Wethington.

## Southmont Junior High School Honor Roll - Trimester 2

Grade 6 High Honor Roll: Ella Barry, Isabella Cade, Gavyn Gleason, Margaret Klein, Makenzie Lacy, Zoey Larue, David Long, Claire McCutchan, Graisen Million, Camryn Priebe, Astrid Rabeyrin, Espen Sutton, Kaylee Turner, Haylyn Wallace.

Grade 6 Regular Honor Roll: Annie Alesi, Keirstyn, Jasmine Ashment, Layla Bauman, Ava Bradshaw, Jackson Brown, William Butcher, Annika Caswell, Kooper Charles, Brita Cleek, Hayden Cornelius, Daxton Cottrell, Bethany Cregger, Reva Douglas, Braxton Ebert, Ezekiel Endicott, Jenna Evans, Ella France, Regan Freeland, Maggie Gilliland, Emma Gleason, Aubrey Hall, Vivyan Haltom, Rylan Haslam, Hannah Hester, Makinzie Highland, Judah Hoen-

shell, Ethan Hutchison, Katarina Jennings, Marlee Jensen, Rebekah Johnson, Fiona Leahy-Lonas, Caden Miller, Arlon Musick, Maxwell Myers, Lillie Otenburg, Lucinda Patton, Kaycee Perez, Creek Plemons, Amy Roeder, Lane Slavens, Molly Slavens, Abigail Smith, Hunter Thompson, Allison Turner, Kaylee Wallace.

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Grade 7 Regular Honor Roll: Lino Aguiar, Indeya Albertson, Andrew Blaydes, Savannah Bradley, Elizabeth Brown, Edwin Burris, Makenzie

Clate, Brayden Cochran, Peyton Cornell, Tyler Cregger, Kayden Davis, Lillian Davis, Emmalie Dexter, Jacea Edwards, Alicia France, Paxton Gentry, Jaycee Gerald, Layla Gomez, Gavin Gray, Landon Grimes, Eden Hernandez, Zeke Higgins, Kimber Hill, Briana Howard, Clayton Kessler, Kalee Knox, Josiah Lacy, Kaydence Lewin, Emerie Lieske, Emily Link, Austin Manning, Samaya Morton, Hayden Overfelt, Olivia Phelps, Madelyn Roberts, Michael Schindler, Amarah Shannon, Layla Shaw, Daniel Simpson, Hunter Slavens, William Stumph, Jaycee Todd, Alexis Weiler, Molly Williams, Makinzie Wood.

Grade 8 High Honor Roll: Cale Chadd, Darby Cottrell, Haylee Hall,

Jameson Keough, Myah Knox, John Lock, Kolie Murphy, Kadee Plank, Luc Rabyrin.

Grade 8 Regular Honor Roll: Christopher Badillo, Phisher Bengel, Andrew Bliss, Helen Butcher, Savannah Chesser, Parker Church, Elijah Cornett, Jaysa Crull, McKennah Dalton, Taylan Dinius, Mackenzie Douglas, Gavin Downey, Karley Fisher, Rylee Freeland, Jozee Jones, Owen McCutchan, Natalie Nelson, Karder Newell, Ethan Pine, Madisyn Posthauer, Carson Powell, Kendall Priebe, Benjamin Rhodes, Kaytlin Roark, Chloe Robertson, Kynlee Scott, Gunnar Shirk, Ethan Smith, Ian Snook, Avery Stadler, Avery Stokes, Heath Tolliver, Tyler Walls, Emilee Wethington.

## Famous Blue Envelopes Of Indy 500 Tickets Racing To Fans

Indianapolis 500 fans across the globe will soon see another milestone in the countdown to the 106th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge as the highly anticipated blue envelopes featuring Race Day tickets are mailed Thursday, March 10 from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Ticket Office.

The initial ticket mailing of more than 150,000 tickets includes shipments to all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and 36 countries around the world as race fans eagerly await Indy 500 Race Day on Sunday, May 29.

Countries where tickets will be mailed include Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Sweden, Mexico, Brazil, France, Colombia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Australia, Spain, Japan and Denmark - all home countries for drivers expected to compete for a starting spot in this year's Indy 500.

It takes approximately nine weeks to package all pre-ordered tickets for mailing, from orders

the day after the previous year's race up to current orders. Hard work from employees in the Ticket Office and other IMS, INDYCAR and IMS Productions departments ensures the ticketing process runs smoothly and on schedule.

A few facts and figures about this year's initial ticket mailing:

- Number of tickets sent: More than 150,000 Race Day tickets and more than 180,000 products (includes Race Day tickets, parking, concert tickets, etc.)
- Number of blue envelopes sent: More than 25,000
- Number of U.S. Postal Service trays to accommodate envelopes: More than 580
- Weight of all ticket envelopes and trays in first mailing: More than 5,000 pounds
- Hours needed to fill envelopes by hand: More than 880 person-hours
- Number of working days to package envelopes: 43
- Number of Penske Entertainment employees who fill envelopes: 34

Federal postal inspectors came to IMS with a large truck for the first mailing. Many IMS employees pitched in to help load the trucks for delivery Thursday. This year, they were joined by 2016 Indianapolis 500 winner Alexander Rossi, who helped load the truck with tickets so race fans can see him compete for his second Indy 500 win in the No. 27 NAPA AUTO PARTS/AutoNation Honda in person.

Receiving an eagerly awaited blue envelope in the mail is a rite of spring for thousands of fans of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." But why are the envelopes blue?

In the 1970s, Indianapolis 500 tickets were mailed in brown envelopes with the IMS return address in the upper left corner. In the 1980s, a heavier-stock, gray-colored envelope was introduced to mail the tickets, with just the IMS Post Office box number in the upper left corner. A computerized printer also was used for the first time in the 1980s to print ticket customers'

name and address on each envelope.

When the NASCAR Cup Series was added to the IMS schedule in 1994, the Ticket Office needed a way to distinguish between the envelopes containing tickets for the Indianapolis 500 and the annual NASCAR race, especially if the Postal Service returned the envelope as non-deliverable.

So, the IMS Ticket Office decided to color-code the ticket envelopes for each event. Indianapolis 500 ticket envelopes became blue, Brickyard Weekend envelopes became purple, GMR Grand Prix envelopes became green, and ticket envelopes for other IMS events use a variety of colors, including red, cream, gray and yellow.

Tickets for the 106th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 29, the GMR Grand Prix on Saturday, May 14 and all other Month of May events are available at [IMS.com/Tickets](http://IMS.com/Tickets) or via the IMS Ticket Office at 317-492-6700.

## COTA Receives \$25,000 Grant From Walgreens

Walgreens has donated \$25,000 to the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) to provide medication grant support for families facing a life-saving transplant. These funds will be used to provide financial assistance to transplant patients and their families who need additional support to manage prescription drug costs.

The \$25,000 Walgreens grant will help offset the financial needs facing COTA families. "This support from Walgreens benefits our families tremendously. Since the onset of the pandemic, more than 600 families have submitted requests for medication assistance, which is an increase from prior years," said Rick Lofgren, President of COTA. "Walgreens



grant support will make a substantial difference for our families who struggle to pay multiple, monthly \$30 prescription co-payments."

During the past two years, COTA has successfully developed and leveraged virtual fundraising tools with outstanding outcomes. Each COTA family depends on their volunteers' ability

to raise funds for transplant-related expenses and the safety net COTA provides. However, sometimes these efforts need to be supplemented with targeted grants and funds. Grants from businesses like Walgreens help to ensure patient needs and access to critical medications are met. During the pandemic, \$6.7 million overall has

been allocated to more than 1,500 COTA families. Lofgren anticipates that during 2022 COTA will pay approximately \$3.6 million in transplant-related expenses, with \$300,000 of that for prescription medications.

About the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA)

The Children's Organ Transplant Association is a national charity that provides fundraising assistance to transplant families. Since 1986, COTA's priority is to assure that no child or young adult is denied a life-saving transplant or excluded from a transplant waiting list due to lack of funds. 100% of funds raised in honor of patients are used for transplant-related expenses.

Thanks for reading The Paper!

### Home Buyer Tip #4

Put together your home-buying team, including an agent that is communicative and ORGANIZED, a mortgage lender, and a professional home inspector. Your agent will have recommendations for you if this is your first time buying or new to the area.

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**Meeting Notes**

**Southmont Schools Board of Trustees**

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

The South Montgomery Community School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet in executive session immediately following the regular meeting to review information on prospective employees.

- AGENDA**  
Public Meeting  
I. Call to Order  
II. Roll Call  
III. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors.  
IV. Revisions to Agenda - FFA Yearly Update - Walnut Theater Club  
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:  
-Molly Roberts - Special Education Teacher - Southmont High School - beginning the 2022-2023 school year.  
-Approve the transfer of Mr. Jeremiah Sparks from HS Math Teacher to HS Health/PE Teacher beginning the 2022-2023 school year.  
-Approve Lavanna Perdue as the Transportation Director.  
-Jennifer Clester - Instructional Assistant - Jr. High - ESSER Funds.  
-Approve resignation of Mrs. Dawn Ellis, Administrative Secretary - Southmont High School effective March 18, 2022.  
-Approve resignation of Mrs. Brittany Newton, Deputy Treasurer - effective March 18, 2022.  
-Approve medical leave for Mrs. Jenny Saylor, Instructional Aide - New Market - until the end of the 2021-2022 school year.  
-Alexis Branigan - In-

structional Assistant - New Market - remainder of 2021-2022 school year.  
-Transfer Kelly Kerkhoff from PreSchool Assistant to PreSchool Instructor at Walnut Elementary.  
-Cierra Wright - Pre-School Assistant - Walnut Elementary School.  
-Tammy McGaughey - 5th quarter training stipend - \$540.00.  
-LeeAnn Thompson - 5th quarter training stipend - \$420.00.  
-Taylor Myers - 5th quarter training stipend - \$540.00.  
-Nicole Hazlett - 5th quarter training stipend - \$480.00.  
-Casie Allen - 5th quarter training stipend - \$540.00.  
-Kelly Clifton - 5th quarter training stipend - \$540.00.  
-Erin Barry - Brain-Spring Orton-Gillingham training stipend - \$500.00.  
-Julie Spencer - Brain-Spring Orton-Gillingham training stipend - \$500.00.  
-Joni Long - Brain-Spring Orton-Gillingham

training stipend - \$500.00.  
-Jake Allard - JH Softball Assistant Coach - Volunteer.  
-Kelly Shannon - JH Track Assistant Coach - Volunteer.  
-Shawn Scott - 7th grade Baseball Assistant Coach - Volunteer.  
-Dan Chadd - 8th grade Baseball Coach - \$921.00.  
-Kayla Datzman - JH Cheer Coach - Fall stipend - \$461.00.  
-Michael Allen - JH Golf Coach - \$1021.00.  
-Melissa Baumgardner - JH Cheer Coach - Winter - Volunteer.  
-Kirk Jones - Varsity Assistant Girls Tennis Coach - \$1334.00.  
-Cameron Marine - Varsity Assistant Boys Golf Coach - \$1334.00.  
-Bill Woods - Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach - \$2000.00.  
-Peyton Winger - Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach - Volunteer.  
-Chris Cox - Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach - Volunteer.  
-Extra Duty Recommendations: Jane

Coudret, IHSAA Girls BBall Sectional/Regional Worker - \$215.00; Melissa Norman, IHSAA Girls BBall Sectional/Regional Worker and Concessions Manager - \$2,180.00; Katy Yoakum, IHSAA Girls BBall Sectional Worker and Winter Help - \$350.00; Jesse Burgess, IHSAA Girls BBall Sectional Worker - \$75.00; Kyle Owens, IHSAA Girls BBall Sectional Worker - \$50.00; Jake Turner, IHSAA Girls BBall Sectional/ Regional Worker - \$135.00; Erin Blaydes, IHSAA Girls BBall Sectional/Regional Worker - \$215.00; Brad Acton, IHSAA Girls BBall Sectional/Regional Worker - \$215.00; Deryk Bengel, IHSAA Girls BBall Sectional/Regional Worker/All Season BBall Clock - \$1,515.00; Aaron Charles, IHSAA Girls BBall Sectional/Regional Manager - \$225.00; Dan Chadd, IHSAA Girls BBall Sectional/Regional Worker - \$215.00.  
-Inventory list to be declared surplus and dis-

posed of accordingly.  
-High School Boys Basketball Team to Greenfield on March 11, 2022 for the IHSAA Regional game on Saturday, March 12, 2022.  
-Adopt a current Section 125 Flexible Fringe Benefits Plan with American Fidelity.  
VIII. Items for Action:  
1. Approve authorizing entry into the Juul litigation and approve the engagement letter.  
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. NEOLA Board Policies Updates - 1st reading.  
XIV. Adjournment  
Future Meetings:  
April 11, 2022 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM  
May 9, 2022 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM

**Meeting Notes**

**Crawfordsville Council Meeting**

The City of Crawfordsville, Indiana  
March 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. EDT  
City Building, 300 E Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933  
Council Chambers  
I. Pledge Presenter: Kent Priebe  
II. Prayer Presenter: Stan Hamilton  
III. Roll Call  
IV. Approval of Minutes - February 14, 2022  
V. Acknowledgment of receipt of the monthly Financial Reports  
VI. Roll Call for additions to the Agenda  
VII. Public Hearing  
A. An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund under Indiana Code 36-9-15.5  
B. An Ordinance Re-Establishing a Cumulative Fire Fund under Indiana Code 36-8-14  
C. A Confirmatory 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.  
VIII. Fiscal Affairs  
A. Second reading of an Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund under Indiana Code 36-9-15.5  
B. Second reading of an Ordinance Re-Establishing a Cumulative Fire Fund under Indiana Code 36-8-14  
C. A Confirmatory 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.  
D. A Resolution Approving Application for Tax Abatement—Second Phase Leasing, LLC  
E. A Resolution Approving Application for Tax Abatement—Closure Systems International, Inc.  
F. First reading of an

Ordinance Amending the 2022 Salary Ordinance for City of Crawfordsville's Appointed Officers and Employees  
IX. Ordinances & Petitions  
A. First reading of an Ordinance Adopting Section 37.17 of the Crawfordsville Code of Ordinances—Clothing Allowance Policy  
X. Traffic, Parking & Safety  
A. First reading of 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 & February)  
XI. Annexation  
A. Second 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  
XIII. Adjournment

**Meeting Notes**





**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 8 AM  
100 E. Main Street - Room 103  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Commissioners Award  
The Commissioners have established a new award to recognize employees that have provided exceptional service to the County. The Commissioners will present their first awards to employees for exceptional service.  
Consent Agenda  
Approval of Claims: 2-28-22 to 3-14-22  
Accounts Payable: \$1,847,699.17  
Payroll Claims: \$428,005.63  
Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 28, 2022  
Proclamation: Week of the Young Child  
Proclaims the first full

week of April as the "Week of the Young Child".  
New Business  
Courthouse Planning Study Report - Eric Ratts, DLZ  
DLZ will present the results of their planning study to repair the exterior of the Courthouse and remodel the interior of the Courthouse.  
Public Defender Contract -  
Public Defender Bryan Donaldson is requesting approval of a contract for attorney Robert Poynter to provide public defender services. The contract amount is \$16,000 with no limit on the number of cases.  
Compensation Analysis Contract for EMA-HS Director Position  
The EMA Advisory Council has recommended that a compensation consultant be hired to conduct a compensation analysis for the EMA-HS Director position.  
Staff is recommending that the benefits and

compensation advisory firm First Person be hired to conduct the analysis. They have experience with analyzing compensation for County government. The contract amount is \$3,750.  
Ordinances  
2nd Reading: Ordinance 2022-8: Establishment of 2022 Law Enforcement Training Fund  
Ordinance establishes new fund for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. The Department is authorized to use the funds distributed by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to conduct law enforcement training, including the purchase of supplies and training materials.  
Resolutions  
Resolution 2022-3: Declaration of Surplus Property  
State law requires that the Commissioners declare property as surplus prior to its disposal by a Department. The Resolution declares some property of the Probation Department as surplus property.

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**Meeting Notes**

**Redevelopment Commission**

City of Crawfordsville  
8:30 AM  
March 15, 2022  
Common Council  
Chambers  
Municipal Building  
Meeting Agenda  
I. Call to Order & Roll call  
II. Approval of Minutes  
A. February 15, 2022  
III. Approval of Claims  
A. Taylor, Chadd,

Minnette, Schneider & Clutter \$122.50  
IV. Approval of Financial Reports  
V. Update from Mayor Todd Barton  
VI. Economic Development Reprort  
VII. Old Business  
VIII. New Business  
A. Consider 2021 TIF Report  
IX. Miscellaneous  
A. Next scheduled meeting: April 19, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.  
X. Adjournment

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There was something new in the noisy portable commercial that was Windy Wilson's way of spreading the news around town. "Pardners and par-dettes," came the familiar voice from the Gates of Heaven's loudspeaker car, "you ever stop and listen to your innermoist partitions when it comes to books? No? Well, doncha think it's time? A-course it is! And thass perzackly why you should head on over to the good ol' Read Me Now bookstore. You know where it is. Hey, s'only bookstore we got. Jes' cruise on over to the section she calls "Love and other fiction," and a-fore you can say Robinson Croozer, Sarah McKinley, herself, will come over to help. "Sarah knows where all the good ones are. Hey, you want one a-them books to keep you awake all night? She knows which ones'll do that. You wanna fall asleep fast? Ask her for A Cowboy's Guide to Growin' Up Right by Slim Randles." Windy turned the car around at the edge of

town and started back. "And while you're assumptionin' all that there wisdom from the books, keep in mind this year phrase ... Why, I bet ol' Windy coulda wrote one or two a-them books his ownself. And you know, thass why you'll prolly write to the folks at Oxford Shoes University or mebbe Notorious Dames University 'bout getting' ol' Windy his very own honorary degree. "Now while you're puttin' all them keen sentences together, might jes' as well do it down at Delbert Chin's Gates of Heaven Chinese joint. You see, Delbert'll give you some tea and mebbe some a-that good mulshoe pork while you're busy writin' that letter for Windy on them free gen-oo-wine paper napkins. "All you rilly need is a pencil or somethin' else to write with. And think what a great way this'd be to say much obliged to all the cowboy camp cooks you know." *Pick up "Home Country: Drama, dreams and laughter from the American heartland" www.lpdpress.com.*

**Meeting Notes**

**Gamma Xi Chapter, Psi Iota Xi**

Business Meeting  
Minutes – March 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m.  
Call to Order- Co-President, Angie Griggs called the meeting to order at the public library with the Opening Verse. Members were extremely glad to be together in person after so many meetings done online because of the pandemic. Those present during the meeting were Maggie Bryant, Nancy Buckles, Angie Griggs, Naomi Horton, Pam Karle, Tonya Michael, and Julie Swick, Co-President, Jennie Hesler felt ill but joined by phone. Vicky Reynolds also joined by phone. Jennifer Hunter, Michelle Dice, Brea Carlson and Wendy Schmitzer-Torbert were excused. A birthday and an anniversary were announced. Happy Bucks were announced and several members paid for past Happy Bucks.

Treasurer's Report – Pam Karle presented the treasurer's report for February income and expenses. She said that the Kroger and Amazon Smile money to our chapter adds up. One member said she thought there were only three people allocating funds to our chapter and encouraged others to donate. Pam presented the proposed budget for 2022-2023. She noted that the purchase of the Government Center paintings was \$374.50. There was discussion about when to account for the \$1500.00 of Doris Larsen funds that will be spent completely by October and then reapplied for by December. There was discussion about

raising the Hear Indiana Campership donation from \$1000.00 to \$1200.00 with Vicky Reynolds so moving that increase. Pam Karle seconded and the motion carried. Maggie Bryant moved to accept the changes made to the proposed budget. Julie Swick seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes – The minutes of the February meeting were approved as sent by email and given to members present. There were no additions or corrections.  
Correspondence not requiring action (Julie Swick):  
· The chapter received notification of the candidates for National office for 2022-2023. Chapters can nominate other candidates by the deadline.  
· Information was given about the chapter nominations for Psi Ote of the Year. Nominations are due by April 15.  
Correspondence requiring action (Julie Swick):  
· We need to make reservations for our two delegates, Angie and Jennie Hesler. Other members are invited to attend. Jennifer Hunter will attend as a state officer.  
Conductress (Tonya Michael) – We discussed the possibility of new candidates for membership and a fall pledging. We discussed inviting the recently disbanded Veederburg chapter members to the June meeting as well as prospective members. Angie will be letting us know about plans for the June meeting. Caterers were discussed. Pam offered her help to Angie.  
Old Business:  
· Nominating Committee – Jennifer Hunter, Michelle Dice, and Julie Swick are working on

a slate of officers for 2022-2023. They will get together soon and present a slate in April. Pam Karle has kindly offered to continue as Treasurer.  
· Government Center Art – The weather was bad on February 24th for the art sale. Jennifer Hunter and Pam Karle could view the available art for sale and prices that morning on Facebook. They decided to purchase three paintings from alumni member and patron, Mary Lou Dawald, for \$374.50 in the afternoon before the sale time to make sure we would get art with a connection to our chapter. Wendy Schmitzer-Torbert's daughter, Lorelei, had art in the sale but was already sold so it was unavailable to us. The three purchased paintings will be displayed at the Government Center with our name as the donor after the move to the new building soon. It will be great to have our name advertised in the community as a supporter of the arts.  
New Business:  
· State Meeting Delegates – At the March meeting, we need to finalize who is going to the meeting in Peru, Indiana on April 23, 2022. The deadline for registration is March 18th. Jennifer Hunter is going for the state. Jennie Hesler and Angie Griggs plan to attend. Pam will send in the reservation.  
· National Convention – The convention will be on June 25th in Muncie and two delegates are required. Angie said she and Jennie Hesler may be able to go but opened it up to members. It is possible that Jennifer Hunter will want to be a delegate for us.  
· Helicon – Nancy Buckles, Secretary, will

write an article about our chapter's activities for the Helicon. It is due by May 15th.  
Committee Reports:  
· Cheeseballs – Members agreed to donate another round of cheeseballs to the MCFC Meals on Wheels program after Tonya sells several more. Naomi Horton will take care of this.  
· Cards and Flowers (Vicky) – A sympathy card was sent to Maggie Bryant upon the death of her aunt. A congratulations card was sent to Sara J. Hemmerlein upon her graduation from Purdue.  
· Legacy Project (Jennie)– None  
· Public Relations/Marketing/Fundraising (Pam, J. Hunter, Naomi)– None  
· Everyone Reads (Tamara, J. Hunter) – None  
· Patrons (Jenny Slavens) – Nancy Buckles reported that donations are slowing down but one more alumni sister donated. We did very well this year.  
· Easter Bunny – Pam Karle ordered spring goodies for bags that will be dropped off at area schools before Easter. Her granddaughter put the 80 bags together. Angie will check our boxes for 30 books to be given to the Presbyterian Church preschool.  
· Geraniums – Pam Karle provided order forms. She would like order numbers at the April meeting. The last day for orders will be April 15th. Geraniums will be picked up at her house.  
Announcements:  
· The next meeting on Monday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m.  
Closing Verse: Co-President, Angie Griggs, led members in the closing verse and then adjourned the meeting.

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# Therapy Dog Who Served The Military Is In Need Of Rescue

Musket is a brave and loving street dog who was formally adopted from a pound as part of an innovative program to help U.S. troops stationed overseas. His inspirational journey saw him rise through the ranks and into the hearts and minds of soldiers when he became the first recognized Behavioral Health Service Canine on the Middle Eastern base. But when Musket faced the grim prospect of euthanasia, Paws of War jumped into action to make sure that didn't happen.

"This is a special case about an exceptional dog who has played an important role in helping our soldiers while they were deployed overseas," explains Robert Misseri, co-founder of Paws of War. "To see him stripped of everything he worked so hard to accomplish does not sit well."

Musket's story began when a Behavioral Health Service Canine program was brought to life for our troops serving in the Middle East by a Brigade Surgeon Colonel and his team. Tasked with finding the right dog for the program, Behavioral Health Officer, Captain H's search led her to the pound in the Middle East. She noticed a little pup eagerly trying to get her attention as he peered through the bars of his cage, his tail wagging as fast as it could go. He was adorable, and he was perfect!

The training to make it into the program was hard, but Musket was a natural, and he took on the role as though he knew it was his life's purpose. CPT. H had a new prescription for whatever troubles a soldier was facing: Go pet Musket. The devoted pup thrived among his military family and they



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loved and appreciated him for giving them a break from the monotony of deployment, and reminding them of their own pets back home. Though new and short-lived, the program was a huge success.

When the program was unexpectedly terminated, the order came through that Musket's status had been revoked, and with it, the devastating news that he was being stripped of his DoD identification. Despite everything he had done, Musket was once again considered to be a stray dog, and in line with military policy he had to leave the base immediately. There was nowhere

for him to go but back to the pound and his life hung in the balance.

Desperate to save Musket, CPT H reached out to Paws of War and action began immediately to start the process of getting Musket to safety. He was flown to a foster caretaker in Canada where he completed the CDC required 6-month quarantine to be able to enter the United States. Now he is ready for this final part of his journey - reuniting with CPT H and moving into his Stateside forever home.

"We are only able to help our military members and the animals they love thanks to everyone who supports our

mission," said Misseri. "Musket is invaluable to those in need and we cannot let his therapeutic service come to an end. He thrives in helping and strives to do his best - he has more than earned a safe place. We are doing everything we can to make that possible for him here in America"

Paws of War is committed to continuing Musket's training, and will provide him with veterinary care so he and CPT H can continue to bring Musket's healing personality to the people who need him here in the U.S. To support the efforts to help Musket continue his work and reunite with his soldier, donations can be made at: <https://pawsofwar.networkforgood.com/projects/155694-help-reunite-musket-with-his-us-soldier>

Paws of War has helped veterans with numerous issues, includ-

ing suicide, service and support dogs, companion cats and dogs, food insecurity, veterinary care, and animal rescue for deployed military. As the demand for Paws of War's services grew, traditional fundraisers like galas and golf outings were sidelined, putting a crimp in the needed funding to keep these services going. Paws of War has a large loyal following of supporters and looks forward to working with new corporate sponsors to keep these life-saving programs running.

About Paws of War Paws of War is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization that assists military members and their pets, rescues and trains dogs in being service dogs, and provides companion animals to veterans. To learn more about Paws of War and the programs provided or donate, visit its site at: <http://pawsofwar.org>.

## FOOTLOOSE From Page A1

show, Woodall found great satisfaction in exploring Ren's journey.

"I really like that he doesn't give up and stays true to himself," said Woodall. "He finds a way to make something positive from his challenges and that's something we talk about in wrestling all of the time."

Some of those challenges come in the form of the town's influential minister Shaw Moore (James Clester), the local high school's Principal Clark (Emma Myers) and Coach Dunbar (Jordan Endicott) and his wife Eleanor (Sierra Robbins), all of whom are adamantly opposed to any change in the law against dancing. We soon discover that Reverend Moore's motives are tied to a loss of his own and the subsequent grief and helplessness that followed for both himself and his wife Vi (Clair Simpson).

But Ren finds an ally in Reverend Moore's rebellious daughter Ariel, played by Alivia Williams. She and her

friends Urleen and Wendy Jo (Stella Snook and Jessie Bradley) dream of garnering new experiences and seeing more of the world. Ariel and Ren soon find they have much in common.

"People in the town kind of judge both of them without really taking the time to know them," said Williams of the relationship between the two principals, "and that draws them closer to each other."

The budding romance doesn't sit well with Ariel's bad boy ex-boyfriend Chuck (Dawson Mason) or his cronies (Logan Link and Tovi Powell), who do everything in their power to thwart the couple. But support -



Photo courtesy of Amy Woodall, Southmont Drama Club

**Southmont Jr.-Sr. High school performs the toe-tapping musical Footloose this Friday and Saturday March 18th and 19th at 7pm, and Sunday March 20th at 2 pm in the Southmont Auditorium.**

and comic relief - come in the form of Ren's rhythmically challenged new found friend Willard (Waylon Gomez) and buddies Jeter and Gaby (Marlin Williams and Kylee Reeves), along with Ariel's talk-a-mile-a-minute best friend Rusty, played by Kelsey Thompson.

When asked about the show, Thompson shared that she thinks that audiences will connect with the story.

"It's kind of crazy how the show is set in the 1980's but so much of it is still so true today," said Thompson. "I like that it doesn't just show these perfect families.

There are funny moments and serious moments. And the music is awesome!"

Thompson's cast-mates also raved about the musical's songs and score, which includes the Grammy-nominated 'Let's Hear It For The Boy' and title track 'Footloose', as well as 80's hits 'Almost Paradise' and 'Holding Out For A Hero'.

Ren and his friends eventually push to have the no-dancing law abolished so that they may hold a school prom, winning over several of the other students and townspeople (Rachel Rhoads, Hilary Haltom, Violet Shaw, Addison Mead-

ows and Parker Church) to their cause. Their efforts lead to a direct showdown with Reverend Moore and the town council (Abby Saylor, Zoe Albertson and Avery Hannum). Can the two sides find a way to listen to one another so that the community can move forward with grace and understanding? You'll need to head on down to Southmont this weekend to find out! Tickets for Footloose may either be purchased online at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com) under Southmont or at the door prior to performances. The production is artistically directed by Amy Woodall, musically directed by Sarah Fadil, and choreographed by Riley Woodall. Nicole Thompson and Angie Williams serve as the show's producers. Lennon Woods, Noah Myers, Jacob Peck, Kaytlin Roark, Grace Simpson, and Trent Reeves serve as stage crew.

(Footloose is presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.)

## BUTCH From Page A1

Ed changed all of that. Ed had played football for Wabash College. His mother was part Miami Indian, and with his straight black hair, rugged profile, and muscular build, he earned the nickname "Indian Ed" from his Little Giant teammates. The students and players loved Ed so much that they adopted his college nickname as the Darlington team name... the Indians. Fritz Miller, one of Ed's sons, became the first mascot for the school, and the school elected its first cheerleaders for pep sessions and games. Ed produced some outstanding teams from 1916-23, and several of his high school players later became members of the Darlington Bearcats independent team after graduation. He retired from coaching after the 1923 season, but came back to coach for three years in the late 1920s. His last coaching stint was for two years during WWII, when coaches were hard to find because so many young men had joined the military.

Ed retired from teaching in 1944, but he substitute taught in the small schools in the county before later moving to Florida. According to former teacher (and banker) John Bower-



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

**Darlington High School Team 1916-17**

man, on the last day that Ed was doing substitute work and coaching with grade school youngsters in Florida, he stepped into the locker room after the game was over...The school principal found him there, with the whistle still around his neck. "Ed had passed away just the way he would have chosen, as a teacher and coach."

Some of his former players stated... "Ed was a winner, and every player wanted to win because of that. He knew how to handle people, and he earned the respect of everyone." and, "Coach Miller was very close to all of us, and he tried to build character and make

the game fun."

Ed Miller demanded the best effort that his players had to give, and he set down strict training rules for his teams. The boys always gave their best for their beloved coach and for their school. John Bowerman summed it up best, "Greatness is surely determined by the extent that others, year after year, are better because of a life that has been lived...such a life was that of Ed Miller."

*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

Busted! I openly acknowledge that I nearly always use two bags to secure my groceries, even when the weight of the contents doesn't require double-bagging. I also acknowledge that on occasions in the past, I've worn a belt with suspenders.

It's true. I do feel entitled to two bags when probably I shouldn't.

I nearly always bring one or two shopping carts in from the parking lot, just to help out, and to ensure that I have one for myself inside.

I'm also one of the rare shoppers, who takes out one of the eleven remaining good eggs in a carton -- rejected by shoppers because it has a single broken egg in it -- and adds it to another discarded carton to complete the dozen.

I've even been known to wipe up a spill or two on the floor, so no one slips and sues the company for millions.

From my standpoint, I'm entitled to walk out of the store with a free brisket every week!

"You're wasting our bags," she repeats. It's late at night, and I'm tired. Admittedly, I found her pleas more nettlesome than I might have otherwise.

"If you don't like the way I'm bagging the groceries, please feel free to come around here and bag them for me -- you know, like employees used to before you were born," I chirped.

"That's not my job." "Okay, then I will bag my groceries my own way, if that's alright with you."

"I just don't understand why you are wasting bags. Why do you always use two?" she asks. "Because the bags are weak, and I don't want the handles to break or the bottoms to split open."

"Well, that's because you are putting too much stuff in each bag," she explains. "If you took half of that stuff out, and put it in a different bag, then you wouldn't need to double-bag."

[Ten seconds of me just staring at her.]

"You want me to split these items in half, and put half in a different bag?" I ask. "So, that way I don't have to double-bag?"

"Exactly." "Wouldn't I be using the same number of bags to hold the same number of items?"

"No, because you are not double-bagging." [I'm pressing two

fingers into my left eye, trying to make it stop twitching.]

"Okay, so here I have a jug of milk and a bottle of juice, double-bagged," I say. "If I take the milk out, and remove the double-bagging, and just put the milk in this single bag, and the juice in that single bag, I'm still using two bags for two items."

"No, because you are not double-bagging them, so it's not the same number of bags."

"Is this like that Common Core math stuff I keep hearing about?" I ask.

"Never mind," she sighs. "You just don't get it."

Intimidated by the growing number of on-lookers, who were gathering I believe for the comic relief, my bag monitor returns to her station, and resumes staring into her phone.

I thought about calling the manager over, but there were times in our conversation where I thought she might actually be the manager.

"Excuse me," I beckon. "Will you show me how to ring up eleven eggs instead of a dozen?"

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