

**TODAY'S VERSE**

Psalm 145:21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

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Zailey Bailey 1 and 1/2yrs old smiles brightly while having lunch with her grandfather. Thank you for your smile, Zailey!

**THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** The Arts Federation will present the 2022 TASTE of Tippecanoe on Saturday, June 18 from 6 pm to midnight! For over forty years, the TASTE has been downtown Lafayette's largest, annual street festival. Join us in celebrating the area's best local food, music, and art. In addition to our usual lineup of beats and eats, we'll be transforming the streets of downtown with a live light show and video projection performance from 9 pm - midnight. \$5 Early Bird Tickets Available Until May 1! Buy your tickets now and save! Advance tickets are on sale now, and the price will increase to \$7.50 on May 1. Gate admission will be \$10.

**2** You can get a good night's sleep in eight hours, but 21-year-old SD Heijns of Pretoria, South Africa decided to skip rope for eight hours instead, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. He recorded 71,185 jumps in those eight hours - enough to replace Sella Rosa Rega of Boiceville, NY, who with 70,031 skips, made it into the Guinness Book of World Records in 2019. Heijns kept track of his effort using electronic equipment to prove his record-breaking feat.

**3** The dictionary defines the word "daredevil" as someone who is "reckless and daring." And that, says the Association of American Citizens [AMAC], describes Brazilian tightrope walker Rafael Zugno Bridi. His latest achievement - a not-so-casual stroll on a cable between two hot air balloons 6,236 feet in the air. The International Slackline Association verified the feat and, as a result, Rafael now has the distinction of being a Guinness World Record holder. Is there anyone out there who might want to try taking that award from him?

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**BTN** By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

The drizzling rain might have altered the scene halfway through, but it didn't dampen spirits among the Wabash College graduates and guests who celebrated the Class of 2022 during the 184th Commencement Ceremony. The celebration began Saturday on the mall outside Pioneer Chapel, marking the first time the ceremony has taken place in its traditional location since 2019. Then, halfway through the event, graduates, trustees, faculty, staff, students, family, and friends moved to Chadwick Court due to severe weather.

**184**

**Wabash.**

**\$2,059,500**

F.C. Tucker West Central last week announced their April Sales leader. Real Estate Agent John Downey was the April Sales leader. Mr. Downey helped eight buyers find their dream home and sold \$2,059,500 in volume during the month of April.



**\$449,900**

F.C. Tucker West Central last week announced their April Listing leader. Agent Steve Collisi was the April Listing leader for F.C. Tucker West Central. Mr. Collisi led the way with \$449,900 in listing volume.

**4** Last week, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education awarded 200 scholarships to the sixth class of Next Generation Hoosier Educators. Four of this year's recipients were Montgomery County students. The four local students to receive scholarships were Aaron Carlson, homeschooled; Elizabeth Truncone and Mia Myers, both of Southmont; and Morgan Swick, of North Montgomery High School. Selected through a competitive process based on academic achievement and additional factors, recipients will receive \$7,500 annually (up to \$30,000 total) for committing to teach in Indiana for at least five years after graduating college.



INDIANA COMMISSION for HIGHER EDUCATION

**1,721,977** According to the Indiana State Department of Health on Friday, that's how many Hoosiers have been diagnosed with the virus.

**10,774** Number of COVID-19 cases found so far in Montgomery County, according to the State Health Department.

**83,080,655** According to the CDC, that's how many Americans have been diagnosed with the virus.

**22,734** How many Hoosiers have died because of this pandemic.

**162** How many people in Montgomery County who have lost their lives to the pandemic.

**999,254** How many Americans have lost their lives to the pandemic.

**The Daily Almanac**

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**Today is...**  
• World Turtle Day  
• National Taffy Day  
• Lucky Penny Day



**What Happened On This Day**  
• 1949 The Federal Republic of Germany is established  
• 1969 The Who release Tommy



**Births On This Day**  
• 1954 Marvelous Marvin Hagler  
American boxer  
• 1972 Rubens Barrichello  
Brazilian race car driver

**Deaths On This Day**  
• 1937 John D. Rockefeller  
American businessman, philanthropist, founded the Standard Oil Company  
• 1995 Harold Wilson  
English politician, Prime Minister of the UK

**HONEST HOOSIER**

It's Indy 500 week! Let's go!



**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Low doses of antidepressant medications can help hot flashes in some women.  
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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**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Goodbye blue Monday."  
- Kurt Vonnegut

**TODAY'S JOKE**

Everytime the boss takes his dog to the park, the geese start snipping at him.  
Maybe that's because he's a pure bread.

**OBITUARIES**  
NONE

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# T-Ball, the Second Coming and Oysters Poking and Clicking



**GWYNN WILLIS**  
A Better Word

My daughter, who lives in Nashville, TN, recently sent me a photo of “Opening Day” for the area T-Ball league. In case you didn’t know or have been living under a rock, T-Ball is for boys and girls 3 to 5 just learning to hit a ball. The ball is placed on a “tee” to ensure the young batter sees the ball, swings at the stationary spheroid and whacks it into the infield, outfield or anyplace, as long as it moves off the tee. As the little “ballers” progress, their coach tosses a few pitches to them from behind a line ten feet away. After three contactless swings, the ball goes back on the tee.

While in Tennessee to visit my kids and grands, I attended not one, but three, T-ball games. My Knoxville grandson, who just turned 5, is in his second year of playing and I must say, he is quite good. He has gone from fetching the ball after he hits it, handing it to the opposing team and strolling to first base, to making solid contact with the ball and running in the correct direction around the bases. (He would make the traffic circle designers proud.) Some of his younger teammates still sit and sift through the dirt in the outfield and

run the wrong way if they manage to knock the ball off the tee. All-in-all, it is quite entertaining and the kids seem to be having a good time.

As I sat in a chair for the second game, because I had fallen off the bleachers during the first one, I pondered over the number of parents, grandparents and other assorted adults there to watch their offspring attempt to learn a team sport. I looked around at the number of people who showed up to cheer on their miniature athletes and thought to myself, there won’t be this many people showing up for the Second Coming. The whole scene brought back memories of some thirty to forty odd years ago when I was one of those enthusiastic parents. I swelled with pride when one of my own three children batted, kicked or dribbled amidst a sea of shouting “atta-girls and atta-boys.”

After five days of soaking up the love of Knoxville Grands, I headed over to Nashville and attended my other grandson’s T-ball game where the scene was a little more laid back. It resembled a Unified sport where each tiny player had at least one adult coaching them on what to do next. My son-in-law, the reluctant first base coach, said in his wisdom, “I don’t want to be here more than Judah does.” When the coach’s own son, Jameson, crawled into the regulation size bat bag and took a nap, I had to wonder why this Saturday morning event consumed so many of us. I admit, all three of my kids played sports,

rode horses, took guitar lesson and competed in gymnastics. Spending an inordinate amount of time shuttling kids around Johnson City, TN in the ‘80s and ‘90s wasn’t lost on me as I sat through the games and cheered on my young grandsons.

When I was a kid, we had alleys, backyards and the run of the block. The neighborhood gang consisted of the Horstmanns, Mankers and Bells with a few lonely-only kids thrown into the mix. We gathered on weekends and summer evenings to play Capture the Flag and Kick the Can. On many Saturday mornings, I would make a six block walk alone to the Carnegie Library at the corner of Wabash and Washington Streets to hide in the magazine stacks and peruse through copy after copy of The National Horseman. Other Saturdays, I would head to the Strand Theatre and watch The Three Stooges, Mickey Mouse or Bugs Bunny. Unfortunately, parents of today are reluctant to let their children out of their sight, let alone give them the run of a several block radius. I look back with great fondness for the freedom to play and cruise around without the anxiety that sometimes comes with living in today’s world.

However, there are so many occasions for kids to participate in a variety of activities and experiences nowadays. Almost every possible sport is offered to both boys and girls of all ages. My granddaughters play tennis, soccer, basketball, participate on swim teams, run cross country, belong to 4-H and one of them is the

keyboardist for an all-girl rock band. Not one of them is over the age of ten. Shakespeare’s quote “The world is mine oyster,” comes to mind when I think of all of the opportunities children have today. When I visit them in Tennessee, I am exhausted just watching the endless loop of drop-offs and pick-ups. However, they are thriving in a world of immense possibilities.

It is easy for me to be the armchair grandparent and lament over the good old days, but the advantages of experiential learning cannot be overlooked. Children with social differences learn appropriate interactions with peers in a structured setting preparing them for life in school and later on, a workplace. They learn about rules and fair play. They step away from screen time and play in real time with real life consequences. The multitude of opportunities for boys and girls to engage in activities across all domains is endless. With fewer than two percent of NCAA athletes going on to be professional in a given sport, it is unlikely most of the tiny T-Ballers I saw two weeks ago will make their living as professional baseball players. Except my grandsons. Most definitely they will be the pearls living in that oyster shell!

*- Gwynn Willis is a former speech therapist, certified Amherst Writers and Artists workshop Affiliate and Leader and founder of The Calliope Writers Group. After growing up in Crawfordsville, her and her husband returned several years ago.*



**CARRIE CLASON**  
The Postscript

“You gotta keep poking and clicking,” a friend tells me. “That’s what my daughter does.”

By this, she means that learning new technology is not a straight path. I have to find the process of learning fun and challenging and not get hung up when I make mistakes along the way.

I know I’m not the only one who finds the “poke and click” mindset a challenge when I just want to get the darned thing done and move on to something I enjoy. Like reading a book. With real pages.

My current frustration is with my phone. I use my phone for taking photos and, occasionally, for making actual phone calls. I don’t do well with texting. If you send me an email (and I hope you do!), I’ll likely respond within minutes because I am sitting at my computer all day pretending to write. Getting an email gives me an excuse to leave whatever I am working on and send off a cheery note.

My phone, on the other hand, sits on the corner of my desk, ignored. It must make a noise or something when people text me, but I never notice. It isn’t until I pick it up to make an actual phone call (which could be a very long time) that I see I have a message.

“Uh-oh. I hope it’s not Mom.”

It won’t be my mom. She learned her lesson ages ago and no longer sends me text messages because I never see them. She sends me an email, which—she will tell you—I respond to immediately.

I have never bonded with my phone. I don’t use it much because I’m

already on my computer. I have this gigantic monitor, and switching over to the itty-bitty screen doesn’t make sense to me. I might have to put on my reading glasses. I don’t see the point.

The result is that I don’t know how to use my phone very well. But my phone isn’t helping me any. It doesn’t even take pictures easily. The response time is so slow that the person I am trying to photograph has allowed the smile to fade from their face. The dog I am photographing has been distracted and is looking in the other direction. The sun has gone under a cloud—or possibly set—before my phone gets around to snapping a photo.

“You need a new phone,” my husband, Peter, said after taking six photos in a row that looked as if the subject was under-water.

And so, after a lot of consideration, I decided to buy a new phone. I tried to buy one from a phone store, but they didn’t answer their phone. I realized what a dumb bunny I was. You’re not supposed to call a phone store. Duh.

So I did what they wanted me to do and ordered it online. Now it is coming in the mail, and I am filled with a faint dread because I am sure I will have to do something complicated to get it up and working—something involving a lot of poking and clicking—before I am allowed to simply take less fuzzy photos and ignore my text messages in peace.

It’s good for me, I suppose. Poking and clicking will fend off Alzheimer’s perhaps and make me believe I am not too old to learn new tricks.

But the truth is, I’m not really looking for new tricks. Today, I’d be perfectly happy with some old tricks that worked.

Till next time,  
Carrie

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## ‘Any’ Abortion Restriction Bill Poised for General Assembly Passage



**BRIAN HOWEY**  
Howey Political Report

When the Indiana General Assembly reconvenes on Tuesday for “Technical Corrections Day” it will almost certainly override Gov. Eric Holcomb’s veto of HEA1041, the transgender sports bill. But the subplot will be the looming U.S. Supreme Court decision of the Dobbs case, which is expected to repeal Roe v. Wade.

The U.S. Supreme Court voted 7-2 in the 1973 Roe v. Wade case that legalized abortion. Republican Lt. Gov. Robert Orr had been a contributor to Planned Parenthood. When a young Republican named Mike Pence first ran for Congress in 1988, the abortion issue wasn’t a campaign hallmark.

As the nation grappled with the fallout of Roe, it was Northeastern Catholics who mounted the initial vanguard against legalized abortion. After the 1994 Republican Revolution, the pro-life bulwark shifted to the South and Midwest, helping to create the red center of the nation, while the coasts (along with Illinois and Colorado) became blue.

In the 1990s in the Indiana General Assembly, Republican House Speaker Paul Mannweiler and Senate President Pro Tem Robert Garton were pro-choice, while Democrat House Speaker John Gregg was pro-life.

Elaine Godfrey noted in The Atlantic: “President Ronald Reagan detested abortion but endorsed exceptions for rape in the 1980s; George H. W. Bush, George W. Bush, and Donald Trump all also

indicated their support for the measures. The National Right to Life Committee supported legislation that included exceptions in the 1990s. Even the Hyde Amendment, the federal law that prohibits federal funds from being used to pay for abortions, has long contained these exceptions.”

Just 10 years ago, two Republican Senate candidates, Richard Mourdock of Indiana and Todd Aiken of Missouri, lost their contests following remarks about rape and abortion. Mourdock called rape during his final Senate debate with Democrat Joe Donnelly a “horrible situation” but “something that God intended to happen.” Aiken lost after he said, “If it’s a legitimate rape, the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down.”

Donnelly would go on to win the 2012 Senate seat by surging to a 7% plurality.

Indiana – like Oklahoma, Florida, Kentucky and other states – now seems poised to pass a law to further restrict abortion. In a letter to Gov. Holcomb, Indiana Republicans called for a special session following the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision on the challenged Mississippi law. This ruling is expected in late June or early July. “As a state that recognizes that life is a precious gift that should never be neglected, it is our desire that you, as the governor of Indiana, ensure that those values are upheld without delay,” the letter stated. “We have a responsibility to Hoosiers to ensure that our state laws are aligned with the Supreme Court’s decision if Roe v. Wade is wholly, or partially, overturned.”

Holcomb said a special session is “to be determined” and he is awaiting “specifics” of a final Supreme Court decision.

How far will super majority Republicans go? Will they ditch the carve

outs that would allow abortion in the case of rape, incest or the endangerment of the life of the mother?

Here’s a clue: In an op-ed published in the Richmond Palladium-Item, State Sen. Jeff Raatz said he will support “any” bill that restricts abortion. “It is premature to say what legislation would look like, given no final ruling has been made, but the General Assembly will continue to watch this issue closely and be ready to act if given the chance,” said Raatz, who chairs the Senate Education & Career Development. “I know I will wholeheartedly support any step the General Assembly takes to protect the lives of the unborn.”

According to research by the Guttmacher Institute, an abortion rights organization, Indiana is classified as a state “likely to ban abortion.” Indiana Department of Health statistics reported in the NWI Times, in 2020 there were 7,756 women who had an abortion in Indiana, following a 5% decline in 2019. Altogether, 5.7 per every 1,000 Hoosier women between ages 15 and 44 had an abortion in 2020, up from 5.5 per 1,000 Indiana women of child-bearing age in 2019.

These new abortion laws are being advanced by state legislatures that are overwhelmingly male and Republican. This issue could energize women, especially younger women who have grown up in an era of abortion restrictions but not to this degree where they will see a “right” disappear. We might not see impacts in the 2022 election but it could be a mobilizing issue in 2024 and, like the Senate races in 2012, the impact might be felt first in statewide elections.

The operative words in that last paragraph are “could” and “might.”

Last October, four pollsters for Quinnipiac,

Kaiser Family Foundation, ABC/Washington Post and Fox News asked specifically about the Roe v. Wade decision. All found support for Roe in the 60% range, with 25% backing repeal. The Hoosier Poll published in 2019 found: 19% of Hoosiers expressing support for legal abortion in all cases compared to 17% who think it should be illegal in all cases. Another 29% of Hoosiers said abortion should be legal in most cases, compared to 28% who said it should be illegal in most cases.

What are the potential political impacts? Stay tuned.

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# Funky 2022 Nissan Kicks Has Big Personality

What kind of car do you really need? My husband thinks he needs a twin-turbo German rocket wagon to get his kicks, but our budget determines otherwise. What we need is an affordable compact crossover with style, technology, fuel efficiency, and enough interior space for four and their luggage. Like many of you, we need a car like the 2022 Nissan Kicks. It's the smallest Nissan crossover, but it has a big personality.

The Kicks definitely strikes a pose in SV trim with its vivid orange metallic paint and black roof over 17" black alloy wheels. Styling themes echo the larger Rogue Sport and Murano crossovers with Nissan's V-Motion grille, squinty headlamps, floating roof, and thin wrap-around tail-lamps. Artful body sculpt-

ing helps diminish the impression of the vehicle's tall slab sides. I wouldn't call it beautiful, but it isn't ugly either and definitely is memorable.

It looks better from the inside where a high seating position enables surprising legroom front and rear. It's a cavern dressed with a wide dashboard, intuitive touchscreen, actual knobs for volume/tuning, and automatic climate control. Connect devices via Bluetooth, Apple CarPlay, and Android auto. Hands-free texting and rear USB ports for charging add conveniences. There's a lot of hard plastic on the dash and doors, but textured metal-look patches on the dash, stitched coverings on the console, and patterned black cloth seats feel upscale without breaking the budget.

There are some other

surprising touches. The center console provides deep cupholders, rubberized cubby for phones, and push button starting. Black piano finish adds class while a deep luggage compartment with split/fold rear seats can swallow virtually anything. I'm also a fan of the configurable instrument cluster. Safety is enhanced by adaptive cruise, automatic emergency braking, lane keep assist, rear cross path detection, and blind spot warning systems – quite an array of gear for an entry level crossover.

You can almost measure acceleration from a stop with an hourglass, but cruising is more acceptable. Step into the 1.6-liter four-cylinder engine and the continuously variable transmission will eventually send 122 horsepower and 114 lb.-ft. of torque

## 2022 Nissan Kicks SV

**Five-passenger FWD Crossover**  
**Powertrain:** 1.6-liter I4, CVT  
**Output:** 122hp/114 lb.-ft. torque  
**Suspension f/r:** Ind/Torsion beam  
**Wheels f/r:** 17"/17" alloy  
**Brakes f/r:** disc/disc  
**Must-have features:** Space, MPGs  
**Fuel economy:** 31/36 mpg city/hwy  
**Assembly:** Aguas, Mexico  
**Base/As-tested price:** \$19,990/\$24,040

to the front wheels. While it won't accelerate like a bat out of anywhere, and needs a firm foot to get it to do what it can, the car does deliver a frugal 31/36-MPG city/highway.

Once up to speed, it's actually a peaceful drive. The CVT finds the right rev range for easy cruising on the highway or creeping through city traffic. The suspension system is nothing fancy, independent up front with a torsion

beam in the rear, but it provides the right balance of comfort and handling. It swallows long Interstate days and city potholes with equal aplomb. Four-wheel disc brakes feel confident. The Kicks is never going to be an Infiniti QX55, but is pretty pleasant drive daily. Get in and go.

My husband complained incessantly about the tall proportions, hard plastic interior, and cloth seats. He's spoiled and has no



**CASEY WILLIAMS**  
Auto Reviews

concept of what most people need every day. It's not the sportiest nor prettiest crossover rolling, but makes a strong case for itself against the Honda HR-V, Toyota C-HR, Chevy Trailblazer, and Hyundai Kona. A base price of \$19,990 rose to very affordable \$24,040 well equipped.

Storm Forward!

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# Summer Safety – Part 2



**JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.**  
Montgomery Medicine

Last week I went over some sun and water safety topics. This week I want to write about wheeled conveyances that appear in the spring and summer months. It's great to see kids and adults out on their bicycles now that the weather has warmed up. The downside is this will undoubtedly result in more bike accidents. Some of the most difficult experiences I had during my medical training were when I took care of kids who were brain injured as a result of bike accidents. In 2020, there were 1,260 preventable deaths

from bicycle injuries in the United States. This was a 16 percent increase from the prior year and a 44 percent increase from 2010 to 2020. Cyclists being hit by cars accounts for about two-thirds of the deaths. Bike accidents accounted for 425,000 visits to emergency departments in 2020 and resulted in over \$10 billion in health care costs.

While most kids own bike helmets, they often tell me they don't wear them. Parents frequently bring up the fact that they never wore a helmet when they were kids. Most of the time the reason is because helmets did not exist when they were kids.

Helmets really do work – wearing one decreases the chance of a serious head injury by over 60 percent, brain injury by 58 percent and serious face and neck injuries by 33 percent. Wearing a helmet gives a rider a 17 percent chance of dying from a bicycle accident – a marked improvement from pre-helmet days. Deaths for persons under 20 years

old have decreased almost 90 percent since 1975.

Children should be taught that they don't ride if they don't wear their helmets. Adults must also set good examples by purchasing and using helmets. Also teach your kids to ride with traffic (the same side of the road as the cars are traveling).

While any helmet is better than no helmet at all, take kids with you to try them on. It's also worth the slight increase in cost to go to a bike store for a proper fit. Make sure the helmet meets Consumer Product Safety Committee standards. Also remember that accidents can occur anywhere, not just on the street.

Kids should not only be fitted for a helmet, they should also be fitted for a bike. It's better to take children to the store to try out a bike than to surprise them with a new bike that is too big. Bikes that are too large or are purchased for the child to "grow into" can be very unsteady and lead to accidents.

Don't push your child to ride a two-wheeler until he or she is ready (usually 5 to 6 years old).

Doctors are seeing more scooter injuries in emergency departments and medical practices. Most involve either head injuries or broken arms and are almost universally the result of going too fast (i.e. down a hill). The tiny wheels on a scooter offer very little control at higher speeds. Motorized scooters are very dangerous. Often the speeds they produce far outpace the rider's common sense (especially in males). If your child rides a scooter, the same bike safety rule applies – wear a helmet. In addition, he or she should wear wrist guards as well as elbow and knee pads. The same goes for rollerblades.

Another wheeled vehicle that has an extremely high potential to seriously injure or kill a child is an all-terrain vehicle or ATV. While they are no doubt fun, I still can't fathom why any parent would

allow their young child to ride one based on the injuries I've seen. If you allow your child to ride one, make sure you supervise him or her closely. Purchase a good set of personal protective gear and a full-face helmet, have them take a safety course, and severely limit the power of the machine.

Remember, the experience and common sense of children lags far behind the potential speeds these vehicles produce as well as potential hazards they may encounter. The same advice goes for dirt bikes. Lawnmower safety is the last thing I'd like to address. Keep small children indoors when mowing since you may not see them approaching the mower. No matter how fun it seems, never let small children ride on your lap when you're on the lawn tractor. I've seen more than one limb amputation from mower accidents.

Parents ask me when it's safe for their kids to mow the lawn. The American

Academy of Pediatrics recommends they be at least 12 years old before allowing them to operate a push mower and 16 for a riding mower. When teaching your child to mow, get out the owner's manual and go over all the safety equipment while making sure it's all still functional. The mower should have a bale with a kill switch on the engine and/or blades. Adjust the height of the handle to allow the child to have good control of the mower.

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## PREVIOUS CLUES

**CLUE 1** -WHERE WOULD THESE NAMES BE FOUND IN CRAWFORDSVILLE AND WHY WOULD THEY BE LISTED TOGETHER? ZEPHANIAH BALL; JAMES B. CARNAHAN; ISAAC C. ELSON; SAMUEL B. FERGUSON; SMITH S. FRY; THOMAS W. FRY; JOHN P. HAWKINS; JESSE L. HOLMAN; LYCURCUS RALBACK; ROBERT SPILMAN; SAMUEL C. VANCE; WILLIAM C. WILSON; JOSEPH M. WISHARD; AND A LOT MORE.

**CLUE 2** -A SHIP WAS SUNK AND HOSTILITIES BROKE OUT. HUNDREDS OF MEN LOST THEIR LIVES AND NOT LONG AFTER THE UNITED STATES WAS INVOLVED IN A WAR. ULTIMATELY, THAT LED TO THE ERECTION OF A MONUMENT RIGHT HERE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY. WHAT IS THE MONUMENT, WHERE IS IT LOCATED AND NAME ONE OF THE MEN INCLUDED ON THAT MONUMENT WHO FOUGHT IN THAT WAR?

**CLUE 3** -FIND THE NAME AND PLACE OF A HOME WHICH SERVED AS AN INN AND HAD SEVERAL IMPORTANT VISITORS, INCLUDING WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON AND HIS MEN. THIS CLAPBOARD HOME EXISTED FOR CLOSE TO 100 YEARS IN OUR COUNTY AS A TRADING POST, TAVERN, POLITICAL AND CIVIC CENTER. IT WAS A PERFECT STOPPING PLACE BETWEEN TWO CITIES BEGINNING TO GROW AS IMPORTANT INDIANA CENTERS (LAFAYETTE AND TERRE HAUTE).

**CLUE 4** -IN A SMALL CEMETERY INSIDE THE COUNTY, A MAN HAS A UNIQUE WHITE-BRONZE TOMBSTONE WITH AN URN ON THE TOP. MUCH INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND THERE. HE DIED IN 1863 AND HE WAS 64 YEARS OLD. THERE'S ALSO AN UNUSUAL MESSAGE TO HIS FAMILY. "FAREWELL MY WIFE AND CHILDREN ALL. FROM YOU A FATHER CHRIST BOTH CALL; MOURN NOT FOR ME IT IS IN VAIN, TO CALL ME TO YOUR SIGHT AGAIN! THERE ARE OTHER VERSES AND IMAGES. WHO DOES THE TOMBSTONE BELONG TO AND IN WHICH CEMETERY CAN IT BE FOUND?

**CLUE 5** -GEORGE FRUITS IS BELIEVED TO BE THE OLDEST SURVIVING LOCAL SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR. SOME HAVE FOUND PROOF AGAINST THAT BUT AN ADDENDUM TO HIS TOMBSTONE WOULD ARGUE THE POINT. WHERE IS HE BURIED AND WHAT DOES THE PLAQUE SAY IN REGARDS TO PROOF OF HIS AGE AND SERVICE.

**CLUE 6** -THERE WAS A YOUNG MAN IN OUR COUNTY WHO STUDIED SUICIDE FOR YEARS AND EVEN MANUFACTURED "MEDICINE" FOR THAT PURPOSE. HE PLANNED HIS OWN SUICIDE, AS WELL AS HIS FUNERAL, REQUESTING A BAND PLAY. HE HAS ONE OF THE TALLEST, MOST IMPRESSIVE TOMBSTONES IN THE COUNTY. WHO IS HE AND WHERE IS HE BURIED?

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