

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 125:1 *They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.*

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Kaylyn Applegate 28 smiles brightly while preparing her taxes. The tax filing deadline is April 18th! Thank you for your smile, Kaylyn!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Looking for a job? Here's a very cool employment opportunity that you might enjoy. The Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] says the U.K. Antarctic Heritage Trust is looking for candidates for several positions at its Port Lockroy base. They're looking for a base leader, a shop manager, a general assistant to work in its gift shop and someone to run its post office and keep track of the local penguins from November 2022 to March 2023. Temperatures on Goudier Island, Antarctica where Port Lockroy is located range from five degrees to 33 degrees. How cool is that?

2 Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton will be hosting a breakfast for Scouting on April 26, 2022. Gather at 8:00 a.m., program begins at 8:15 a.m. This breakfast event will be held at Fusion 54 101 W Main St. Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

3 Crooked Lake Nature Preserve Hike, May 7. During the hike you will see a nice variety of spring wildflowers, including large flowered trilliums. You will also see glacial ridges and a shoreline overlook of Crooked Lake, one of the deepest and cleanest lakes in Indiana. The hike starts at 10 a.m. and takes about two hours.

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Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club Fundraising for Good Cause

By Joe LaRue
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The Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club is offering to match any donations to the club in order to help purchase and pay for a special trike for a three-year old Crawfordsville boy named Kyson Shidler.

Kyson was born with spina bifida, a birth defect where the spine and spinal cord don't form properly. Roughly 1 in

2500 newborns globally are born with the condition.

Due to the spina bifida, as well as its related medical complications, Kyson cannot walk without the help of medical equipment. But, like little boys and girls everywhere, Kyson wants to be able to ride a bicycle. In order to have that opportunity, Kyson needs a special kind of trike that is both hand and foot powered. However, these are difficult to

find and expensive to buy.

That is where the Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club came in.

Gary Behling, Lieutenant Governor of the Sycamore South Division of the Kiwanis Club and a member of the Crawfordsville Kiwanis, spoke about his search for the trike, saying, "There's only one manufacturer of these

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Fruits Saga Continues & Karen Admits Jonathan is Her Favorite

When teaching, one of the hardest parts is not to have a favorite – fairly sure I didn't play

favs, but in a few classes I had a fav, and I have to admit right here, right now, that Jonathan is my favorite of the large Fruits clan of Alamo



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

George and wife, Catherine (Stonebraker) Fruits. Of course, there were good things that happened to him but many sad.

He was their 11th child born here in Montgomery County (Ripley Township) on May 16th in 1833. Growing up on the farm, he married two days after Valentine's Day in 1855 to Rebecca Adam Jones (who sadly passed away 1 Nov 1876 at just 47 years old). They farmed in the Ripley Township area and he was semi-active in Democratic politics. Sadly, three babies were born to them, dying at birth or shortly thereafter (Catherine, named for his mother, 1857-1857;

Wallis 1860-1860 and George for father 1861-1861). Rebecca passed away 15 years afterwards, they never managing to get a child to grow. Sad, so very sad. In fact, it was with his second wife whom he married nine years after Rebecca passed when he finally had a son to grow to adulthood, Morton Linnis (mother was Elizabeth Keys) but sadly she passed as well. Jonathan married again to Mary Louise Keys in 1885 and they too had a son the very next year, Raymond Grant, Mary Louise outliving Jonathan many years, at times living with

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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.

Want MORE?
Please turn to page A6 for the winners, runner ups, and honorable mentions in the **MERCHANDISE** category.

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

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Strawberry Festival Program Returns

The 17th annual Strawberry Festival Queen program, along with the 15th annual Junior Royalty contest, will take place Saturday at Crawfordsville High School.

Nine of Montgomery County's finest will grace the auditorium stage as they compete for the title of the 2022 Montgomery County Strawberry Festival Queen and 15 children will compete for the titles of the 2022 Montgomery County Strawberry Festival Prince and Princess.

The program will take place at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 (cash

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Purdue Agriculture Experts Suggest Thinking Twice Before Buy Easter Pets

Dating back centuries as a sign of fertility and new life, chicks and rabbits have been identified with Easter and spring décor, making their seasonal arrival in most farm supply stores a tempting purchase.

However, these pets come with specific needs to be considered before heading to the checkout, according to Emily

Luc, Purdue Extension agriculture and natural resources educator, and Marisa Erasmus, associate professor of animal sciences at Purdue University.

Before bringing any birds home, checking local zoning ordinances is critical. Many Indiana cities and towns do not permit backyard poultry, Luc

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Got this one from a reader: *When we were young we used to sneak out of the house to go to parties. Now we sneak out of parties to go home.*



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Brush or rinse your teeth after eating sugary foods. 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.



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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE Churches! Listen up!

The Paper is offering any Montgomery County church a free ad to let folks know what time services are, sermon topics . . . or really, anything they want – something that is especially valuable as we all try to get people together in places of worship so that we can begin to find some common ground that unites us, instead of focusing on what divides us? If you represent a church and would like a free ad each week in our Faith section, just e-mail ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Always laugh when you can, it is cheap medicine."
- Lord Byron

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Is this pool safe for diving?
It deep ends.

➔ OBITUARIES

Loretta Vaughn



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



WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

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OBITUARIES

Loretta Vaughn

March 13, 1932 - April 7, 2022

Loretta Vaughn, 90, passed away Thu., April 7, 2022, at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington, N.J., due to medical complications.

She was born March 13, 1932, in Miami County, Ind., the daughter of Thomas A. and Miriam B. (Dotterer) Horn.

Mrs. Vaughn married George C. Smith in Howard County, Ind., on June 18, 1950, divorcing on June 9, 1969. She married Lawrence M. Vaughn in Indianapolis, Ind. on June 4, 1971.

She was a resident of Linton, Ind., from the mid-1990s to 2016, and Crawfordsville, Ind., from 2016 to 2020, before relocating to New Jersey. Some of her favorite past times included attending auctions, gardening, food preservation, crafting, and fishing, and she was a lifetime member of the Coal City Fish and Game Club. Mrs. Vaughn regularly volunteered at the Recycle Center while living in Linton, and at the FISH food pantry and Trinity Life Ministry Outlet Store while residing in Crawfordsville.

Survivors include her children Deborah S. (Robert) File of Sanford, N.C., Brian C. (Barbara) Smith of Lebanon, N.J. and Charles D. (Rhonda) Smith of Colfax, Ind.; sister Evelyn B. (Jerry) Henderson of Jenks, Okla.; stepson Larry G. (Patti) Vaughn of Fishers, Ind.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Lawrence M. Vaughn; and brothers Edward A. Horn and Jerry L. Horn.

A Celebration of Life for family is being planned for a later date. Internment will be at Marion National Cemetery, Marion, Ind.



Purdue Extension, Montgomery County Leadership Academy to Host "Volunteering 101" Training Event



Extension - Montgomery County

Join Purdue Extension and the Montgomery County Leadership Academy for "Volunteering 101" to learn how you can better fulfill



your role as a volunteer successfully and confidently. Regardless of if you have been volunteering for a long time

or you are just getting started, this training will provide you with tools to help you be a better volunteer as you work towards accomplishing your organization's goals.

The session will be held on Mon., May 2nd at Fusion 54, 3rd floor from 12 to 1 p.m. Thank you to Tri-County Bank and Trust for sponsoring lunch for our Volunteer

Training series. Register at <https://bit.ly/3xfjhET> by April 29th at 5 p.m.

If you are wanting to volunteer but don't know where to start, start with POINT. POINT is an easy mobile app and website that connects you to local nonprofit opportunities. Download the POINT App and get started volunteering today volunteer.54leadership.com

Ind. Main Street Communities to Take Part in Community Strategy Workshops

Beginning this spring, seven Indiana Main Street communities will participate in Community Transformation Strategy Workshops, with the assistance of Main Street America consultants. The two-day workshops will help continue the advancement of each community's downtown area. The workshops are sponsored by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs' Indiana Main Street Program and will be held from April through August 2022.

"These seven communities have established effective and successful Main Street programs. The workshops will further build on their strengths through targeted community development strategies," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "Through the workshops, these organizations have the ability to become examples for future main streets."

The participating organizations include five Nationally Accredited Main Street organizations and two PreservING Main Street grant awardees. The five NAMS communities include Frankfort, Newburgh, Seymour, Shelbyville and Wabash. The two PreservING Main Street communities are Brookville and Kendallville.

The workshops provide services to assist the Indiana Main Street organizations to define community-informed and market-driven strategies that can direct and strengthen their revitalization efforts.

"We believe these seven communities will

be able to implement the recommendations and demonstrate a measurable impact to be a case study for the other Main Street communities in Indiana," said Matt Wagner, chief program officer of Main Street America. "Community engagement and enthusiasm will make for a dynamic and successful program!"

The visits will involve community input by a pre-visit self-assessment, research on market conditions, specific gaps and key opportunities that can strengthen the downtown district. For a workshop agenda and meeting locations, contact Andrea Kern at akern1@ocra.in.gov or 317-607-4821. For more information on the Indiana Main Street program, visit in.gov/ocra/mainstreet or the National Main Street Center at mainstreet.org/home.

Main Street America has been helping revitalize older and historic commercial districts for more than 40 years. Today, it is a network of more than 1,200 neighborhoods and communities, rural and urban, that share both a commitment to place and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. Since 1980, communities participating in the program have leveraged more than \$89.57 billion reinvested, 154,435 businesses started, 687,321 jobs created, and 303,836 buildings rehabilitated. Main Street America is a program of the nonprofit National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Governor Holcomb Announces Tax Refund on its Way to All Hoosiers

Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced today that Hoosiers should expect to begin receiving their promised \$125 Automatic Taxpayer Refund in the coming weeks, resulting in a 12 percent cut in the average Hoosier's annual income tax liability.

"I'm beyond thrilled that this spring and summer we are returning money back into the hands of Hoosier taxpayers, where it belongs," Gov. Holcomb said. "Our conservative fiscal leadership and pro-growth policies makes this tax refund possible for all Hoosier households."

The Governor first announced in December that an estimated 4.3 million taxpayers will receive a \$125 refund after they file their 2021 taxes. An estimated \$545 million will be returned to Hoosiers. After the tax-filing deadline passes on April 18, the Department of Revenue in conjunction with the Au-

ditor of State's Office will begin issuing the refunds via direct deposit or by mailing a paper check.

Refunds will begin in May through direct deposit for residents who have filed their income taxes and provided their banking information on their return. Direct deposits are expected to continue through July.

Paper checks will be issued beginning in late July and continue through August, with the goal of completing the refund statewide by Sept. 1.

Residents do not need to take any action to receive the refund. The refund is in addition to and separate from any refund Hoosiers may receive after filing their 2021 state income tax returns.

Hoosiers can visit the Department of Revenue website for information about when to expect to receive the direct deposit or paper check.

A Salute to My Dentists



RIX QUINN
Quinn Summary

Every morning when my mirror smiles back, I am grateful to two dentists who have helped me for decades.

They must be darn good, because thanks to regular visits I've retained excellent cuspids, bicuspid, plus a host of workable molars.

I am not the best patient. I nearly always brush my teeth at least once a day, and sometimes use toothpaste.

But I am an excellent flosser. I know this, because the hygienist complimented me the last visit when she dug junk food from my molars.

Over the years, dentists have worked miracles on two upper front incisors. I call these my "smile teeth." Those are

the first things people see when I greet them with a semi-sincere grin.

Problem is, in high school I was in a car wreck. Back then, there were no shoulder seat belts, so my front teeth slammed into the dashboard.

This left me with half an incisor...very noticeable when sipping a milkshake. But my amazing dentist quickly made me a crown, so I looked presentable enough to pose for senior pictures.

That crown held up for over 35 years, but came off five years ago when I bit into a sturdy dinner roll. My dentist got me scheduled late that day, and crafted a new crown that looks terrific.

Since then, I have taken much better care of my mouth. I bought a new toothbrush, and I have spent more time polishing my ivories.

And - some mornings after brushing -- I'm so impressed I think that if I was single...I would ask myself for a date.

- Got a question to ask Rix? E-mail him at rix@rixquinn.com.

Applications Available for Court of Appeals of Indiana

Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush announced an upcoming vacancy on the Court of Appeals of Indiana. She encourages judges and lawyers in the First District of the Court of Appeals to consider applying. Applications are due by May 20 at 12:00 p.m. (Eastern).

The position on the state's second highest court is available with the summer 2022 retirement of Judge Edward W. Najam, Jr., who is stepping down from the bench after 30 years as a judicial branch leader. Judge Najam was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1992.

Applications to fill Judge Najam's seat will be considered by the seven-member Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission. With Chief Justice Rush as chair, the Commission includes three lawyers elected by their peers and three citizen members appointed by the Governor.

A candidate for the vacancy must be an Indiana resident living in the first appellate district. Candidates must also be

a member of the Indiana Bar for at least ten years or served as an Indiana judge for five years. The application, which must be submitted through the Indiana Courts Portal and to the Judicial Nominating Commission, contains pertinent background information, writing samples, references, educational transcripts, and letters of recommendation.

In June, the Commission will conduct public interviews of qualified candidates and deliberate in executive session. The Commission will publicly vote to send the three most qualified names to Governor Eric Holcomb. The Governor will have 60 days to select Indiana's next Court of Appeals judge from the three names submitted by the Commission.

Details on the Commission, including membership, are online. Those interested in applying may contact Staff Attorney to the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission, Luba Gore at lyubov.gore@courts.in.gov.

Meeting Notes

Crawfordsville Common Council

Special Meeting

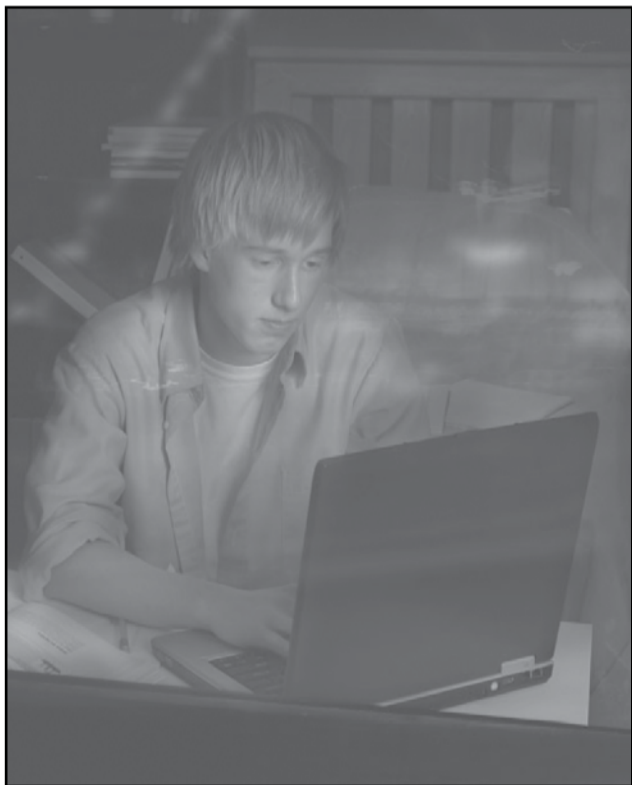
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Consideration of CELP Ordinance to Reflect Repeal of Utility Receipts Tax

The Crawfordsville Common Council will meet will hold a special meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022, beginning at six o'clock P.M. at the Crawfordsville City Building's Council Chambers, located at 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933. The meeting's purpose is to consider an ordinance adopting a new schedule of rates and charges for Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power to reflect the state's repeal of

the utility receipts tax.

If you have any questions, please call Mayor Barton's office at 765-364-5160. Also, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear or speak at the public meeting and is in need of reasonable accommodation, please contact the Crawfordsville Department of Planning & Community Development so accommodation can be made. The Department may be contacted at 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933, Fax No. 765-364-1140, Telephone No. 765-364-5152. Brandy Allen, City of Crawfordsville ADA Coordinator; ballen@crawfordsville-in.gov.



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AG Rokita Persists in Fight Against Dangerous, Unlawful Conditions at Apartment Complexes



Todd Rokita

Attorney General Todd Rokita filed a lawsuit today against JPC Affordable Housing Foundation, Inc. for their role in allowing certain Indianapolis apartment complexes in Indianapolis to fall into egregious disrepair, endangering the health, safety, and welfare of thousands of residents. The lawsuit

was filed in conjunction with lawsuits by Citizens Energy and the City of Indianapolis against the same entity.

“Despite some fairly weak laws in Indiana for state government involvement in this area, we continue our efforts to protect tenants who are being unfairly treated and who are being subject to downright dangerous conditions,” said Attorney General Rokita. “A lot of this comes down to simple, honest leadership—bringing parties together to forge a solution—and our team has done a great job with that multiple times in situations like this.”

In March, Attorney General Rokita announced \$7.5 million in relief for residents of Lakeside Pointe at Nora and Fox Club Apartments. Follow-

ing the sale of those properties to another entity, the new owners committed to performing significant repairs and resolving existing emergency health department cases.

This new lawsuit raises similar allegations to those raised with Lakeside Pointe and asserts that JPC has not performed their legal duties as a nonprofit and failed to address dangerous and unlawful conditions at apartment complexes on the southside and westside of Indianapolis.

Citizens Energy alleges in their lawsuit that the corporate entities at these complexes have failed to bill their water bill, amounting to a significant arrearage. Citizens is a public charitable trust dating back to 1887 that services about 800,000

people throughout the Indianapolis area.

“There are many stakeholders and residents who are impacted by these allegations. The lawsuits filed by my office, Citizens, and the City will allow for the swift and efficient resolution of these important issues,” said Attorney General Rokita. “I am grateful for the hard work of Chase Haller, deputy attorney general, and the collaboration with Citizens and the City, in pursuing this solution.”

Tenants who have experienced problems during the course of their lease are encouraged to file a consumer complaint at www.indianaconsumer.com. Tenants and community advocates have played a crucial role in assisting with this important investigation.

Study Finds 1 in 10 Hoosiers Identify with at Least One Sign of Alcoholism

“Drinking was fun... until it wasn’t” is a saying in some recovery circles, which helps identify the point in time where alcohol use transformed from an enjoyable experience into something problematic. For many drinkers, however, it can be difficult to identify exactly when their drinking habits turned into an unpleasant situation. There are a number of signs and symptoms to look for that can indicate a person’s drinking habits have escalated into a problem, including: not being able to stop drinking once started, blacking out regularly, drinking even when you don’t want to, being ashamed of your own drunken behavior, and doing things you don’t intend on doing while drunk.

Alcohol.org conducted a survey of 4,957 drinkers to find out how many can identify with some of these warning signs and symptoms of alcoholism in themselves. It was discovered that overall, 1 in 10 drinkers in Indiana (10%) said they could identify with at least one sign of alcoholism. Nationally, this figure was thirteen percent: 15% of men felt this way as compared to 11% of women. This figure was highest in Delaware (38%) and lowest in North Carolina, where just 6% of drinkers said they could identify with at least one sign of alcoholism.

Of those Indiana drinkers who said they identify with at least one sign of alcoholism (national figures in brackets):

- 41% (40%) said they can relate to the feeling of constantly monitoring their alcohol situation, like always making sure you have a full glass or keeping an eye on the bartender in case he disappears and you can’t get a refill. If there’s a bottle of wine at the table to share, do you wonder if you’ll be able to pour another glass without judgment?
- Another 21% (27%) of respondents here could identify with continuing to drink alcohol once they start. One drink often leads to another, and eventually, it can become a habit that continues and worsens over time, especially if

your tolerance increases and you require more alcohol to achieve the desired effect.

- 12% (9%) percent of people could identify with having feelings of regret about their drunken behavior.
- Another 10% (8%) said their drinking leads to negative consequences.
- 7% (6%) of drinkers said they do things while drunk that they don’t intend to.
- 6% (2%) said they sometimes black out.
- 3% (8%) said they sometimes drink even when they don’t want to.

Intoxication can leave you in an altered mental state, especially if you were feeling down or troubled prior to drinking. Some people lose control over their actions when intoxicated, which can lead to regrets and consequences.

Despite things like recommended guidelines and alcohol serving amounts, it’s important to note that alcoholism has varying ranges and greatly differs depending on the individual and a host of other circumstances, like their physiological and mental state. Two drinks might be pushing it over the edge for someone who may notice symptoms of alcoholism in their drinking habits but another person might be able to have four drinks without any indication of a further pressing issue.

In addition to the above signs and symptoms that could indicate a potential problem with alcohol, Alcohol.org explains several others which could hint towards alcoholism:

- Feeling powerless in terms of controlling one’s own level of alcohol use.
- Wanting to reduce drinking but being unable to do so.
- Developing a higher tolerance for alcohol, or needing to drink more over time to reach the desired effects.
- Experiencing alcohol cravings when not drinking or withdrawal symptoms like sweating, shaking and nausea.
- Continuing to use alcohol even if it leads to personal, social, physical and relationship problems.

Holcomb Announces Commissioner Peter Lacy to Step Down from Indiana BMV; Joe Hoage Named New Commissioner



Gov. Eric Holcomb

Peter Lacy has notified Gov. Eric J. Holcomb that he is stepping down from his role as the commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) after more than six years. Gov. Holcomb today named Joe Hoage, the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Labor (DOL) and former BMV general counsel, as the new commissioner, effective May 28.

“Commissioner Lacy has delivered outstanding service to Hoosiers by investing in new technology and empowering employees to drive change,” Gov. Holcomb said. “The result is an agency that provides Hoosiers with great customer service and more choices about how they interact with the agency. Peter has prioritized efficiency in operations and always focused on quality.”

Lacy was appointed BMV commissioner in 2017 after serving as chief



Peter Lacy

of staff for two years.

The BMV, under Lacy’s leadership, has:

- Maintained an average branch visit time under 20 minutes and a customer satisfaction rating over 98% across all transaction mediums
- Redesigned the Indiana Driver’s License and ID, bringing the most modern and strongest security features available to our state
- Increased BMV Connect kiosk transactions from 98,000 in 2016 to more than 850,000 in 2021
- Grown Real ID adoption from 23% to 70%
- Launched Indiana Driver Employee Link (IDEL), a CDL employer notification system designed to quickly inform employers of change in the status of their CDL drivers
- Prioritized modernization of process and technology, including expansion of how the agency notifies customers of an upcoming renewal to



Joe Hoage

include email and text

“The focus during my time with the agency has been on driving the state forward and thinking beyond the traditional expectations of a motor vehicle agency,” Lacy said. “I am grateful to Governor Holcomb for the opportunity to serve our state and for his support of the agency’s goals, which has enabled us to keep providing efficient, exceptional service to Hoosiers.”

Lacy’s last day as commissioner is May 27.

Hoage was general counsel for the BMV from 2017 until 2020, when he was named commissioner at DOL. He has also served as the state’s public access counselor, general counsel for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, an attorney with the Indiana Gaming Commission and as a deputy prosecutor in Marion County.

“The Indiana BMV is one of the most innovative

motor vehicle agencies in the nation, and I know that progress will continue under Joe’s leadership,” Gov. Holcomb said. “He brings experience from across state government and is well respected. He has led the Department of Labor team through a challenging time during the pandemic.”

Under Hoage’s leadership, the agency has responded to more than eight times the normal volume of workplace concerns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulatory agency also launched the YES, or Youth Employment Services program, which modernized the way youth are registered for employment in the state. The new system has made it easy for thousands of employers and youth employees to register to work in Indiana.

“It’s been an honor to lead a hard-working group at the Department of Labor. I am humbled to be selected to serve as commissioner of the BMV and excited for the opportunity to build on the successes the agency has achieved under Gov. Holcomb’s leadership,” Hoage said.

Hoage earned his law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law and his bachelor’s degree from Franklin College.

The new commissioner for the Department of Labor will be named at a later date.

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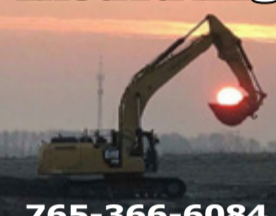
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Kyson Shidler (pictured), a three and 1/2 year old from Crawfordsville, was born with spina bifida. The Kiwanis are asking the community for their help in paying for a special trike for him.

kinds of bike that I've found. I went all over, Canada and out west." Given how hard they are to find, Behling said, "It will take some time for the bike to get here. We just put the order in today (April 13) and they said it probably won't arrive until September or October."

But in the meantime, Behling said, the Crawfordsville Kiwanis want to keep fundraising. "We're going to fundraise for

a while because we are looking to keep doing it not just for Kyson, but for anyone," he said. "We want to provide this opportunity, to get these bikes, for any kid with disabilities."

In order to help maximize their fundraising, the Kiwanis have offered to match any community donations. Those interested in donating can mail donations to the Crawfordsville Kiwanis Club, PO Box

611, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Checks should be made out to Crawfordsville Kiwanis.

It is the power of community that helps do amazing things for those less fortunate among us, and the Kiwanis are always leading in that regard. As The Paper of Montgomery County publisher Tim Timmons said in his weekly column this past Wednesday - ain't Montgomery County great!

KAREN From Page A1



her son and other times her beloved stepson.

The family lived in the Smartsburg area where the boys mainly grew-up then on to Greenwood, PA for a few years where Jonathan owned a large farm. Making a good profit on that farm, the family moved back to Clinton County where he had just moved to a home at Kilmore, not even having their goods unpacked when he became sick. It wasn't long before he was gone from lung fever and brought to the Masonic Cemetery (Oak Hill Grant Avenue) in Crawfordsville for burial. Mary Louise Keys would join him there almost 42 years later. He had been in the Masons for quite some time as were his sons.

"Linnis" born in Boone County according to his death record, was described as being 5'10" tall and weight 155# with gray eyes and gray hair in the WWII draft listing. An interesting job, he began at quite a young age as a Pinkerton Detective

Agent even managing the agency in Indianapolis, spending most of his life in that capacity or other watchman areas, as well as a few years operating a service station. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, a 45-year-member of the Masons, as well as active in the Lebanon Methodist Church. He married at age 62 to Minnie Smith Clark, having lost his first wife, Helen whom he was buried with in Lebanon's Oak Hill Cemetery. No children by either wife. A fun little bleep about Morton Linnis is that he was bragging about his mother having raspberries on her farm near Lebanon. Thus, the Indianapolis Star 17 Nov 1931 p 13 showed proof dubbing the picture of him holding some as "Razz-berries!" When he joined the Rotary club three others joined with him and a super article (Indy Star 6 May 1931) had another bit of a razz about them all chasing each other - one was a safecracker - "er, pardon, a locksmith," one

a florist, one a detective (Linnis) and the last the manager of the General Electric Company in Indianapolis.

Raymond Grant "Ray" was born in Montgomery County and served in not only WWI but for years in the Navy as an electrician. He also worked in the Frankfort City Light plant for several years. While in the service in Suffolk, Massachusetts he married Louisa (Park) Knobb. They were members of the Antioch Christian Church and he in the American Legion. At one point (1920) he was manager of a toy factory, sounds fun, and two children were with them, Ruth age 15 and Alma, 11. These were Louisa's children, by William Knobb. Both their lives ended so sadly, Ruth marrying Roland Bogan and dying at age 23 (16 June 1927) due to a self-induced abortion. Her sister, Alma married Paul Michael and was killed in an auto accident two years later. Sadly, Ray lost his only two children, as both of the girls went by Fruits although I doubt were ever adopted. Both were born in Pennsylvania, but are buried in Frankfort.

Jonathan lost three children of his own, had the two boys with two wives and so sadly, there were no more 'lil Fruits in this family. Bless you all, especially my fav of all the Fruits children, Jonathan Fruits, son of Alamo George and Catherine (Stonebraker) Fruits.

- Karen Zach is the editor of *Montgomery Memories*, our monthly magazine all about Montgomery County. Her column, *Around the County*, appears each Thursday in *The Paper of Montgomery County*. You can reach her at karen.zach@sbcglobal.net.

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said. While some larger cities do allow for hobby chickens, many have a limit on both hens and roosters, with specific confinement clauses for roosters included.

Chickens are social birds, meaning your flock should consist of at least three chickens, Luc said. Aside from the ability to socialize, having more chicks will also increase their ability to keep warm, which is crucial for proper growth and survival.

Before purchasing chicks or ducklings, Luc said you should purchase a proper habitat ready for immediate transfer upon leaving the farm store. A brooder, an enclosed structure used to raise

young poultry, will be needed and should include an infrared heat lamp with a hood over it to direct heat toward the floor. A mesh ring goes over the brooder to keep the chicks confined to an area near the heat source.

"The ideal temperature range inside the brooder is 90-95 degrees F for the first week of the chick's life. Chicks are typically only a day old when you're purchasing them," Luc said.

Bedding should be evenly distributed on the floor of the brooder to absorb moisture, with slick printed newspaper, cardboard or plastic being avoided, as creating a slippery surface can lead

to leg damage, Luc said. Giving the chicks and ducklings enough room to eat and drink water at the same time will also create a comfortable living environment, and immediately showing them where the water source is located is important, according to Erasmus.

"Ensuring the chicks and ducks drink water immediately after you bring them home is important," Erasmus said. "To teach them where the water is in the brooder, you could gently dip their beaks in the water source. Place feed in a shallow dish to make it easy for them to find food."

While ducks are waterfowl, Erasmus said it

is not a good idea to give ducklings swimming water until they are at least 4-5-weeks old because their feathers are not yet waterproof, posing a risk for drowning.

Feeding chicks and ducklings a proper starter diet is important for healthy growth, Erasmus said, which should be fed to them until they reach between six to eight weeks of age.

Those unfamiliar with raising chickens will be surprised at how quickly the 1.4-ounce fluffy babies will grow into 6-8-pound birds within 22 weeks.

"Chickens are able to produce their own eggs at just 18 weeks old,"

Erasmus said. "That cute little yellow chick won't last for long, so that needs to be kept in mind, too. Within four weeks they can have their own full set of feathers. Before buying chicks, especially for someone else, it is important to think about where the animals will end up after Easter. Chickens can live for several years if properly cared for, so it is important to consider the long-term implications before buying chicks or ducklings. Ducklings also grow up to be adult ducks, and domesticated ducks cannot fly, so they are unlikely to survive on their own in the wild and need to be properly cared for."

For rabbits, their ideal environment temperature is between 45-70 degrees F, Luc said, and can be housed indoors or outdoors. Should a pet owner decide to house their rabbit outdoors, however, consideration should be taken for protection from the weather and predators.

"The size of the cage is determined by the size and weight of the rabbit," Luc said. "For example, if the rabbit weighs between 4.4 and 8.8 pounds, the minimum space requirement is three square feet. The cage height has a minimum requirement of 16 inches, which allows the rabbits to erect their ears without touching the top of the cage."

RETURNS From Page A1

only) at the door for anyone ages 6 or older.

The program will award a queen, first runner-up, second runner-up and Miss Congeniality who will all earn cash scholarships and will reign over the Strawberry Festival, which is June 10-12 at the Lane Place.

Other awards include a photogenic award and mental attitude award. They will also hand out the Humanitarian award. Queen contestants are collecting items for the Boys and Girls Club of Montgomery County and whichever contestant has the most donations in her name, will receive the humanitarian award. The

community is invited to bring donations the night of the program. New items needed: construction paper, big glue jugs for slime making, slime activator markers, jewelry making beads, jewelry wire & clasps, food coloring, puzzles, and any items that can be used for crafts. Gently used items and/or new items needed: felt squares, needle & thread (any colors) and yarn (any colors).

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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

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