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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 40:31 *But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Josh Gray offered one of our roving photographers a nice smile before heading off to work. Thank you for your smile, Josh!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Each year, the Hoosier State Press Association Foundation awards two \$1,000 scholarships to children or grandchildren of an employee or independent contractor of an HSPA member newspaper. Please note: There are no restrictions on a student's major. These Foundation awards were previously focused strictly on journalism students but the new Legacy Scholarships are aimed at benefiting the children and grandchildren of our industry's best assets: our employees and independent contractors. Applications must be received at HSPA Foundation office by Friday, April 8th.

2 Jay Ohrberg won the Guinness record for the world's longest car in 1986. The auto was originally 60 feet in length but, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC], Ohrberg, whose business was customizing automobiles, decided to extend it to 100 feet long. The super-limousine hadn't been seen in quite a while until another car buff, Michael Manning of Nassau County, NY, found it recently, apparently abandoned and in disrepair. "I first found the car at an auto-body show in New Jersey and it was garbage. It was covered in graffiti, the windows were broken, the tires were flat, but I fell in love with it anyway." Manning decided to rebuild it and the folks at Guinness, once again, declared it to be the world's longest car. If you're wondering how you find a parking space for an auto that long, don't worry; Manning has put it on display at the Dezerland Park Car Museum in Orlando, FL.

3 A new survey found that only half of Americans participate in annual spring cleaning. Even more alarming - 37% say they never do a deep clean of their home. Most hated chores: Cleaning bathrooms, washing dishes, doing laundry, 85% of people put off doing the chores they hate, 65% of women with kids say they do all the chores in the family, versus 23% of men.

Butch Remembers Those CRAZY Basketball Fans

Before school consolidation here in Montgomery County, a stranger driving down Main Street in one of the little towns on a Friday night would have sworn that he was passing through a ghost town. Where was everyone? Well, they were at the high school gym... munching on popcorn, discussing strategy, and yelling the basketball team on to glory. The basketball team not only represented the school, it also represented the town. A Friday night game was the high point of a week's activities, and the games were a major uni-



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale



BUTCH DALE
COLUMNIST

fying influence. If a team was "down," the community kept its hopes and spirits up for each game, and the schools savored the underdog role when playing a larger school. And the fans knew every boy on the team, in addition to his family. Several years ago, I interviewed a few

Darlington fans, and here's what they said....

"At Darlington, you would not have considered missing a game. Everyone attended. You went early for a sandwich and some pie in the cafeteria and

➔ See BUTCH Page A4

Here's The Veteran Newsletter April 2022

Well once again I am Writing you about our veterans, we have had four veterans go to Danville, IL VA and we have had one go to Brownsburg VA, we had one go to Lafayette VA and we had two veterans go to Roudebush VA so we were busy. I had 17 spouses and veterans come into my office for a claim.



JOE ELLIS
Veterans Service Officer

and anything else you would like to discuss. You do not need to be a member to visit me. Also I will be at the VFW on April 24 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 PM.

Now we must speak about flying of the American Flag. If you fly the American Flag please inspect your flag for fraying or tearing of the flag or if you have flag's that are off of their post's. Please remove them from their post's and get a new flag. You may go to the American Legion Post 72 in Crawfordsville as they have several sizes of flags available. You do not need to be a member of

the Legion to purchase the flags.

Denise Williams, on the legacy of her father, Col. Gail Halvorsen, the Berlin Candy Bomber, Who died Feb. 16, 2022. He was a Cargo pilot, Halvorsen became a hero to Germans for dropping treats for children during the Berlin Airlift in 1948 and 1949, in what became known as "Operation Little Vittles." He was an honorary life member of American Legion Rhein Main Post GR95 in Morfelden-Walldorf, Germany.

Joe Ellis is the Veterans Service Officer for Montgomery County. He sends in information from time to time and The Paper is proud to publish it as a service for our many local veterans.

Wrapping Up Readers' Choice 2022

Readers' Choice is wrapped up for another year, and once again, The Paper's annual promotion to recognize your favorites in a multitude of categories was a huge success.

Back when our company was founded, the staff at The Paper brought Montgomery County this fun and good-natured promotion that features local businesses, people, products and more and gives you, our readers, the opportunity to vote for your favorites. We often joke that this is like Chicago politics and encourage you to vote early and vote often.

You see, this has never been about the rigidity of the process. Instead, it is designed to be an

absolutely fun and very positive way for our readers to cast a good light on their favorites. And oh, how you have responded! We annually see ballots that number in the hundreds of thousands - so many in fact that we had to find a way to automatic the counting process.

This year, rather than unveil all the winners at one time like we have in the past, we are revealing several categories a day. Today's categories can be found inside and a quick list is also provided here. When the final winners, runner-ups and honorable mentions are revealed, we will compile all of them into one keepsake edition that will stay posted on

Want MORE?

Please turn to page A5 for the winners, runner ups, and honorable mentions in the **SERVICE** category and page A5 for the **ENTERTAINMENT** category. Stay tuned for these categories: **MARCHANDISE** and **GOVERNEMENT** next week!

our website for the entire year.

Lastly, we encourage you to pay attention to the many businesses who are saying thank you with their ads. Without those supporters, local news and specifically your daily edition, wouldn't be here.

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:25 a.m.
SET: 8:16 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 58°F
Low: 42°F

Wacky Holiday Today

- National Dandelion Day
- Bell Bottoms Day
- First Contact Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1998 The world's largest suspension bridge opens to traffic
- 1955 Winston Churchill resigns as U.K. Prime Minister
- 1951 Ethel and Julius Rosenberg are sentenced to death

Births On This Day

- 1908 Bette Davis American actress
- 1917 Robert Bloch American author

Deaths On This Day

- 1994 Kurt Cobain American singer-songwriter, guitarist
- 1997 Allen Ginsberg American poet

Cooler Heads Prevailed

Sunday night, at midnight mind you, I decided to get a head start on the grilling season. If that seems like a peculiar time to begin grilling, you'll find the appliance that I used to be quite unconventional, too.

I used the grille of my car.

Those of you who groaned at my pun should know that I am equally chagrined by the circumstances that provoked this word play.

I was heading westbound on



JOHN MARLOWE
COLUMNIST

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Even for Indiana, this weather is weird. Days of cold with one hot day here and there? Reminds me of my academic history.



➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Instead of sitting down and watching the tube after a meal, take a 20-minute walk. 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

Donald Howlett
Lawrence E. Goebel
Raymond Melevage

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank Tracy and Steven Line of Crawfordsville for subscribing!



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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Want To Go?

Cricket flinging, cheese-making and an equine treadmill demonstration are a few of many activities awaiting attendees at the annual Purdue College of Agriculture's Spring Fest on April 9. Free and open to the public, Spring Fest will take place throughout the College of Agriculture grounds and buildings, the College of Veterinary Medicine and on the Memorial Mall, offering dozens of interactive activities and educational opportunities for all age.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Mountaintops inspire leaders. But valleys mature them."
Winston Churchill

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Leaf.
Leaf who?
Leaf me alone!

13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

60 A.M. SHOWERS, CLEARING	42/58 SCTD B&IN SHOWERS	50/58 RAIN LIKELY	42/53 SCTD B&IN SHOWERS	37/43 COLDER, B&IN TO WINTY MIX	33/45 FLURRIES EARLY, CHILLY	32/63 WARMER
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

OBITUARIES

Donald Howlett

Jan. 10, 1944 - April 1, 2022

Donald Eugene Howlett, 78, passed away Friday at Hendricks Regional.

He was born to Albert and Edna Howlett on Jan. 10, 1944 in Greencastle, Ind.

He graduated from Greencastle High School in 1962. He began working at R. R. Donnelley's in 1968 and retired from there in 2004. He bowled for several years, and after retirement, played golf in a senior league at Rocky Ridge. He loved to travel, visiting historic and natural sites. He enjoyed watching sports on TV, especially IU basketball. He loved planting and tending his flowers, feeding the birds and making small woodworking projects. He had an enormous interest in space exploration and was a weather buff, reading extensively about both.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was a good man with infinite patience and kindness. He loved meeting new people, but was fiercely loyal to family and old friends. He was a steadying force in the lives of his family and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Darla; son, Damon (Stephanie); three grandchildren, Austin (Kiersten) Long, Peyton (Elyssa) Long and Taylor (Keith) Sims; three great-grandchildren, Addison, Reed and Sophie; one sister, Judy Mooney.

A private family service will be held on Wednesday, April 6th at Burkhart Funeral Home, Crawfordsville. The family requests the omission of flowers.

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

Lawrence E. Goebel

Nov. 29, 1945 - April 1, 2022

On April 1, 2022, the world lost a remarkable man, Lawrence "Larry" Goebel.

Larry was born in Cicero, Illinois, to Frederick and Ruth Goebel.

He was the fifth of five children (Jim, Mildred, Janet and Fred). He graduated from Elmhurst College in 1970 and earned his MBA from DePaul University in 1977. He attended law school at IU Indianapolis "just for fun" in the early 80's. He spent part of his career as an entrepreneur, moving from the Chicago area to Crawfordsville in 1977 where he spent a number of years running the Floor Covering Shop and other businesses before settling in as a financial advisor.

What was most important to him was family, and family to him included nearly everyone with whom he had a relationship. His home was always open and he always had extra food and drink at the ready for anyone who might happen to stop by at dinner time. You could find him at work at the grill in any season and in any weather. He was always willing to listen and give salient advice and was an advocate of always taking the high-road (despite his hatred of heights.) He loved the Chicago Cubs, and trained his children to do the same so that they would be well equipped to learn to deal with disappointment. He had a strong protestant work ethic and went out of his way to recognize and reward those traits in others. He was the rock at the center of our family. We love and miss him dearly.

Survivors include his beloved wife, partner and best friend, Jean F. Goebel; seven children, Randy Deneau, (Lisa), Heidi Goebel, Mike Goebel (Anna), Sheila Taggart (Scott Kimball), Steve Eichenberger (Linda), David Eichenberger (Mitzi) and Brian Atteberry (Kristen); 14 grandchildren, Alex Deneau (Missy), Hannah Berber (Luis), Nicholas Barrett, Evan Barrett, Travis Taggart (Christina), Pat Taggart, Ben Taggart, Jake Taggart, David Eichenberger (Casey), Sam Eichenberger, Laura Eichenberger, Grace Eichenberger, Eliza Eichenberger and Will Atteberry; and five great grandchildren, Diego Berber, Don Taggart, Eli Taggart, Riley Blinn and James Eichenberger.

A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. Saturday April 16th at Hunt & Son Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 1 p.m. Condolences may be left at www.huntandson.com

Births

A son, Maverick Edward Roberts, was born on March 31, 2022 at Witham Health Services to Tyler Roberts and Marissa Garcia of Crawfordsville. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maverick will be welcomed home by a brother, Hunter Roberts.

Maternal grandparents are Amy and Steve Franklin of Crawfordsville and

Jorge Garcia of Terre Haute; paternal grandparents are Lisa Bartlett of Attica and Kevin Roberts of Crawfordsville.

Maternal great-grandparents are Nolan and Phyllis Warner of Crawfordsville and Beva and TA Garcia of Terre Haute; paternal great-grandparents are Ed and Joyce Roberts of New Ross.

Raymond Melevage

Feb. 25, 1949 - March 28, 2022

Raymond Melevage, of Crawfordsville, Indiana passed away at the age of 73 after a long battle with cancer.

He was an accomplished artist, photographer and jeweler. He received his BS in art education from Indiana State University and a MS in art education from Indiana University. He shared his talents with many students over 40 years of teaching. He was an art, photography and jewelry teacher at both Southmont High School and Avon High School as well as a drawing instructor at Purdue University.

He was an avid traveler and advocated that some of the most impactful teaching is accomplished outside the classroom. With this mindset, he chaperoned countless high school trips to Europe, sharing the great masterpieces of the Louvre and Prado museums, touring the Colosseum in Rome, and encouraging his students to sketch along the way.

Mr. Melevage retired in 2014 and went on to display his talents at many art shows, spoiling his grandchildren, gardening and completing several home improvement projects for his family. He will be dearly missed.

Survivors include his fiancé, Kathy Gregory; his children, Amy (Brad) Walse and Paul (Lacey) Melevage; five grandchildren; and his siblings, Bernadette Pakalniskis, Lynette Fredricks, and Laurie Karagas and their families.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Gladys; and his brother, Alan.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Monday, April 11th at the Burkhart Funeral home. Father Michael Bower will preside over the memorial service starting at 12 p.m. Blessing and burial at Calvary Cemetery will follow.

Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

Community Development Block Grants Is Now Open For Applications

The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs announced the first round of Community Development Block Grants for 2022 is now open for applications.

The following programs are currently accepting applications:

- Public Facilities Program (for all activities except historic preservation);
- Blight Clearance Program;
- Stormwater Improvements; and
- Wastewater/Drinking Water.

No changes to the Construction Grant program are anticipated for 2022 Round 1, as OCRA continues to collect and evaluate stakeholder feedback on the program. All existing policies and requirements will remain in effect unless otherwise notified by OCRA.

Application instructions can be found at in.gov/ocra/cdbg.

2022 Round 1 proposals must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on Friday, April 29, 2022 via the Indiana Electronic Grants Management System. However, OCRA encourages communities to submit proposals before 4:00 p.m. ET as there will be no technical support available after that time.

2022 Round 1 applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on Friday, July 1, 2022 via the Indiana Electronic Grants Management System. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications prior to 4:00 p.m. ET on July 1, 2022, as technical assistance will not be avail-



Meeting Notes

Crawfordsville Council Committee Meeting

The City of Crawfordsville, Indiana

April 4, 2022 at 6:00 PM EDT

City Building, 300 E Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933

Council Chambers

I. Fiscal Affairs

A. Resolution Approving American Rescue Plan

B. An Ordinance to Appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for Pur-

poses that Fulfill the Intent of the American Rescue

Plan Act in Aid of the City of Crawfordsville's Recov-

ery from the Effects of the COVID-19 Emergency

C. A Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of the 2021 Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission Annual Report under Indiana Code § 36-7-14-13

D. A Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of the 2021 Crawfordsville Rental Registration Program Annual Report

E. Ordinance Adopting A New Schedule of Rates and Charges for Services Rendered by Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power to Reflect the Repeal of The Utility Receipts Tax, Effective July 1, 2022

II. Ordinances & Petitions

III. Traffic, Parking & Safety

IV. Annexation

V. Miscellaneous

VI. Adjournment

We Don't Think Much About Axes



Slim Randles
Home Country

Want MORE HOME COUNTY?

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

These days we don't think much about axes. They're kinda old fashioned and they are too closely associated with manual labor for them to be very popular. It's a shame, too, because there is lore to an ax. There are proper and improper ways to sharpen one, for instance.

There are proper and improper ways to fell a tree with one, to limb a fallen tree, to split firewood. Replacing the handle on an ax could make the subject of a very interesting small book, even.

Marvin always puts a coating of fiberglass around the handle just below the head to keep firewood from chewing up the handle, for instance. Dud has been known to soak an ax handle in a large tube of kerosene before using it to give it longer life.

In fact, Dud has made ax work into something of an art form. If you need

your ax sharpened, Dud's the guy to see. He has an old-fashioned grindstone with a water drip. He'll tell you it's important not to get the steel too hot and therefore take the temper out of it. And when he finishes sharpening your ax, you can shave with it. If you really want to.

But if they gave doctor's degrees in ax use, ol' Jasper Blankenship, up in the mountains, would get the first one around here. He built his cabin with just an ax, in fact. The whole thing. It was while Jasper was showing his new cabin to some tourist ladies that his ax became legendary around here.

"You see that ax?" he asked them. "That was George Washington's ax. Yep, the same one he used to chop down the cherry tree. 'Course it's been through 42 handles and six heads since then."

Brought to you by Home Country (the book), published by Rio Grande Press and now available as a Kindle ebook on Amazon.

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69 Farming Families Honored With The Hoosier Homestead Award

At the Indiana Statehouse, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) Director Bruce Kettler presented 69 families with a Hoosier Homestead Award in recognition of their commitment to Indiana agriculture.

"I always look forward to engaging with Indiana's historic farming families during the Hoosier Homestead Award ceremonies," Crouch said. "The longstanding values, dedication and resiliency of these families will ensure their farm and family's legacy live on for many generations."

To be named a Hoosier Homestead, farms must be owned by the same family for more than 100 consecutive years, and consist of more than 20 acres. If less than 20 acres, the farm must produce more than \$1,000 of agricultural products per year. Indiana farms may qualify for three honors: Centennial Award for 100 years of ownership, Sesquicentennial Award for 150 years of ownership and the Bicentennial

Award for 200 years of ownership.

The department awarded three farms for bicentennial ownership. They are the Williams farm from Madison County (est. 1822), the Hartman farm from Parke County (est. 1822) and the Arnold farm from Rush County (est. 1821).

Since the program's inception in 1976, nearly 6,000 families have received the Hoosier Homestead Award. Many past awardees can be identified by the sign proudly displayed in front of the family farm or field.

"It is hard to put into words the value these farming families have provided to their communities, our state and the Indiana agricultural industry since the formation of their farms," Kettler said. "It is my utmost pleasure to honor these longstanding families for their dedication to providing the feed, food and fuel necessary to sustain our state."

Below is a list of the Hoosier Homestead Award recipients honored during the spring 2022

ceremony:

County; Award name; Award year; Award type
 Adams; Verlin J. Bulmahn; 1871; Sesquicentennial
 Adams; Sheets; 1847; Sesquicentennial
 Bartholomew; Burbrink; 1902; Centennial
 Bartholomew; Dallas & Hazel Kreinhagen; 1839; Sesquicentennial
 Benton; McNeil; 1921; Centennial
 Benton; Gilbert; 1920; Centennial
 Blackford; Kitterman; 1856; Sesquicentennial
 Boone; Turpin; 1895; Centennial
 Carroll; North; 1898; Centennial
 Clay; Fisher; 1862; Sesquicentennial
 Clinton; Garrett; 1919; Centennial
 Clinton; Douglass; 1886; Centennial
 Clinton; Couden/Wilson; 1918; Centennial
 Dearborn; Bulach; 1909; Centennial
 Dearborn; Kuebel/McCarty; 1855; Sesquicentennial
 DeKalb; Lautzenhiser; 1864; Sesquicentennial
 DeKalb; Myers; 1899; Centennial

Delaware; Pursifull; 1913; Centennial
 Dubois; Oscar Hochgesang; 1910; Centennial
 Dubois; Mutchman; 1872; Sesquicentennial
 Dubois; Stenftenagel; 1918; Centennial
 Franklin; Fledderman; 1922; Centennial
 Franklin; Joseph & Madaline Niedenthal; 1919; Centennial
 Franklin; Middelndorf-Goldsmith; 1858; Sesquicentennial
 Hamilton; McClintick; 1829; Sesquicentennial
 Hancock; Boyd; 1851; Sesquicentennial
 Harrison; Wolfe; 1889; Centennial
 Harrison; Bickel, Seitz, Stewart & Webster; 1888; Centennial
 Howard; Kingseed; 1848; Sesquicentennial
 Huntington; Detamore; 1904; Centennial
 Jackson; Moenning; 1851; Sesquicentennial
 Kosciusko; Clay; 1913; Centennial
 LaPorte; Hagenow; 1891; Centennial
 Madison; Williams; 1822; Bicentennial
 Madison; Hodson; 1837; Sesquicentennial
 Marion; Fredrick

Wampner; 1841; Sesquicentennial
 Miami; Yoars; 1870; Sesquicentennial
 Montgomery; Larry Joe & Debra Ann Carter; 1831; Sesquicentennial
 Montgomery; Bymaster; 1837; Sesquicentennial
 Montgomery; Spitznagel; 1920; Centennial
 Ohio; Vorbroker; 1872; Sesquicentennial
 Orange; Emerson & Ella Bishop and Frentz; 1919; Centennial
 Owen; Jordan; 1869; Sesquicentennial
 Owen; Jordan; 1869; Sesquicentennial
 Parke; Bryant; 1852; Sesquicentennial
 Parke; Crooks; 1848; Sesquicentennial
 Parke; Hartman; 1822; Bicentennial
 Posey; Kenneth & Mary Seebode; 1861; Sesquicentennial
 Pulaski; Selmer; 1872; Sesquicentennial
 Randolph; Donald R. & Myrna L. Peacock; 1837; Sesquicentennial
 Ripley; John W. & Emo Vestal; 1902; Centennial
 Ripley; Simon; 1915; Centennial

Rush; Arnold; 1821; Bicentennial
 Rush; Collins/Addison; 1825; Sesquicentennial
 Rush; Daubenspeck; 1830; Sesquicentennial
 Scott; Faris; 1870; Sesquicentennial
 Spencer; Huppert-Geiss; 1853; Sesquicentennial
 Spencer; Collins; 1918; Centennial
 Tippecanoe; Osborn; 1896; Centennial
 Tippecanoe; Shelle; 1920; Centennial
 Wabash; Willcox-Stout; 1914; Centennial
 Warren; Hunter; 1886; Centennial
 Warren; George B. Clawson; 1875; Centennial
 Warrick; Godeke; 1920; Centennial
 Wayne; Jackson; 1853; Sesquicentennial
 Wells; Bonham; 1896; Centennial
 Wells; Reed; 1871; Sesquicentennial
 Wells; Hatfield/Shutt; 1871; Sesquicentennial
 White; McMullen/Thomas; 1917; Centennial
 Whitley; Sauers; 1872; Sesquicentennial

BBB Issues Warning For Department Of Workforce Development Scam

The BBB serving Northern Indiana has issued a warning to consumers about a new text message scam posing as the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

In previous years, scammers have preyed on individuals who had applied for unemployment benefits. In the new text scam, reported to BBB in March, consumers receive a text from DWD claiming to have a \$3,800 payment available for returning to work, as part of a program called "Back2Work." The message claims that the money will be direct deposited once the user clicks the link in the text message.

The texts come from an

out-of-state area code but contain a link that looks as if it's from the State of Indiana. The links may contain malware, which could access sensitive information on your device and result in possible identity theft.

The DWD confirmed they will not ask to verify information via text. Instead, users will be prompted to verify their information using the state's ID.me portal. They encourage those who receive this text not to click on any links and delete any text claiming to be from DWD. If the link is clicked, it is possible the scammer will have access to information on the user's device which could allow access to take

over an unemployment claim or other personal information.

Use BBB's tips to avoid text scams:

Watch out for suspicious links. Most scam text messages contain a link for you to click on. Scammers hope their message will cause you to feel so scared or excited, you'll click the link without thinking. Some of these links could download malware onto your device. Others may lead you to lookalike websites where scammers hope to harvest your personal information, login ID, and passwords.

If you spot a scam text, don't reply. Some scammers ask you to text "STOP" or "NO" so

you won't receive future texts. In reality, your reply tells them they have a real, active phone number and could open you up to future attacks. If a text message seems suspicious, don't reply. Block the number and erase the message.

Look for spelling and grammar errors. A large number of fake texts originate with offshore companies where they may be crafted by someone who isn't completely fluent in the English language. Some scammers are highly skilled in English and it may even be their first language, so not every fake text you receive will follow this rule.

If a website looks real, check again. If you

do click on a link in a suspicious text message and it appears to take you to an official business website, don't immediately let your guard down. Scammers can create a carbon copy of a legitimate website and if you login on the fake site they can steal your username and password. Check the URL carefully to make sure you are on the official website before you navigate within it.

Keep your antivirus software up to date. Antivirus software can alert you to fake and unsafe websites if you happen to click on a link in an unsolicited text message. Keep the software installed and up to date to protect yourself against scammers.

If you spot a scam, whether you've lost money or not, report it to BBB's Scam Tracker at BBB.org/ScamTracker and the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

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Top Five Things Dads Can Do To Help Support Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, making it an ideal time to shed light on this issue. The Dads' Resource Center is promoting awareness of how father involvement is one of the primary factors in preventing these horrible situations from occurring.

"Fathers are the foundation of any family," says Dads' Resource Center Executive Director Jeff Steiner. "Those who are not doing so need to step up and be the father their children need them to be, and we need systemic reform to eliminate the ways that our family court, county and human services systems impede or deny father family involvement."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), child abuse takes place in several forms. They report that child abuse and neglect include physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, and neglect. They find that it's highly prevalent, with 1 in 7 children experiencing some form of abuse or neglect. They also report several factors associated with it, including having young parents, single parents, low parental income, parental substance abuse, parental mental health issues, parental history of

abuse or neglect, family disorganization, and parenting stress, among other issues.

Much of this could be prevented by greater father family involvement. There is great emphasis on father engagement programs and the need for fathers to be more involved. But there are countless willing and able fathers who are denied the opportunity to be involved in their children's lives due to biases in the family court, county and human services systems.

Given the opportunity, there is much that dads can do to help prevent child abuse. This leads to children having healthier childhoods that gives them their best chance at being successful in life, and along with that a happier and more productive society. Here are 5 ways that dads can prevent child abuse:

Setting the tone for their families. Regardless of how difficult things may be a father has to display strength and conviction at all times. When dads are steady and calm, consistently do the right thing and treat others with respect, families are less susceptible to the instability that can lead to violence or abuse.

Being an active father.

Studies show that when fathers develop bonds with their children early in life that becomes a protective factor against child abuse. Similarly, the more involved a father is the more supported mothers will be, which relieves tension and stress.

Ensuring the family finances. According to the CDC, there are practical factors that help to reduce child abuse and neglect. These include families having safe and stable housing and being more economically stable. Children are also more protected when they feel safe, protected, nurtured, and their basic needs are all being met.

Building the father child relationship. A father's relationship with his children is crucial to their overall health and well-being. Make it a goal to nurture the relationship so children feel safe, confident, and well adjusted.

Not being afraid to ask for help. If any family members have anger issues, make it a point for them to get help. This obviously includes fathers themselves. Family members must learn how to handle their emotions healthily so they don't lash out at others.

"Our culture desperately

needs to reset in a way that reemphasizes fatherhood," said Dads' Resource Center Chairman Dr. Joel N. Myers. "It is a disservice to both mothers and fathers, and most importantly our children, when fathers are kept out of the equation."

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

About Dads' Resource Center

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

Senator Braun On President Biden Ending Title 42 Border Policy

Senator Mike Braun released the following statement on President Biden's decision to end Title 42, the policy that allows the U.S. to quickly expel migrants at the southern border.

"By ending Title 42, President Biden is welcoming hundreds of thousands more illegal immigrants to enter the US on top of the millions already crossing. His staff has said they know this will cause an 'influx' yet are still doing it. The radical left is running the White House." - Senator Mike Braun

Border Patrol agents have voiced their concern that they are unprepared for the "surge on top of a surge" that the White House's decision will create at the border.

Anti-border security political activists have been pressuring the White House to end Title 42. Several Democrats, including Senator Joe Manchin and Senator Maggie Hassan, have called upon the White House not to end Title 42.

White House Director of Communications Kate Bedingfield has confirmed that the White House is aware that their ending of Title 42 would result in



Senator Mike Braun

an "influx of people at the border."

There have been 805,157 encounters with migrants at the border less than 6 months into FY 2022, as compared to 405,036 encounters with migrants in the entire FY2020.

The Department of Homeland Security has estimated the number of migrants encountered daily at the border could swell to 18,000, up from 7,000 per day now.

In 2019, President Obama's DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson said that 1,000 border crossings a day is a "crisis" and that he could not imagine what 4,000 per day would look like: "I know that a thousand overwhelms the system. I cannot begin to imagine what 4,000 a day looks like, so we are truly in a crisis" Johnson said in that 2019 interview.

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then stayed late for the sock hop after the game." Diana Branstetter Binford "When we went to Lebanon and Zionsville for the Sectionals, we were always the smallest school. In the final game against Speedway, a sell-out, it gave me cold chills to see the whole crowd stand up for Darlington... what a feeling!" Debbie Wilson DeFreitas "Being a spectator and member of the Booster Club for four years, what I remember most vividly was the spirit that permeated our games. We all knew the cheers, and the pep rallies in the afternoon before the games always helped to set the mood. Tournaments were especially exciting." Peggy Peebles Foster "As far back as I can remember, our family

went to as many basketball games as possible... One year we got stuck three times going to the County Tourney!" Mary Lou Weliever "I wasn't very good in sports, but the coaches gave me a feeling of belonging. We always had a great time riding the school bus back to town, especially after winning...and then going to Cecil Cox's restaurant and celebrating. And when Ed Miller was coach, we enjoyed going to his house for one of his famous chili suppers." Don Charters "In junior high school, I remember watching the high school basketball teams...dreaming of our days out there." Rich Douglas "One nice thing about our school was that more

kids could take part. If they went out for the ball team of any kind, they usually got to play some. Now they get cut from the team...I think the best time I had was being elected cheerleader for two years. Tourney time was really exciting, leading yells in front of all those people at the Crawfordsville gym." Mary Ellen Vannice Harmon "In the younger grades, the kids really looked up to the basketball players and cheerleaders. It was really a lot of fun having admirers, even if you didn't realize it at the time...It was also great to have teams you could be proud of, at games and especially at the County Tourney and Sectional. You really felt the whole school was involved and

supported the team. The school spirit was wonderful." Trudy Mennen Freeman "I will always remember the fathers and mothers who attended every game...at home or away, the County Keg, the small gyms full of people, and the intracounty friends." Jim Shelton "In 1954, our boys won the first County Tourney in our school's history. So many people came to celebrate...a huge bonfire, a day's vacation from school, and a victory dance. Pete Irwin was our coach, and everybody loved him!" Sharon Hankins Lough "I didn't miss many varsity games when I was in junior high. My Dad hauled me and anyone else who wanted to go as far as an "A" gaso-

line card (during WWII) would take us for this patriotic adventure." Tom Thompson "I will never forget the way the people supported the basketball team, and the gym filled to capacity, with the people standing and yelling. The excited fans always cheered...maybe a little booing...but not like today." Judy Cain Mullen "The most outstanding moments were the times the team won the Keg, and the times we always had a bad snowstorm each time a tourney was played...and the suspense of wondering if I would get to go or not." Janet Covault Stockton "One of the biggest thrills of my life was when I played basketball in the fifth grade, and my coach handed me

my first uniform. I wore that oversized jersey for hours on end, looking at myself in the mirror, and practicing outside... shooting baskets at the goal on the side of our barn...and even sleeping in my prized basketball "war dress." And in my first game against another school, I don't remember whether my team won or lost. I just remember how much fun it was to play in front of a crowd and hear those fans cheering me on...I wanted to be like the high schools boys...my idols. What fun days!

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the highway that connects the two flagships of this venerable two-town newspaper conglomerate, when I could see in the peep of my headlights' beam an object in the road taking shape before me. Normally, an obstruction wouldn't present much of a problem. State Road 32 is a broad, two-lane highway with a smooth surface and ample berms on each side. The terrain is level and the course is straight, making it an ideal route to make time crossing the state. I loved driving this stretch of road at night.

Often at Sunday zero hour, I'd find myself to be the only vehicle on the road, alone to the hum of the tires and the drone of the thoughts running through my head. "Nothing behind me, everything ahead of me, as is ever so on the road," Jack Kerouac would say. (On the Road, 1957) But all has changed. Nowadays, an increasing number of motorists are also discovering the highway as a means of avoiding the metropolitan snarl to the south. A disquieting volume of traffic can form on that road,

even late at night. Such was the case, Sunday. Although not tightly formed, a train of oncoming traffic approached me from the west. Behind me the distinctive pattern of Jeep headlights shone brightly in my rear-view mirror, in alternating distances of "watch it buddy" to "Hey! Get off my ...". So, when the object in the road first broke into the gloaming, I knew I had one chance to make a decision, and it had to be right. If I went left, I was into the oncoming traffic. If I jammed on

my brakes, the Jeep was into me. If I went right, I could spill into the ditch. In the first millisecond, I concluded that the two-inch, thin white rectangular object was a plastic lid. In the next millisecond, I assessed that I would straddle the object, since the white lid seemed much narrower than my wheel base. In the third millisecond, the silhouette of a big red box still attached to the lid pierced the veil of darkness. The person who suggested that making any decision is better than waiting at the fork in the road, never had

to contend with a huge Coleman@ cooler. I hoped that my front spoiler would deflect most of the debris away from my tires, and it did. However, the bulk of the cooler rolled under the spoiler, and was suctioned up into the front of the motor compartment. My 4,780 pound SUV quickly dispelled any claims that Coleman™ might make about their coolers being indestructible, and the shards of plastic traveled the length of my car in a tintinnabulation of tinkling that a Chihuly chandelier might make when dropped from

a six story building. I am left, now, with driving a 1986 Dodge soccer Mom van, while my car is in the shop for a new radiator, fan, fan motor, and air conditioning condenser. It could have been worse, I know. It could have been a refrigerator. I am grateful. Nevertheless, I am left with a deep wondering whether I made the right decision ... and this really odd craving for potato salad.

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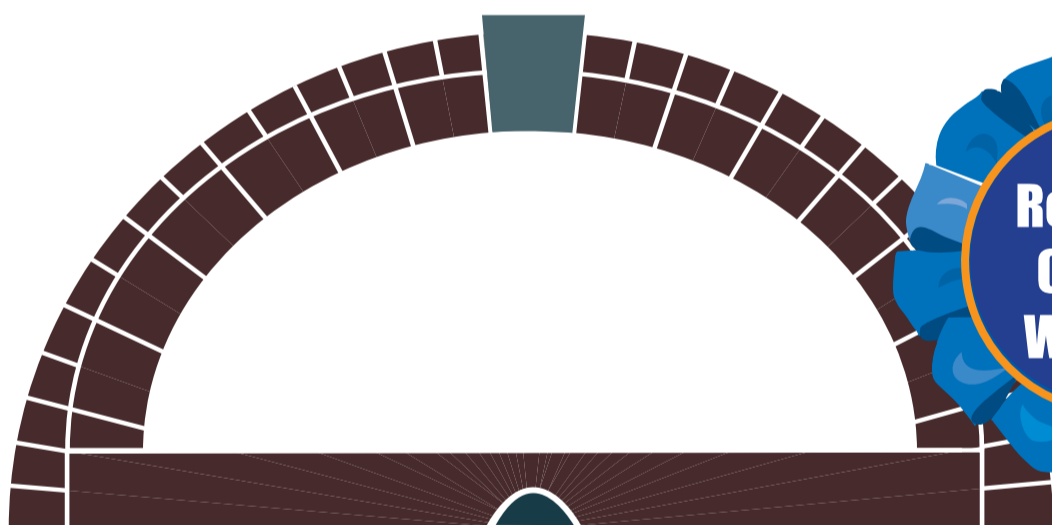
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