TODAY'S VERSE

Acts 2:38 Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

⇒ FACES of **MONTGOMERY**



Courtney Garrett, Mandy Raffignone smile happily trying to help find the right car seat. Thank you for your smiles!

⇒ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

The U.S. Department of Labor has awarded more than \$189 million to workforce agencies in 49 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia to operate their Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments programs. This award is a \$40 million increase over the previous year. Funding will strengthen states' unemployment insurance programs and provide customized workforce services to support individuals' efforts to find employment through informed job searches.

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 autobody 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.

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.

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Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

Butch's Coach-Pitch Team 1986: (Front row, left to right) Megan Hampton, Tacy Olin, Crystal Bowles, Evan McManomy Gabe Olin, and Josh Bronaugh; (Back row, left to right) Noah Adams, Brian Devire, Ryan Mahoy, Clark Dale, Brandon Covault, and David

Butch Says Coaching Little Kids is a Blast!

When I started at Purdue in

BUTCH DALE

majored in Agricultural Economics. That next summer, I coached the Darlington Little

Education so I could be a teacher and coach. Upon graduation, my former sixth grade teacher retired that same year, and I was fortunate to be hired to replace him at my old school! I taught 5th, 6th, and 7th grade Social League

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of 11 and 12-year olds. I had

so much fun that I decided to

switch my college major over to

Volunteers for Mental Health to Offer Mental Health First Aid Clinic May 5

From the smallest boo-boo to something more serious, you probably would know the basic first aid to offer someone in need. But would the same answer be true if you encountered a family member, friend, colleague, student, or community member who was demonstrating mental health concerns. Should you say something, or not? Should the person be approached, or left alone?

baseball team, which consisted

Most Americans, sadly, do

not know the basics of assisting someone in a mental health crisis. They may not even realize someone is actually in crisis. Yet, the need for such knowledge has only grown in light of the Covid Pandemic and other changes in the U.S. society. The Centers for Disease Control found in a recent study that "mental, behavioral, and de-

⇒See CLINIC Page A9

velopmental disorders begin in

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

Want **MORE**?

Please turn to page A4 for the winners, runner ups, and honorable mentions in the **MERCHANDISE** category.

readers, the opportunity to vote for your favorites. We often joke that this is like Chicago

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Local Farms Recognized



PHIL BOOTS **State Senator**

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) recently announced the latest recipients of the Hoosier Homestead Award, which recognizes farms that have been owned and maintained by the same family for 100 years or more.

In Senate District 23, nine locally owned farms were honored at the Statehouse:

- The Bryant farm in Parke County received a Sesquicentennial Award;
- The Bymaster farm in Montgomery County received a Sesquicentennial Award;
- The Crooks farm in Parke County received Centennial

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JOHN O. MARLOWE The Good Sport

that the hot war between Russia and Ukraine has reminded me — aside from the

thing that

stupidity and savagery of human de-

struction, and the utter hubris of tyrants -- is of my less than ideal knowledge of world geography.

Now, I'm no Vasco da Gama, but I've always been able to hold my own when finding my way 'round a world map or globe.

For my younger readers, a globe is like Google™ Maps, glued to a cardboard sphere, suspended by a metal frame

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The Daily Almanac

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Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 7:14 a.m. SET: 8:23 p.m.

High/Low **Temperatures** High: 68°F

Low: 45°F

Wacky Holiday Today

• Big Wind Day

National Only Child Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1981 The Space Shuttle blasts off for the first time
- 1961 Yuri Gagarin becomes first human in space
- 1861 The American Civil War begins

Births On This Day

- 1947 Tom Clancy American author
- 1947 David Letterman American comedian, talk show host

Deaths On This Day • 1945 Franklin D. Roo-

sevelt

32nd US President • 1989 Joe Louis American boxer

Exploring John's 'In-Continents' Poetry on the Plaza

Calling all poets and poet wanna-be's! Athens Arts Gallery is sponsoring a poetry writing event to celebrate National Poetry Month. Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, National Poetry Month reminds the public that poets have an integral role to play in our culture and that poetry matters. Join fellow community members in a group event led by Gwynn Wills, certified Amherst Authors and Writers Workshop Leader on Thursday, April 21, 2022, from 1-2:30 PM at the Marie Canine Plaza. Participants will have the opportunity to write poems with inspired prompts from the AWA Method and artwork from local artists.

The event is free to the public

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HONEST HOOSIER

Mowing the lawn, doing dishes, asking for extra chores . . . back in the day that was our version of gofundme!



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INSIDE

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Eating 100 less calories a day will prevent yearly weight gain in most people. 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 None



The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank Gary Behling for subscribing!



THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE Want To Go?

On Sat., April 16th at 12 p.m. will be an Easter Bake Sale at the Russellville Community Center. Please come and get your homemade goodies for your Easter dinner. At 1 p.m. promptly will be the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Russellville Community Church. Come and visit with the Easter Bunny and the Giant Carret. This will be behind the Community Center. Special areas will be marked off for age groups.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us."

- Bill Watterson

🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call two monkeys that share an Amazon account? Prime mates.





Project Protects Milan

'54, "Hoosiers" Artifacts

PAGE A2 🗉 Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Easter Egg Hunt, Bake Sale and Roller Windy Wilson and **Skating at Russellville Community Center**

On Sat., April 16th at 12 p.m. will be an Easter Bake Sale at the Russellville Community Center. Please come and get your homemade goodies for your Easter dinner. We will be selling decorated Easter cakes, homemade

The Milan '54 Hoosiers

Museum has installed a

some of Indiana's most

valuable sports memo-

rabilia. This pre-action

system provides 24 hour

a day protection and is in

response to the tragic 2020

Thanksgiving Eve fire that

destroyed the nearby Hog

Rock Café in downtown

Milan. Funding for this

\$92,000.00 project was

provided by a Heritage

Support Grant provided

by the Indiana Historical

Society and made possible

by Lilly Endowment Inc.

as well as grants from the

dation and the Efroymson

Family Fund.

Rising Sun Regional Foun-

"We are very thankful

to all our funding partners

on this project" said Tom

Kohlmeier President of

Milan 54, Inc. "This is

the largest project that we

have undertaken since the

museum opened in 2013.

insurance policy we may have, if fire destroyed the

museum, a very special

part of Indiana's sports heritage would be gone

Museum contains some

The Milan '54 Hoosiers

forever.'

No matter how large of an

State of the Art Fire Sup-

pression System to protect

pies, candy, cookies, and much more.

At 1 p.m. promptly will be the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Russellville Community Church. Come and visit with the Easter Bunny and the Giant Carret. This will

of Indiana's most iconic

sports heritage treasures

uniforms from the 1954

movie "Hoosiers."

at Butler Fieldhouse

in 1954, the Indians of

tiny Milan High School

(enrollment 162) defeated

Central (enrollment 1,662)

win the Indiana Boys Bas-

and secure their place in

Hoosier Folklore. The

ketball State Championship

following day an estimated

40,000 people descended

upon Milan (population

1,100) to celebrate. The

small school's victory was

immortalized in the 1986

film "Hoosiers," starring

Today the whole family

can experience the "Milan

Miracle" at the Milan '54

Hoosiers Museum with

interactive exhibits. The

museum is open Wednes-

day – Saturday 10:00am

to 4:00pm and is located at 201 West Carr Street in

Milan, Indiana. For more

milan54.org. or call 812-

information visit www.

dramatic displays and

Gene Hackman.

perennial power Muncie

on a last second shot to

"Milan Miracle" and the

On a cold March night

including the world's larg-

est collection of props and

be behind the Community Center. Special areas will be marked off for age

Immediately following the Easter Egg Hunt will be roller skating in the Russellville Community Center Gym. The cost

to roller skate is \$3.00. Refreshments will be available to purchase during the bake sale and while roller skating. Roller skating will end at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend all three events at the Russell-

ville Community Center. Come and Celebrate National

Indiana Department

Every year more than 10,000 volunteers across the state contribute countless hours on Indiana Department of Natural

During National Volunteer Week, April 17-23, the DNR will thank and recognize those volunteers for caring for Wildlife, Forestry, and

Hoosiers can connect

cultural heritage and the DNR volunteer community by donating their time and talents at their

To find out how you

A complete list of pro-

For more information

Her Commercials



"Hi folks," came the

voice of Windy Wilson.

"Can you hear me okay

drugstore and shook his

okay in Temecula."

head. "They can hear him

good ol' Fran down at the

Curl Up 'N Dye Beauty

Salon right here in town.

You know where it is. It's

ladies go to get even more

where all you beautiful

beautifuller. Before you

know it, your hair will be

and it'll stand straight up

or hang down straight or

maybe jest curls up around

"And speaking of stars,

how'd you like to help a

grungy ol' cowboy camp

right, and you can do that

at Clean Bridge Univer-

sity over in England, and

tell him ol' Windy ought

to have him a honorary

by writing to the head dude

cook be a star? Thass

your head and makes you

look like a movie star.

any color you want it to be,

"Our newest sponsor is

Doc was in front of the

this morning?"

Slim Randles **Home Country**

again.

COUNTY?

Want MORE HOME

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

The college degree. Why, if enough a-you do that, I'll funny betcha I get a call to whup little car with the speakers on the roof drove slowly on over there and have a down Main Street once crumpet with the Queen. Doncha think?

> "And that there crumpet might not taste a whole lot like them rolled-up crab thingies that Del Chin has down at the Gates a-Heaven Chinese Joint here in town, but it's prolly the best them English guys can do. They oughta come over and spend some time learnin' that good Chinese cookin' stuff from Del Chin. And clean? Hev. you can eat off the plates in that place!'

A few hours later, Windy dropped the car off at the restaurant and Del Chin called him to one side and handed him an envelope with cash in it. "Windy, your commercials certainly please our advertisers, and they want to pay us. So here's your half.'

God bless America. Brought to you by the genuine cowboy music and musings of Steve Cormier up in New Mexico's Sandia Mountains. Check him out at stevecormier.net.

Volunteer Week with the DNR

of Natural Resources

Resources properties.

Indiana's natural and cultural resources, and salute their accomplishments on the Facebook pages of the divisions of State Parks, Fish & Nature Preserves.

with Indiana's natural and

favorite DNR property.

can help DNR properties and become part of DNR's volunteer family, see on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer or contact your local DNR property to learn

grams for April 17-23 is at calendar.dnr.IN.gov.

or questions about volunteering for DNR, email DNRVolunteer@dnr. IN.gov.



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Attorney General Rokita Invites Hoosiers to Visit Indianaunclaimed.Gov to Look For 'Easter Eggs'

Attorney General Todd Rokita invites Hoosiers to head on over to IndianaUnclaimed.gov and see what "egg-cellent" surprises you might find. You never know what the Easter bunny might bring to spice up your holiday.

"My office is committed to returning unclaimed property to Hoosiers," Attorney General Rokita said. "This Easter holiday is a perfect time to hop online and start searching for something every bunny will love.'

While all states administer unclaimed property

programs, Indiana is the only one where the attorney general oversees this function.

Last year, Attorney General Rokita's Unclaimed Property Division returned \$48 million to Hoosiers, and you could be next.

Some property owners in the Unclaimed Property Division's database include such holiday-appropriate first or last names of Bunny, Basket, Candy, Easter, Spring, and Bonnet. Whatever your name, you might stumble upon a golden

Don't worry, be hoppy

— and check out some of the things that might fund your Easter basket:

Closed bank accounts

 Court deposits Insurance checks

• Utility refunds Old paychecks

 Closed estates Once unclaimed property is in its custody, the Unclaimed Property Division conducts an outreach effort to locate the rightful owners or heirs.

Individuals and/or businesses have 25 years in which to claim money once it is reported to the Unclaimed Property Division.

Just this year we've already returned over \$15 million to Hoosiers, with over \$700 million just waiting to be claimed and you could be next.

So be sure to check IndianaUnclaimed.gov or text CLAIM to 46220 to search your name, family or business and have an egg-stra special Easter.

You can also contact the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246 or updmail@atg.

Lt. Gov. Crouch Indiana Broadband Office Designate Jefferson County a Broadband Ready Community Today, Lt. Gov. Su-Indiana. Congratulations and with the community

zanne Crouch and the Indiana Broadband Office announced that Jefferson County is now designated as an official Broadband Ready Community. The Broadband Ready Communities Program was created as a tool to encourage broadband development throughout Indiana.

The Broadband Ready Community certification sends a signal to the telecommunication industry that a community has taken steps to reduce barriers to broadband infrastructure

"We celebrate Jefferson County and recognize the community for its collaboration and prioritization of becoming a certified Broadband Ready Community," Crouch said. "This program has a proven track record of helping communities attract broadband investment and remain competitive in the State of

to the leaders of Jefferson County for their hard work."

The certification was approved by the Indiana Broadband Office following the Jefferson County Commissioners adoption of a Broadband Ready Community ordinance.

"The Jefferson County Commissioners, Bobby Little, David Bramer, and Ron Lee are excited about becoming a Broadband Ready Community. We are ready and willing to work, prepare, and develop a strategy to include our whole county for broadband service and to prepare our future for this technological step forward for the community," said Commissioner Ron Lee, President of Jefferson County Board of Commissioners. "The county has an established **Broadband Taskforce** that is working collectively within the county

leaders. Southeastern **Indiana Regional Planning** Commission's Broadband Fellow, Reneisha Rudder, is working alongside Jefferson County in our goal of creating affordable and reliable service options for the entire county."

According to Earnie Holtrey, Project Manager at the Indiana Broadband Office, communities with active Broadband Taskforces combined with the Broadband Ready Certification help elevate communities further.

'It's great to see community leaders come together, address and prioritize broadband firsthand, Holtrey said. "Jefferson County continues to work towards bringing affordable and reliable connectivity to its citizens. Congratula-

Via 2020 legislation, the Broadband Ready Community Program was transitioned from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) to the

Under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as the Secretary of Rural Development, the Indiana Broadband Office (IBO) mission is to assist residents in need of affordable and reliable broadband connectivity. This mission of reaching Hoosiers where they live, work and play is accomplished by communicating with stakeholders, providing resources to a diverse audience, and leveraging established relationships with elected officials, associations, and providers.

For more information,

Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). IBO began the day-to-day management of the Broadband Ready Community Program on July 1, 2020. For more information, visit in.gov/ indianabroadband.

visit in.gov/broadband.

Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2022 Consent Agenda - Approved

Approval of Claims: March 28, 2022 to April 11, 2022

Accounts Payable: \$2,134,147.95 Payroll Claims: April

8, 2022 - \$409,387.70 Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 28, 2022 Circle City Security Systems, Inc. Monitoring Agreement - Alarm

monitoring agreement for government center. 8:00 am Public Hearing: Consider Text Amendment to the Montgomery County

Zoning Ordinance Ordinance 2022-13: Adopting a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Right-of-

Way Policies Approved. Text amendment adds Right of Way Policies to the Zoning

Appointments to Comprehensive Economic **Development Strategy** Committee -

Appointed John Frey, David Hunt and Steve Loy to the Steering Committee to update the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to guide the economic development of the region. The County is a member of Thrive West Central which is an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD) and the CEDS is required in order to be eligible to apply for federal and state funding. The CEDS serves as a demonstration that proposed grant projects are derived from a regional planning process.

Approve Banning Engineering: On-Call Drainage Review – Approved.

Due to our County Engineer's resignation in the interim for drainage reviews, the County will utilize Banning Engineering for that service at a rate of \$155 per hour.

2022-10 - Establish Delinquent Business Property Tax Fund – Approved.

Non-reverting fund to consist of monies received by the County Treasurer of all deposits of taxes, penalties and interest resulting from the auditing services provided by Tax Management Associates during the term of the agreement. Use of funds may be used to pay management fees and costs per the agreement. Distributions to the appropriate taxing units when the monetary threshold of \$150,000 has been

reached. 2nd Reading: Ordinance 2022-11 - Establishing a Speed Limit for Offield Monument Road – Approved.

Speed limit to be posted at 35 miles per hour based on a speed study conducted by the Highway Department.

Introduction: Ordinance 2022-12 - Adopting 22. Updated policy will continue to invest public funds for highest investment return with maximum security.

Introduction: Ordinance 2022-14 - Adopting County Logo - Introduced.

Adoption of newly developed County Logo for branding and other marketing efforts. Introduction: Ordinance

2022-15 - Amending **Emergency Management** Code, Renaming Department, and Adopting Logo - Introduced.

Montgomery County Advisory Council recently approved the renaming of the Department to the **Emergency Management** and Homeland Security Department and adopts a new logo for the Department.

3. Resolutions Resolution 2022-4 Approval Ratifying the Terms and Execution of the Bond Purchase Agree-

How to Help Prevent Toddler Drownings Before They Happen

Drowning is the leading cause of death in children aged 1 - 4 years and the majority of the children that drown in swimming pools most commonly gain access to the pool area through a faulty fence or gate.

Combined with constant child supervision and other layers of protection, physically checking your pool gate and maintaining your pool gate regularly to ensure it self-closes and self-latches at all times could help prevent drownings. You should not be able to open a gate without activating the release mechanism, which should be out of the reach of toddlers, additionally, the gate should self-close and self-latch without assistance.

D&D Technologies, the inventor and manufacturer of the MagnaLatch Pool Safety Gate Latch and the world leader in high-performance gate hardware, has partnered with the National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA) to establish the Check Your Pool Gate Month campaign during the month of May. The initiative was created to remind pool owners of the vital need to ensure pool fences, gates, latches and hinges are secure, adjusted correctly, and incorporate multiple layers of protection to help secure the pool area from unauthorized entry. Every pool owner should be confident they have a safe swimming zone.

'Our goal with Check Your Pool Gate Month is to educate pool owners about pool safety and to encourage them to check their pool surroundings not once a year, but regularly," says Jim Paterson, D&D's SVP of Sales and Marketing.

A few minutes is all it takes for pool owners to check that their pool fences and gates are in good working order. This simple routine done regularly could help save the life of a child.

Safety checklist for pool

gates: • Gates should open outwards, away from the pool

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• Latch release knob should be out of reach of toddlers under 5 years. (check local codes/ standards for minimum requirements)

 Fence should be at a minimum height to comply with your region and encompass the pool area. (check local codes/ standards for minimum requirements)

• Gates must be self-closing and self-latch-

 Fence perimeter should have adequate distance from other climbable objects or structures

• Gate hinges are reliable, tension-adjustable, self-closing and rust-free

 Latch cannot be key-locked in the "open" position

 Latch cannot be opened using implements or force

• Latch must be adjustable horizontally and vertically to accommodate gate movement • Maximum clearance

from finished ground surface is no more than 4" (100mm)• Gate will latch from

any position, including from resting on the latching mechanism Gate complies with all relevant Codes/Standards

and legislation for pool safety Incorporate multiple layers of protection:

https://ndpa.org/lay-

ers-of-protection/ For more information on pool safety and compliance visit: www.us.ddtech.com and www.ndpa.org

It's critical to check your local pool codes for compliance, as local codes may vary.

If new or replacement gate hardware is needed, install products proven over 30 years, the D&D MagnaLatch latch and TruClose hinge. D&D Technologies gate hardware can be purchased on Amazon or at Home Depot or Lowes. If you can't fix it call your local contractor to service your gate and ensure the gate is secured

while waiting.

ment -Approved. **Updated Investment Policy** Commissioners approved the final terms and - Introduced. Code. 2. Ordinances Previous policy expires the execution of the Bond 1. New Business 2nd Reading: Ordinance by its own terms on 5-15-Purchase Agreement. Meeting Notes Crawfordsville VII. Montgomery ing American Rescue Plan the 2021 Crawfordsville

Council Meeting The City of Crawfords-

ville, Indiana April 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM EDT

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

Council Chambers I. Pledge: Presenter: Jennifer Lowe

II. Prayer: Presenter: Ethan Hollander III. Roll Call

IV. Approval of Minutes - March 14, 2022 V. Acknowledgment

of receipt of the monthly Financial Reports VI. Roll Call for additions to the Agenda

County Bicentennial presentation by Tom Klein VIII. Public Hearing

A. An Ordinance to Appropriate from the **ARP** Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for Purposes that Fulfill the Intent of the American Rescue Plan Act in Aid of the City of Crawfordsville's Recovery from the Effects of the COVID-19

Emergency IX. Fiscal Affairs

A. Second reading of an Ordinance Amending the 2022 Salary Ordinance for City of Crawfordsville's Appointed Officers and Employees

B. Resolution Approv-

C. First reading of an Ordinance to Appropriate from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for Purposes that Fulfill the Intent of the American Rescue Plan Act in Aid of the Recovery from the effects of the Covid-19 emergency

D. First reading of an Ordinance Adopting A New Schedule Of Rates And Charges ForServices Rendered By Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power To Reflect The Repeal Of The Utility Receipts Tax, Effective July 1, 2022

E. A Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of Redevelopment Commission Annual Report under Indiana Code § 36-7-14-13

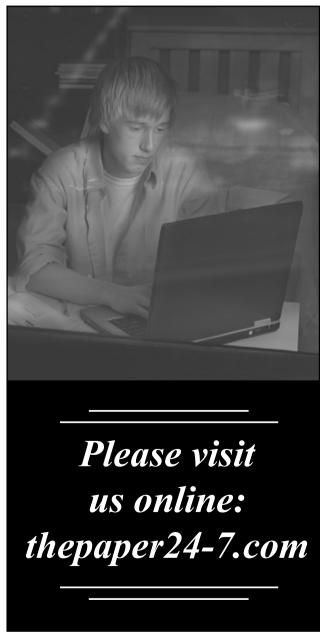
F. A Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of the 2021 Crawfordsville Rental Registration Program Annual Report

X. Ordinances & Petitions

A. Second reading of an Ordinance Adopting Section 37.17 of the Crawfordsville Code of Ordinances—Clothing Allowance Policy

XI. Traffic, Parking & Safety

XII. Annexation XIII. Miscellaneous XIV. Adjournment



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Gamestop Runner Up – Edward's Compucycle Honorable Mentions -WalMart, Vast

• Farm Equipment Dealer

Winner -Bane-Welker Equipment

Runner Up - AHW

Honorable Mentions -Booth's

 Flower Shop Winner - Milli-

gan's Runner Up – Just Because

Honorable Mentions -Country Hearts

 Furniture Store

Winner - Crossroads Furniture Runner Up - Rent-aCenter

Honorable Mention Town & Country, American Rental, Big Lots, Cabbage's and Kings, Caldwell's Furniture

 Gas Station Winner - F&F

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Runner Up - Kroger **Honorable Mentions** - New Ross Mini Mart, Sunoco, Casey's Bal Hinch





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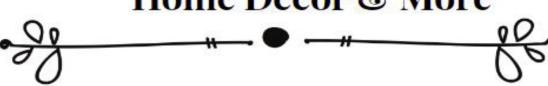
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and Sesquicentennial awards;

- The George B. Clawson farm in Warren County received a Centennial Award;
- The Hartman farm in Parke County received a Bicentennial Award;
- The Hunter farm in Warren County received a Centennial Award;
- The Larry Joe and Debra Ann Carter farm in Montgomery County received a Sesquicentennial Award;
- The Spitznagel farm in Montgomery County received a Centennial Award; and
- The Turpin farm in Boone County received a Centennial Award.

It's amazing to see so many farms in our community being recognized, especially when you consider the natural disasters, economic downfalls, wars and other events that have occurred within that time frame. I congratulate these families on their accomplishments and wish them all the best in the future.

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To be named a Hoosier Homestead, farms must be owned by the same family for at least 100 consecutive years and consist of more than 20 acres or produce more than \$1,000 of agricultural products per year. The award distinctions are Centennial, Sesquicentennial and Bicentennial – for 100, 150 and 200 years respectively.

To learn more about the program or to apply for a Hoosier Homestead award, visit https://www.in.gov/isda/programs-and-initiatives/hoosier-homestead/.

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

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Studies and coached basketball for those same grades. I loved it! I wanted to coach the little kids in baseball during the summer, but back then a teacher had to earn a Master's degree within five years after they had received their Bachelor's degree...so it was college for me again during the next five summers. By the time I finished, a coach had been hired and I was out of luck.

In 1983, I joined the Sheriff's Department as a deputy, but since I worked the night shift, there was a short time period in which I could perhaps coach baseball again. And in 1986, the local Legion post needed a coach for the little kids' coach-pitch team. As it happened, one of my sons, Clark, was on that team. I was hired!

The best thing about

coaching little kids is that the main emphasis is not on winning, but teaching the fundamentals, and letting the kids have fun and learn to play as a team. And I certainly did have some great kids on my team! There was no pressure from the parents to win, and all of the kids were able to play. Since I was the one who pitched the ball to them, I made sure they could hit the ball almost every time, and have a good chance of getting on base.

The boys and girls really got along and worked well together. They cheered for each other and gave 100 per cent. We played ten games that summer, and the kids won every game. And they always congratulated the opposing team as good sports should. But even if they had lost

every game, they still would have had fun. At that age, on a very hot afternoon, sometimes the kids' attention would get sidetracked. During one game, I looked out in our outfield, and one girl was chasing a butterfly... while a boy had his baseball pants down around his ankles...while getting rid of some of the sweet tea he had consumed prior to the game! The parents sitting in their lawn chairs got a big kick out of that!

I coached this group for another year until the boys and girls had their own separate teams, and then I coached the boys' team. Clark was the pitcher, and he was phenomenal...striking out almost everyone he faced. All of the boys played very well together and had another winning season, even though there was no pressure

placed on them. They were just a special group of kids, and it was great to watch how the boys had developed their skills during that time.

But alas, my wife and I had our fourth child in 1988, and I needed another paying job to make ends meet. To my dismay, my coaching days ended, but I still have those wonderful memories of days past. If any of you folks want to have fun, and you enjoy working with kids, then please consider coaching a sport...whether it be baseball or any of the other sports here in Montgomery County. You will love it!

- 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.

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the Earth's axes. We could spin the globe to locate countries, much like you scroll up and down your smart phone. It was stationary, and primarily used in the classroom, because for some reason the popularity of the pocket globe never took off.

Anyway, when Russia invaded Ukraine, I became curious. I was wondering if this might be the first time Asians invaded Europe since the Huns made their run in 370 AD.

Little did I know when I asked myself this question that I would be upsetting my entire world view worldview.

You see, for my entire life, I thought of Russia as an Asian nation. Although the vast majority of Russia's land mass lies east of the Ural Mountains — the traditional dividing line

between Europe and Asia
— most of the Russian
Federation population
is situated to the west.
European Russia has a
2020 population of 113
million people, making it
the most populous country

in Europe.
There's even a hunk of land west of Latvia and Lithuania that belongs to Russia.

That's because a shrewd real estate developer named Joseph Stalin convinced the United Kingdom and the United States after defeating the Nazis in World War II that he needed another seaport. The USSR (Soviet Union) was given the German port city of Königsberg, renamed Kaliningrad after being resettled by Stalin with Russians.

This split personality makes Russia one of only two truly transcontinental nations ... depending on who you ask.

The other transcontinental nation is Turkey. Remember from grade school? Turkey was called the "Bridge to Asia". It's even more true, today, since the nation just opened a new multi-billion dollar actual "mega bridge" crossing the Turkish Strait, the southern continental dividing line.

My confusion lies in the fact that boundaries between continents are somewhat a matter of geographical convention, and not by means of scientific measurement.

For instance, some consider the United States to be a transcontinental nation. To my knowledge, aside from an alien abduction in 2008, I've never been off of the North American continent. Yet, some believe

that, although the USA's largest land mass resides in North America, tiny Hawaii belongs to the geographical sub-region of Oceania.

Oceania is a sub-region because you need a sub-marine to get there easily. Oceania consist of Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Hawaii, and the -nesia sisters "Mela," "Micro," and "Poly".

French Polynesia is why some consider France to be a transcontinental nation. France also claims French Guiana (Africa), Guadeloupe and Martinique (North America), and Indian Ocean islands Mayotte and Réunion (Africa).

Easter Island (Oceania) belongs to Chilé. Panama (North and South America) makes sense. Even China is claiming holdings in Antarctica. Sixteen other nations are considered transcontinental by borders or treaties.

Plus, there are the subcontinents like Greenland and India, and the geopolitical regions, such as the Middle East or the Caucasus.

I'm telling you, I'm becoming quite lost. The other day, on a cooking show, the host wanted to explain to us after the commercial, where we get Bulgar wheat. "That's easy," I said. "We get it from Ramen-ia!"

For the curious, I count seven invasions of Europe by Asians: Persians (492 BC), Huns (370 AD), Avars (562 AD), Alans (600 AD), Bulgars (700 AD), Magyars (892 AD), Mongolians (1220 AD).

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

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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 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.

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and an RSVP is recommended though not required. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held indoors at Fusion 54. Come on out and experience the joy of writing. Contact Gwynn at 317-345-5306 or gwills6735@me.com to reserve a spot or to answer any questions.

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begin in early childhood. One in 6 U.S. children aged 2–8 years had a diagnosed mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder. Prevalence of mental disorders change with age, and diagnoses of ADHD, anxiety, and depression become more common with increased age."

As these mental health crises have grown for America's youth, so has the need to know the basics of first aid for mental health.

The Volunteers for Mental Health in Montgomery County is pleased to offer a one-day in-person training for Mental Health First Aid focused on assisting our youth. The program will take place on Thursday, May 5 at Hoosier Heartland State Bank's Success Center, 1623 US-231, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

Any parent, teacher, provider, first responder, or interested individual is invited! Pre-registration is required at least 2 weeks prior to the event. The registration fee of \$20.00 includes the training, all materials, snacks, and lunch. Each participant who completes the course work will receive certifi-

cation.

The Mental Health First Aid moment is international and is present in several countries worldwide.

The National Council for Mental Wellbeing explains that MHFA "is an evidence-based training program that teaches how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental

health and substance use challenges."

Indiana is fortunate that Purdue University Extension has adopted this program and prepares trainers throughout the state. According to Tessa Garrow, Behavioral Health Specialist - Purdue Extension, College of Health and Human Sciences, the \$20.00 workshop fee "is thanks to the support of a grant Purdue Extension received from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAM-HSA), a federal agency that is part of the federal government's department of Health & Human Services." Garrow continued, "Without the support of the SAMHSA grant funds, the cost for each participant to register for

the May 5 course would be much higher (around \$75.00)."

Locally, VMHMC, through community donations, even has some scholarships available to those who request assistance in advance.

Two experienced certified trainers will lead the workshop on May 5: Alicia Criswell of Warrick County Purdue Extension and Carla Kidwell of Purdue Extension – Wayne County.

Registration is now open on-line. A maximum of 30 participants is permitted. To access the registration portal, visit https://cvent.me/zkAaNw. You may also use a short-cut found on the VMHMC website (vmhmc.org) to complete the registration

process

Questions concerning the program, registration, or scholarships may be directed to VMHMC Board President, Denise Booher Walker at 765-275-2689 or by e-mail: dbw@ vmhmc.org. Co-chair for the program, Chasity Surface of HHSB, can be reached at 765-401-1922.

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